

Privacy concerns

The government is committed to protecting citizens' right to privacy, says Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.



Ayodhya prepred for December 6

Babri demolition masjid anniversary today

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD DEC. 5



Police patrolling in streets of Ayodhya on Thursday.

Close to a month after the Supreme Court verdict paving way for construction of the Ram mandir in Ayodhya...

- Close to one lakh policemen deployed. 5 arrest parties formed. 10 quick reaction teams posted all over. 20 Personnel have been posted on rooftops at 20 points. 65 CCTVs installed at 65 places besides drones.

The security measures for December 6 are similar to the arrangements for November 9...

The Hyderabad police has also made elaborate arrangements for Friday. Besides, the central agencies have asked states like Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra to step up vigil.

They (Cong leaders) were in jail due to crimes, and not due to fight for Freedom.

Prakash Javadekar, Union minister

SHORT TAKES

K'TAKA: EXIT POLLS PREDICT BIG BJP WIN

BHASKAR HEGDE, SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM | DC BENGALURU/MYSURU/BELAGAVI DEC. 5

Fifteen Assembly constituencies in the state voted on Thursday in what is considered an acid test for the S. Yediyurappa government...

EDITOR'S PROPERTIES DEMOLISHED

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 5

Four structures owned by the editor of a local daily that covered the infamous honey trap scandal story were demolished in Indore...

Collarwali injured in territorial fight

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 5

Collarwali, the highly ferocious tiger of the Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Madhya Pradesh, who shot into fame for giving hunters 29 cubs in eight litters till December last, has been injured in a territorial fight...

another tigress in the reserve forest, about three days ago. "Some PTR officers spotted the injury on the big cat and arranged treatment for her...

MANMOHAN BLAMES PV FOR ANTI-SIKH RIOTS

SANJAY KAW | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Giving then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi a clean chit, former PM Manmohan Singh has put the blame on the home minister P.V. Narasimha Rao for the escalation of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots...

Samajwadi Party demands resignation of UP top cop in fire, victim ran for 1 km

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In a chilling recap of the incident, the woman said in a statement to sub-divisional magistrate Dayashankar Pathak that she was going to Raa Bareilly to pursue her case.



An ambulance carrying the Unnao rape survivor who was set afire, in Lucknow on Thursday.

After being set on fire, she ran for almost 1 km before eyewitnesses saw her and informed the police, which sent her to the Community Health Centre from where she was taken to a private hospital...

Bihar cops clueless about Buxar case

NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, DEC. 5

The Bihar police have not been able to make any breakthrough in the murder case of a young girl whose charred body was recovered on the outskirts of Kakaula village...

The Chief Minister also told officers that the woman should be given the best possible treatment. He also asked the police to ensure strict action against the guilty and ensure their conviction in court.

The Home minister of the country and the UP CM lied that law and order in Uttar Pradesh is under control, he said.

DELHI WOMAN MOLESTED BY DRIVER ON DEC. 2

New Delhi, Dec. 5: A 22-year-old woman was allegedly molested by an auto-rickshaw driver in Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar police station on Thursday.

The 45-year-old auto driver, identified as Bhanu, who had fled with the woman's mobile phone, has been arrested, they said.



DCW chairperson Swati Malwal on the third day of her hunger strike, in New Delhi on Thursday.

Maliwal asks Prez to reject plea of Nirbhaya convict

New Delhi, Dec. 5: DCW chief Swati Malwal on Thursday urged President Ram Nath Kovind to reject the mercy petition filed by one of the convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape case...

to demand capital punishment for rapists with in six months of their conviction entered the third day on Thursday.

cause for these crimes is the complete absence of fear of certain and swift punishment in the minds of the criminals.

MORE POWERS TO COAST GUARD IN EEZ

New Delhi, Dec. 5: The Indian Coast Guard has been given powers under the Coast Guard Act to board, search any vessel and arrest people for offences within the maritime zone of the country...

RS Chairman appeals to party leaders to ensure attendance v-P pulls up absentees of House panels

DC CONGRESSIONAL WITH AGENCY INPUTS NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday pulled up MPs for their low attendance in parliamentary standing committees' meetings...

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Bill to get cleared sans Cong support

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Interestingly, all leaders of the Congress agree on the point that discrimination on the basis of religion is against the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

erul issues, including Ayodhya, dilution of Article 370, the Congress has been accused of minority appeasement and ignoring the interests of the majority community.

Way forward

A court in Zimbabwe appointed Robert Mugabe's daughter to identify assets left by the late former leader so they can be distributed to his beneficiaries



If we don't stand up to a Prez abusing power, it's a grave threat to democracy

— Pramila Jayapal Indian American Congresswoman

BRIEF

Europeans rap Iran for N-work

United Nations: France, Germany and the United Kingdom say Iran's developments of nuclear-capable ballistic missiles go against a UN Security Council resolution calling on Tehran not to undertake any activity related to such missiles. Ambassadors from the three European nations urged UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres in a letter to inform the council in his next report that Iran's ballistic missile activity is inconsistent with the call in a council resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran. The letter cites footage released on social media on April 22, 2019, of a previously unseen flight test of a new Shahab-3 medium-range ballistic missile variant equipped with a maneuverable re-entry vehicle. It says: "The Shahab-3 booster used in the test is a Minotaur Technology Control Regime category-1 system and as such is technically capable of delivering a nuclear weapon."

58 migrants die in boat tragedy

Nouakchott: Scores of migrants swam through rough Atlantic Ocean waters to safety from a capsized boat while 58 others drowned receiving care in Mauritania after one of the deadliest disasters this year among people making a perilous journey to Europe. The boat that left Gambia a week ago had been carrying at least 150 people, including women and children. It was headed toward Spain's Canary Islands but was forced to approach the Mauritanian coast to get fuel and food, Laura Lungarotti, chief of mission in the West African nation with the UN migration agency, said. "Many drowned. The ones who survived swam up to the Mauritanian coast close to the city of Nouadhibou," she said. "The Mauritanian authorities are very efficiently coordinating the response with the agencies currently present" in the northern city. At least 85 people were ashore, while Mauritanian authorities said security forces found 85 survivors. Ten people were taken to hospital for urgent treatment. Local authorities continued to search for an unknown number of missing people. The survivors were receiving care.

