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WEATHER



Max: 29.4°C
Min: 21.6°C
RH: 60%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Misty morning. Max/Min
temp. 30/21°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Kartika Bahula Navami
till 11.26 am
Star: Poorvaphalguni till 6.26 pm
Varjyam: 1.06 am to 2.35 am
(Friday)
Durmuhurtam: 10.10 am
to 10.55 am and 2.37 pm to 3.22 pm
Rahukalam: 1 pm to 3 pm
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— Talasani Srinivas Yadav
Animal husbandry minister

IN BRIEF

USAID to assist TS Forest Depart

Hyderabad: Following the successful national launch, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) of India launched the bilateral programme “Forest-PLUS 2.0: Forest for Water and Prosperity” at an event in Hyderabad, Telangana, on Wednesday. Under the joint program, the USAID will provide technical assistance to Telangana Forest Department to improve the management of Medak Forest Division. Through Tetra Tech ARD, the programme implementation organisation, the USAID will build activities based on the tools, techniques, and practices developed through its successful predecessor program, the Forest-PLUS: Partnership for Land Use Science, which was implemented from 2012 to 2017.

DUTCH TEAM VISITS HYD COPS TO LEARN

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A delegation of Dutch nationals on Wednesday visited the Hyderabad police commissionerate. The delegation, headed by the dy. mayor, The Hague, met city police commissioner, Anjani Kumar, IPS, and interacted to know about the security arrangement or religious processions and the arrangements during sensitive and important situations. Kumar explained these to the delegation with intricate details on the sensitivity and importance of the arrangements. The delegates also visited the command control centre (CCC) which paved the way for an explanation of state-of-the-art technology and architecture involved in Hyderabad's Safe City project for a seamless connectivity across every nook and corner of the city to the city police headquarters. The visitors are visibly pleased with the quality of the security arrangements and appreciated the efforts of Hyderabad's city police in handling such huge processions round the year, besides the vision of leadership in improving the standards of safety and security as a part of branding Hyderabad as a global city.

STATE SEEKS SINGAPORE INVESTMENT

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Adhar Sinha, Special Chief Secretary to General Administration Department (GAD) on Wednesday reassured a delegation, led by Singapore Consulate General Pong KOK Tian, that there were ample investment opportunities in the State. Interacting with the delegation at BRK Bhavan, he advised them to see that the entrepreneurs from their country will explore myriad opportunities available in IT, pharma, biotechnology, tourism, education, urban development, and health and hospitality sectors. He explained that these sectors were registering impressive growth, thanks to the support extended by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao. Sinha assured them that GAD would take appropriate measures to hold meetings with various departments and stakeholders for encouraging investments.

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Filmmaker-actor Tharun Bhascker believes the OTT revolution is a welcome change for the Telugu entertainment industry. He has been a fixture in the Telugu film industry since he directed Pelli Choopulu and more recently Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi. While being active in the traditional feature film industry, he has also forayed into online OTT content. He has directed BZTech, a web series for Zee5, and is currently working on producing content for another major player. In a chat with Deccan Chronicle, Mr Bhascker said OTT is a welcome change for the Telugu entertainment industry. When asked whether OTT could reach tier-1 and tier-2 centres of the state, and not be restricted to the urban populace, he said, “Five years ago, nobody imagined OTT content would take over the world like this. Today, filmmakers are being funded left, right and centre. And Telugu people consume content on a mass level; everyone has a smartphone and a broadband connection at home. It is only a matter of time before we reach people in the B and C centres of the state.” Bhascker said one of the best things for creators working with OTT platforms is the data related to consumption. “When a series is released on a platform, you get the exact data of how many people are watching it at any given moment, what part they start watching it from, what they repeatedly watch and so on. This data is amazing for a creator to study and learn from. However, unfortunately a lot of OTT platforms are also very secretive about this data,” he said. The Ee Nagaraniki



A model of the much-delayed project on display at the IndiaJoy expo on Wednesday

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IT minister K.T. Rama Rao on Wednesday said that the IMAGE Tower, developed by the Telangana government to boost animation, gaming and visual effects sector, would be open by 2022. This facility, he said, would rival MediaCityUK in the United Kingdom and Digital Media City in Seoul, South Korea. It may be recalled that work on IMAGE Tower had begun in 2017 and was originally expected to be finished by late 2019 or early 2020. It is expected to cost ₹1,000 crore and occupy 16 lakh sq ft. Mr Rama Rao was speaking at the inauguration of a gaming, entertainment and media expo in the city.

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He said that the state government wanted to make Telangana a hub for the South Asian industry in the gaming, technology and entertainment space. “We have announced a host of incentives to support the gaming and animation industry. This includes capital investment subsidy, recruitment assistance and exemption of entertainment tax. We will formulate a tailor-

made policy for marquee names and mega investors. We will meet or beat any offer you have from any state,” he said. The minister noted that Hyderabad has over 150 companies working on VFX, animation and gaming, employing over 30,000 people. “Close to ₹2,000 crore worth of content is being developed out of Hyderabad,” he said. Mr Rama Rao said importance will be given to tier-2 and tier-3 cities in the state. The Telangana Academy of Skill and Knowledge (TASK) will collaborate with the industry for training and education programmes. “It would be ideal if companies picked up talent from tier-2 and tier-3 cities,” he said.

that while creating digital content, he too was struggling to think outside the traditional feature film mindset. “There are a lot of inhibitions in feature films in terms of dialect,

‘TRANSMISSION OF DATA IS BEYOND OTT PLAYERS’

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV-20

India has been using massive amount of data, much of which is consumed as videos across YouTube, Netflix, Amazon Prime video, Zee5 and Voot. Streaming services find themselves facing the challenge of reliability without running out of bandwidth, which ultimately leads to inordinate buffering. Gourav Rakshit, COO, Viacom18 and head of Voot, said that this problem had to be addressed on a priority. “The answer might not come from the OTT industry, but it is needed as data needs to be transmitted efficiently,” he said. The current technology in video-on-demand is not conducive to simultaneous watching by people. He gave the example of two neighbours watching a web series on the same platform. It is inefficient that both of their devices, through located close to each other, are calling for the same data and cost the same amount of bandwidth. “The volume of data will go up exponentially. As people start to consume TV content on their phone, there will be an issue. It needs to be solved soon,” he said.

usage of language, characterisation. There are a lot of restrictions there,” he said. He added that very absence of these restrictions are what makes digital content a great launchpad for people wanting to get into the film industry on their own.


Docs not trained to treat diabetes

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

More people are suffering from diabetes but the physicians treating them are not equipped with the latest knowledge to control it. More nurses, paramedics, dieticians and general physicians, and of course endocrinologists, well versed in the disease are required to tackle the disease effectively. Dr Vasanth Kumar, president-elect of the Research Society for Study of Diabetes, says that a majority of diabetics do not need newer or more expensive drugs. “What they need is basic tests and basic medicines. They need inexpensive insulin and regular monitoring of blood sugar and blood pressure.” He says that since the population of diabetics is large “it is important that all health professionals are equipped to tackle the disease.” Research shows that there are glaring differences in the way the dis-

ease is treated in India and the West. With 65 million people in India suffering from the disease, it is important that Indian data is analysed to understand how the disease can be tackled. The main question is about affordability and regular monitoring. Experts who gathered in the state wing of the Indian Medical Association to discuss the growing challenges found that Indian research must be generated and used as it will help us understand what preventive policies can be framed. Diabetologist Dr G. Srinivas explained, “We need to provide people affordable treatment and simplified regimes. It is not possible for them to take too many drugs, hence a combination of therapies has to be adopted. It has been noted that complex medicines regime is leading to non-compliance and complications. Industry and healthcare must come together to address this.”

CHALLENGES FROM THE PEOPLE'S SIDE



- Consumption of tobacco and alcohol makes tackling diabetes difficult.
- Changes in lifestyle in terms of eating habits and activity are important to tackle the disease.
- Every patient does not need new medicines and the existing ones help to control the disease.

CHALLENGES ON THE PART OF HEALTHCARE:

- 28,000 endocrinologists are needed to tackle the growing problem of diabetes.
- The existing general practitioners require an upskilling.
- Every healthcare worker must have knowledge of the disease and training in the care of diabetic patients.
- Primary healthcare physicians play a major role in rural areas and they must be strengthened

Ranitidine scare due to impurities: USFDA

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Ranitidine, the drug used for acidity, is safe. The existence of the probable cancer-causing substance N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in ranitidine products is the same as that in common foods, the USFDA has stated. Ranitidine, manufactured by Aurobindo Pharmaceuticals among others, had been recalled earlier this year due to high levels of impurities allegedly found in it. The Drug Controller in India too had taken sample batches from different wholesalers and retailers and tested them. Their results have still not been declared. The US FDA which has certified 14 units of Ranitidine in India and has the highest number of checks being carried out in the country outside of the US, has found that

these medicines are safe. The US FDA developed a simulated gastric fluid model for testing. In this model they found that there is no additional NDMA generated in the stomach. The acceptable limits are 96 nanograms per day or 0.322 ppm. Only those batches which have more than these acceptable limits are a cause of concern, they have stated. Dr Sanjay Reddy, president of the Telangana Pharmacists Association said, “The clearance is a relief as many patients are using this drug. But the concern of impurities being present has not been completely done away with as the result from the particular batches is not released. Hence those who are taking these medicines have to be alert.” The impurities is likely to have got mixed during the manufacturing of the APIs.

RED TAPE

■ **Despite budgetary allocations, TSMFC fails to clear claims**

‘Most users just started using net’

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Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Viacom18 COO and Voot head Gourav Rakshit said he wants to attract Telugu customers in a big way by offering more regional content. “Most regional users have just started using the Internet. So we want to attract them by offering localised content that they can relate with,” he said. Mr Menon, however, feels that pricing is key for further increase in the OTT consumption in India. “As most Indians have been paying ₹250-₹300 for cable channels for all their lives, they may find it difficult to paying ₹600



or ₹800 for OTT apps. So the key is the good content,” Mr Menon explained. The Viacom18 chief operating official believes that allowing people watch sample content could be better way to convince them to continue the service further.

