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'My name is not Rahul Savarkar'

Will not apologise for 'rape in India' remark, Modi must be sorry: Rahul

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, DEC 14

The Congress mega rally against the Modi government turned into a show of strength for Rahul Gandhi where the former party president declared that his name was not "Rahul Savarkar" but Rahul Gandhi and that he would never apologise for "speaking the truth".
Mr Gandhi has been under attack from the ruling BJP over his rape remarks made at a rally in Jharkhand for which he has been asked to apologise. At Saturday's Bharat Bhachao Rally, Mr Gandhi instead asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his "assistant" Amit Shah to apologise for "destroying" the economy



● The BJP asked me to apologise. I want to tell them that I am not Rahul Savarkar, I won't apologise. I won't apologise for speaking the truth

—RAHUL GANDHI, former Congress president

● Modi should apologise for burning North East, for destroying economy
● Modi called Delhi a rape capital.

of the country. "I was told in Parliament yesterday by the BJP that I should apologise for what I said at a rally. I was asked to apologise for the truth that I spoke," he said.
"My name is not Rahul Savarkar, I am Rahul Gandhi. I will never apologise for speaking truth and nor will any Congressman do so. It is Narendra Modi and his assistant Amit Shah who has to apologise to the country for destroying India's economy," he

added in his opening remarks at the party's mega rally in Delhi's Ramlika Maidan. "That work of destroying the economy) has not been done by the enemies, but by Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself. And, (he) still calls himself a patriot," the Wayanad MP said.

The rally is being seen by many as the launch pad for bringing back Mr Gandhi as the president of the party, a post he had quit

taking responsibility for the Congress' disastrous performance in the Lok Sabha polls. Accusing the Modi government of destroying the country's institutions, he said: "This country is being scared and suppressed, but no Congressmen have any kind of fear. I am telling those people in institutions not to fear from anything. The Congress is standing with them. We will together end this atmosphere of fear in the country". He

further charged that the BJP and the Prime Minister have set the entire Northeast on fire and states like Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura are burning. "He (Modi) has burnt all these places. He divides people and works towards weakening the country, while you people, who have come here, don't divide India and work with your sweat and blood for taking the country forward."
"Your own country is being weakened and divided and our economy is being destroyed. The reason is that Narendra Modi sees only one thing whether the power is in his hand," Mr Gandhi said.

■ Page 6: Modi will do anything to be in power

Bodies threaten disobedience

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

Community organizations are planning civil disobedience if the National Register of Citizens (NRC) is implemented. Comprising ex-bureaucrats, and religious, political and social leaders, they said, at a conference, that the "NRC is unconstitutional, and an attempt towards making India a Hindutva nation. We are ready to sacrifice for democracy, as NRC and CAA are a blatant attempt to burn the secular fabric of the country".
The roundtable conference was organised by

● WHY NRC? BJP wants NRC, claims Telangana is home to Bangladeshis and Rohingyas
● WHY NOT? Hurts the secular fabric of the nation, claim Muslim bodies

● NRC is unconstitutional, and an attempt towards making India a Hindutva nation. We are ready to sacrifice for protecting democracy of the country"
— TAHREEK MUSLIM SHABBAN

Tahreek Muslim Shabban, and called for boycotting the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and to reject the pan-India implementation of the NRC. It also decided to constitute a

joint action committee to mobilize against the CAA and NRC and hold a mega protest involving non-Muslim organizations. The participants also suggested that the TRS

leadership be urged to pass a resolution against the in the assembly against the CAA. "Government has mala fide intentions to crush religious freedom of Muslims," Mushtaq Malik, president of the Tahreek, said. "The CAA and NRC will be highly disruptive, creating social tension and putting further strain on the economy and the social fabric of this country".
Shafeeq uz Zaman, former special chief secretary said minorities and others were demoralized by the spreading of video clips of mob lynching.

■ Page 2: Protest today

FAROOQ WILL STAY DETAINED FOR 3 MONTHS

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, DEC. 14

The authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday extended the detention of former chief minister and National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah under the Union Territory's stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for three more months.

Dr Abdullah, 81, who has been under house arrest since August 5 when the Centre stripped J&K of its special status and split the state into two Union Territories was formally detained for a period of three months. When contacted, Dr Abdullah said he would leave the matter to Allah. "I don't want to say anything... they have done it and I leave it to Allah. It is His will which alone will prevail ultimately," he said.

■ Page 6: No bar on ldn

4 TRS goons held for murder

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The four local TRS leaders who set ablaze a 40-year-old watchman were arrested on Saturday when they tried to flee. The watchman succumbed to injuries on Friday at the Gandhi

Hospital. TRS leaders T Madhava Reddy, S Madhava Reddy, J Surender Reddy and car

a disputed property. On Dec. 5, the four trespassed into the property which belongs to Prakash Reddy. The two Madhav Reddys were accused of sexual assault against the watchman's wife.

WATCHMAN KILLING

driver D Nareesh Singh set ablaze the watchman for objecting to their entry into

■ Page 4: Revenge Kill

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— Singireddy Niranjan Reddy
Agricultural minister

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Max: 29.0°C
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Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Mist/haze likely in the morning. Max/Min temp. 30/19°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Margasira Bahula Tadya till 7.17 am and Margasira Bahula Chauthi till 5.34 am (Monday)
Star: Pushyami till 3.59 am
Varjyam: 12.41 pm to 2.13 pm
Durmuhurtam: 4.12 pm to 4.56 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
Muhuratam: 6.00 pm to 6.59 pm
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PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.33 am
Zohar: 12.21 pm
Asar: 4.09 pm
Maghrib: 5.50 pm
Isha: 7.05 pm
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SHORT TAKE

PIL ALLEGES GRABBING OF LAKE LAND

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

A public interest litigation filed before the High Court alleges that the irrigation and revenue department officials were negligent in protecting land of the Bulkapur near Puppulagada and Vattinagalupally in Ranga Reddy district.
Petitioner Gaffar Khan, a resident of Narsingi, urged the court to direct the officials to register criminal cases against the encroachers.
Mr Gaffar Khan said the land grabbers had fenced the nala land and fenced it with iron sheets.
The PIL will come up before the bench headed by Chief Justice Ravendra Singh Chauhan on Monday.

PROGRAMME ON ENERGY SAVING STARTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Energy Conservation Mission (ECM), a constituent division of the Institute of Engineers in the city, launched a week-long programme for energy conservation, on Saturday.
Speaking at the event, ECM chairman E. Sreenivasa Chary emphasised on the need to conserve energy, which in turn will have a domino effect in all activities, be it economic or be it environmental.
Mr Chary said fossil fuels would be exhausted by end of the century.
The ECM chairman further said that the state government was taking steps towards conservation of power, by adopting programmes like, introduction of LED (light emitting diode) bulbs replacing the conventional bulbs and introducing energy conservation building code, to name a few.

S may enforce Citizenship Act

TRS had voted against the Citizenship Bill in Parliament, party says no option now

SA. ISHAQUI IDC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

Though the Telangana Rashtra Samiti had voted against the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in Parliament, it is left with no option but to enforce the legislation in the state.
TRS politburo member and the state Planning Board vice-chairman B. Vinod Kumar on Saturday indicated that the government's options were very limited. It is a Central Act under the Union List of 7th Schedule of the Constitution, he pointed out. When Mr Kumar was addressing the second conference of the All India Federal Unity and Solidarity Association, CPM leader Tamineni Voerabhadram demanded that he make a statement that the Citizenship Amendment Act would not be enforced in the state.
Responding to this, Mr Kumar said the statement of chief ministers of five states — West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh — was political. Citizenship Amendment Act is under the domain of the Centre and the states would not have any role in it.
He said that the state governments could delay the police verification process, but the chief ministers could not say that they would not enforce the Act in their states.
He alleged that the BJP government had intentionally enacted the Citizenship Amendment Act and the legislation was against the spirit of the constitution. It was an ill-intended legislation and the economic slowdown was not the reason for enforcing it, Mr Kumar said.
He said that according to the Citizenship Amendment Act, Muslim refugees coming from Islamic countries to India would not get citizenship and this provision was against the principles of secularism. He felt that the Citizenship Amendment Act would infringe on the fundamental rights of citizens and urged the Supreme Court to intervene.



Students of Maulana Azad National Urdu University hold a protest rally against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens of India on the varsity campus on Saturday.

OWAISI MOVES SC CHALLENGING CITIZENSHIP ACT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

MIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Owaisi told Twitter to state that his party will the battle to preserve the plural, secular and constitutional democracy in Bharat. He added, "This fight will be fought before every possible forum using every constitutional tool available to us." The MIM chief had stirred up a controversy when he tore a copy of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019, during the discussion in the Lok Sabha, saying that it tried to divide the country. Mr Owaisi said the legislation was not only the part of a conspiracy to make Indian Muslims stateless but would be a threat to national security.