STUDY LINKS LUNG DISEASE TO VAPING

Los Angeles, Dec. 5: An e-cigarette user has been diagnosed with a rare form of lung scarring which is usually seen in metal workers, according to a study. "The study, published in the European Respiratory Journal, is the first known case where the disease called hard-metal pneumoconiosis has been linked to vaping, researchers said. The condition creates an unusual and distinctive pattern of damage to the lungs that results in breathing difficulties, according to the researchers at the University of California. It is typically diagnosed in people who work with "hard metals", such as cobalt or tungsten, in jobs like tool sharpening, diamond polishing or making dental prosthetics, they said. "Hard-metal pneumoconiosis is diagnosed by looking at a sample of patient's lung tissue under the microscope," said Professor Kirk Jankovic from the University of California, San Francisco. Hard-metal pneumoconiosis can result in permanent scarring in patients' lungs with symptoms such as breathing difficulties and chronic coughing.

Spirit of Christmas



A woman takes pictures with a smartphone of people skating at a temporary open air ice rink in the centre of Red Square, with St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin's Spasskaya Tower seen in the background, in Moscow.

Trump committed impeachable crimes

Scholars invited by Democrats say US President abused power, while Republican expert disagrees

Washington, Dec. 5: A group of constitutional scholars bolstered Democrats' case for impeaching Donald Trump by saying the president's actions seeking foreign interference in US elections were a clear grounds for removal, as the inquiry kicked into high gear in Congress. But reflecting the Washington political divide, a fourth expert strongly dissented, saying there was "woefully inadequate evidence" that Trump committed high crimes and misdemeanors necessary for removal. Democrats have made a forceful case that Trump should be impeached for trying to leverage a White House meeting and military aid to pressure Ukraine for dirt on an election rival. In a sometime theatrical hearing of the House Judiciary Committee — now tasked with weighing

MELANIA SLAMS US SCHOLAR TO DEFEND MINOR SON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5: A CHILD A minor child deserves privacy and should be kept out of politics. Pamela Karlan, you should be ashamed of your very angry and biased political pandering. MELANIA TRUMP, US First Lady

impeachment charges against the president — lawmakers listened to damning testimony from constitutional law professors. "On the basis of the testimony and evidence before the House, President Trump has committed impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors by corruptly abusing the office of the presidency," Harvard Law School professor Noah Feldman told the hearing. "We three are unanimous" in that view, jurists said. Professor Michael Gerhart of the University of North Carolina stated, referring to himself and fellow witnesses Feldman and Stanford Law School professor Pamela Karlan. The

AMID DRAMA, TRUMP LAWYER RUDY GIULIANI IN UKRAINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5: President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani returned to Ukraine on Wednesday, shrugging off the scandal over seeking dirt from Kiev on rival Democrats. The New York Times said Giuliani had travelled to Budapest on Tuesday and Kiev on Wednesday to speak with former Ukrainian prosecutors who could have information that would support Trump's battle against impeachment. One America News Network also said it had a camera team travelling with Giuliani in Ukraine for an investigation into the impeachment case against Trump.

Sailor kills two civilians, self

Pearl Harbour, Dec. 5: An active duty US sailor whose submarine was docked at Pearl Harbor opened fire on three civilian employees on Wednesday, killing two and then taking his own life just days before dignitaries and veterans descend on the base for the 78th anniversary of the Japanese attack. The commander of Navy Region Hawaii, Rear Adm. Robert PEARL HARBOUR Chadwick, said he didn't know the motive behind the shooting at the Hawaii base's naval shipyard that left the third civilian department of defense employee hospitalized. It also wasn't known if the sailor and the three male civilians had any type of relationship, or what the motive was for the shooting, Chadwick said. "We have no indication yet whether they were targeted or if it was a random shooting," Chadwick said. The sailor was assigned to the fast attack submarine USS Columbia, which is at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for maintenance. Details about the sailor were not immediately released. It wasn't immediately known what type of weapon was used or how many shots were fired, Chadwick said that was part of the investigation.

Names of the victims won't be released until kin have been notified. "Our thoughts are with the families of the victims and everyone involved. I can say that we are mobilising support services for the sailor and personnel as well as everyone else who may be affected by this tragic event," Chadwick said. The base went into lockdown when the first active shooter reports were received. — AFP

Musharraf treason case verdict on Dec 17: Court

SHAFQAT ALI IDC ISLAMABAD, DEC. 5

A special court in Pakistan on Thursday decided to announce the verdict of high treason case against former military ruler Pervez Musharraf on December 17.

During the hearing, the special court clarified that the no extension will be given after this time. If anyone has any problem, he can consult the decision as well as the prosecution have an important role to play in the treason case. The federal government has full authority to appoint the prosecutor and the team. The trial is also entitled to prosecution as well as the accused. The federal government only filed the complaint of emergency 2007 rather than the 1958 treachery.

SHARIF FAMILY INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION

DC CORRESPONDENT ISLAMABAD, DEC. 5

Special assistant to the Prime Minister on accountability, Barrister Shahzad Akbar on Thursday alleged that Sharif family is involved in corruption worth billions of rupees.

Manallah, it stated that there are unique, unusual and unprecedented circumstances in the case. It read that the federal government was established to do money laundering and the amount was transferred to different accounts before being withdrawn. "The illegitimate affairs were carried out from the CM. Business empire of as many as 33 companies was created through TTs. Both cash boys of Sharif family have been arrested and investigations are ongoing," he said.

FRANCE'S PENSION DEBATE

The planned overhaul of the French pensions system aims to streamline a complicated patchwork of provisions, but workers argue it will require them to work longer and will reduce their income.

THE CURRENT PENSION SYSTEM

All French retirees receive a state pension. The average pension this year stands at 1,400 euros per month after tax. But that average masks differences across 42 different pension systems. The easy bit: Employees in the private sector are part of the general pension system. They account for about 7 out of 10 workers.