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It is the worst cut and comes from Telangana State Minorities Finance Corporation (TSMFC). It seeks fresh applications for financial assistance but fails to clear applications that were submitted in the 2014-15 fiscal. This is, even as, the State Government is showing budgetary allocations for the financial assistance scheme. TSMFC received around 1.53 lakh applications for the year 2014-15. It had sought applications for establishment of trade units and small scale industries. It announced to provide 80 per cent subsidy on loans up to ₹1-2

lakh, 60 per cent for loans between ₹3 and 5 lakh and 50 per cent for loans up to ₹10 lakh. However, it could not clear applications seeking loans of more than ₹50,000 from 2014-15. There also, it only cleared 1,585 applications under 100 per cent subsidy loans, while it approved another 23,000 applications for

loans in the ₹1-2 lakh range. It is learnt that the government has given its administrative approval for release of ₹32 crore to TSMFC towards clearing pending applications of the loan. However, the Finance Department is taking time to release the amount. It is pertinent to mention that Chief Minister Mr K. Chandrasekhar Rao had also instructed the officials to clear the backlogs and seek fresh applications.

an activist, said that the government is focusing only on educational uplift of minorities and ignored their economic development. TSMFC sought applications for financial assistance under bankable one-time subsidy scheme but failed to clear it, which exposes the indifference of the government. Those who had applied for loans lose faith in the government. He said that in the first stint of TRS, the portfolio of Minorities Welfare was held by none other than the CM himself but minorities could not get any tangible benefits. The present Minister Mr Koppula Eshwar is not aware of the problems faced by the minorities, he said.



Kind gesture

DGP Mahender Reddy said special drive will be done to shift orphans/destitutes to orphanages in view of cold temperatures

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The revamp of the revenue department is being done to favour the landlords.

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
CLP leader

IN BRIEF RESIDENTS PLAN TO CLEAN KAPRA LAKE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Residents of Sainikpuri have decided to clean Kapra Lake of their own accord. Towards this, they will form a five to seven member coordination team.

A proposal to this extent was put forth by local resident, Jason Wilson, who is keen on reviving the lake to its fullest and protecting the water body.

"Every time, there is a meeting about the lake, many people would come forward and give opinions. Now it is time to convert the ideas into action. That is why, I had floated the idea of having a group to tackle such issues," he said.

The team will include a civil engineer, legal adviser, environmentalist, water treatment expert, immersion pond representative and a person with a political tie-up. This group, he said would work towards protecting the lake and restoring it to its former glory.

■ **THE TEAM** will include a civil engineer, legal adviser, environmentalist, water treatment expert, immersion pond representative and a person with a political tie-up to take up the work.

Rising onion prices make consumers cry

Vegetable sold at ₹60-70 per kg in retail market

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Restaurants and smaller eateries have stopped serving onions to customers as onion prices have shot up. The complimentary serving of onions with certain dishes is a thing of the past.

Ibrahim Khan of Madina Hotel confirmed that "all hotels have stopped serving onion salad as a complimentary item because the price has shot up to ₹65-70 per kg and food businesses like ours mostly cater to the middle class."

But, he adds, "We notice that the warehouses are full, and the middlemen have dumped the stock to accelerate the price to make more profit." Since onion prices often go up in the month of December, maybe stocks are being held back to sell when the demand is higher, he added.

Onion is one of the most important ingredients in almost all types of Indian cuisine. "We cannot avoid it or minimise its use when cooking commercially. We use a minimum of 400 kg of onions per

■ **THE MIDDLEMEN** have dumped the stock to accelerate the price, said Ibrahim Khan of Madina Hotel

month, and in the peak wedding season, the consumption will be double," said Mr Vincent of Grace Caterers. "Since the last few weeks there is not much supply in the market. The traders are saying 'maal nahe hai', the stock is not available. As there was a sudden shooting up of prices, onion farmers harvested the crop before

its time. Now that onion is oozing water in storage and rotting. We heard that around four loads of onion was dumped in the garbage in Malakpet market because it was rotten," said the owner of Khinoor Wholesale Kirana store in Begum Bazaar.

The ordinary household is badly affected too. "This time onions are bringing real tears to the eyes of customers. If these high rates go on, we will need to discover new culinary skills - cooking without onions," said Sheetal, a homemaker.

Stents, surgery not for all cases: Study

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Use of stents and invasive surgeries for heart problems is not for all and medicines should be the first line of treatment. This is the finding of a new study which has established new guidelines for treating certain types of heart problems and has created something of an uproar in the medical fraternity.

Sponsored by NYU Langone Health and with 15 universities participating, 'International Study of Comparative Health Effectiveness With Medical and Invasive Approaches' released in the United States is followed by heart specialists across the world. The study states that blockages of up to 99 per cent in blood vessels must also be tackled with medicines first.

The contention of the study is that the blood vessel with a blockage of 70 per



Dr Immaunddin Syed
Osmania Medical College

cent can be controlled with a stent which will ensure that the blood vessel will not burst. But there is a possibility that the blood vessel with a 30 per cent blockage can burst due to pressure and that too can lead to a heart attack. The study of around 5,179 patients in 37 countries conducted over a period of 10 years has taken into account those who managed with medicines, and those



Dr S.S. Mukherjee
Medicover Hospitals

who used stents and had bypass surgeries. The study found that those with stents and bypass surgery also suffered heart attacks and sudden death among some. Dr Sashi Kanth, senior cardiologist at Yashoda Hospital, does not entirely agree with the findings of the study: "Blockage in the left artery cannot be set aside as it requires surgical intervention. This is very



Dr T. Sashikant
Yashoda Hospitals

important and it has to be tackled. It must also be noted that those who have undergone stent procedures have a prolonged and good quality of life. It would be wrong to say that stents and surgeries are not required," the doctor said.

The right side of the heart and the blood vessels on that side even if they have blockages are to be managed with medicines, the study states.

But experts say that patients with a moderate problem are generally managed with medicines at present. Stents and bypasses are used only if the case is severe and chronic.

Dr Immaunddin Syed, head of the cardiology department at Osmania Medical College says, "Stress tests on the treadmill are now carried out for all as there were false positives. For this reason we are now using the conservative approach to medicine in those who can be managed. The reason for this trial is that there is too much use of stents across the world. They want that there must be more parameters set up for use."

How will this impact India, where more than one lakh stents are used every year?

There are apparently targets set for the use of stents in cardiology departments under pressure from hospital administrations.



P. Harini, 24, committed suicide at a private hostel on Tuesday night.

With layoffs on the rise, about eight persons were given pink slips and Harini was one among them. Her employment would end with the company by December 1. Soon after learning about the layoff, Harini got depressed and shared this

with her parents. They gave her moral support and told her not to worry and that she could find a new job. However, Harini was still upset.

On Tuesday, Harini did not attend work and stayed back at the hostel. When her roommate reached the hostel at around 8.45 pm, she found that the lights in the room were turned off. She turned on the lights only to see Harini hanging from the ceiling, said the police. Raidurgam inspector, S. Ravinder, said that the woman techie was said to be depressed about losing the job and was worried that she may not get another job. This made her take the extreme step.

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— Bonthu Rammohan
Mayor

GHMC will try reusing waste material to make roadside furniture and parks

Man suffers stroke in PS, dies

Hyderabad: A 55-year-old man, who was summoned to the Narsingi police station in connection with a civil dispute on Wednesday, suffered cardiac arrest and was rushed to a private hospital where he died. Narsingi inspector G.V. Ramana Goud said that Shaik Nayeemuddin, along with three male family members, was called in connection with a quarrel that took place between them and another group. Both parties are involved in a civil dispute and two cases pertaining to the same were pending in the courts. The two groups had a bitter fight on Tuesday. On reaching the police station, Nayeemuddin sat on a chair. Five minutes into the discussions, he complained of chest pain and collapsed. He was immediately shifted to a private hospital at Langer House where he died while undergoing treatment. The man suffered a heart-attack, said the inspector. Inspector Goud said, "A case of suspicious death has been registered. Meanwhile, family members of the deceased did not agree to a post-mortem examination and took the body to perform the last rites."

WOMAN POSTS OBSCENE PHOTOS, HELD

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

A woman working as a coordinator for Child Line at Makrapuram of Andhra Pradesh was arrested by the Rachakonda cyber crime police for creating a fake profile on Facebook on the name of another woman and posted objectionable pictures and messages to the victim and her family members.

Rachakonda cyber crime police said that accused Peddireddy Raja Chandrika, 41, a widow from Chinaganukapalem village in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh was working as a ChildLine mandal coordinator for Markapuram mandal.

Chandrika has been in a relationship with a man identified as Raju.

But, Raju was having another relationship with Swarna (name changed), who is a distant relative of Chandrika.

On learning this, Chandrika developed a grudge on her relative and wanted to take revenge.

She created three fake profiles on the name of the Swarna, and posted her pictures online and also posted messages containing objectionable content which she also shared with Swarna's relatives.

Based on the complaint of the victim, Chandrika has been arrested and produced before a court for the judicial remand, said the police official who probed the case.

No Entry



Without paying heed to no-entry board put up by the traffic police, heavy vehicles pass through the flyover in Secunderabad. — S. SURENDER REDDY

5 held for swindling ₹5L from doc's a/c

₹2.66 lakh cash, gold and 6 mobile phones seized

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Five cyber criminals belonging to the same gang, who collected details of bank customers by sending Google Docs before committing the fraud, were arrested by Cyberabad cyber crime sleuths on Wednesday.