Assamese in city protest new Act Mannu students attack Modi govt

KANIZA GARARI IDC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

People of Assamese origin protested on Sunday at Dharna Chowk against the Citizenship Amendment Act as they fear that 19 lakh Bangladeshi Hindus will be granted citizenship in their state which will dilute the native culture.
There are more than 15,000 Assamese working in Hyderabad in the information technology, hospital and hotel industries in the city.
They are not coming forward as an organisation but independently to protect their land and rights in the state.
The Assamese are contacting each other through social media and about 200 are to gather for peaceful protests against the CAA and NRC.
Swastayan Shreyam said, "The NRC has clearly



President Tahreek Muslim, Shabban Mushtaq Malik and Maulana Naseeruddin address a press conference after an all-party meeting to boycott the NRC and the Citizenship Act in Hyderabad on Saturday.

are being overpowered by these illegal migrants." They stated that they do not get this feeling of encroachment and imposition of 'different culture' from those who come from elsewhere in India. There are Marwaris and people from Bihar, Maharashtra and Gujarat who have settled in the state but do not impose themselves on the people's culture and traditions.
The threat is being felt from 'Bangladeshi' as it will change the social fabric. The people of Assam in the city were of the opinion that if these lakhs of Bangladeshis are allowed now it will change from time to time for the 'politics of votes'.
"We do not want these migrants as they are encroaching our lands and our culture. We will not accept CAA," said the members.

ATHER MOIN IDC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manu) campus on Saturday reverberated with slogans like "Mere khon se likh do, mere kagan par likh do Hindustan (write in letters of blood on my shroud, Hindustan)" and "Modi teri tanashahi nahin cheli (Modi your dictatorship will not work)" as hundreds of students marched in protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).
The students under the aegis of the Manu Students' Union took out a torch procession and marched throughout the campus, raising slogans against the Modi government. Addressing the students, union president Umer Farooq said the NDA government led by the BJP was inspired by Islamophobia, which had resulted in its bringing laws which tarnish the secular fabric of the country. The main purpose of bringing the CAA and other laws was to target a particular community, he said. "With the NRC and the CAA, the Modi government is contemplating to send Muslims and aadi-vasi (tribe) people, who were living here for

centuries, to detention centres," Mr Farooq said. He said, "We are the followers of Gandhiji, Maulana Azad and Ambedkar, while the ruling party leaders are followers of Savarkar and they want to nurture the Manuwaadi agenda. They were slaves of the British rulers and now they have become enslaved of Israel. We will never allow them to divide India on religion basis." Mr Farooq said the union would address letters to Chief Ministers requesting them to denounce the Centre's directives on the CAA and the NRC.

He said now the government was showing sympathy towards the intruders of stating that they were persecuted in neighbouring countries. He asked whether Akhlaq Ahmed said, "With the NRC and the CAA, the Modi government is not interested in the welfare of its citizenrymen," Mr Farooq said.

Anti-CAA stir at Dharna Chowk today

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Law enforcement agencies did not restrict such messages on social media, but when the Supreme Court delivered its judgment on the Ayodhya dispute, police advisories asked the public to refrain from raising dissent. The government succeeded in its mission.
He urged that a team of legal experts be constituted to provide legal aid to those prosecuted for expressing dissent. The government will first implement the National Register of Citizens and later the CAA.
"We have to give a clear message that we are ready for detention centres, but will not submit documents to prove our inability to live with the CAA," he said.
Former chairman of the Minorities Commission, Abid Rasool Khan said that other communities will suffer more than Muslims but the Narendra



Students burn the effigy of the central government in Himayatnagar on Saturday.

Modi government is projecting it as if only Muslims will suffer. He felt the government had asked the media not to highlight the ongoing agitation in the Eastern states.
Moulaana Hamid Mohammed Khan of the Jamaat e Islami Hind said

shown that there are 19 lakh illegal citizens in Assam. From these 13 lakh are Hindus and they are going to be given citizenship which is not fair. They are already

encroaching on our lands and on our rights. In many areas in Assam, there is demand for Bangla as a language in the school. Why? Our culture and our traditions are different but

that an Indian could not endorse laws that violated the tenets of the Constitution. Every citizen has the right to practice the religion of his choice, but citizenship cannot be decided on religion.
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Moulaana Naseeruddin of Wabdat e Islami suggested that other social outfits be involved and protests held at the district level.
Mujahid Hesham of the Awami Majlis e Aml suggested involving Masjid sermons to educate common people.
Prof. Mohammed Ansari of Awaz emphasised mobilising women as they would suffer most if the NRC was implemented. We and our children may have birth certificates and property papers, but mothers and poor women who migrated after marriage might not be able to provide valid documentary evidence.

Moulaana Mufti Ghyasuddin of Jamaat e Islami Hind (Arshad Madani group) called for more interaction with the heads of the ruling parties of the two Telugu States and convince them not to support such laws that divide the nation on the basis of religion.

CITIZENSHIP ACT VIOLATES THE STATUTE: CLMC

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is unconstitutional and violative of the basic structure of the Constitution, said the Civil Liberties Monitoring Committee (CLMC).
President Ram Nath Kovind initiated it without analysing its consequences on society, said the CLMC. Mr Lateef Mohammed Khan, general secretary of CLMC, said, "The CAA completely violates Articles 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution. It breaches the basic fundamental ethos and philosophy of the preamble of the Constitution. It is anti-Constitution, anti-Muslim, anti-tribe and anti-indigenous. CAA is an attempt to polarise India." He said the government must uphold the secular ideals of the Constitution.



Maulana Azad National Urdu University students protest against the CAA in Hyderabad on Saturday.

NOTE | THIS RTI activist to submit data, apply for Guinness

Bapu's photo on 2,21,962.55 mn notes

T.S.S. SIDHARTH IDC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

A city resident, Mr Satya Nagesh, has said that he would be applying for the record in the Guinness Book of World Records, as it would be a proud moment for the country. It took some time to find out if a record of this sort exists. As it turns out, 35 countries have notes with pictures of the (British) Queen printed on it," Mr Nagesh told Deccan Chronicle.
He added that this piqued his curiosity to check whether the Mahatma had the highest circulation. The response was that the Mahatma's face was printed on 2,21,962.55 million notes that are in circulation.
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in the national interest. We can only give out the number of notes that have been printed," he said.
As it turns out, the portrait of Gandhi became a regular feature on currency notes in 1987. This was when the ₹500 currency notes began to carry a picture of the father of the nation. Some of the earlier series did not feature the father of the nation.
Numismatists of the city recall that Gandhi's portrait had become a regular feature on currency notes of different denominations.
"We are not at liberty to give out such information,

Wah! Charminar in wood



Onlookers admire a 10-foot replica of the Charminar made of wood that is being built at a shop in Madhapur on Saturday.





Fighting for women

Kishan Reddy says NDA government is relentless in building and strengthening ecosystem that ensures women's safety

Encounter is not the solution in cases like Disha, change in mindset is needed

—Elaia Rajendar Health minister

IN BRIEF

President visit on December 20

Hyderabad: President Ramnath Kovind will arrive in Hyderabad on December 20 for his winter sojourn. The President will stay in Rashtrapati Nilayam in Bolaram till December 28. The President will also visit Chennai or Puducherry and Thiruvananthapuram from December 23 to 26. He will return to Hyderabad and stay at Rashtrapati Nilayam till his departure for the Capital. Chief secretary S.K. Joshi conducted a review meeting and directed the officials to make fool-proof security arrangements for the President's visit. The state government works on cleaning up the massive premises of the Rashtrapati Nilayam. Dogs and snakes are found on the campus. The approach roads are also repaired on a war-footing.

JAPANESE TYPE PLANTATION DRIVE IN UOH

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The University of Hyderabad (UoH) on Saturday kicked its first attempt at a Miyawaki plantation drive, a Japanese technique that helps building dense, native vegetation along the United Way of Hyderabad, an NGO, in coordination with CGI, a software company, took the lead in the effort. The plantation drive took place in the old nursery on the campus. Using the Miyawaki technique, plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. It involves planting dozens of native species in the same area, and becomes maintenance-free after the first three years. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Arun Agrawal appreciated the initiative. More than 100 volunteers from CGI participated in plantation drive. It is also being planned that about 4,000 saplings would be planted at the varsity and would grow them as a quick forest.

HC takes up PIL based on CJ Speak Out page

CJ highlights two letters, calls top brass to court

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

Speak Out

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE CRUMBLING



The Speak Out page published in Deccan Chronicle on December 2.

The Speak Out page of *Deccan Chronicle* has moved the Telangana High Court to take up a suo motu public interest litigation regarding the condition of the city's infrastructure. Chief Justice Ravindra Singh Chauhan directed the High Court Registrar to treat the Speak Out page as a take-up PIL and asked the relevant departments and officials responsible to the PIL. The High Court took cognizance of the December 2 edition of Speak Out, which carries readers' letters regarding poor civic facilities with the headline 'City Infrastructure Crumbling'. The Court also took cognizance of two letters written by a Sunday market at Manikonda stinks and 'Nightmare at Tolichowki'.

Reddy, a resident of Manikonda, had complained about the situation on the Manikonda-Pullaguda Pipeline Road caused by the vendors who occupy more than half of the road, are very rude and do not move their carts. She had said that the vendors were causing traffic jams. She said the garbage gave off a foul smell and asked the traffic police and GHMC officials, via Speak Out, to take necessary action. Mr. Navsen from Tolichowki in his letter had reported about the parking of autorickshaws and other vehicles haphazardly on the U-turn underneath the flyover at Tolichowki. The High Court opined that these reports were desirable to be treated as public interest litigation and made the Chief Secretary, the principal secretaries of home and municipal administration, the Director-General of Police, the police Commissioner of Hyderabad and Cyberabad, the deputy commissioner of traffic police, the deputy commissioner and collectors of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district as the respondents.