The more complicated bit: many professions have a special pension scheme. Some people, like rail workers and air crews, are allowed to take early retirement. Others, like lawyers and doctors, pay less tax.

MACRON'S GRAND PLAN

Macron is planning a unified scheme, so that all workers have the same pension rights. Some specific measures would be maintained, such as allowing military and police officers and people with physically demanding jobs to retire early.

Labour unions say most workers would lose money with the new system due to a change in the calculation of pensions.



Protesters march during a mass strike in the Old Port of Marseille.

WHAT NEXT?

The government has opened talks with unions, business associations and professional organisations. Prime Minister Edouard Philippe is expected to provide details on his new proposals next week. The government's plans will largely depend on the protests, since the strikes are expected to last for days, even weeks. Hard-left unions are calling on Macron to abandon the reform altogether.

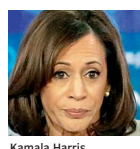
KAMALA HARRIS EXIT REFLECTS HARDSHIPS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 5: California senator Kamala Harris abruptly withdrew from the race after her once-promising campaign failed to coalesce.

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Responsibility for the collapse of a presidential campaign almost always rests with the candidate. But Harris' exit from the race demonstrates the unique challenges facing candidates of colour in the 2020 campaign. Harris' exit demonstrates the unique challenges facing candidates of colour in the 2020 campaign.

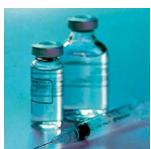
With less than two months before voting begins, these judgments — right or wrong — are becoming fatal as donors watch these cues to decide when to pull back. Other white candidates have had success that women and candidates of colour have said isn't available to them. Harris is the highest-ranking black woman in the US government. But the \$35.5m she raised wasn't enough. — AFP



LIFESTYLE | CHANGES Starch-rich breakfast can work as a great insulin injection replacement

Better eating habits can replace insulin shots

Washington, Dec. 5: People diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes take insulin injections to regulate the movement of sugar into the liver, muscles and fat cells, but this way they are increasing the risk of weight gain and the loss of control of blood sugar levels. So, is there another way to treat diabetes? Yes. Consuming a starch-rich breakfast early in the day coupled with light dinner



Starch-rich calories to the early hours of the day. This produces a glucose

balance and improved glycemic control among Type 2 diabetics," explained lead author Prof. Daniela Jakubowicz. "We believe through this it will be possible for diabetics to significantly reduce or even stop the injections of insulin, and most of anti-diabetic medications, to achieve excellent control of glucose levels," Jakubowicz said. Our metabolism and biological clock are optimised for eating

in the morning and for fasting during the evening and night, when we are supposed to be asleep. "But the usual diet recommended for Type 2 diabetics consists of several small meals evenly distributed throughout the day — for example, three meals and three snacks daily, including a snack before going to sleep to prevent a drop in sugar levels during the night. But the '6M-diet,' as this is called, has



Nostalgia for an event that has only just finished  
A home where what is seen at ground level is only a small part of structure, with the rest being underground

# Story of Begum's beg & prince comes to life



Saeed Naqvi  
Wide Angle

**I**t took Pulitzer Prize winner Ellen Barry of the *New York Times* to put at rest last week the 40-year-old mystery of Begum Wilayat Mahal of Oudh, her children — “Princess” Sakina and “Prince” Ali Reza, alias, Cyrus. The haunting visitation began in the early 1970s at the New Delhi railway station and ended in the thickly forested Malcha Mahal four decades later. It was a story of bleak, dark paths, not quite the stuff of high tragedy.

“only to foreigners”. All of this blocked light on the cardinal question: Who were these fakes? Indeed, why was the fake being played out? It took Ellen Barry’s dogged determination to help tie up loose ends of the mystery.

In the early 1970s, a woman with sharp aristocratic features took residence in platform number one of New Delhi railway station and proclaimed herself the last Begum of Oudh. For greater credibility, she had in her entourage two children, a handsome dog and a liveried servant. The mainstream media took performative interest but the Urdu press amplified the fall of the House of Oudh and readers, in envelopes like *Iqbal Masjid*, saw it as part of a continuing story of victimhood. Here was tear-jerking melodrama: “our royalty is being buried”.

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chains”. Ellen’s investigations reveal for the first time. Trust Sayyid Ammar Rizvi, Lucknow’s omnipresent Shia (and gourmet) in the classical Awadh mould) to have become something of an intermediary between the royals and the UP chief minister. He must surely know about the other royal in that splendid city — Prince Moududdin, who also addresses himself as Bahadur Shah III. The last Mughal emperor was his great, great grandfather, that is his story. His great grandfather escaped to Kerala. But why did Bahadur Shah III materialise in Lucknow?

ably caused by neglect because there were stories of her unwashed hair dropping in matted locks. It was with the “Prince”, variously named as Prince Ali Reza, or Cyrus, who spent his last years in Malcha Mahal, that Ellen struck an equation of tenderness mingled with curiosity. Google her NYT piece titled “The Jungle Prince of Oudh”.

The last king of Oudh (Awadh), Wajid Ali Shah’s exile to Metiabruz near Kolkata, or the more recent Partition of India, are disorienting events for those in the thick of it, by historical memory or raw experience. In minds like Wilayat Butt’s, the historical memory and immediate experience are all jumbled up in knots.

## Ban on e-cigarettes smart move by Modi govt, upsets a small minority



Rajeev Ahuja

**L**ast week, the Lok Sabha passed the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Bill (2019) that seeks to ban any commercial activity in e-cigarettes. Although the bill was subsequently introduced in the Rajya Sabha, it is yet to get passed. The bill is intended to replace the ordinance to this effect signed last September.

family/social interest above their selfish interest not complain against the decision to ban e-cigarettes. But some smokers would surely be upset. The other section that is upset with the decision is the e-cigarette industry that was eyeing the Indian market to reap bumper profits overtime, in the name of peddling a “safer” option. The larger the number of people who take to vaping, the higher the profits everyone in this industry makes. The industry can lobby to any extent — lobbying, contaminating evidence, distorting facts, spreading rumours, mobilising the “constituents” to criticise the decision — all in the name of safeguarding consumer choice.