The accused Ram Kumar Mandal, Jamruddin Ansari, Jitendra Mandal and Birender Kumar Mandal of Jharkhand and Rohit Raj from Bihar had ₹2.66 lakh cash, 12 gms gold, and six mobile phones in their possession. However, the prime accused Sanjay Kumar Mandal is still at large. Police have launched a hunt to arrest the culprit.

In October, a woman

doctor received a text message on her mobile phone from QP-SBINBS informing that her debit card has been blocked for not completing her KYC details with the State Bank of India and a link was also sent for updating the details.

She opened the link, which directed to a Google Docs page, where she submitted net banking credentials. The very next day, around ₹5.29 lakh was transferred into different e-wallets without her knowledge. She lodged a complaint soon after noticing the fraud.

A retired professor also became a victim of the modus operandi. He lost huge amounts to the same six-member gang, about which he lodged a complaint.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner V.C.

Sajjanar said that during investigation, it was found that the money was used by the accused to purchase gift vouchers of a popular jewellery brand, an air-conditioner and also to pay electricity bills of various persons in Punjab.

A team of cyber crime sleuths, including ACP Ch Y. Srinivas, went to Dhanbad and Bokaro and collected technical clues and zeroed in on the perpetrators.

The Commissioner said, "The gang was purchasing vouchers in order to delay tracking. Moreover, all other financial transactions carried out online were under the scanner. Ram Kumar and Jamruddin were wanted in most states. They indulged in cyber frauds from Jamtara and its surrounding villages and

Karmatar." The police also found that Ram Kumar, who used to live in a hut till 2016, has moved to a plush house and was constructing another house in an area of 3,000 sq ft.

Jitendra is the brother of Rajendra Mandal, who was earlier arrested this year for similar crimes. While Birender and Rohit, a Facebook friend of Ram Kumar, were working on a five per cent commission to redeem gift vouchers.

Sajjanar said that Sanjay Mandal after duping people with OTP and UPI transaction frauds, had now trained his gang members.

"The people residing in Narayanpur, Karmatar, and Jamtara go about researching on new ways to dupe people and make money in the process," he added.

Taxmen conduct raid on real estate firm Praneeth

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD NOV. 20

Income tax sleuths raided the office of a real estate firm — Praneeth group — and reportedly seized incriminating documents on Wednesday.

As part of it, the sleuths also searched the house of TRS MLA from Kukatpally Madhavaram Krishna Rao, whose son Sandeep Rao Madhavaram is one of the six directors in the real estate company.

This evening, separate teams of IT officials

THE SEARCHES are said to have been carried out following inputs of tax evasion by the firm. Sources said that the documents seized from the office and residences is under scrutiny. The searches went on till late in the night.

swooped over the office of Praneeth group and the houses of its six directors. The searches are said to have been carried out fol-

lowing inputs of tax evasion by the firm.

Sources said that the documents seized from the office and residences is under scrutiny. The searches went on till late in the night.

The managing director of the company is Narendra Kumar Kamaraju and the office is located in Mallampet, Dundigal.

Incorporated in 2007, the real estate company boasts of having completed 20 projects within the first 10 years of its inception while more projects are underway.

POLICE, EXCISE OFFICIALS INSPECT NIT-W TO CHECK DRUG ABUSE

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 20

A joint inspection by excise officials, Task Force teams and Kazipet police personnel was carried out in the hostel rooms of National Institute of Technology, Warangal (NIT-W) on Wednesday. It was conducted as part of the drive to curb the use of ganja and other drugs or prohibited substances being consumed by the students. As

many as 12 students of first year engineering were found to be consuming ganja on October 26 during routine checks by campus security.

Small amounts of ganja was recovered from the students and they were produced before the disciplinary committee of the institute. NITW Registrar, S. Goverdhan Rao, said that no such prohibited substances were found in possession of the students.

ENGG STUDENT DROWNS IN CITY LAKE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

A 19-year-old engineering student drowned in Bommalacheruvu Lake at Piglipur on the outskirts of the city on Wednesday. The boy, along with six friends, went for swimming at around 12.30 pm and accidentally drowned, said the police, who launched a rescue operation.

Vishwakarma Sandeep Kumar, a resident of Addagutta in Nehru-nagar of Secunderabad was a second-year student at St. Mary's Engineering College in Deshmukh village of Pochampally mandal.

Student morphs girl's photo, held

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 20

The cybercrime police on Wednesday arrested an engineering student after he threatened and blackmailed a girl with her morphed pictures lifted from social networking sites. The youth is identified as a native of Dharmaram village in Warangal Rural district.

According to a complaint lodged by the parents of the girl, the accused picked up photos of the girl from her instagram account and morphed them with pornographic content. Using fake accounts, the youth threatened her with the posting of her morphed photos. He threatened to send morphed photos of her to

her relatives and friends if she failed to chat with him.

Recently, the accused posted the girl's morphed photos in her college group, following which, her parents lodged a complaint with the Mattewada police.

The case later assigned to the cybercrime wing by commissioner of police, V. Ravinder. The cybercrime police who investigated the case nabbed the accused and seized his mobile phone which was used for morphing.

The commissioner commented the cyber-crime inspector Janardhan Reddy, Matwada inspector Ganesh and others involved in the investigation for swiftly arresting the accused.

Couple held for killing and robbing woman

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

A couple from the city was arrested by the Hayathnagar police for murdering a woman and stealing her gold and silver jewellery on Wednesday.

The murder of C. Lingamma, 50, a resident of MS Maqtha in Somajiguda, and native of Sangareddy, took place on November 11, on the outskirts of the city at Hayathnagar. Her body was found in a decomposed state in the bushes at a secluded place at Kuntloor road.

L.B. Nagar DCP, Sunpreet Singh, said that based on the clues during the probe, accused Kanduri Ramesh, 48 and his wife

THE MURDER of C. Lingamma, 50, a resident of MS Maqtha in Somajiguda, and native of Sangareddy, took place on November 11, on the outskirts of the city at Hayathnagar.

K. Venkatamma, 53, have been arrested. He said that Lingamma had migrated to MS Maqtha 10 days prior to her murder. Ramesh, a mason who used to take labourers along with him for marble-cutting work, came in contact with Lingamma.

On the day of the incident (November 11), he offered her work but had taken her to toddy shops

and made her drink heavily. During the night, he took her on a scooter to a secluded area and tried to rape her.

When the woman resisted, Ramesh killed her by hitting on the head with a hammer, slit her throat and strangled her. After confirming her death, the accused stole her gold ear tops, gold nose stud, silver anklets and fled from the spot, the DCP said.

Accused Ramesh went home and informed his wife K. Venkatamma, 53, about the murder.

The next day, they mortgaged the anklets and paid their house rent. The duo was arrested and produced before a court, said DCP Sunpreet.

Aeronautical engineer steals gadgets, arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

An aeronautical engineering graduate and his friend stole electronic items from the houses they took on rent. The Gachibowli police arrested the two on Wednesday.

According to Gachibowli police, Dhulipudi Srivatsava, 30, an aeronautical engineering graduate from Kukatpally would pose as an Air India pilot and create a fake Aadhaar card to that effect.

He and his friend Raj Kumar, 49, who runs an electronics store at

THE TWO cleared out five television sets, a projector along with a screen, a refrigerator, a home theatre, a laptop, and eight mobile phones.

Saroornagar, would watch out for advertisements online for semi-furnished or fully furnished houses or shared accommodation on rent and approach the owners.

"The duo would move to the house at the earliest and also shares morphed online payment receipts of the rental money

through WhatsApp. When the owners complained of not receiving the money, the accused convinced the owners that the online transfer may take a couple of days. Soon after moving to the house, they would steal all the possible movable electronic items," said the police officer who investigated the case.

The two cleared out five television sets, a projector along with a screen, a refrigerator, a home theatre, a laptop, and eight mobile phones. Police found the car used by the two to transport the stolen goods.

Slain gangster's sister arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Slain gangster Md Nayeemuddin's elder sister Md Saleema Begum was arrested by the Bhongir police on Wednesday, in connection with four cases of land grabbing and threatening the victims.

The Rachakonda police said that Saleema Begum, a resident of Kuntloor village in Abdullapurmet mandal, and members of Nayeemuddin's gang grabbed people's lands and transferred ownership of the

lands to a realtor identified as Adla Venkat Reddy. Three such cases were reported at Bhongir (town) police station in 2016, and a case of threatening a plot owner was also registered against Saleema. She was booked in 28 cases across the state out of which 14 were registered at Bhongir.

On Wednesday, Saleema was apprehended and during questioning, she confessed to committing the offences and was subsequently placed under arrest, said the police.

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Inserted by: DAUGHTERS, SONS-IN-LAW, GRAND CHILDREN. Ph:9861969990
(S/1920/D01270)

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late SRI CHEERA PANDU
D.O.B.: 13-01-1937 D.O.D.: 10-11-2009
(శ్రీశ్రీ చిరస్మరణ 21-11-2019)
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Fresh guard

TRS MLA S. Ramalinga Reddy assumed charge as chairman of Estimates Committee, Telangana Legislative Assembly

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Centre says TRS MLA not Indian

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
| DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

The government of India on Wednesday declared that Dr Ramesh Chennamaneni, a sitting MLA of the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) from Vemulawada constituency in Karimnagar district, was not a citizen of India and had not set high standard of morality by claiming citizenship in violation of rules.

It was not conducive to public good that Dr Chennamaneni continues to be a citizen of India, the union home ministry said.

While rejecting the objections of the MLA with regard to an order passed earlier with regard to his citizenship, the under secretary of the union home ministry, passed an order holding that "his misrepresentation / concealment of fact misled the government of India in making its decision initially in granting citizenship. Had he revealed the fact that he had not resided in India for one year before making the application, the competent authority in this ministry would not have granted citizenship to him."