Farmers not ready to give land for schemes

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority has not been able to convince farmers to pool their land for its development schemes in three villages on the city outskirts. Though it has conducted grama sabhas at these locations, where about 200 farmers are proposed to be pooled, no one has given consent yet. The HMDA had announced pooling of 1,575 acres of land at Pratapsingaram and Korremula of Medchal-Malkajgiri and 456 acres in Mokila in Ranga Reddy district. Under the deal, HMDA develops the land by creating civil infrastructure, and returns a share to the land-owners which they can sell. The HMDA retains a portion of land to auction to buyers. According to highly placed sources in the HMDA, the proposal not only did not attract farmers but also attracted the displeasure of ruling party leaders at the grama sabhas. They raised concerns



over the loss of money from the Rythu Bandhu scheme during the period the HMDA takes to develop the land. This apart, the farmers also rejected the land share that had been worked out by the HMDA. A senior HMDA official said that refusal of the farmers had been taken to the notice of higher authorities. The official said the government has asked to negotiate the land share. "Even though everything was explained to the farmers none was ready to give the consent," he added.

IPS probationer is suspended

KANZA GARARI I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Union ministry of home affairs has issued suspension orders to Indian Police Service (IPS) probationer K.V. Maheswara Reddy on a complaint filed by his wife Bhavana Birudula who accused him of cheating her. A resident of Hyderabad, Ms Birudula had complained against the officer in the Jawaharnagar police station for cruelty causing hurt and criminal intimidation (Sections 498A, 323 and 506 of Indian Penal Code). Incidentally, Mr Maheswara Reddy and Ms Birudula, a resident of ECIL, were students of Osmania University and had fallen in love on the campus. Her parents were aware of their marriage but Maheswara Reddy's parents were not. Maheswara Reddy has from Kadapa district in Andhra Pradesh and cleared Union Public Service Commission exams earlier this year. He then began training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Police Academy. After that, trouble started between the couple as he was not willing to live with her, according to Ms Birudula. There were constant arguments between the couple, Ms Birudula alleged. Her family finally lodged a complaint with the police which led to the inquiry. Maheswara Reddy's offer of appointment has been cancelled and criminal proceedings will be carried out against him. His offer of appointment to the police will also be reviewed according to the order of the ministry.

ACTOR RAJASHEKAR'S DRIVING LICENCE SUSPENDED FOR MISHAP, 21 CHALLANS

Hyderabad: Actor Dr Rajashekar's driving licence has been suspended by the Road Transport Authority, Tolichowki, for six months following a complaint by the Cyberabad traffic police. The licence was suspended on November 28. This follows an accident involving Dr Rajashekar's car which hit a median on the ORR. Police found that he had 21 pending challans of which 19 were for speeding.

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A 166-square yard (sq. yd.) residential plot on the banks of the Musi went for ₹1,27,82,000, with realtors pushing up the land price during HMDA's Phase II auction at Uppal Bhaagat on Saturday. The plot is about 1.5 km from the Nagole Metro Rail station. The lowest bid was ₹30,400 per sq. yd. for commercial plots. The price disparity took officials by surprise, they suspected a nexus between businessmen and realtors for this. This is the second time the Phase-II auction is being held. The first round was cancelled in April because of alleged price fixing. Then, a group of realtors paid the earnest money (EMD), which was pegged ₹30,000, and never turned up. Officials cited technical reasons for the cancellation and returned the money to the bidders. On Saturday, 58 plots covering 32,821 sq. yds. went under the hammer in two sessions. HMDA had fixed the upset price at ₹20,000 per sq. yd. In the morning session, the average bid was ₹60,452.35 per sq. yd., ranging between ₹46,800 and ₹77,000. The second session saw a slump, the average going down to ₹46,588.2.

The lowest bid was ₹30,100 per sq. yd. and the highest, ₹76,000. It saw single bids for four plots only. Sources said that realtors had caused a surge in the price of residential plots in the morning session and dampened the prices of commercial plots in the evening. They said the realtors would not suffer any loss by paying by EMD of ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh. When the plot value is increased by four times, the EMD money would barely matter. The officials have refused to comment on the price disparities. HMDA principal secretary Arvind Kumar claimed that the bidding received overwhelming response and ₹15 crore was mopped up on the very first day. Upon confirmation of the allotment, the bidder has to pay 25 per cent of the price within a week and the remaining 75 per cent in the next 90 days to own the plot. The first session of auction was conducted from 9 am to 4 pm for 29 plots covering 6,623.5 sq. yds. Plot No. 1302 measuring 166 sq. yds. fetched ₹77,000 per sq. yd., the highest for the

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For the jawans

Syed Omer Jaleel, BIE secretary, presents certificates to Army jawans who have completed short-term vocational courses



Changing political parties is a natural phenomenon for politicians

— Rapaka Vara Prasada Rao Lone Jana Sena MLA

IN BRIEF

BROTHERS ARRESTED FOR TEEN'S RAPE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

Two brothers were arrested for the rape of an 18-year-old by the Chandrayangutta police. According to the police the girls were on their way to their residence when an autorickshaw driver, Md Amer, 24, convinced them to get into his vehicle and promised to drop them home. However, took her to his residence saying it was not safe to travel at night, and left. When the girls insisted on returning to their home, Amer's brother Md Moosa took them to Nampally on his two-wheeler, checked into a lodged and sexually assaulted the teenager. The next morning he left them at the Nampally railway station. When they did not return home, the girls' parents lodged a missing complainant at Chandrayangutta. The victim after reaching home came to the police station to lodge a complaint against Amer and Moosa. The police nabbed the accused on Saturday.

2 EX-BANK OFFICIALS ARRESTED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Central Crime Station arrested two former bank officials for colluding with a fraudster and sanctioning him a loan of ₹70 lakh. The officials were identified as Parvez Zaheer, 61, retired chief manager, and Bejenki Rambabu, 62, retired senior manager, both of whom were officials of the Central Bank of India, Musheerabad branch. Following a complaint by the chief manager of the branch, the Central Crime Station, DD, Hyderabad, registered cases against the two investigations revealed that they had conspired with one Mohammed Imran to fabricate land documents and sanctioned a loan of ₹70 lakh to Imran, thereby causing wrongful loss to the bank.

2 FOREIGNERS HELD SELLING COCAINE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Excise department arrested two foreign nationals with cocaine and other drugs. The foreigners have been identified as Saed Ali, 33, of Palestine national, and Abdurabu, 29, of Oman. According to the excise police, Ali and Abdurabu had come to the city on student visas 10 years and five years ago respectively. An official said, "Saed Ali got addicted to drugs and started selling drugs to pay for his habit. A case was previously booked against him at the Ameerpet Excise station in July 2018. Abdurabu had married a woman, following which a cheating and harassment case was booked against him. Abdurabu also got addicted." An Excise Enforcement team kept a vigil on the two and caught them at Banjara Hills. Eight grams of cocaine, nine grams of MDMA and four Ecstasy pills, worth ₹1 lakh, were seized from them.

Police files charges in Samatha rape-murder

Action comes two days after fast-track court was set up

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Asifabad police on Saturday filed a chargesheet in the gangrape and murder case of Samatha. The chargesheet was filed less than two days after the government set up a special court in Adilabad. The government designated the Fifth Additional Sessions Court of Adilabad district for the speedy trial of the accused.

According to the police on November 24, days before Hyderabad-based veterinarian Disha (name changed) was gang-raped and murdered, Samatha (name changed), 30, hailing from Nirmal district's Khanapur area was also gang-raped and murdered allegedly by three men belonging to the Dornipadu mandal of Asifabad district.

According to officials, over 40 persons, including 14 policemen, were named as witnesses. On November 25, the

Youth sexually assaults minor

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

A 14-year-old minor girl was sexually assaulted by an accused under Chatrinaka police station limits on Saturday afternoon. Speaking to Decan Chronicle, Chatrinaka inspector R. Vidya Sagar Reddy, said, "At around 2:30 pm on Saturday, the accused telephoned the victim saying his sister was calling her. Believing his words, the minor girl victim went to his residence. The accused was alone at the

residence at the time and forced himself onto her. After some time, she escaped and rushed to her residence crying." The victim informed her mother about the incident, who approached Chatrinaka police station and lodged a complaint against the accused. A case has been booked under section 376 IPC and relevant sections of the POCSO Act. Efforts are on to nab the accused, whose details have not divulged by the police, as there is no confirmation yet on his age.

The victim's family of the tribal and Dalit organisations had accused politicians and members of caste has for ignoring Samatha's case

body in order to collect DNA samples that were sent to the forensic laboratory in Hyderabad. A police official said that the DNA and forensic science reports from Hyderabad arrived on Friday. The DNA samples had matched with the accused, he said.

The 30-year-old woman and her husband were earning a livelihood by selling balloons and other supplies in the neighbouring villages of Lingapur and Jainoor mandals. According to police, the three accused found her when she was on her way to another village and gang-raped her and then murdered her. The accused cut her fingers using a sickle meant for chopping chicken, when she pleaded with them to leave her alone and then slit her throat.