**The decision to ban e-cigarettes seems a good one based on sound judgment, for it safeguards the interests of the majority, even if it upsets a small minority in the process. This is only to be expected.**

rette is a nascent industry in which a strong vested interest is yet to develop with full force. It is much easier to deal with it now than at a later stage when use of e-cigarettes become rampant. Further, given a wide variety of brands and flavours present in the e-cigarette industry, regulating it at the retail level can be a real pain for consumers and burdensome for governments.

## The glory of the Bhagavad Gita



Swami Tejomayananda

**F**ound in the Mahabharata, the *Bhagavad Gita* is the most well-known and renowned portion of this great epic. Even though, it was taught to Arjuna thousands of years ago, the *Gita* continues to retain its popularity and appeal — especially in today’s fast-paced, nerve-racking and chal-

enging world. Why is this so? The *Bhagavad Gita* is considered to be the essence of all the Upanishads. The background, setting and atmosphere of the Upanishads were very different. Therein, we find the wise and serene surroundings of their ashram on the banks of a river, far away from the din and roar of the marketplace. The truth was expounded to intelligent men and women who had examined and understood the limitations of worldly life.



prospect of fighting his own kin, he was overwhelmed. This is the plight of most of us today as we become incapacitated when faced with unpleasant duties or insurmountable problems; we do not know right from wrong; we do not know how to act.



Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

**“India is moving from women development to women-led development.”**



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## Top secret military designs missing

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CHANDIGARH, DEC. 5.

bers of his staff were involved in the disappearance of the vital drawings. He feared that they might have been passed on to some “enemy country.”

Narrating the sequence of circumstances that brought CSIO into the picture, Dr. Gill said, “The Defence Ministry wanted to produce the instrument in 1968 and simultaneously approached CSIO and an Andhra firm dealing in this business. The CSIO worked out the cost estimate and other details but the deal could not be clinched for various reasons, including the one relating to who should bear the cost.

ted a calling attention motion on the report that top secret military designs were missing from the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh.

*The writer is a development economist, formerly with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank*

## Top secret military designs missing

Dr. P.S. Gill, Director of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation here, commented on the drawing of a strategic instrument used in a weapon, which the Defence Ministry had referred to CSIO for preparing a prototype three years ago, are missing from the CSIO office.

Dr. Gill told UNI that he suspected that some mem-

Speaker G.S. Dhillon announced in the Lok Sabha that he had admitted a calling attention motion on the report that top secret military designs were missing from the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh.

Mr Dhillon told Mr. M. L. Sondhi (JS) who had drawn attention to the report, that the motion could not be taken up earlier last Monday.

The report spoke of suspected espionage involving disappearance of top secret military designs from the CSIO and the presence of key officials besides raids by the Central Bureau of Investigation on the house of CSIO director P.S. Gill.

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NABH rule will deny cover to 95% Ayush hospitals

IT developers, miners not eligible for lower tax rate



# quick BITES

INDICATORS	%
Sensex	40,779.59 -0.17
Nifty 50	12,018.40 -0.21
S&P 500	3,111.77 -0.03
Dollar (₹)	71.28 -0.34
Pound Sterling (₹)	93.63 -0.02
Euro (₹)	79.05 -0.14
Gold (10gm) (₹)	38,965.74 -0.18
Brent crude (\$/bbl)	63.34 +0.54
IN 10-Yr bond yield	+6.08 +2.225
US 10-Yr Tbill yield	+1.816 +1.965

\* As of 9:30 pm IST

## 15th Finance Commission submits report

The Finance Commission submitted its report for the financial year 2020-21 to President Ram Nath Kovind. The Commission headed by N K Singh appointed the President of the recommendations made, an official statement said. The 15th Finance Commission was constituted to make recommendations for a period of five years from April 2020 to March 2025.

## Amit Shah holds meet on onion prices



Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the progress in importing onions to boost domestic supplies and check spiralling prices. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar were among those attended the meeting, officials said. Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba and Advisor to Prime Minister P K Sinha were also present.

## City firm ties up with HK firm for aluminum doors

Aparna-Craft, a joint venture between Hyderabad-based Aparna Enterprises and Hong Kong-based Craft Holdings, on Thursday strengthened their market presence by foraying into premium aluminum window and door systems under the brand name Altezta. It will offer its customers end-to-end services for high-end aluminum window and door systems.

## Mankind Pharma 2nd in world to sell infertility drug

Mankind Pharma said it has launched its generic Dydrogesterone tablets for treatment of infertility and pregnancy-related complications in the Indian market. With the launch, the company has become the first Indian and second global firm to develop the drug. The company's product is generic version of Abbott's Duphaston tablets, it said. The process of making Dydrogesterone is complex and a further 20 per cent and a further 20 per cent the following month, according to the central bank.

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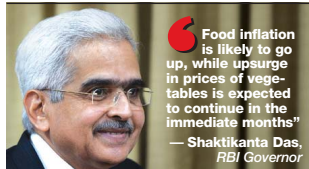
# Guv says vegetable prices should soften by early Feb. 2020 RBI rubs it in, says no respite from price rise

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO  
NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Amid a hush and cry over skyrocketing onion prices, the central bank, on Thursday, hinted that the price of household groceries would remain costlier, leaving the sam admi, juggling with the household budget, in the lurch. "Though rabi crops are picking up and are expected to give good yields to farmers, the banking regulator is still unsure of the price movement due to myriad factors.

Sensing that the inflation outlook would be influenced by multiple factors, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said, "Food inflation is likely to go up, while upsurge in prices of vegetables is expected to continue in the immediate months."

"However, a pick-up in arrivals from the late kharif season along with measures taken by the government to augment supply through imports should help soften vegetable prices by early February 2020," Das added after the central bank's fifth bi-monthly monetary policy meeting.