The order said that as a public representative, the TRS MLA had greater responsibility to be fair in making submissions and his conduct should set an example to people whom he represents.

While declaring that Dr Chennamaneni was not a citizen of India, the home ministry cited the order of the Supreme Court in the case of Union of India versus Association for Democratic Reforms, wherein it was held, "In a democratic form of government, an MP or MLA has a higher duty to the public. It is a well-known canon of law that Caesar's wife should be above suspicion."

The Supreme Court ruling further said, "If a person misrepresents to



Ramesh Chennamaneni

■ The home ministry said that any misrepresentation or concealment of fact at that level would certainly be not conducive to public good.

become a citizen of India, the harm to society that such a person can bring to public good by misrepresentation and concealment can be imagined."

The home ministry said that as a member of the Legislative Assembly, he was part of the august body which takes decisions affecting fate of millions of citizens. "Any misrepresentation or concealment of fact at that level would certainly be not conducive to public good. If deprivation in this case is not held on grounds that he is not involved in terrorism, espionage, serious organised crime or war crime, it would become a precedent and many more such persons may obtain Indian citizenship by concealing material facts and by misleading the government of India."

The home ministry deprived Chennamaneni of his Indian Citizenship under section 10 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, by ministry's order on August 31, 2017, on grounds that he had obtained the certificate of Indian citizenship by playing fraud upon the government of India and concealing a crucial material fact - his visits to Germany during the last 12 months immediately preceding his application for Indian citizenship.

Opposition demands action against RTC MD, meets Gov

Kodandaram says will apprise the President, union ministers on the issue

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

An all-opposition party delegation on Wednesday met the Governor, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, at Raj Bhavan and appealed to her to take action against RTC in-charge MD Sunil Sharma for submitting an affidavit accusing the opposition parties of conspiring to topple the ruling TRS government.

The delegation comprising leaders from the Congress, BJP, CPI, Telangana TDP, Telangana Jana Samithi requested the government to intervene in the RTC strike and ensure that the state government to solve the demands of the RTC workers.

After the meeting, Telangana Jana Samithi President, Prof Kodandaram, speaking to the media, criticised the government for not taking steps to resolve the strike despite the High Court's ordering to hold talks with the RTC workers.

He said that if necessary, they will go to Delhi and meet the President and union ministers to appraise RTC workers issue.

TDP Telangana president, L. Ramana, alleged that Sunil Sharma is acting as an agent of the TRS party and has appealed to the Governor to remove him from the transport department and initiate disciplinary action against him for making false charges against the opposition parties before the court.

Congress senior leader, J. Geetha Reddy, said that CM Rao is acting like a dictator and she demanded that the state government allow employees to re-join duty in view of the decision of the RTC JAC to call off the strike.



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Court deliberates on RTC privatisation of routes

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing of petitions challenging the privatising of RTC routes to Friday. It had directed that the status quo will continue till Friday on the privatisation of routes.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy was hearing the PIL by retired professor, P.L. Vishweshwara Rao, challenging the privatisation of 5100 routes. Chikkudu Prabhakar, counsel for the petitioner,

■ The HC asked for justifying the contention that the privatisation of certain routes falls under the definition of natural resources.

citing an order of the Supreme Court which says that the state has no power to entrust tapping of natural resources viz., water, air gas, crude oil etc., to private entrepreneurs at the cost of welfare of common man, submitted that in this issue, the privatising 5100 permits pertaining to the RTC is also one of the natural resources.

Apparently not con-

vinced by the arguments that the TSRTC is a natural resource, the bench asked the advocate to justify his contention that the privatisation of certain routes in RTC falls under the definition of natural resources.

B.S. Prasad, advocate general, submitted that the PIL challenging the Cabinet decision is premature because, until and unless the decision taken by the Cabinet is fructified by way of the issuance of a GO, it cannot be challenged or subject to judicial review. He submitted a series of judgments to substantiate his contention.

CONG PROPOSES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RTC STAFF

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) treasurer Gudur Narayana Reddy has proposed that funds should be raised for the striking RTC employees who are in deep financial trouble as their salaries have not been paid since the last 48 days of the strike.

In a statement on Wednesday, Mr Reddy announced that he will initiate the fund-raising by making the first contribution.

Mr Reddy said he would chalk out a plan for the fund-raising drive in a few days.

Rythu Bandhu is limited to campaigns, KCR to his Pragathi Bhavan, farm house

— Ponnala Lakshmaiah, Congress leader

AKBAR'S COURT CASE TO COME UP IN K'TAKA TODAY

Hyderabad, Nov. 20: AIMIM Floor Leader in the Legislative Assembly, Mr Akbaruddin Owaisi is camping in Bengaluru for the last two days to attend to court cases against him. One is scheduled for Thursday.

The Chandrayangutta MLA is facing a criminal case registered by Humnabad police under Case No. 201 of 2013 against 34 persons on 23-09-2013 based on the complaint lodged by Mr Umesh.

Mr Akbar Owaisi was on a pilgrimage at Gulbarga after his release from Adilabad district jail. While returning to Hyderabad on the request of his friend and incumbent Legislator, Mr Rajshekar Patil, went to meet at Noor Dhaba. When party workers learnt about his schedule they gathered to welcome him.

Mr Umesh complained that a large group of AIMIM activists had torn his shirt at Noor Dhaba. He also alleged that they deliberately abused against another community with an intention to insult the religious sentiments and create communal tension.

RTC DRIVER INJURED IN LORRY CRASH

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 20

A TSRTC bus and a lorry were involved in an accident which took place during the wee hours of Wednesday. While drivers of both the vehicles sustained serious injuries, five passengers on board the bus escaped with minor accidents.

The accident took place near Pembarthi in Jangaon district on the Hyderabad - Warangal highway. The bus left Hyderabad to Hanamkonda and the lorry was coming in the opposite direction.

Locals rushed to rescue the passengers and alerted the local police station. The injured were shifted to the government area hospital for treatment.

NHRC ISSUES NOTICES TO GOVT ON RTC DEATHS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

The National Human Rights Commission in New Delhi on Wednesday issued notices to the Telangana state government and the chief secretary seeking to spell out their stand on the suicides of RTC workers.

While dealing with a complaint by CPI national secretary K. Narayana on suicides by striking RTC workers, the National Human Rights Commission has asked the chief secretary to submit his reply by Nov. 28.

The CPI national secretary said the deaths fall under the category of violation of human rights.

HC agrees to hear pleas on civic polls

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

Justice A. Rajashekar Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday agreed to hear a batch of writ petitions seeking a stay on holding municipal elections in the state on the ground that the entire pre-poll process prior to holding the municipal elections has not been done in tune with the Telangana Municipal Rules individually.

Earlier, a single judge had stayed holding of the elections in 73 municipalities and the common grievances of the petitioners were that the doubts that were raised were not cleared, delimitation was not in consonance with the Telangana Municipal Rules and the voters' list had discrepancies.

At the same time, the identification of the voters belonging to SCs, STs, BCs and the public representatives were not put on notice.

Additional Advocate General J. Ramachandra Rao informed the Judge that two PILs filed challenging the entire pre-poll process prior to holding

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municipal elections have been dismissed by the division bench headed by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

He urged the court to take up the hearing of all the petitions at one go as the grievances of all petitioners are common.

Counsels for the petitioners vehemently opposed the submissions of Mr Rao and insisted upon the court to adjudicate each and every writ petition in its individual capacity.

Accordingly, the Judge agreed to hear the writ petitions individually.

BHARAT BACHAO DEFERRED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

The Congress high command has decided to postpone its Bharath Bachao programme that was scheduled to be held in New Delhi on November 30.

AICC general secretary and in-charge of party organization, K.C. Venugopal informed the decision in a communication sent to Telangana Pradesh Congress committee (TPCC) on Wednesday.

It has now been decided to hold the programme in the national capital on December 14.

Originally, the TPCC had decided to send 1,200 workers drawn from all districts of Telangana state. From each constituency, 10 workers will attend the event.

Will courts take Jagan, Naidu to task?

S.N.C.N ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 20

With the CBI Special Court dismissing the petition filed by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy seeking exemption from personal appearance during hearings of his quid pro quo case, and the ACB Special Court agreeing to hear the YSRC leader Lakshmi Parvathi's disproportionate assets petition filed 14 years ago against former AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the future of these two impor-

tant political figures is a hot topic of discussion in political circles and on social media.

Telugu Desam (TD) leaders thought that the special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court dismissing Jagan Mohan Reddy's petition to exempt him from personal appearance in court, would be of advantage to them. They could say that if a Chief Minister has to make a personal appearance in court, he is not fit to be Chief Minister.

Mr Reddy had to attend court every Friday but he

has not done so on the last two Fridays. The TD is hopeful that if he does not attend the CBI Court next Friday, the CBI may cancel his bail and he will be back in jail.

However, their spirits have been considerably dampened after the ACB Corruption Bureau (ACB) Special Court agreeing to hear the disproportionate assets case against Mr Naidu.

TD leaders are of the opinion that they cannot now attack Mr Reddy for having to attend court when their own leader will

have to do likewise.

YSR Congress leaders are taking as much advantage as they can, alleging that Mr Naidu will go to jail in the ACB case, but the wind has certainly been taken out of the sails of both parties.

Each party is saying that the other will fall to pieces once its leader is behind bars. But as legal experts point out, these cases will take a long time to wind their way through the courts, and that for the time being nothing will happen to continue in the posts.

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— Ghulam Nabi Azad
Congress leader

IN BRIEF

U.S. OKAYS SALE OF NAVAL GUNS

Washington, Nov. 20: The Trump administration has notified to the US Congress its determination to sell \$1 billion worth of naval guns to India for use against warships, anti-aircraft and shore bombardment, in a move that would enhance the lethal capabilities of the Indian Navy.