The family of the tribal and Dalit organisations had accused politicians and members of caste has for ignoring Samatha's case

We caught 'em



Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar and other police officials brief the media on the arrest of four murder suspects and a gang of interstate robbers.

AP Lok Ayukta awards ₹1.75cr to victims' kin

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY KURNOOL, DEC. 14

In a first, the Kurnool Lok Adalat awarded ₹1.75 crore compensation to the family of a woman who died in a road accident. This is the highest amount awarded by the Lok Adalat so far, said Mr Nageswar Reddy, lawyer for the petitioner. The family had claimed a compensation of ₹5 crore, going by the age and annual income of the victim.

Petitioner C. Purnavathi, the mother of the road accident victim, stated that her son and daughter-in-law had died in the road accident. Her son, C. Sudhakar, was working with Dell International Services India and drawing a salary of ₹12.7 lakh when he died. By the date of retirement, he would have earned a salary of ₹30 lakh, Purnavathi contended. She pointed out that her grandson had lost parental care and affection, since both his parents had died in the accident, thereby strengthen-

ing her contention for a compensation of ₹5 crore. On March 27, 2015, Sudhakar and his wife Harika, belonging to Telugupeta in Sirivilla village of Kurnool district, were returning from Chennai to Kadapa in a car.

At about 1 am on March 28, 2015, they had reached Isukapalli, a crossroad between Rajampeta and Kadapa. A lorry (AP 04 TT 8989) came from the wrong side at high speed and hit the car killing both occupants. She maintained that the accident occurred due to rash and negligent driving of the lorry driver. Therefore, the owner and the insurance company, Shriram General Insurance, were jointly responsible and vicariously liable to pay compensation to the petitioners.

Earlier, AP Lokayukta Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy called upon the people to approach the institution at any time if they were facing injustice either from authorities or political representatives.

TS Lok Adalat clears 26K cases in a day

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

The Telangana State Legal Service Authority (TSLA) organised the National Lok Adalat on Saturday and settled 25,985 cases, including 14,482 pre-litigation cases and 11,503 cases all of categories pending in various courts throughout the state. In all, ₹54.6 crore was awarded as compensation to litigants. In the Lok Adalat conducted at the High Court, Justice P. Naveen Rao, Justice K. Lakshman and Justice G. V. Seethapathy presided over and settled 503 cases pending before the High Court. As per instructions of National Legal Services Authority National Lok Adalats are conducted on a second Saturday once in every two months.

THIEF MAKES AWAY WITH 20KG ONIONS

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

A 20-kg onion bag was stolen from the Domalguda market on Friday night. With the increase in the prices of onions, miscreants are checking vegetable vendors carts at night to identify where the onions have been kept and are stealing them. Onion prices range from ₹150 per kg to ₹110 per kg. Those of average quality are available from ₹50 to ₹80 per kg.

In Domalguda, a hefty man with a cap on his head came on a bike and stopped near a vegetable cart parked on the road side. The man checked the baskets where the vegetables were kept and made away with the onion bag. The CCTV camera footage showed him retreating to a distance for some time. He returned, opened the rack, took the onion sack and rode away. On Friday morning, the complainant, Ms Eshwaribai, found that her cart did not have the onion bag. The Chilkalguda police checked the CCTV recordings after registering a complaint of missing. Police found that the suspect came at 2:55 am on a moped and made away with the onions. The CCTV showed a heavily built man wearing pink pyjamas, a brown jacket and a black cap. The Chilkalguda police looked at the case and circulated the video in an attempt to identify the man who



A man carries away the body of his relative at the Nandyal Government Hospital while another man appears to stop the police, in Nandyal on Saturday.

Man takes away relative's body to prevent autopsy

DC CORRESPONDENT KURNOOL, DEC. 14

Opposed to doctors conducting a post-mortem examination on his relative, a man tried to make away with the body at the Nandyal Government Hospital in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. According to sources, Narayana, 20, a daily wage agriculture labourer and native of Govindine in

Dornipadu mandal had attempted suicide by consuming pesticide. It is said that failure in a love affair had led to the attempt. His parents immediately shifted him to the Nandyal Government Hospital where the doctors said he was dead. The police then directed the family to shift the body to the postmortem room. The family refused and argued with police as well as hospital staff and

tenion prevailed for some time. Suddenly two of the relatives took the body outside of the hospital and escaped on a motorcycle. The police followed them and caught them near flyover in the town and brought the body to the hospital. Later the doctors conducted a postmortem and body was handed over to relatives, a police official stated.

WATCHMAN MURDER WAS REVENGE KILL

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When the accused tried to demolish the compound wall of the disputed property (Plot Nos. 103 to 106 in 2014 Enclave, Old Bowenpally), the watchman opposed them. The four accused thrashed the watchman and tried to outrage the modesty of his wife. She lodged a complaint against them, the four, who were booked. After learning that the watchman's wife had lodged a complaint with the Bowenpally police, T. Madhav Reddy and S. Madhav Reddy flew into a rage and plotted a revenge killing. On December 6, T. Madhava Reddy bought petrol from a petrol pump in Aeshashapur, Ghatkesar. In the early hours of December 7, the four reached the disputed property. While S. Madhava Reddy and Jakkula Suresh Reddy waited in a four-wheeler, T. Madhava Reddy set the watchman ablaze. "On intimation, a patrol of the Bowenpally station rushed to the spot and shifted the injured watchman to Gandhi Hospital. The watchman succumbed on December 13," Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar said. The four were arrested on Saturday near the Secunderabad Railway Station while they tried to give the slip.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE The memory of the just is blessed... HEMA S. JOSEPH (Wife Late Kondoy Premkumar Samudra) DOB: 15-12-1939 DOD: 08-02-2014 Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure. — Son's, daughters-in-law, daughter & grandchildren

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE The memory of the just is blessed... HEMA S. JOSEPH (Retired Head Nurse, OSH, Hyderabad) DOB: 15-12-1939 DOD: 08-02-2014 Vidannamma, Pottamma, Poojamma, mayamma. We all miss you today. Your are always in our thoughts. —Jawala Vinaya Kumar (brother-in-law), niece, nephews & grandchildren. Ph: 9848866423

SAD DEMISE A fountain of knowledge, a perpetual source of inspiration. He may be far from our sight, but will live forever in our hearts. Shri T. RAJENDER SINGH (Retired Officer Intelligence Bureau) DOB: 13-08-1940 DOD: 08-12-2019 10th Day Ceremony will be held on 15th Dec 2019 at 10th Day Ceremony will be held on 20-12-2019 at his residence, 3-5-503, Kulkarni, Hyderabad. Ph: 9701449312. Inherited by: FAMILY MEMBERS (S1920D01432)

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY "My only I tell you, whoever 'has my words and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life" John 5:24

OBITUARY THANKAMMA RAVINADHAN (Wife Late, P.S. Ravinadhan) DOB: 06.12.1947 DOD: 05.12.2019 Inherited by: FAMILY MEMBERS Ph: 9885858885 (S1920D01433)

19th DEATH ANNIVERSARY I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. BALHAZAR REGINALD MENDONZA "10th Regina Mendonza Holy Mass at 6 A.M. at St. John Maria Grand Daughters - Myrna Grand Daughter - Inherited by: Loving Children & Family Members (S1920D01434)

OBITUARY

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. Psalm: 116:15 Received Gods Call Mrs. RATHNA ASHIRVADAM DOB: 16-10-1944 DOD: 13-12-2019 Funeral Service at: Canterbury Methodist Church, Chapel Road, On 16-12-2019 at 10am. Inherited by: Family Members 8106203457 / 7996712076

Mrs. Joginder Bhatia June 14, 1937 - November 8, 2019 Left for Heavenly Abode on Nov 2019 Ardas on Sunday 15th Dec 2019 Programme at Secunderabad Gurudwara Sahib, Near Railway Station 9:30 - 10:30 am Keertan Followed by Ardas and Guru ka Langar Please join us in the Prayers. IN GRIFEF GANDHI & SALUJA FAMILIES

OBITUARY Mrs. SIVA RAMI REDDY DOB: 02-12-1919 Inherited by: Family Members (S1920D01435)

1st ANNIVERSARY KAILAS INDRANI "Missing you in every heart beat" Inherited by: Family Members (S1920D01436)

OBITUARY Mrs. PADMA JOSHI DOB: Late Mrs. P. & Rev. M.D. ROBERT (Wife Late Mr. B.L. James Joshi) Called to Glory: 13.12.2019 Dear Mummy you are always in our thoughts and we remember you in our silent tears. Inherited by: Loving Children Do: Ranjan, Rajan, Rajini & Deen Raj (S1920D01437)

NIA arrests key trafficker of women

JAYENDRA CHAITTHANYA T. DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

In the ongoing probe into the trafficking of Bangladeshi women and handing them over to flesh trade in India, the national investigation agency (NIA) has arrested

the key accused, Ruhul Amin Dhalil, from West Bengal. The accused was facilitating the illegal border crossing of Bangladesh women and handing them over to the traffickers who were running brothels across the country.