The RBI's statement comes at a time when prices of the prime kitchen staple have remained over Rs 100-110 a kg on an average in the past few weeks in several parts of the country. Though the government has been trying to bring onion prices down with many measures, such as imports from Egypt and a ban on hoarding, the prices have refused to come down.

The Consumer Price Index, or CPI, inflation spiked to a 39-month high of 69 per cent in October. The apex bank will issue details about this instrument by December 31.

Food inflation is likely to go up, while upsurge in prices of vegetables is expected to continue in the immediate months" — Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor.

September and further by 19.6 per cent in October," the RBI said. Besides, onion, potato and other vegetables, RBI has pointed out that there are incipient price pressures seen in other food items such as milk, pulses, and sugar likely to be sustained, with implications for the trajectory of food inflation. "Retail inflation increased sharply to 4.6 per cent in October, propelled by a surge in food prices," it said. The RBI is of view that rabi sowing is catching up from the setback caused by delay in kharif harvesting and unseasonal rainfall in October and early November, "as compared to last year, when the storage

in major reservoirs for irrigation was at 61 per cent of the capacity, this year, the storage is at 86 per cent of the full reservoir level as on November 28. Higher percentage of reservoir level means better availability of water for rabi irrigation," the RBI said.

Experts have expressed concerns over the sudden surge in vegetable prices and felt that the government needs to pay immediate attention to this aspect. "The retail inflation indicated by the consumer price index has shot up to 4.62 per cent, well above the RBI target ceiling of 4 per cent. This would require caution," said Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management. Suvodeep Rakshit, Vice President & Senior Economist, Kotak Institutional Equities, said, "The December policy highlighted that inflation remains a priority. The flexible portion of the inflation, targeting framework, the monetary policy panel was tested in this policy as headline inflation has seen some transitory increase to around 5 per cent."

## New pre-paid card/wallet with ₹10K load soon

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, DEC. 5

The existing payment platforms will have some competition with the RBI proposing to introduce a new type of pre-payment instrument. This instrument can be used for payment of up to Rs 10,000 for purchase of goods and services.

"Prepaid Payment Instruments will be playing an important role in promoting digital payments. To further facilitate its usage, it is proposed to introduce a new type of PPI which can be used only for purchase of goods and services up to a limit of Rs 10,000," the RBI said.

Such PPIs can be issued on the basis of essential minimum details sourced from the customer. The apex bank will issue details about this instrument by December 31. Currently, three types of PPIs are available in the market—closed system PPIs, semi-closed system PPIs and open system PPIs. PPIs can be issued in the form of cards and mobile wallets.

The major players in the payment space are GooglePay, PhonePe and Paytm. The new type of payment instrument will see entry of new players in the payment space and can pose competition for the existing players.

Currently most of these payment platforms are powered by government's unified payment interface (UPI). UPI payments have been growing fast in India and UPI is reportedly the best payment interface in the world.

## P2P lending limit raised to ₹50L

RITVIK MUKHERJEE  
KOLKATA, DEC. 5

The P2P lending sector is expected to get a boost with the RBI deciding to increase the borrowing and lending limits for the peer-to-peer (P2P) platform. The move aims at not only helping investors to diversify risk but also borrowers to get larger sums of loans.

At present, the aggregate lending limit for lenders and borrowers stand at Rs 10 lakh, whereas exposure of a single lender to a single borrower is capped at Rs 50,000 across all NBFC-P2P platforms. In order to give the next push to the lending platform, the aggregate exposure of a lender to all borrowers at any point of time, across all P2P platforms, shall be subject to a cap of Rs 50 lakh, the RBI said.

Besides, the RBI would also allow the platform to bring cheer to those looking to borrow or invest on the P2P platform. "When you have the robust technology and

technological platform, it always makes sense to use them in order to create an opportunity for lenders to create far more stable and diversified portfolios. I think, the increased limit will ease credit supply benefitting MSMEs. If the economy is to prosper, priority must be given on providing easy credit to small businesses and the self-employed. There has to be a steady flow of alternative credit into the economy through NBFC-P2P platforms. Overall it's a good move," said Hemant Kanoria, Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd.

## NBFCs, MFIs & co-ops can now become SFBs

FALAKNAAZ SYED  
MUMBAI, DEC. 5

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday released the final guidelines for on-tap liquidity support for small finance banks (SFB). This would allow applicants to approach the banking regulator on an ongoing basis. The revised norms allow primary urban cooperative banks and payment banks to convert into a SFB after five years of operations if they are otherwise eligible. The new norms leave scope for NBFCs and MFIs, too, to explore the SFB route.



The minimum paid-up working capital or net worth requirement has been set at Rs 200 crore, up from Rs 100 crore as set earlier. Incidentally, the net worth of all SFBs currently in operation is in excess of Rs 200 crore. Karthik Srinivasan, Group Head, Financial Sector Ratings, Ica, said, "Though the return on equity is likely to decline during initial years of transition to SFB, the liquidity tightness for the last one year and risk aversion to NBFCs may prompt them to explore the SFB model to address the liabilities issue and hence we expect good response for seeking a SFB licence."

## IT developers, miners not eligible for lower tax rate

The current pause with an accommodative stance could just be an attempt to allow the impact of surplus liquidity and transmission to permeate through the system... Given that inflation will stay elevated in the next couple of months at close to 5.3%-5.4%, a February cut is ruled out, at least logicially. By the same logic, an April cut looks difficult. Thus, it might be a longer pause.

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Nirajan Hiranandani, President, Nardoco

Hemant Kanoria, Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance

Zarin Daruwala, CO, India, Standard Chartered Bank

## Banking stocks fall after RBI pause

The Nifty Banking Index fell 0.83 per cent while the BSE Banking Index fell 1.80 per cent. The top losers included Oriental Bank of India (-2.30 per cent), PNB (-2.27 per cent), RBI Bank (-2.21 per cent), SBI (-1.71 per cent), Yes Bank (-1.67 per cent), Axis Bank (-1.60 per cent), Bank of Baroda (-1.54 per cent), Federal Bank (-1.08 per cent), HDFC Bank (-0.94 per cent) and ICICI Bank (-0.84 per cent).