The proposed foreign military sale of up to 13 MK-45 5inch/62 caliber (MOD 4) naval guns and related equipment is at an estimated cost of \$1.0210 billion, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in its notification to the Congress.

To be manufactured by the BAE Systems Land and Armaments, the proposed sale will improve India's capability to meet current and future threats from enemy weapon systems, the notification said.

"The MK-45 Gun System will provide the capability to conduct anti-surface warfare and anti-air defence missions while enhancing interoperability with US and other allied forces," the notification said.

India will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defence, it said.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region, it said.

According to the notification, this notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.

With this, India has become one of the few countries that the US decided to sell its latest version (MOD 4) of its naval guns.

The other countries to have been sold with MOD 4 naval guns so far are Australia, Japan and South Korea. The one given to Thailand is an upgraded MOD 4 version. The US has also determined to sell these to a few other allies and friends including Britain and Canada.

MORE FIREPOWER

■ The MK-45 naval guns will boost India's lethal capabilities in fights against warships, anti-aircraft and shore bombardment.

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■ With the procurement, India joins the club of few countries — Australia, Japan and South Korea — that the US decided to sell its latest version (MOD 4) of its naval guns.

Iffi off to a dazzling start



Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan being felicitated at the inauguration of the 50th International Film Festival of India, in the presence of Union minister Prakash Javadekar, Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, and Superstar Rajinikanth, in Panaji, Goa, on Wednesday. The inaugural ceremony was marked by nostalgia, music and entertainment, as Rajinikanth was felicitated with the Special Icon of Golden Jubilee award, while French actor Isabelle Huppert was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award. A short film, highlighting the role of former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar, in the development of the state and bringing Iffi to Goa in 2004, was screened.

— PTI

Congress, NCP want Uddhav as Maha CM

Uddhav to meet Sonia; All 3 parties to be part of govt.

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Other leaders present in the meeting were Pawar, Supriya Sule, Ajit Pawar, Praful Patel, Chhagan Bhujbal, Nawab Malik, Jayant Patil from the NCP and Ahmed Patel, Jairam Ramesh, Mallikarjun Kharge, Balasaheb Thorat, Nasim Khan and others from Congress.

The government formation, however, may take place only after Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray meets Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik confirmed that all three parties — Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena — will join the government.

"It is clear that the government cannot be formed unless all three parties come together," he said.

Shiv Sena leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut, who was also in Delhi and monitored the Congress-NCP meeting on television, confirmed that the government will be formed at the earliest and the Chief Minister will be from Shiv Sena.

When asked about who will be the Chief Minister, Mr Raut said, "The people of Maharashtra want Uddhav Thackeray to lead the government. The sentiment of the Congress and the NCP is also the same. Uddhav ji has never expressed the desire to become the CM. But that is what people want. The final decision will be his."

Mr Raut indicated that Mr Thackeray's name as the Chief Ministerial candidate has already been conveyed to the Congress and Sonia Gandhi.

According to sources, the Congress leaders will now brief Mrs Gandhi about the discussion held at Sharad Pawar's residence.

There will be another round of Congress-NCP meeting on Thursday after Congress leaders get feedback from Sonia Gandhi.



NCP chief Sharad Pawar leaves after meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday.

— PTI

Signs of split in Sena evident

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, NOV. 20

The anxiety among Shiv Sena MLAs over the possibility of a split in the party was evident on Wednesday as party MLA Abdul Sattar threatened to resort to violence if attempts were made to break his party. Sena's legislative party leader, Eknath Shinde, also dismissed reports of rebellion in the party.

"We will break the heads and legs of those who will try to break our party so that they will not be able to walk or show their face again," said Sattar, the MLA from Sillod.

There were reports that some Sena MLAs were upset with the party's decision to join hands with the Congress and

the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and some of them even met party chief Uddhav Thackeray to express their displeasure.

However, Sattar said that the party's alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party is over.

He said, "The relationship between BJP and Shiv Sena has ended. Our minister has resigned from the Union Cabinet and now Shiv Sena MPs are setting on the other side in Parliament. So I think the alliance is over for BJP-Shiv Sena."

Sattar, who was previously been a two-term Congress MLA from Sillod before joining Shiv Sena ahead of Vidhan Sabha polls, also said that Mr Thackeray will be the next chief of Maharashtra.

ernment in the coastal state.

Results of the October 21 Assembly polls were declared on October 24 and President's rule was imposed in the state on November 12 after no

party or combine staked claim to form the new government.

The meeting between Pawar and Modi at the Prime Minister's chamber in Parliament took place amid talks between the NCP, the Congress and the Shiv Sena for an alliance.

"Due to President's rule in the state, your urgent intervention is highly necessitated. I shall be grateful if you could take immediate steps to initiate massive relief measures to ameliorate distressed farmers," the three-page memorandum given by Pawar to Modi said.

There were few takers for Pawar's emphatic denial of any political discussion having taken place during his meeting with Modi.

Meanwhile, according to PTI, the chief minister's post in Maharashtra is most likely to be on a rotational basis, with the first half of the five-year term to be given to the Shiv Sena and the latter to the Nationalist Congress Party, NCP sources said.

The Congress is likely to have the deputy chief minister's post for the full term, they said.

A senior NCP leader said the fight between the Shiv Sena and the BJP was for over the issue of chief minister-ship for two-and-half years each.

"So, the question of the Sena enjoying the full five-year term does not arise. The second half will have a chief minister from the NCP," the leader said.

However, Congress sources said the issue of chief minister's post was not discussed in Wednesday's meeting.

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut told reporters that the chief minister of the state will be from his party, but parried question on whether the Sena would hold the post for five years.

NCP leaders also cited the slim margin in the number of seats between the two parties.

WhatsApp vulnerability: CERT-In issues advisory

New Delhi, Nov. 20: An Indian cyber security agency has warned WhatsApp users against a "vulnerability" that can compromise their individual account without seeking permissions even as the popular social messaging app said users have not been impacted.

The Computer Emergency Response Team-India (CERT-In) has issued an advisory in this context calling the severity of the threat, being spread by an MP4 file, as "high."

The advisory comes against the backdrop of recent developments where WhatsApp had informed the Indian government in September that over hundred Indian users were targeted by the Israeli spyware — Pegasus.

"A vulnerability has been reported in WhatsApp which could be exploited by a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code on the target system," the latest advisory said.

The CERT-In is the nodal agency to combat hacking, phishing and to fortify

■ WHATSAPP HAS written to the government expressing "regret" over the Pegasus snooping row, and has assured that it is taking all security measures to address concerns.

security-related defences of the Indian internet domain.

A WhatsApp spokesperson said the company is constantly working to improve the security of their service.

"We make public, reports on potential issues we have fixed consistent with industry best practices. In this instance there is no reason to believe users were impacted," the spokesperson said.

The Indian cyber security agency's advisory suggested "upgrading" to the latest version of WhatsApp to combat or tide over the problem.

Describing the malicious action of the vulnerability

in the popular social messaging app (application), it said, "A stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability exists in WhatsApp due to improper parsing of elementary stream metadata of an MP4 file. A remote attacker could exploit this vulnerability by sending a specially crafted MP4 file to the target system."

It added that this could trigger a buffer overflow condition leading to execution of arbitrary code by the attacker.

Meanwhile, a meeting of a parliamentary committee, headed by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, was marked by sharp differences among its members over whether to take up the WhatsApp snooping issue or not, and the panel discussed the matter only after a vote in the favour.

Also, WhatsApp has written to the government expressing "regret" over the Pegasus snooping row, and has assured that it is taking all security measures to address concerns, top government sources said.

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Kerala moves HC on Walayar case

DC CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI, NOV. 20

The state government filed an appeal in the High Court on Wednesday seeking to continue the investigation and retrial in the Walayar rape and suicide case.

The government admitted that there were grave lapses in the investigation and prosecution of the case in which two minor siblings were found dead in their house in Kerala in 2017.

The failure of the investi-

gation in the death of the elder girl led to the suicide of the younger one.

The government submitted that a probe was being held into the lapses while action had been taken against the prosecutor.

The appeal said the authorities had failed to provide counselling to the younger girl after the death of her sister.

Although the police surgeon had mentioned about the possibilities of sexual assault on the elder girl, no

proper investigation was conducted.

The suspicions about the murder of the second girl were not investigated properly despite forensic experts hinting at it.

The prosecution failed to consult the probe officials before submitting the final chargesheet or its preparation.

It also did not use the statements made by key witnesses and recorded by the magistrate under section 164 during the trial.

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Big myth

Tamil Nadu minister D. Jayakumar says the possible alliance between Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan is like a mirage



BJP is making India's best organisations hollow and selling them

— Priyanka Gandhi Vadra
Congress leader

SHORT TAKES

MAN GIVES INSTANT TALAQ, BOOKED

Ramgarh (Jharkhand) Nov. 20: The police on Wednesday registered an FIR against a 30-year-old man of Ramgarh district of Jharkhand for allegedly giving instant triple talaq to his wife and driving her out of the house. 'Talaq-e-biddat' or any other similar form of talaq having the effect of instantaneous and irrevocable divorce pronounced by a Muslim husband is illegal.

In her complaint, the woman alleged that her husband of three years pronounced 'talaq' thrice besides giving it in writing to her on October 7.

The 25-year-old woman also accused her parents-in-law and two sisters-in-law of torturing her for dowry and driving her out of their home at Sosokala village, Gola police station in-charge Dhananjay Prasad said. "A case has been registered under the Muslim Woman (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 based on the FIR," Prasad said.

The Act criminalises instant 'talaq' among Muslims and attracts a jail term of three years for the husband. It makes it illegal to pronounce talaq three times in spoken, written or through SMS or WhatsApp or any other electronic chat in one sitting. Though she was given instant 'triple talaq' last month, the woman said, she lodged the complaint after her in-laws did not allow her recent attempt to return.