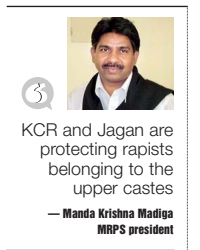
The NIA had earlier registered a case into the human trafficking after the Hyderabad city police has arrested three persons - Mohd. Younsuf Khan, his wife Begum and their aide, Sejib, in April. The trio was running brothels in the city with women traf-

ficked from Bangladesh. During the probe, the NIA arrested in Ruhul Amin Dhalil, 52, a resident of the North 24 Parganas district in West Bengal at Saldana village. The investigators have seized a phone, 6 Indian SIM cards and five Bangladeshi SIM cards.



Another reverse

Minister Botsa says AP government is looking into the possibilities of reverse tendering for Bhogapuram airport



CCR and Jagan are protecting rapists belonging to the upper castes

—Manda Krishna Madiga MRPS President

IN BRIEF

No scope for Cong, BJP in TS: Harish

Hyderabad: Finance minister T. Harish Rao on Saturday said there would be no political space for the Congress and the BJP in the state.

Vote mismatch seen in 347 LS seats, ADR says

Error in some seats is bigger than margin of the winner

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

SHOCKING REVELATIONS

- TD CANDIDATE in Guntur Galla Jayadev won over YSRC's M. Venugopal Reddy by a margin of 4,205 votes while the discrepancy was 6,982 votes
- IN VIZAG, YSRC's M.V.V. Satyanarayana defeated TD's M. Bharath by 4,414 votes while the discrepancy was 4,956 votes

The ADR study reveals discrepancies between the total votes and polled votes in 347 of the total 542 Lok Sabha constituencies.

There are six Lok Sabha seats, including two in AP — Guntur and Visakhapatnam — where discrepancy in votes turned out to be higher than the winning margin.

The Association for Democratic Reforms observed that the Election Commission itself admitted in its press note of June 1, 2019 that the final data on votes counted has been made available within a few days of declaration of results.

₹3 cr penthouse office being built for KCR

CM may occasionally visit BRKR Bhavan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14



Works for a new office of the Chief Minister on the ninth floor of BRKR Bhavan underway.

Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu, who had refrained from running administrative affairs from the Secretariat, may visit the temporary Secretariat at Burgula Ramakrishna Rao (BRKR) Bhavan occasionally in the New Year.

Bhavan to hold meeting with officers occasionally. Government sources disclosed that following instructions from the Chief Minister, the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation has started work on the conference hall that can accommodate 300 people in addition to a special VIP lounge and a mini conference hall.

Naidu in deep legal trouble

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 14

Political and legal issues are suffocating former Chief Minister and Telugu Desam party national president N. Chandrababu Naidu.



N. Chandrababu Naidu

When Mr Naidu conducted a Deeksha on the sand issue, around 10 TD MLAs did not attend. This has never happened in the past when Mr Naidu served as the CM or opposed leader.

THE INDIAN NAVY

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR INDIAN NAVY ENTRANCE TEST (INET) FOR VARIOUS ENTRIES - JAN 2021 COURSE

1. Applications are invited from unmarried eligible men & women candidates for grant of Short Service Commission (SSC) in under-mentioned branches / entries in the Indian Navy for course commencing Jan 21 at Indian Naval Academy (INA) Ezhimala, Kerala. Candidates must fulfill conditions of nationality as laid down by the Government of India.

2. Educational Qualifications.

Ser	Branch/ Cadre	Eligible streams of Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Technology and Other Qualifications	Vacancy	Gender	Born Between (Both Dates inclusive)
Executive Branch					
(a)	SSC Naval Armament Inspectorate Cadre (NAIC)	BE/B.Tech from AICTE recognized institute / university with minimum 60% marks in Mechanical / Mechanical with Automation / Electrical / Electrical & Electronics / Electronics / Micro Electronics / Instrumentation / Electronics & Communication / Electronics Camp; Tele Communication / Instrumentation & Control / Control Engineering / Production / Industrial Production / Industrial Engineering / Applied Electronics / Instrumentation / Electronics Camp; Instrumentation / Information Technology / Computer Science / Computer Engineering / Computer Application / Metallurgy / Metallurgical / Chemical/Material Science / Aero Space / Aeronautical Engineering OR Post Graduate degree in Electronics / Physics. Candidate must have 60% aggregate marks in class X or class XII.	06	Men & Women	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jul 2001
(b)	SSC ATC	BE/B.Tech in any discipline from AICTE recognized institute / university with minimum 60% marks. (Candidate must have 60% aggregate marks in class X and XII and minimum 60% marks in English in class X or class XII).	04	Men & Women	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jan 2000
(c)	SSC Observer	- do -	06	Men & Women	02 Jan 1997 & 01 Jan 2002
(d)	SSC Pilot (MR)	- do -	03	Men & Women	02 Jan 1997 & 01 Jan 2002 *
(e)	SSC Pilot (Other than MR)	- do -	06	Men	02 Jan 1997 & 01 Jan 2002 *
(f)	SSC Logistics	(i) BE/B.Tech in any discipline with First Class from AICTE recognized institute / university, or (ii) MBA with First Class, or (iii) B.Sc / B.Com / B.Sc.(IT) with First class with a PG Diploma in Finance / Logistics / Supply Chain Management / Material Management, or (iv) MCA / M.Sc (IT) with First Class	11	Men & Women	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jul 2001
(g)	SSC X (IT)	BE/B.Tech from AICTE recognized institute / university with minimum 60% marks in Computer Science / Computer Engg / IT / M.Sc (Computer) / MCA	10	Men	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jul 2001
(h)	SSC General Service (GS/X) / Hydro Cadre	BE/B.Tech in any discipline with First Class from AICTE recognized institute / university	30 (27 GS/X) + (03 Hydro)	Men	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jul 2001**
Technical Branch					
(i)	SSC Engineering [General Service (GS)]	BE/B.Tech from AICTE recognized institute / university with minimum 60% marks in streams (i) Mechanical/Mechanical with Automation (ii) Marine (iii) Instrumentation (iv) Production (v) Aeronautical (vi) Industrial Engineering & Management (vii) Control Engg (viii) Aero Space (ix) Automobiles (x) Metallurgy (xi) Mechatronics (xii) Instrumentation & Control	26	Men	02 Jan 1996 & 01 Jul 2001**
(k)	SSC Electrical Branch [General Service (GS)]	BE/B.Tech from AICTE recognized institute / university with minimum 60% marks in streams (i) Electrical (ii) Electronics (iii) Tele Communication (iv) Electronics & Communication (v) Power Engineering (vi) Power Electronics (vii) Electronics & Instrumentation / Applied Electronics & Instrumentation (viii) Instrumentation & Control (ix) Instrumentation, (x) Applied Electronics and Communication (AEC).	27	Men	02 Jul 1996 & 01 Jul 2001
Education Branch					
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Note (2) (i) These vacancies are tentative and may be changed depending on availability of training slots. (ii) * Commercial Pilot License (CPL) Holders. Candidates having valid and current CPL issued by DGCA (India) and born between 02 Jan 1996 and 01 Jan 2002 (both dates inclusive) can apply for Pilot entry as per eligibility criteria stated at Para 2(d) & 2(e). (iii) ** Merchant Navy Personnel. Candidates having Government of India. Ministry of Shipping & Transport Certificate of Competency (Foreign going) either as a Second Mate, Mate or Master and born between 02 Jan 1991 and 01 Jul 2001 (both dates inclusive) can apply for Executive Branch entry (General Service) and Technical Branch entry (SSC Engineering) as per stipulations stated at Para 2(b) & 2(j) respectively.

3. Who can Apply. Candidates who have graduated or in the final year of the applicable qualifying degree in the above mentioned disciplines from a AICTE recognised educational institute/AIU certified foreign university can apply for the exam. The candidates will, however, be required to fulfil the educational qualifications stipulated above before joining INA. The candidates failing to meet stipulated educational criteria will not be permitted to join INA, Ezhimala.

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Union health minister Harsh Vardhan says the ongoing levels of teenage pregnancies, child marriages is a cause of concern



After Independence, Mahatma Gandhi suggested that Cong be disbanded - M. Venkiah Naidu Vice-President

SHORT TAKES

I-PAC TEAMS UP WITH AAP IN DELHI

New Delhi, Dec. 14: Ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections early next year, Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party convener, Arvind Kejriwal, announced that the Prashant Kishor led political consultancy firm I-PAC has come on board with the party.

The political advocacy group was part of the successful election campaign of Narendra Modi in 2014 when he was BJP's prime ministerial candidate. Kishor is now the national vice-president of Bihar's Janata Dal (United), a key ally of the BJP.

"Happy to share that I-PAC is coming on board with us. Welcome aboard!" Kejriwal said in a tweet. The Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC) replied to the tweet, saying the AAP was seen as the toughest opponent during Punjab polls. The party's electioneering machine worked behind the scenes for the Congress in Punjab.

"After Punjab results, we acknowledged you as the toughest opponent that we have ever faced. Happy to join forces now with Kejriwal and AAP," the I-PAC said in a tweet.

Elections to the 70-member Delhi assembly are due early next year.

MALIWAL WRITES TO PM ON DISHA BILL

New Delhi, Dec. 14: Delhi commission for women chief, Swati Malawal, on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding immediate implementation of Disha Bill in the country, which mandates disposal of cases of atrocities against women within 21 days and handing out the death penalty.

She also expressed sadness over the 'indifferent attitude' of the central government over the issue of women's safety. Malawal, who has been on a hunger strike for over 10 days demanding capital punishment for rapists, said she will not end her fast till the Disha Bill is implemented in the entire country.