The public sector banks fell sharply led by Canara Bank (-3.01 per cent), Union Bank (2.76 per cent), J&K Bank (2.32 per cent) and Bank of India (2.17 per cent) and Indian Bank (2.17 per cent).

While the rate cuts have been significant, with cumulative rate cuts of 135 basis points since February 2019, concern remains about the slow transmission of rate cuts by the banks to the end consumer, analysts said.

## Central bank just did something crazy

DANIEL MOSS

The Reserve Bank of India is ending the year as it began: with a bang. With India's economy crumbling all around him, it strikes me as a bit short-sighted that RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das is getting caught up in vegetables. Gross domestic product increased just 4.5 per cent in the third quarter, government figures showed last week. Little more than a year ago, India was notching an expansion of more than 8 per cent. If demand is sliding then price increases ought to subside. There's little inflation in a grayward.

Das started the year with a politically expedient cut, which many doubted he'd deliver so early in his tenure. His two predecessors left their post amid questions about central bank independence. That February decision was right, and even lucky, as I've written. This one is more questionable. For a major economy, India appears far too worried about inflation target, especially when other central banks are questioning their effectiveness. The Federal Reserve, for instance, is reviewing how it incorporates its target into monetary policy.

A better decision would have been to reduce rates by the quarter point most economists predicted, and then use the accompanying

statement to signal a standstill was coming. In other words, a "hawkish cut." Hitting the pause button so abruptly risks conveying the idea you don't know what you're doing, or, at the very least, that your communications machinery has broken down. The RBI appears to be counting on a brighter world economy to help tide it over. The opening paragraphs of the central bank's statement notes the

dour tone of the global picture that has prevailed this year, but says "some signs of recovery are becoming visible." It points to the global rally in stock markets. Das got the global economy right at the beginning of the year, when the RBI raised rates to curb an important central banks to ease. But India's domestic growth rate has slipped. The RBI's decision to ease, eclipsing the modest reductions in global forecasts by the International Monetary Fund. India needs everything to come out of the country is to have a prayer. With trade wars blazing on every front, that's looking less and less likely. The RBI picked a heck of a time to slow things down.

There are three reasons why there was actually no need for the RBI to cut weaker from here a cut may not be the best thing to do at this juncture since the rate cut was already established with a weaker rupee. Third, the liquidity in the interbank market and the systemic liquidity are in surplus and there is sufficient liquidity to see the market and the economy smoothly. The liquidity conditions ensure that rates, especially at the steep end of the curve, remains low. This is what is actually achieved by a repo rate cut, too. Therefore, a cut was not required at this juncture.

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This is considered a seasonal factor and its impact may wane off over the next one or two months. But it is a bit worrisome that the prices of fruit and vegetables remain elevated and in some cases it is too high that it may not come down too soon. And this would mean that the impact on CPI may be longer than

(The author is Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management)



**Tribute**  
Kapil Dev paid a rich tribute to Bob Willis, who has died aged 70, saying that the former England pacer was a "terror to face"

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Virat is a good player but I don't place him in the same class as Sachin Tendulkar who was a different class altogether.  
— Abdul Razzaq, former Pakistan all-rounder

# Winds of change

With different mindsets, India and West Indies kick off their T20 series today

**MOSES KONDETY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 5**

One team are looking at the World Cup 10 months away. The other, at least more than half the side, have their eyes on the IPL auction two weeks later. India and West Indies will have different mindsets as they kick off their three-match Twenty20 series at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium here on Friday.

The hosts have begun casting the side for the world, Captain Virat Kohli made that clear on match-day.

**HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS**

**India 245-6 in 20 overs at Lauderhill in 2016**

**Windies 244-4 in 20 overs at Lauderhill in 2016**

**LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS**

**India 153-7 in 20 overs at Lord's in 2009**

**Windies 95-9 in 20 overs at Lauderhill in 2019**

**HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

**India 111\* Rohit Sharma at Lucknow in 2018**

**Windies 125\* Evin Lewis at Kingston in 2017**

**BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS**

**India 3/4 Deepak Chahar at Providence in 2019**

**Windies 4/16 Darren Sammy at Port of Spain in 2011**

**SHORT TAKES**

**Ex-cricketer Robin Morris arrested**

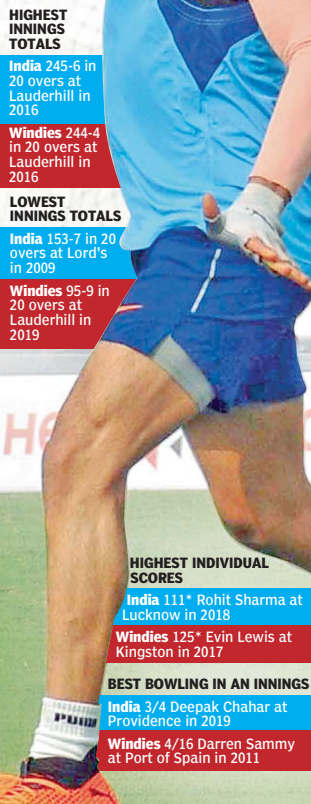
**Mumbai, Dec. 5:** Robin Morris, a former Ranji player, and four others have been arrested for allegedly kidnapping a loan agent and trying to extort money from his family, the Mumbai police said on Thursday. The incident took place on November 30, a police official said.

**CSA crisis grows, Ali asks Mororo to quit**

**Johannesburg:** The crisis in South African cricket deepened on Thursday as former chief executive Ali Bacher called on incumbent Thabang Mororo to quit, while a second independent director resigned from the board of Cricket South Africa.

The focus would largely be on opener K L Rahul and wicketkeeper batsman Rishabh Pant, who would view this series as another precious chance to impress the powers that be.

And so, trust Sheldon Cottrell, Lendl Simmons, Brandon King, Khary Pierre, Williams, Hayden Walsh would be swinging to MC's Hammer Time!