HOSP TROUBLE FOR MP MLA'S DAUGHTER

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, NOV. 20

Pregnant daughter of a tribal BJP MLA of Madhya Pradesh was 'made to wait' for around 12 hours in a government hospital where she was taken for delivery, forcing the lawmaker to shift her to a private hospital. MLA from Vijaypur in Sheopur district, Sitaram Adivasi, admitted his daughter in the district hospital at Sheopur for delivery on Monday.

Doctors in the hospital, however, referred her to another government hospital citing absence of the specialist doctor at the time, Adivasi told reporters on Wednesday.

Adivasi later shifted his daughter to a private hospital where she gave birth to a baby girl by normal delivery.

Later, the government ordered a magisterial probe into the incident. A probe team headed by local sub-divisional magistrate Rupesh Upadhyaya on Wednesday visited the hospital for inquiry.

RLY OFFICER: BOOK IS TOO OBSCENE

Bhopal, Nov. 20: The chairman of a Railway committee on Wednesday directed a book vendor at the city's railway station to stop selling renowned writer Khushwant Singh's novel *Women, Sex, Love and Lust*, saying that such "obscene" literature may spoil the future generation.

He also directed officials to ensure "such obscene things" are not sold at book stalls at Bhopal station. Chairman of the Railway Board's Passenger Service Committee, Ramesh Chandra Ratn, who was on an inspection drive at the station, spotted late Singh's novel and another book on preventive measures during pregnancy put on display for sale at a stall. He immediately asked the vendor to take the books off the shelf. Ratn also warned him that if such literature is kept on sale in the future, a fine would be imposed.

Assam wants NRC rejected

Sarma says NRC could not be accepted as it was erroneous, has wrongful exclusions

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, NOV. 20

Within hours of Union home minister Amit Shah announcing that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be held for the entire country, Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said the state government has requested the Centre to reject the recently published NRC.

Senior BJP leader Sarma told the reporters that even his party has urged the minster to dismiss the NRC in its current form.

"The Assam government has not accepted the NRC. Government of Assam and the BJP have requested the home minister to reject the NRC," he added. The NRC exercise took place following a Supreme Court order in December 2014 for a time-bound preparation, and thereafter under the court's direct monitoring.

Sarma said that the state government favoured one national NRC with one cut-off year for the entire country.

Sarma said that the current NRC could not be accepted by the state government because it was erroneous and had wrongful exclusions and inclusions.

"The state government cannot accept this NRC. People who should not have been included in the list have made it, while those who should have in have been excluded," Sarma said.

"Cut off for entire country should be same — there should not be two cut-off dates," he said adding, "If the cut-off year is 1971 for Assam, then it should be the same for all states. We are not asking to scrap the Assam Accord," he clarified.

He also criticised former NRC state coordinator, Prateek Hajela. The minister alleged that the entire exercise of updation was carried out keeping aside the state government.

"But the entire nation thinks that NRC was updated by the Assam government. We are bearing the brunt because of one individual. We are concerned about the flaws in the system. The way Hajela ran the show under a different eco-system, it has created a multiple layer of questions. As a public representative, we are unable to answer them now," Sarma said.

Hajela, an IAS officer, has since been transferred to his home state Madhya Pradesh on the direction of the Supreme Court under whose supervision the NRC was updated.

An Assam Civil Service officer Hitesh Dev Sarma has been appointed in his place.

The Assam minister said the state government will provide legal aid to genuine Indian citizens testing their exclusion from the NRC in Foreigners Tribunals.

Over 19 lakh people were excluded from the final NRC, and the Assam government and several political parties have claimed many of them were bonafide Indian citizens.



Students of Cotton University form a human chain to protest against Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Guwahati on Wednesday.

— PTI

Fate of those left out still uncertain

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, NOV. 20

Even as the Centre is planning a nation-wide National Register of Citizens, the fate of more than 19 lakh people left out in Assam NRC continues to hang in balance with authorities not sure about their legal status and course of action against all those who refuse to move application before the Foreigners Tribunal in Assam.

Informing that the National Register of Citizens authorities are yet to start the process of issuing rejection letters to more than 19 lakh people whose application for inclusion of their names into NRC were rejected, sources engaged in process of updating the NRC in Assam told this newspaper that government of India, which is custodian of the NRC, has not taken any decision on the fate of the people who refuse to move application before the Foreigners Tribunals.

Referring to the existing provision after the publication of NRC, the authorities said that individual whose name was not included in the NRC, can't be declared foreigners.

"The NRC authorities would issue a rejection letter to all those whose names were not included. To establish their Indian citizenship, such people will have to move before the Foreigners Tribunal within stipulated time period of 50 days," sources said adding that only Foreigners Tribunal or

■ IN THE FINAL NRC list published on 31 August, a total of 3,11,21,004 persons were found eligible for inclusion in the list leaving out whopping 19,06,657 persons.

court of law can declare an individual as foreigner.

However, NRC authorities are yet to get the direction from the ministry of home affairs about the individuals who refuse to go before the Foreigners Tribunal.

Admitting that ministry of home affairs is yet to take a decision to handle such a situation, sources said that there have been instances of a large number of people failing to present their claim before the NRC authorities because of poverty.

Pointing out that a large number of beggars and homeless people failed to present their case for inclusion, sources said that the process of updating the NRC is aimed at stripping the citizenship of people whom authorities describe as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

People have to prove that they or their family moved to Assam before March 1971, when neighbouring Bangladesh gained Independence.

Though, it is yet to be assessed if the prime objective of updating NRC was fulfilled or not, former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi however hailed NRC as 'document for future'.

MAMATA SAYS NO NRC IN WEST BENGAL

PRANMOY BRAH-MACHARY & RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC BERMHAPPORE/KOLKATA, NOV. 20

On a day when Union home minister, Amit Shah, reiterated enforcing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in all states, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee ruled out its possibility in West Bengal.

She called the detention camps as temporary jails.

"There are a few people who are trying to create disturbance in the state in the name of implementation of NRC. I want to make it very clear that I will never allow NRC in Bengal as long as I am power in the state," she said at a public meeting at Sagardighi in the border district of Murshidabad.

"No one can take away your (people) citizenship and turn you into a refugee. You are and will remain citizens of this country. There can be no division on the basis of religion," Banerjee, who is also the TMC supremo, said.



Mamata Banerjee

US entity lens on NRC process

Washington, Nov. 20: Expressing concern over the NRC exercise in Assam, an independent, bipartisan US government entity has said that close to two million long-time residents of the Indian state may soon be deemed stateless. They are being stripped of their citizenship "without a fair, transparent, and well-regulated NRC process."

In a report on the religious freedom implications of the NRC, the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has noted that 1.9 million names of residents of Assam have been left off the updated list and

expressed concerns about how the exercise is being used to target the Muslim population.

"Close to two million long-time residents of Assam may soon be deemed stateless. They are being stripped of their citizenship without a fair, transparent, and well-regulated NRC process," USCIRF commissioner Anurima Bhargava said.

"Worse yet is that Indian political officials have repeatedly conveyed their intent to direct and use the NRC process to isolate and push out Muslims in Assam," said Bhargava, who testified before a Congressional commission on the issue.

RSS pushes for NRC nationwide

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Mr Shah told the Rajya Sabha that though the Centre accepts that refugees — Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Christians, Sikhs and Parsis — who left Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan due to religious atrocities should get Indian citizenship, he added that all citizens of India irrespective of religion will figure in the NRC list. "There is no provision in the NRC that people belonging to other religions will not be included in the register," he added. The RSS has been pushing for the nationwide implementation of the exercise. The RSS' and the BJP's top leaders, in fact, held a meeting ahead of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit verdict by the apex court and the RSS top brass, it was learnt, told the BJP leadership that the NRC should be implemented nationwide to check illegal immigrants. The NRC issue is often highlighted by the BJP leaders during election campaigning.

The Congress favoured NRC in Assam but said that the ruling BJP has given the entire exercise a "communal tinge".

150 DEPORTEES RETURN HOME FROM U.S.

New Delhi, Nov. 20: Their American dream shattered and huge savings wasted, nearly 150 Indians returned home broke on Wednesday after being deported for either violating visa norms or illegally entering the United States.

As they stepped outside the airport, one after the other, they appeared sad. Some said they felt dejected that they could not realise their American dream even after several attempts.

"This was the fourth time I have been deported," said Jabarjung Singh, from Punjab's Bhatinda. He said he wanted to find a job and settle in the US.

"First time, I planned to go to Mexico and reached Bangkok on June 4, 2018. When I did not get a Mexican visa, I returned to India. On August 31 that year, I again tried and reached Ecuador, but could not reach Mexico. I was sent back to India after 20 days in Ecuador.

"Then I went to Bangkok, then Myanmar, and reached Mexico on February 17 this year. But the security agencies did not allow me to leave the airport and sent me back," the 24-year-old mechanical engineer said.

On the fourth attempt, Jabarjung said, "I boarded a flight on May 15 (from Delhi) and reached Mexico via Moscow and Paris. From there, I tried to enter California on May 28, but was caught by police and deported from Arizona."

He said he gave ₹24 lakh to a Panchkula-based agent during the four attempts and spent six months in seven US camps before being deported to India.

Jabarjung said he was sad but not disheartened at his failed attempts.

"My family does not know about my deportation. From here, I will first go to my place in Bhatinda and will try to go to other countries for job later," he said.

The special aircraft carrying the deportees landed at the T3 terminal of the Delhi airport at 6am on Wednesday, an airport official said. The aircraft reached India via Bangladesh.

After completing the paper work with the immigration department, these 150 Indians came out of the airport.

This was the second batch of Indians being deported in large numbers this year. On October 18, more than 300 Indians, including one woman, were deported by Mexico for illegally entering the country with an aim to sneak into the US.