On Friday, the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly passed the bill. The proposed new law has been named the Andhra Pradesh Disha Act Criminal Law (AP Amendment) Act, 2019 as a tribute to the veterinary doctor who was raped and murdered recently in neighbouring Telangana state.

DRUNK MAN RAPES MINOR DAUGHTER

RABINDRA NATH CHAUDHARI DC BHOPAL, DEC 14

A man in the district headquarters of Neemuch was on Saturday arrested on charges of raping his eight-year-old daughter in an inebriated state, police said.

According to the police, the child helpline received a call that a man was abusing his minor daughter every evening under the influence of alcohol. Police launched a search to rescue the girl and found her in her house a couple of days ago. She narrated her ordeal before a child counsellor who briefed the police.

The medical examination of the girl has confirmed that she was raped," the investigating officer said. The accused, a labourer, was arrested under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, police said.

'BJP shredding India's soul'

Cong chief targets BJP over state of economy at Bharat Bachao rally

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 14

The Congress top brass on Saturday trained their guns at the Modi government over the Citizenship Act, asserting that, if implemented, it will "shred the soul" of India and that the sole agenda of the legislation was to make people fight amongst each other.

A mega "Bharat Bachao Rally" (Save India) at Ramliya Maidan here, Congress president Sonia Gandhi said, "The Congress and only Congress has always fought for people's rights. And today too, Congress party is not going to retreat. Till our last breath, we will fulfil our duty towards protecting the country, democracy and the Constitution."

Gandhi was sharing the stage with top Congress leaders, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former party chief Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. She also targeted the Modi administration over the state of the economy and exhorted people to raise their voices to protect the country and its Constitution.

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"They are not bothered that this new law will shred the soul of India, as is happening in Assam and other north-eastern states. It is for India, not for our great nation builders and Babasaheb Ambedkar, who struggled hard, but I can say with confidence that our country's basic foundation does not allow such discriminatory actions. I assure you that the Congress will stand by all those whose justice is done," she said. "Congress' leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said that those who don't fight the prevailing situation today will go down in history," she said. "If you love India, please raise your voice. If we remain silent today, our revolutionary Constitution will be destroyed."

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Former PM Manmohan Singh, along with Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former president Rahul Gandhi, at the Bharat Bachao rally at Ramliya Maidan, in New Delhi, on Saturday. - PTI

Savarkar must be respected: Sena

Hindutva icon in the league of Gandhi and Nehru, says Raut

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC MUMBAI, DEC. 14

Reacting sharply to Rahul Gandhi's statement on Hindutva icon, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the Shiv Sena on Saturday said that there would not be any compromise on the name of Savarkar. "Just as we revere Pandit Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi, you should not insult Veer Savarkar," he added. Addressing the Congress' mega 'Bharat Bachao Rally' in Delhi earlier in the day, Gandhi rejected the BJP's demand for an apology over his 'rape in India' remark. "The BJP asked me to apologise. My name is not Rahul Savarkar, it is Hindutva icon and I will never apologise for speaking the truth," he said. Meanwhile, the state BJP leaders have also slammed Gandhi over his statements on Veer Savarkar saying that he should apologise to the nation for his 'irresponsible' statements. Former CM, Devendra Fadnavis, tweeted, "Rahul Gandhi's statement is absolutely condemnable! He is nowhere close to Veer Savarkar & his greatness. Not just this, he should not even do the blunder of considering himself as Gandhi!" One can never be 'Rahul Savarkar' as Savarkar stood for "patriotism, bravery and sacrifice" while the Congress leader is somebody who spoke what Pakistan said on issues like the citizenship bill, Article 370 and surgical strikes among others. Amit Malviya, the BJP IT cell head, tweeted sarcastically that the former Congress president was right that he can never be Rahul Savarkar.

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'MODI ONLY WORKS FOR BEING IN POWER'

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"He (Modi) only works for being in power. He will destroy everything to achieve power," Mr. Gandhi said. On Thursday, at a mega rally in Jharkhand, where Assembly elections are being held, Rahul Gandhi had targeted the Prime Minister's leadership against women and said, "Narendra Modi had said 'Make in India' but nowadays whenever you look, it is 'Rape in India.' "It was interpreted as a 'call for rape' by BJP leaders, whose protests disrupted the proceedings in Parliament.

'Rahul Jinnah' suits you better, BJP gives back

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Farooq allowed to see relatives in detention

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Dr Abdullah's residence along Srinagar's Gupkar Road continues to be under siege by security forces with a 'bunker vehicle' blocking the entrance. The premises are guarded by the Special Services Group (SSG) as Dr Abdullah is provided with 'Z Plus security'. After the three-time Chief Minister was formally detained under the PSA in September, his residence was declared as a subsidiary jail. Official sources said that there is no bar on his relatives and friends meeting him but only after seeking prior permission. On the opening day of the winter session of parliament, a united opposition attacked the Modi government over the detention of Dr Abdullah, who represents the Srinagar constituency. "Terming his detention as 'illegal,' the opposition demanded his immediate release so that he could attend parliament. Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said that it was the 'right' of Dr Abdullah to attend parliament.

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CB books dancer Samson for graft

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 14

The CBI registered a corruption case against ex-Bharatnagar architect and former Chairperson of the Sangnet Natak Akademi (SNA), Leela Samson, for alleged unauthorised expenditure in ₹7.02 crore renovation project of Koothambalam Auditorium of Kalakshetra Foundation (Chennai). Sources said Samson has been booked along with the then officers of the foundation - chief accounts officer, T.S. Murthi, accounts officer, S. Ramachandran, engineering officer V. Srinivasan, and proprietor of M/S Centre for Architectural Research and Design (CARD) and Chennai Engineers. The agency sleuths also conducted searches at the premises owned by the CBI.

In a complaint to the CBI, the chief vigilance officer of the union culture ministry alleged that the officials of the foundation awarded the contract for the renovation work to consultants architect CARD in violation of General Finance Rules (GFR), they added. Samson, the then director T.S. Murthi, then chief accounts officer S. Ramachandran, accounts officer V. Srinivasan, engineer officer of the Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai and Ravi Ramachandran, proprietor of CARD prima facie committed the offence by abusing their official positions in criminal conspiracy with each other, which resulted in wrongful loss to Kalakshetra foundation, punishable under section 120B (Criminal conspiracy) and with section 409 (Criminal breach of trust) by public servant of IPC. It was felt in 2006 that the auditorium built by the foundation in 1985 needed renovation, sources said. The 33rd governing body meeting held in 2009 decided to form a civil works advisory committee and PT. Krishnan, Leela Samson and Madhavi Mudgal were to prepare necessary estimation based on the recommendations of the governing board, it said. It also alleged that Samson failed to apprise the non-official members of the works committee about the GFR norms.



Leela Samson

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Re-elected as chief
Sukhbir Singh Badal has been unanimously re-elected the president of the Shiromani Akali Dal



Protests against the Citizenship Act in Bengal will only help the BJP
— Firdah Hakim
West Bengal minister

SHORT TAKES
PROBE PRAG NEWS ATTACK: EDITORS GUILD

DC CORRESPONDENT WITH
AGENCY INPUTS
NEW DELHI, DEC. 14

After allegations of a police crackdown on a private news channel's employees, the Editors Guild of India on Saturday deplored the indefensible acts of violence and demanded an inquiry into the incident.

The alleged incident came while massive protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act were underway in Guwahati on Friday. "The Guild demands that an inquiry should be instituted to identify those who indulged in such violence against journalists, and punish the guilty," a statement released by the Guild said.

The editors body said its attention was drawn to a social media video that showed uniformed men running amok outside the Prag News offices, targeting cameramen belonging to the television channel with their batons. It has expressed concern over a recent advisory issued by the ministry of information and broadcasting to all private television channels asking them to desist from showing content that could incite violence or cause law and order problems or 'anti-national' feelings.

The body believes that the media's overall commitment to responsible coverage of developments in the country should not be questioned through such an advisory, it added.

OLD WOMAN'S KILLER STONED TO DEATH IN TN

DC CORRESPONDENT
MAMARAKAL, DEC. 14

In a bizarre instance of 'rough and ready justice,' an angry mob stoned an assailant to death after he was accused of killing an old woman in Gurusamyapalayam area in Namakkal district on Friday. At least 12 members of the public also suffered burn injuries as the fleeing killer threw acid at the enraged crowd before he was subdued by the mob.

Police said Samuel, second husband of Vijayalakshmi, had come to threaten the elderly woman, Dhanammal in her house, where the three daughters of Vijayalakshmi by her first marriage were staying. Samuel allegedly demanded that one of the daughters should go with him to her mother's place in Dharmapuri. Dhanammal, fearing that he was trying to force one of her granddaughters into prostitution, refused to send any of them with Samuel. An angered Samuel allegedly cut off the woman's neck with a knife.

Meanwhile, Asst. Aom Jatiyatadabi Yuba Chandra Parida (AIYCP) and 30 other organisations of indigenous people spearheading the agitation against the Act, held protests in all districts of the Brahmaputra Valley along with senior citizens, students, artists, singers, intellectuals and teachers.