# Kohli throws his weight behind under-fire Pant

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5**

With India lying fifth in world T20 rankings, captain Virat Kohli admitted there were problems in the shortest format. "I don't think we have been very good while batting first in T20 cricket and defending low totals as well. So those are two things we really need to focus on," he said on Thursday, eve of the three-match series opener against West Indies.

"Having said that T20 is a format where you experiment a lot more things than ODI and Test cricket. I think from that point of view you take a lot more risk in terms of what you want. As a team you give a lot of chances to youngsters. So you can't really play the safest of the strongest eleven but we haven't really played the strongest eleven together for many games," he added.

However, the Indian captain did not make much of the numbers. "Now heading into the World Cup rankings are going to be irrelevant because in T20 anyone can win on the day. We will probably be playing as close to the level that we want in the World Cup for the remainder of the T20 games we have leading up to the World Cup," Kohli said.

Virat Kohli during a training session in Hyderabad on Thursday.

**HOW THEY FARED IN T20S**

Team	rankings	P	W	L	T	N/R
India	(5)	123	76	43	1	3
Windies	(10)	116	50	59	3	4
India(vs WI)		14	8	5	-	1



Rishabh Pant is all ears to former India captain Mohammed Azharuddin in Hyderabad on Thursday.

"The skipper also backed a misfiring Rishabh Pant. "We certainly believe in Rishabh's ability. As you say, it's (also) the player's responsibility to do well. I work hard and I agree but I think it's a collective responsibility of everyone around us as well to give that player some space to do that," he said, adding, "He can't be isolated to such an extent that he gets nervous on the field. If you want him to do well and win matches for India all of us collectively should make him feel like he belongs and we are here to do things for him rather than against him."

As Rohit (Sharma) said recently, he (Pant) needs to be left alone. He is a match-winner. Once he comes out, you will see a very different version of him, which we have seen in the IPL already because he is free and relaxed there," Kohli said.

Kohli also hinted that India's pace pack was almost settled with Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami in. "The right obviously is for one spot and I think more or less three guys have made a place for themselves. It's going to be a healthy competition and it will be interesting to see how it pans out," he said.

# Captain Pollard trains young guns

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5**

The West Indies could be the underdogs going into the T20 series with India but captain Kieron Pollard says his young side are up for the challenge.

"We play a lot of cricket in India. It's just a matter of using our experience and hopefully that experience can be a good step for us. At the end of the day we are here to play some good cricket. We have prepared well and from tomorrow we will hit the ground and start running," he said on Thursday.

"It's about putting the pieces of puzzle together. There are instances where we knew we faltered in the

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and continue doing that for the team. I hope my contribution put the team in a winning position," he said.

The seasoned player also backed youngsters in his side. "They (Brandon King, Khary Pierre, Hayden Walsh and Keshav Williams) have been pretty good. It's good that we have young guys coming in from the CPL (Caribbean Premier League). They are excited to represent West Indies. But the problem is, we as individuals try to be honest with ourselves. We need to have patience. At the end of the day we need results but sometimes you need to be patient with yourself. We look forward to these talents showing the



# Referee Lakshmi set to create history

**Dubai, Dec. 5:** Former India cricketer GS Lakshmi is set to become the first woman match referee to oversee a men's ODI match she officiates the opening match of the third series of the World Cup League 2 in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday.

Lakshmi will oversee the match between the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. The competition aims to provide development opportunities for officials.

"I feel great, having anything assigned first to your name gives a sense of pride. This being a big ICC event (ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2) it feels great to be officiating at this level," Lakshmi said in an ICC media release.

"I hope my promotion to the ICC International Panel of Match Referees and records like this can inspire many females." — GS LAKSHMI



# TV umpire to monitor front-foot no-balls: ICC

**Dubai, Dec. 5:** Front foot no balls in the upcoming T20 and One-Day International series between India and the West Indies will be decided by the third umpire and not the on-field officials, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Thursday.

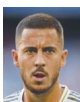
The series, comprising three T20 Internationals and an equal number of ODIs, starts on Friday in Hyderabad and technology to call front foot no balls will be put to trial in it.

"Throughout the trial, the Third Umpire will be responsible for monitoring every ball bowled and identifying whether there has been any front-foot no ball infringement," the ICC said



## Health hazard

Real Madrid's Eden Hazard set to miss Clásico against Barcelona after further tests revealed a fracture in his right ankle



## Manchester bring Mourinho down to earth

Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho endured an unhappy return to the Premier League, suffering a 2-1 defeat by Tottenham while Liverpool maintained their eight-point lead at the top of the league, putting five goals past Everton. Second-placed Leicester equalled their top-flight league record of seven consecutive wins with a 2-0 win over Watford.



Members of the Hyderabad Under 16 cricket team are all smiles after defeating Madhya Pradesh by one run in their Vijay Merchant Trophy quarterfinal match at the Gymkhana ground on Thursday.

## Abhishek hero as Hyd win by one run

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

An exceptional all-round performance by Murugan Abhishek rallied Hyderabad Under 16 to a dramatic one-run victory over Madhya Pradesh in their Vijay Merchant Trophy quarterfinal match at the Gymkhana ground here on Thursday.

In a cracker of a game, Hyderabad choked Madhya Pradesh on the fourth day and stormed into the semi-final.

Chasing 255 for a win in their second innings, MP looked in control before off-spinner Abhishek wrecked their ship with fantastic figures of 5 for 92 to bowl them out for 253.

Ironically, it was Yarendra Prajapati — who took 6 for 33 to bowl Hyderabad for a paltry 144 in the second innings — that was the last man out, caught by Arnav Kothapally off Murugan Abhishek. Abhishek had scored a century (108) in Hyderabad's first innings



Murugan Abhishek

and followed it up with a 4 for 41 with the ball in MP's first innings. **Brief scores:** Hyderabad 276 in 108.2 overs (Murugan Abhishek 108 — 232b, 14x4 & 144 in 60.4 overs (Dheeraj Goud 36, Pranav Varma 37, Aryan Pandey 4 for 40, Yarendra Prajapati 6 for 33) vs Madhya Pradesh 166 in 53.5 overs (Murugan Abhishek 4 for 41) & 253 in 84.4 overs (Adarsh Dubey 40, Anchit Thakur 33, Arnav Kothapally 2 for 11, Murugan Abhishek 5 for 92 — 29.4-8-92-5, Nitin Sai Yadav 2 for 62).