— PTI

■ SOME OF THE Indians who returned home on Wednesday after being deported from the US said the only notable thing from their shattered American dream was picking up bits and pieces of Spanish during their stay at refugee camps.

At least two died in Valley against no-casualty claim by the home minister

Ground reality way different from Shah's claims

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, NOV. 20

Union home minister, Amit Shah's, assertion in Rajya Sabha that there is normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir is only partly true. Though market-places in central and northern parts of Kashmir including uptown Srinagar have in past one week remained open for longer hours and also public transport services started plying on select routes, the stalemate over the abrogation of Article 370. Earlier, most parts of the Valley witnessed partial to complete shutdowns for about 100 days. As said by Shah there is no curfew in Kashmir at present, but Section 144 CrPc is frequently enforced in parts



Women security personnel stand guard outside the government accommodation where former ministers, MLAs and mainstream political leaders were kept under detention during their meeting with family members in Srinagar.

— PTI

of central Srinagar, particularly on Fridays. No Friday prayers or congregation could be held at city's Grand Mosque since

August 5 due to these restrictions.

The home minister's claim that not a single person has died in police fir-

ing in J&K after August 5 is also factually flawed. At least, two persons died in or during police actions in Srinagar itself during this

period. A youth, Asrar Ahmed, died on September 4, days after he was critically injured in the police's pellet firing on protesters in Srinagar's Soura area.

Another local youth, Osama Altaf, died after he jumped into Jhelum to escape security forces' chase in Palapora area. Also, 15-year-old, Yawar Ahmed, committed suicide after he was allegedly beaten up and humiliated by the Army troops during a random search operation in Tahab area of southern Pulwama district on September 17.

Scores of people were injured in security forces actions against protesters and stone-pelting mobs in various parts of the Valley including Srinagar. However, Shah was right

when he said that compared to 2018 there have been less number of stone-pelting incidents in the Valley, so far, this year. He was not wrong either in claiming that vast majority of students has appeared in board examinations and that hospitals are also functioning.

But what he did not say is that most schools, colleges and other educational institutions in the Valley remain shut or no class work does take place at these. As far Shah's claim on the procurement and transportation of apples, the fact remains that National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited has not been able to procure even one per cent of the apple produce of the Valley.

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Why can't Farooq, PC attend Winter Session?

There is deep irony in that two of the most senior, most experienced and most articulate members of Parliament — Farooq Abdullah, a former J&K chief minister and former Union minister, a sitting member of the Lok Sabha, and P. Chidambaram, a former Union home and finance minister, who is a Rajya Sabha member — are in jail and can't attend the Winter Session.

Their imprisonment is a sorry reflection on the working of our democracy. This is because, to an ordinary observer, both arrests would seem arbitrary, unjustified, flowing from executive hubris and ill-will, and shot through with a streak of political animosity.

Strictly speaking, the arrests may not be illegal. This is because, in Dr Abdullah's case, the government chose to first arrest him without citing any reason (on a preventive detention basis after the constitutional dismemberment of J&K state) but later implausibly pulled him in under the draconian Public Safety Act.

The Centre can fairly be questioned for ill-treating an 83-year old. Not only has a nervous Centre arrested an elderly public figure, it also sought to malign him and his family — besides hundreds of other Kashmiri leaders also jailed — as being corrupt without an ounce of proof.

(The story of Kashmir being locked down for over 100 days since August 5 is a separate discussion. Even so, it's necessary to point out that Parliament has not been informed of the reasons for doing so, as some European Parliament members were given a guided tour and feted in Srinagar in a desperate bid to appease international opinion.) Mr Chidambaram was arrested in dramatic fashion from his Delhi residence on August 21 midnight. The investigative agencies' officers clambered over walls without warning as though they were dealing with a dreaded terrorist.

Since then the former minister has been lodged in Tihar Jail or in the CBI lockup. He has been subjected to intensive and lengthy investigation-related interviews by officials of the CBI, Enforcement Directorate and income-tax department in two separate matters, the INX Media case and a money-laundering case. Three months of custodial interrogation when all the evidence is document-based is shocking. To a lay person, this would suggest the government has a poor case. Therefore, it would seem that his arrest - which also seems an attempt at personal humiliation — may be rooted in political vendetta. Even the decisions of the judicial authorities to virtually hand the CBI and ED a carte blanche to practically arrest Mr Chidambaram at will is likely to make a disbelieving public worry about the state of our judiciary.

The presiding officers of the two Houses have not informed members of the reasons for these two high-profile arrests. They must do so right away. The way things stand, it would appear that the government is worried that Dr Abdullah and Mr Chidambaram, were they present in Parliament and spoke, would expose its arbitrariness and misuse of power.

US sets a bad example

Reversing decades of established policy, the United States has softened its stance on Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, saying such occupation is not inconsistent with international law. This turns on its head not only America's stance but that of the West on these settlements that have not only changed the land's demographics but also its topography. The US move won't change the fundamentals of the ground situation, where great insecurities prevailed for years among Israelis and Palestinians since 1967.

What the Donald Trump-inspired move does is to license Israel's occupation and emboldens it, further deepening the depression of the Palestinians. Mr Trump may have acted not only to lift Israeli morale but also to give the tottering Benjamin Netanyahu a chance to remain in power. It's also a deeper message to American Jews, whose votes Mr Trump needs as he seeks re-election next year.

In the world's eyes, the Jewish settlers on the West Bank have been outlaws for over half a century, their presence a cruel infliction on Arabs. The US action doesn't alter international law, which rightly forbids states from moving their civilians on to occupied land at the expense of local populations. Israel has held the West Bank territory, once part of the Ottoman Empire, after seizing it from Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day War.

There is nothing new in the US bias towards Israel, except that Mr Trump is going way beyond the norm in not only shifting the US embassy in Jerusalem but also recognising Israel's absolute right to the occupied territory. What signal this gives to countries that eye territories of others and are willing to breach the sovereignty of nations is anybody's guess.

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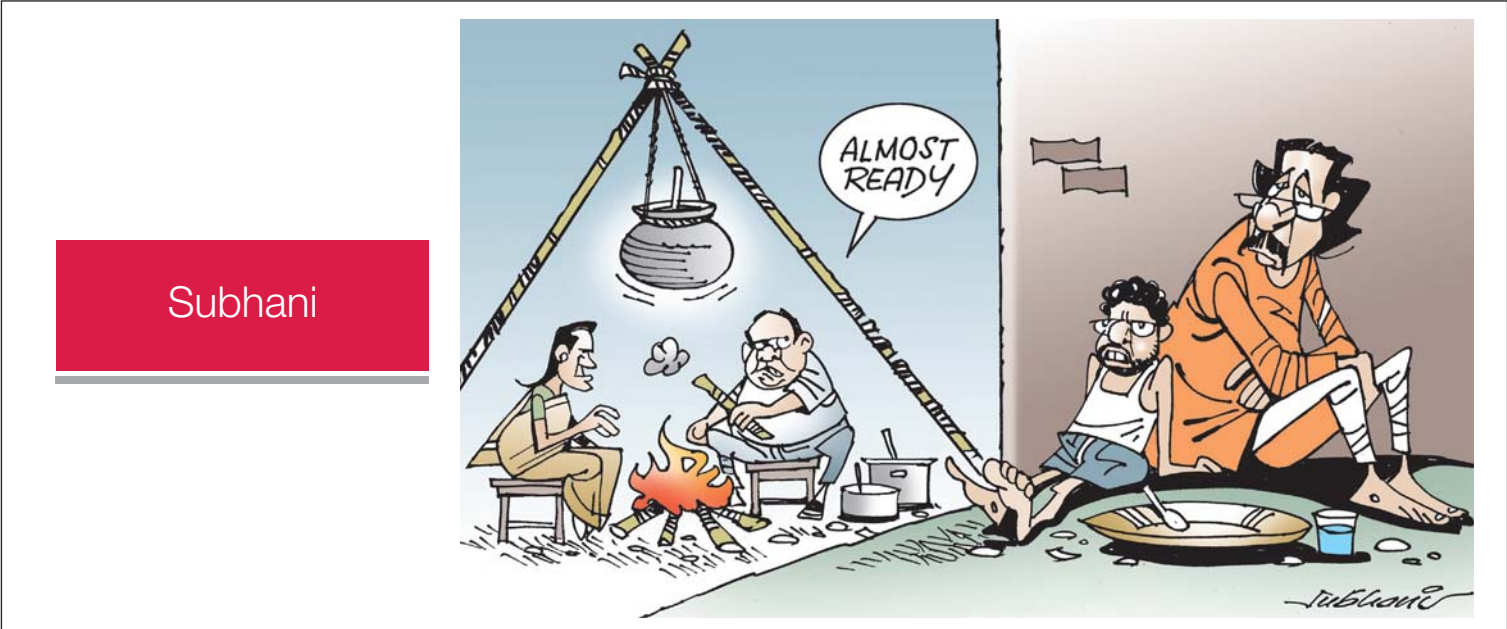
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Amid a changing world, can Brics find new role?



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Geopolitical and economic challenges formed the backdrop to the recent Brics (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) summit in Brasilia. Its declaration confirmed convergences, nuanced differences and several suppressed disagreements.

A British economist had coined the acronym "Bric" in 2001, identifying four high-growth economies that could dominate the world by 2050. The idea of forming a group, to translate this economic potential into political influence, came from Russia's President Vladimir Putin in 2007. Russia hosted a Bric foreign ministers' meeting in 2008 and the first Bric summit in 2009.

The Bric partnership gave Russia an alternative to its worsening ties with Nato over the Western alliance's eastward advance towards its borders. An economically resurgent China appreciated a platform to demand the democratisation of global economic governance, from which it had much to gain. India welcomed a vehicle to promote multi-polarity in global decision-making. The induction of Brazil provided comfort that Bric would not be drawn into a Russia-China confrontation with the West. This construct also tied in with Brazil's ambition for expanding its global footprint.