BJP pushing Golwalkar, Savarkar agenda, accuses Chidambaram

New Delhi, Dec. 14: Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Saturday alleged India was suspect in the eyes of the world as its economy and polity had broken and led to the rise of the BJP of pushing the agenda of Golwalkar and Savarkar and not that of Nehru, Nehru and Ambedkar. The former finance minister said with the economy and polity broken, the government will raise taxes in the coming times that will further sink the economy. "Today, India is suspect in the eyes of the world. India's economy is broken.



Protestors during a demonstration, #NOTINMYNAME, demanding withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Act, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, on Saturday. — PTI

Upper Assam tense, curfew lifted

Peace prevails in Guwahati, Internet suspended till Monday, highways blocked

MANOJ ANAND IDC
GUWAHATI, DEC. 14

After witnessing violent protests for the last three days following the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act, Guwahati, the capital of Assam, returned to normalcy though districts of Upper Assam, including Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Jorhat, continued to remain tense, with reports of violent protests in different parts of these districts on Saturday.

Security sources said mobs burnt vehicles and vandalised public properties in several areas of Upper Assam. Authorities lifted curfew in Guwahati on Saturday morning. A large number of people crowded into the market areas to buy essential commodities soon after the curfew was lifted at 4 pm as a precautionary measure.

Suspension of internet services is, however, continuing. According to sources, these services will remain suspended till Monday as security agencies feel internet may be misused to trigger rumours via social media.

The state administration has deployed contingents of the Indian Army all along the national highways, where hundreds of trucks remain stranded.

The north-east is witnessing angry demonstrations against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, which non-Muslim minority religious groups have faced religious persecution in Bangladesh, which borders a number of north-eastern states. Indigenous people within the north-east are agitated that the law will endanger their language, identity and livelihoods. Security forces are hoping that the decision of the All Assam Students' Union to suspend its agitation during night will help security forces in segregating protesters from hooligans. Sources said no reports of violence have been received from any part of the capital city after security forces arrested nearly 20 hooligans, who had come from neighbouring districts to join protests in the capital, which witnessed violent incidents on Thursday.

Leader of opposition in Assam Assembly Debabrata Saikia, MP Abdul Khaleque, and MLA Rupanjori Kurmi moved the Supreme Court on Friday against the legislation. Their advocates will raise the matter in the top court on Monday for urgent listing. The Northeast Frontier Railways

deployed special passenger trains on some routes on Saturday to help stranded passengers reach their destinations. At least nine trains to and from Dibrugarh were cancelled or terminated as on Thursday due to the agitation against the legislation. Though Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh have been kept out of the amended Citizenship Act, the Naga Students Federation observed a complete shutdown on Friday for six hours in Nagaland, while members of the Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union boycotted their examinations on Friday to join protests held in Itanagar. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, who met home minister Amit Shah, has demanded an Inner Line Permit for Meghalaya also. Referring the ongoing agitation in the state, Sangma is said to have insisted that the Centre look into their grievances too. Sources said the CM will convene a special session of the state assembly soon to pass a resolution asking the central government to implement ILP in Meghalaya, like it has done in Manipur.

Eight columns of Army and Assam Rifles have been deployed to help maintain law and order.

WB protests go on, Didi for peace

Kolkata, Dec. 14: Violent protests against the amended Citizenship Act rocked West Bengal for the second consecutive day on Saturday, which saw torching of a number of trains, railway stations and tracks, setting on fire of buses and damage to property.

The protesters of the Act mostly targeted Railway properties and Murshidabad and Howrah districts bore the brunt of their ire. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has resolutely opposed the Citizenship Amendment Act, appealed for peace, while the opposition BJP threatened to move the Centre for imposition of President's Rule if the "mayhem by Bangladesh Muslim infiltrators continued."

At Krishnapur station in Murshidabad district, a number of empty trains were set on fire, besides Railway tracks at Laloga station, which they also ransacked. The agitators vandalised Sunjipara also in Murshidabad district

and set fire on railway tracks in Hrishchandrapur in neighbouring Malda district. They ransacked Sankrail railway station in Howrah district, torched its ticket counter and damaged the signalling system. When police and railway personnel tried to stop them, they were beaten up," a senior Railway Protection Force official said. Meanwhile, CM



Do not take law in your hands. Do not put up road blockades and rail blockades and create trouble for the common people on the roads

MAMATA BANERJEE
West Bengal CM

Mamata Banerjee warned of strict action amid violent agitations and vandalism in several places across the state by people protesting against the amended Citizenship Act. She appealed to people to maintain calm and protest democratically. "Do not take law in your hands. Do not put up road blockades and rail blockades and create trouble for the common people on the roads," Banerjee said in a statement released from the Chief Minister's office. — PTI

US warns on travel to N-E

Washington/London, Dec. 14: Several countries, including the US, UK, Israel, Canada and Singapore, have asked their citizens to exercise caution while travelling to the north-east India which witnessed violent protests against the amended Citizenship Act.

"The US government has temporarily suspended official travels to Assam, the epicentre of the protests. "US citizens in the north-eastern states of India should exercise caution in light of media reports of protests and violence in response to the approval of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. Government curfews are in place in some areas. Internet and mobile communications may be disrupted. Transport may be affected in various parts," the advisory read.

The US Embassy in New Delhi has also listed precautions for its citizens staying in the north-eastern states, to avoid areas with "demonstrations and civil disturbances," being aware of their surroundings, and to avoid "low profile" among others. The UK government updated its travel advisory for India to warn its citizens against travel to the states in the north-east. In the regular travel advice section constantly updated by Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for all countries, British nationals have been advised to exercise caution while undertaking all but essential travel to the region.

Meanwhile, Sam Brownback, a top US diplomat, said the US is concerned about the implications of the citizenship law in India and expressed hope that the government will abide by its constitutional commitments. "One of India's great strengths is its Constitution. As a fellow democracy, we respect India's institutions but are concerned about the implications of the CAB Bill. We hope the government will abide by its constitutional commitments, including on religious freedom," he tweeted.

Brownback's remarks come ahead of the 2-2 ministerial dialogue between India and the US.

JAMIA MILLIA UNIVERSITY DECLARES VACATION TILL JAN. 5, EXAMS CANCELLED

New Delhi, Dec. 14: The Jamia Millia Islamia on Saturday declared vacation till January 5 and cancelled all exams in view of the tense situation at the university due to the protest against the amended Citizenship Act.

"All exams postponed. New dates to be announced in due course of time. Vacation declared from December 16 to January 5. University will reopen on January 6, 2020," an official said. The university turned into a virtual battlefield on Friday when students and policemen clashed with each other as the students tried to march to Parliament in protest against the Act. The students had called for a university lockdown on Saturday and had planned to boycott the exams. — PTI



Charred remains of a train coach that was set on fire on Friday by protesters during their agitation against NRC and CAB at Belganga Station in Murshidabad district of West Bengal, on Saturday. — PTI

PM reviews Ganga rejuvenation works

Kanpur (UP), Dec. 14: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council here on Saturday and said that rejuvenation of the river should be a shining example of cooperative federalism. He also reviewed the progress of works under the ambitious Namami Ganga project in the stretch of the river considered the most polluted and deliberated on various aspects of cleaning the river with a focus on 'swachhata,' 'awrital' and 'nirmalta.' According to a statement from the Prime

Minister's office, at the meeting, Modi observed that the Ganga is the holiest river in the subcontinent and its rejuvenation should embody a shining example of cooperative federalism. "Noting that the rejuvenation of the river has been a long-pending challenge for the country, he said a lot has been accomplished since his government took up the Namami Ganga project in 2014 as a comprehensive initiative integrating various government's efforts and activities to abate pollution and conserve and rejuvenate the river.—PTI

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61st National Exhibition of Art

The 61st National Exhibition of Art will be held in February 2020 at New Delhi. The minimum age of participation is 25 years. The Entry Forms can be obtained from Lalit Kala Akademi Head Quarters at New Delhi and Regional Centres at Bhubaneswar (Phone: 0674-2391884), Kolkata (Phone: 033-24641719), Chennai (Phone: 044-26291632), Lucknow (Phone: 0522-224061), Gandhinagar, New Delhi (Phone: 011-26431849). Forms can also be collected from Akademi's Sub Centres at Shimla (Phone: 09459279179), Patna, Ahmedabad, Agartala and from State Lalit Kala Academies, Zonal Cultural Centres and Art Organizations. Entry Forms can be downloaded from Akademi's website: <http://lalkala.gov.in>

The last date for submission of the Entry Form is 10th January, 2020. The duly filled form may be addressed to Secretary I/c, Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, 35 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001. For any further information please contact on phone numbers: 011-23009281/23009200. Email: art.lalkala@gmail.com

2nd National Tribal Art Exhibition

Coinciding the National Exhibition of Art a National Tribal Art Exhibition will be organised. Interested Tribal Artists may contact or write to the Akademi. The last date for submission of the Entry Form is 10th January, 2020.

Kala Mela 2020

Kala Mela 2020 will also be organised during the National Exhibition of Art. Interested Artists may contact or write to the Akademi. The last date to apply is 31st January, 2020.

Ramakrishna Vedala Secretary I/c
Uttam Pacharne Chairman

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Nepal wants to review a military deal allowing its citizens to be enlisted in the British army, before a planned recruitment of Nepali women in the Brigade of Gurkhas



The situation in Rakhine is complex and not easy to fathom.