## Gayatri, Ashmita make it an all-India final at SAG

Kathmandu, Dec. 5: Led by strong performances by wushu players and swimmers, India breached the 100-medal mark by winning a whopping 50 medals on the fourth day of competitions to consolidate their top position in the South Asian Games here on Thursday.

India secured their best medal haul on a single day so far in the Games, leading the medal tally with 58 gold, 41 silver and 19 bronze for a total of 118 medals to leave hosts Nepal far behind in the second spot.

Nepal have 36 gold, 26 silver and 34 bronze for a total of 96 medals, followed by Sri Lanka (16 gold, 31 silver, 52 bronze) at third position.

India added 26 gold, 18 silver and 6 bronzes on Thursday. The bulk of India's medals came from swimming, wushu, weightlifting and athletics. India's gold rush was triggered by wushu with as many as seven yellow medals coming from it.

Swimming accounted for the most medals for India on Thursday with 11, of which four were gold, six silver and one bronze.

**SHUTTLES IN FINALS** Meanwhile, Indian shuttlers Ashmita Chaliha and Gayatri Gopichand registered convincing victories in their respective semi-finals on Thursday to set up an all-India clash in the women's singles category.

While, top-seed Ashmita thrashed her Sri Lankan opponent Achini Ratnasiri 21-5, 21-7, Gayatri also had an easy task against Dilmi Dias of Sri Lanka during a 21-17, 21-14 win. The men's singles semi-finals also saw India's dominance as Aryanman Tomson and Sira Verma set up final against each other after winning their semi-final matches.



Gayatri Gopichand en route to her 21-17, 21-14 win over Dilmi Dias of Sri Lanka in their women's singles badminton semifinal at the South Asian Games on Thursday.

## Satwik and Chirag in fray for BWF awards

New Delhi, Dec. 5: The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has been nominated for the 'Most Improved Player of the Year' award by the Badminton World Federation after a stellar season during which they picked up some memorable wins.

The young combination had a breakthrough season, claiming their maiden Super 500 title at Thailand Open before reaching the finals of French Open Super 750 event this year.

The other nominees in the category include Canada's women's singles player Michelle Li, Korean women's doubles pairing of Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong and Indonesian mixed doubles combination of Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktaviani.

The prestigious awards recognise the achievements of the elite badminton players and pairs in six categories, including two in Para badminton.

## CAR OF ARJUNA AWARDEE STOLEN IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, Dec. 5: The car of 30-year-old Arjuna awardee was stolen from outside his relative's house in Rohini, police said on Thursday.

Abhishek Verma, a resident of Model Town, currently serves as an Income Tax officer. He won gold and silver medals at the 2014 Asian Games as well as the 2015 Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Wroclaw, Poland.

On Wednesday, Verma had gone for dinner at a restaurant in Rohini Sector-8 and returned to a relative's house at around 10.18 pm and parked his car in front of the house.

"On Thursday morning when I went to look for my car, it was not there..." Verma said in his complaint.

"When I checked CCTV footage, I found that my car was stolen at around 1 am following which I informed police about the incident," he added.

**VANSHIKA AND POORVI CITY PAIR AT NATL FINALS** After an overwhelming response last year, the second edition of Red Bull Shuttle Up: India's first ever exclusive women's doubles tournament will bring its curtains down with the National Finals which will be held at RCC Indoor Stadium in Secunderabad on Sunday from 4.30 pm onwards.

Vanshika Kapil & Poorvi Singh will carry Hyderabad's flag at the event.

The tournament started with city qualifiers rounds that were held in Delhi, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Chandigarh, Bangalore and Mumbai with the winning pair from each qualifier contesting the National Finals.

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## MP, Services bag five golds at rowing

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Madhya Pradesh Rowing and Services Sports Control Board teams bagged five Golds each in the 2,000 metres races in the ongoing 38th Senior National Rowing Championships at Hussainagar lake here on Thursday.

Odisha and Indian Army teams won four silver medals each while Bihar

bagged one gold, Punjab one silver and two bronzes in the category.

Heats and Repechage races in the 500 metres category will be held on Friday, while semifinals and finals in the same category will be held on Saturday.

**THE RESULTS**  
**2,000 metres final:**  
1. MP: 9.41.5; 2. Odisha 9.31.9; 3. Madhya Pradesh 9.41.5; 4. Bihar 9.23.3; 5. Services 7.18.2

2. Indian Army 7.23.6; 3. Madhya Pradesh 7.25.5.  
**Race 3: W2x:** 1. Madhya Pradesh 8.53.7; 2. Odisha 8.55.5; 3. Andaman & Nicobar 9.07.5.  
**Race 4: LM2x:** 1. Services 7.17.1; 2. Indian Army 7.18.1; 3. Delhi 7.23.1.  
**Race 5: W2:** 1. Madhya Pradesh 9.01.4; 2. Odisha 9.11.2; 3. Kerala 9.16.2.  
**Race 6: MC2X:** 1. Madhya Pradesh 7.45.0; 2. Punjab 7.50.2; 3. Haryana 8.10.1.

**Race 7: MX:** 1. Services 7.56.4; 2. Indian Army 8.03.2; 3. Delhi 8.09.7.  
**Race 8: MCVA:** 1. Madhya Pradesh 7.10.0; 2. Chandigarh 7.11.5; 3. Punjab 7.55.8.  
**Race 9: M2x:** 1. Services 7.10.3; 2. Delhi 7.17.6; 3. Indian Army 7.18.0; 4. W4: 1. Madhya Pradesh 8.09.0; 2. Odisha 8.23.6; 3. Kerala 8.33.6.  
**Race 11: M4:** 1. Services 6.42.2; 2. Indian Army 6.42.9; 3. Punjab 6.45.6.