By 2012, a self-perception of its global influence encouraged "Brics" (South Africa joined it in 2011) to pronounce views on every major global development. Its 2013 declaration envisaged a coordination mechanism on key global political and economic issues. In a flight of hyperbole, the 2015 declaration described Brics as a "strategic partnership". This exaggerated notion was undermined by developments such as the acrimonious standoff between Russia and the United States, intensifying the Russia-China partnership, China's

assertiveness in India's near and extended neighbourhood, the India-US partnership in the Indo-Pacific and a new Brazilian government with a different worldview from that of his predecessors. China's growing economic clout in Brics also influences its dynamics: its GDP is more than double, and its foreign exchange reserves nearly triple, those of the other countries combined.

These realities are reflected in the Brics summit declarations. The Brasilia declaration notes shared perceptions on global economic and financial governance. The primacy of the UN, commitment to an equitable multipolar world order, strengthening multilateralism, respecting sovereignty and non-intervention in internal affairs of states are staple Brics tenets, though their interpretation by each country depends on its national interest in specific circumstances. The same goes for Brics' support for the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The Chinese "all-weather" support for Pakistan precludes references to cross-border terrorism or Pakistan's role in terror sponsorship. Hence, the Brasilia declaration (like its predecessors) has boilerplate text, condemning terrorism "in all its forms and manifestations" and exhorting countries to prevent terror financing. The absence of substantive content is compensated by new dialogue mechanisms: the Brics counter-terrorism working group constituted five sub-groups on various aspects of counter-terrorism. India is to chair one of them.

The Chinese views are also the main obstacle to Brics support for India's permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council. Brazil is also an aspirant. South Africa's candidature needs endorsement by the African Union. As in earlier years, the leaders

merely reaffirmed Chinese and Russian support for the aspirations of Brazil, India and South Africa "to play a greater role in the UN".

The Brics leaders supported the UN-led efforts for a Syrian political process, acknowledging the contribution of the "Astana guarantors" (Russia, Turkey and Iran) and calling for urgent humanitarian aid to all Syrians, as distinct from the US opposition to aid for areas under Syrian government control. The leaders called for a peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Yemen and Libya, an "Afghan-owned and Afghan-led" reconciliation process in Afghanistan, denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula and a two-state solution of the Israel-Palestine impasse, though the actions of some deviate from these precepts. The current US consultations on Afghanistan with Russia, China and Pakistan are neither an "Afghan-owned" nor "Afghan-led" process. The formulation on Israel-Palestine does not mention the status of Jerusalem: the new Brazilian government supports the US endorsement of Israel's claim on it. Another victim of the Brics consensus is the 2015 international nuclear deal with Iran (JCPOA). Brics supported JCPOA even after the US withdrawal from it. Brazil's support for the US position meant the absence of JCPOA from the Brasilia declaration.

Over the years, Brics has established an elaborate dialogue architecture. The Brasilia declaration lists 116 meetings, conferences and other events in 2019, at ministerial, official, technical, business, judicial, legislative and people-to-people levels. Though this proliferation may have been motivated mainly by the desire to rack up numbers, it does seem to have generated some mutually beneficial cooperation. Among the promising ones are plat-

forms for agriculture research and energy research cooperation, partnership in elements of the New Industrial Revolution, and collaborative research on tuberculosis.

Intra-Brics trade is regularly discussed in meetings at ministerial, official and technical levels. A Brics Business Council, established in 2013, has made recommendations on trade in national currencies, visa liberalisation and standards harmonization, but with limited success. A Women's Business Alliance was launched at Brasilia, to bring a new perspective on business issues.

The New Development Bank (NDB) is Brics' most tangible achievement. It finances infrastructure projects, setting priorities and lending guidelines as per the countries' requirements. Every Brics country contributes equally to its capital of \$50 billion (to be increased to \$100 billion) and has equal voting rights. This sets the bank apart from other international financial institutions. In about three years, NDB has approved projects with a total value of \$12.5 billion, considerably higher than the portfolio of the better-resourced China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, established at around the same time. NDB is now considering new members, within the condition of its founding agreement that Brics capital in the bank shall not fall below 55 per cent.

Expectations of an international organisation should be pegged to objective realities. The geographical, political and economic diversity of Brics determines the limits of its cohesion. Its leaders have shown the pragmatism to stress convergences and downplay divergences. Shared multilateral interests temper inimical behaviour in bilateral relations. Mutually beneficial intra-Brics cooperation is a useful cementing factor. In its decade of existence, Brics has found new ways to sustain its relevance for its members.

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LETTERS

DIDI'S INSECURITY

The comments made by Mamata Banerjee on MIM leader and Hyderabad MP, Asaddudin Owaisi, shows her immaturity and insecurity in West Bengal. Mr Owaisi is a learned man and talks rationally. Any difference of opinion can be criticised in a dignified way but not by cheap politics. The Hyderabad MP was right in saying that Ms Banerjee has failed in implementing any schemes for the benefit of people and to cover it up, she is doing cheap politics in the name of religion. Already Mamata Banerjee lost to the BJP which has had a great surge in Bengal due to her appeasement policy and now she is feeling insecure even with MIM which is expanding to other states.

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WRONG-HEADED STIR

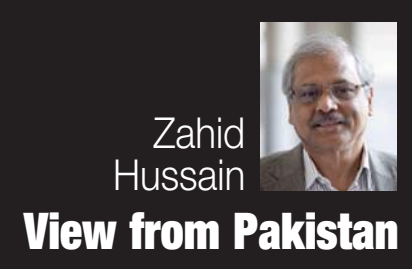
It is indeed tragic that the more than 40,000 RTC employees have been led into a disastrous strike with an unjustified demand of converting the RTC into a departmental service. Policy-making cannot be the privilege or right of employees but is the justified preserve of an elected government. The union is supported in this wrong cause and strike by professional politicians and jobless individuals like retired professors who have no other pursuit except denouncing the government as anti-people, anti-worker, anti-everything. The government will be justified in protecting the pensioned professors and professional strikes-supporters and secretaries of the Communist parties. These professional strike-supporters must be asked to compensate the workers who may not get their pay and may perhaps even lose their jobs. They should be prosecuted for causing misery to the RTC workers. The government, especially the Chief Minister, deserves to be congratulated for their correct and unwavering attitude to the RTC union's unreasonable demand and strike.

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Striking employees of RTC are not aware as to what their demands are. Their leaders as well are not able to conclude as to what they want from the KCR government. Even after 45 days of strike, they are not able to understand what they want. The time has come for them to talk to KCR face-to-face.

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View from Pakistan

PML-N needs a leader; split looms for PTI

Nawaz Sharif has finally flown out but it's not curtains yet. It's now the beginning of Act 2 of the ongoing political saga. The ailing former Prime Minister is not likely to return soon to resume his prison sentence and his departure has not lowered the political temperature.

Sharif's departure, following protracted legal and political battles, may have also given the PML-N some relief, but the political party's trials and tribulations are far from over. There are other factors that have helped Sharif's departure, even if rumours of a backroom deal are not true. With a number of its leaders behind bars, or facing NAB investigations, combined with Sharif's deteriorating health condition, the PML-N has a serious leadership crisis on its hands.

Even though the former PM was in prison, his presence in the coun-

try had given the party something to rally around. The strong probability of his not returning, even on health grounds, is likely to affect his credibility. The immediate issue before the PML-N is how to maintain unity in its ranks in the face of a clampdown, and continue to fight back. Maryam Nawaz, who is out on bail, will be guiding the party, but her restrictions are obvious.

There is no sign of the PTI government pulling back from the politics of vendetta. Sharif's release on bail, and the court order allowing him to leave the country by removing the indemnity condition, seems to have hardened Imran Khan's rhetoric against the opposition. His speech on Monday betrayed his anger and frustration, and brought out his authoritarian streak. He was visibly upset with the judiciary for what was perceived as "unfavourable" rulings. True to form, Imran

is unwilling to see the ominous signs on the political horizon. The ongoing political crisis has exposed fault lines in a fragile coalition. There was a sharp divide over whether to allow Sharif to fly out for medical treatment. For the first time since coming to power 15 months ago, the ruling alliance faces the possibility of a split.

Not only did the allied parties come out publicly with their dissent, the divisions within the PTI were also noticeable. The most scathing criticism of the government's approach in dealing with political issues came from the PML-Q leadership. Interestingly, while Imran Khan was on a warpath with Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the Chaudhry brothers were hobnobbing with the JUI-F leader eulogising his "political acumen". They also distanced the PML-Q from the government's position on the

Nawaz Sharif issue. The position of the MQM, another key ally, has not been very different.

Indeed, the JUI-F dharna ending with a whimper has been met with sighs of relief by the PTI government, but the problem has not gone away completely. The crafty Maulana Fazlur Rehman is not going to give up easily. Imran's unyielding fight on all fronts may cost his government, that is confronted with serious economic challenges, dearly. The cracks in the ranks could widen if the PM does not exercise prudence. Nothing could be more damaging for a government with a weak governance record than to open up too many fronts. The problem is that Imran Khan has become a prisoner of his own rhetoric.

In the midst of all this, the latest statement from ISPR emphasising that the civil and military leaderships are on the same page has

raised eyebrows. A major question is, what was the need of such a statement at this point? Of course, there have been all kinds of conspiracy theories circulating around regarding a perceived conflict between the government and military leadership. Still, there is no rational reason for issuing a clarification.

The present political crisis is largely of the government's own making. Publicly abusing opposition leaders and making speeches that threaten to put everyone in jail will not end corruption. Imran Khan's arbitrary style of governance has weakened the institutional workings of the state. His threatening declarations have made the whole accountability process questionable. The challenges for Imran Khan are no less in Act 2 of the political saga.

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