—Sun Kyi Myanmar leader

SHORT TAKES

NJ GUN LAWS NOT STOPPING IMPORTS

Trenton, Dec. 14: Officials from states with strong gun restrictions have called for stricter firearm control in places with weaker laws to thwart traffickers, but the fatal attack on a Jewish market in New Jersey shows how fruitless those efforts can be.

Three civilians and a police officer were gunned down on Tuesday by two killers with anti-Semitic and anti-law enforcement beliefs, the state's attorney general said.

The attackers carried five firearms and a pipe bomb in the U-Haul van on Saturday before opening fire, officials said. Two of the weapons used were bought in the last year.

It's unknown whether they got the three other guns. New Jersey is among the states with the toughest gun restrictions in the country, and in the past two years, has signed over a dozen new restrictions into law, including a red flag law.

THOUSANDS JOIN PROTEST IN THAILAND

Bangkok, Dec. 14: Several thousand people took part in Thailand's biggest protest since a 2014 coup on Sunday after authorities moved to ban a party that has rallied opposition to the government of former military ruler Prayuth Chan-ocha.

The demonstration in Bangkok, called just days earlier by Future Forward party leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, a 41-year-old billionaire, revived memories of the spasms of street protest that have roiled the Thai capital periodically during the past two decades of political turbulence.

But there was no sign of any attempt to block the biggest demonstration since Prayuth seized power in 2014 on promises to end such unrest.

"This is just the beginning," Thanathorn told the cheering crowd that spilled across walkways and stairways close to the MBK Centre, the heart of Bangkok. Thanathorn has emerged as the most outspoken opponent of the government headed by Prayuth, 65, since an election in March that the opposition said was manipulated.

NEPAL BOMB BLAST KILLS 3, INCLUDING COP

Kathmandu, Dec. 14: Three people, including a police official, were killed when a bomb exploded in southern Nepal early Saturday. The device detonated outside a local residence after the owner called the police to report a suspicious object on his premises in Dhanusha district.

"The blast occurred just as our team reached the scene to investigate. The owner, his son and a member of our force were killed," senior police official Pradhumna Karki said. Karki said that two more members of the family and another police officer were also injured and are undergoing treatment.

"We are investigating the case, no one has any responsibility yet," he said. Nepal has enjoyed relative peace since the end of a decade-long civil war which concluded with a peace deal struck in 2006. In May, four people were killed and seven injured in three blasts in the capital Kathmandu, as members of an outlawed Maoist faction made a botched attempt to plant bombs around the city. The dead includes father-son duo, Amir Kumar Dalui, the only inspector hurt in the blast succumbed to his injuries.



Protesters clash with riot police during a protest against President Sebastian Pinera's government, in Santiago, Chile on Saturday. —AFP

Chile must prosecute police, Army, says UN

Human rights violations documented in Santiago protests

Geneva/Santiago, Dec. 14: Chilean police and soldiers used excessive or unnecessary force to quell recent demonstrations, committing serious human rights violations including unlawful killings and torture that should be prosecuted, the United Nations said.

The UN human rights office said in a report that it had documented an "alarmingly high number" of 36 people struck or injured by lead pellets fired from anti-riot shotguns by security forces.

Twenty-six people were killed during nearly two months of protests that began in October over the rise in metro fares but quickly spiralled out of control.

"We have found that the overall management of assemblies by the police was carried out in a fundamentally repressive manner," UN mission leader Imma Guerras-Delgado told a Geneva news briefing.

"Human rights violations documented include the excessive or unnecessary use of force that led to unlawful killings and injuries, arbitrary detentions, and torture and ill-treatment including sexual violence," she said.

Lorena Recabarren, Chile's subsecretary of human rights, criticized the report, telling reporters the government would issue specific corrections to what it saw as conclusions drawn from "inaccurate information, or lack of updated information in the report."

Recabarren said Chilean authorities were already working to improve protocols and policy around several of the UN's key points. Much of the criticism had appeared in earlier reports filed by other international rights groups.

"We reiterate our willingness to take up every (recommendation) that seeks to improve our policies with respect to human rights," she said.

US warns Iran of consequences

Washington, Dec. 14: Secretary of state Mike Pompeo warned Iran of a "decisive" response if US interests are harmed in Iraq, after a series of rocket attacks on bases.

"We must use this opportunity to remind Iran's leaders that any attacks by them, or their proxies of any identity, that harm Americans, our allies or our interests in Iraq, will have a decisive US response," Pompeo said in a statement.

"Iran must respect the sovereignty of its neighbors and immediately cease its provision of lethal aid and support to third parties in Iraq and throughout the region," he said.

The United States has expressed mounting concern about the flurry of attacks on Iraqi bases used by US troops, several of which it has blamed on Iranian-backed Shiite paramilitary groups.

Two rocket attacks this week targeted a combat base near Baghdad Airport, which houses US troops, with an incident Monday wounding Iraqi soldiers. "We hope and pray these brave Iraqis will quickly and fully recover from their injuries," he said.

Malaysia and other countries have lost a 'a bit of market' because of the sanctions on Iran, he said. —Reuters

CHANGING TIMES

Tendency to binge-watch increases, TV consumption rises

Los Angeles, Dec. 14: "Game of Thrones" was both an unprecedented achievement and an old-school role model in the TV decade that's rolling its final credits. The voluminous of the elaborately produced hit were doled out one at a time by the network's programming arm, dubbed Peacock TV in 2015, and with no drop in altitude in sight.

US, China reach trade deal, offers tariff relief

Washington, Beijing, Dec. 14: The United States and China cooled their trade war by announcing a "Phase one" agreement that reduces some US tariffs in exchange for what US officials said would be a big jump in Chinese purchases of American farm products and other goods.

Beijing has agreed to import at least \$200 billion in additional US goods and services over the next two years on top of the amount it purchased in 2017, if the purchases are

made, they would represent a huge jump in US exports to China. China

top US trade negotiator said on Friday. —AFP

Musharrarf terms special court formation unlawful

Shafiqat Ali JD Islamabad, Dec. 14: Former Pakistan military ruler Pervez Musharrarf on Saturday challenged formation of a special court in Lahore High Court, which conducted his trial under the charges of high treason.

Mr. Musharrarf's counsel, Khawaja Tariq Rahim, filed petition in the High Court. "The federal government and others have been made defendants in the petition."

The rest of the petition said that the formation of special court for the trial was unconstitutional. "No permission taken from the federal Cabinet and in-lap on the other Pervez Musharrarf,"

according to the petition. Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif constituted the special court on his own discretion, petitioner said.

The appointment of the prosecutor of the special court and other process was also unlawful, the petitioner said. The petitioner requested the court to summon complete record of the proceedings of the special court and to declare the constitution and proceedings of the special court as unlawful.

JOHNSON'S WIN COULD RISK UK'S BREAKUP

London, Dec. 14: Leaving the European Union is not the only split British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has to worry about.

Johnson's commanding election victory this week may let him fulfill his campaign promise to 'get Brexit done', but it could also imperil the union of the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Johnson insists he will not approve a referendum should be respected. "What we've got now is pretty close to a perfect storm," said historian Tom Devine, professor emeritus at the University of Edinburgh.

Politically and legally, it's a stalemate. Without the approval of the UK government, a referendum would not be legally binding. —AP

It documented four unlawful deaths "involving state agents," including two in which there had been no apparent risk to the lives of military personnel, which amounted to an extrajudicial execution. —AP



Boris Johnson

Dems made fool of themselves

Washington, Dec. 14: President Donald Trump declared Friday's House committee vote to impeach him 'an embarrassment to our country' and refused to back away from the charge that first ensnared him in the scandal.



With a vote by the full House expected next week, Trump declared in a Conservative electoral landslide — and now may be drifting permanently away from his neighbors.

"You're trivialising impeachment when you use it for absolutely nothing other than trying for political gain."

Trump stands poised to be the third president in history to be impeached, though it is all but certain he will not be removed from office by the Republican-controlled Senate.

"You're trivialising impeachment when you use it for absolutely nothing other than trying for political gain," Trump said as he sat alongside the president of Paraguay.

Trump's latest misbehavior on impeachment came a short time after Giuliani turned up at the White House. Giuliani, who has been deeply involved in the Ukraine dealings at the heart of the impeachment inquiry, has been expected to meet with Trump, who requested a briefing from the former New York City mayor on his recent trip to Kyiv.

Trump, who ignored a shouted question about his lawyer, also has urged Giuliani to inform the justice department and Republican senators about what he discovered in Ukraine. Giuliani did not immediately comment to a request for comment but tweeted that "The American people have already made up their mind on this affair."

—DONALD TRUMP US President

#ImpeachmentScam. This is a SMOKESCREEN for the Obama-Biden administration's corruption. It will soon be proven."

A White House spokesman did not immediately confirm whether Trump met with Giuliani. But Kellyanne Conway, senior counselor to the president, suggested that Giuliani "may be going to the White House."

House Democrats moved to impeach him after it was revealed that military aid to Ukraine was delayed as Trump pushed Kyiv to investigate his potential Democratic opponent in 2020 election, former vice-president Joe Biden. Giuliani's trip last week prompted concern from many White House officials, some of whom blame him for ensnaring Trump in the Ukraine affair. —AP

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