

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

— Prakash Javadekar,

SHORT TAKES

#### K'TAKA: EXIT **POLLS PREDICT BIG BJP WIN**

BHASKAR HEGDE, SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM | DC BENGALURU/MYSURU/BELAGAV

Fifteen Assembly constituencies in the state voted on Thursday in what is conside. Thursday in what is conside. Yediyurappa government which will have to win at least seven of the 15 seats to ward off a threat from the opposition Congress and JDS, which could join hands to topple the five-month-old BJP government if they have the required minores in the Assembly. The properties of the properties of the state of the properties of the propert

#### **EDITOR'S PROPERTIES DEMOLISHED**

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY I DC BHOPAL, DEC. 5

Four structures owned by the editor of a local daily that cov-ered the infamous honey trap scandal story were demoleditor of a local daily that covered the infamous honey trapscandal story were demolished in Indore by the civic body on Thursday, Indore Municipal Corporation Municipal Corporation of the Corporation of

#### **MORE POWERS TO COAST GUARD IN EEZ**

New Delhi, Dec. 5: The Indian Coast Guard has been given powers under the Coast Indian Coast Guard has been given powers under the Coast Guard has been given powers and arrest people for offences within the maritime zone of the country, defence secretary Ajay Kumar said on Thursday.

A Coast Guard official said earlier, the maritime security agency did not have the power to board any vessel passing to board any vessel passing to board any vessel passing commit Zone (EEZ).

Economic Zone (EEZ).

"Empowering Indian Coast Guard and enhancing coastas Guard and enhancing coastas Guard and enhancing coastas EEZ and its continental shelf elidian Coast Guard," Kumar tweeted.

## Ayodhya prepped for December 6

Babri demolition masjid anniversary today

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC HYDERABAD DEC. 5

Maharashtra.
From policemen posted on rooftops with automatic weapons to foot patrolling and drone campatrolling and drone cameras keeping an eagle eye and even temporary pris-ons set up, the Ayodhya police, which has made the most elaborate securi-ty arrangements ever, for December 6 is on the edge, more so because it is a Friday.

At the moment, there are inputs to suegest that like

Friday
At the moment, there are inputs to suggest that like every year on December 6, when both communities the day in the twin towns of Ayodhya and Faizabad, some groups have planned a few events for tomorrow as well. The police has made it clear that no event will be allowed in public.

"Under the day in the police has made it clear that no event will be allowed in public."

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"Under the police has made in the police and central paramilitary forces — are being deployed, similar to the security arrange Court delivered its verdict on the dispute and the Muslim community was all set to celebrate Miladun-Nabi. Following the Supreme Court verdict,

anti-terrorism squad, local intelligence unit and even fire department per security grid." Ayodhya senior superintendent of police Ashish Tiwari said.
"We are trying to ensure that normal life is not are coming from outside will be subjected to thorough frisking and checking and will be allowed

Collarwali injured in territorial fight

Police natrolling in streets of Avodhya on Thurs Close to one 5 arrest parties formed lakh policemen deployed.

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10 quick reaction teams posted all over **269** sensitive places have been identified.

20 Personnel have been posted on rooftops at 20 points.

10 temporary prisons set up **65** CCTVs installed at 65 places

the celebrations were muted.

"The security measures for December 6 are similar to the arrangements for November 9. But we for November 9. But we companies of the PAC (Provincial Armed Constabulary) besides the existing 25 companies. Additionally, about 400 policemen have been deployed. Teams from the anti-terrorism squad, local intelligence unit and even fire department per

inside Ayodhya only on producing their identity cards," the SSP said. Sentral agencies say that Sentral sentral focus on Telangana state, particularly Hyderabad, which had witnessed low-key protests soon after the Supreme Court verdict. The Hyderabad police had registered sedition daughters of a cleric Maulana Abdul Aleem Islahi and a group of women for spreading communal hatted during a congregation in the Say Sentral Sentral



another tigress in the reserve forest, about three days ago.
"Some PIR officers potentially of the potential of the potential

NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Giving then Prime Minister Raijiv Gandhi a clean chit, former PM Mammohan Singh has put the blame on then home minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on the blame on the state of the state of

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

state government must take moral responsibility for the incident of setting ablaze a rape victim in Unnao and resign," SP supremo Akhilesh Yadav

supremo Akhilesh Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi. The NCW also stepped in, with its chairperson Rekha Sharma writing to DGP O.P. Singh seeking a detailed report on the number of reported heinous crimes against women and bail granted in such cases in the past three years.

New Delhi, Dec. 5: DCW
chief Swati Maliwal on
Thursday urged
President Ram Nath
Kovind to reject the
mercy petition filed by
one of the convicts in the
Nirbhaya gangrape case
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All the convicts of the
day the brutal crime was
committed seven years
ago.

ago. Maliwal's hunger strike



### Bihar cops clueless DELHI WOMAN about Buxar case

PATIA, DEC. 5

The Bihar police have not been able to make any breakthrough in the murder case of a young murder case of a young was recovered on the outskirts of Klukudha village under the Itadhi police station area in Buxar district.

The local police suspect that the girl, who appears to be a minor, was shot dead and burnt after the police in the police sprimary investigation in the case suggests that the incident had occurred either on Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

to demand capital pun-ishment for rapists with-in six months of their conviction entered the third day on Thursday. Citing the Unnao inci-dent, where a rape sur-vivor was burnt allegedly by five men, including two accused of raping her and the Hyderabad veterinarian gangrape

veterinarian gangrape and murder case, Maliwal in her letter to Kovind said the root

### **MOLESTED BY DRIVER ON DEC. 2**

NAYEAR AZAD I DC

headway in the case, the police has now decided to constitute a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the brutal nurder and also to trace the whereabouts of all those who have been involved in the case.

Sources said that police. Sources said that police for the forensic team to confirm whether the girl was gang-raped before being shot dead.

On Tuesday, a five-member team was constituted to conduct the post-mortem and submit a forensic team and dog squad were also pressed into service to assist the police in the investigation.



## Maliwal asks Prez to reject plea of Nirbhaya convict

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

Due to the extremely slow justice process, no criminal is afraid to commit such gory crimes, she consistent of the complete of the comp

**GIRL RAPED BY** 

**HOTEL STAFFER** 

IN JAIPUR

New Delhi, Dec. 5: A 22-year-old woman was allegedly molested by an and-or-rickshaw driver. In police said on Thursday. The 45-year-old auto driver, identified as Bhanu, who had fied with the woman's mobile phone, has been arrested took place on December 2. In her complaint, the woman stated that she hired an auto rickshaw from Rajendra Place. On the way, the driver of the woman stated that she hired an auto rickshaw from Rajendra Place. On the way, the driver of the woman stated that she hired an auto rickshaw from Rajendra Place. On the way the driver of the woman resisted, the driver fled with her mobile phone, the officer said. The victim reported at the Mukherjee Nagar police station, said DCP (Northwest) Vijayanta Arya. Both the auto and the words.

New Delhi, Dec. 5: A 22-

IN JAIPUR
Jaipur, Dec. 5: A 19-year
old girl was allegedly
raped by a staffer of a
hotel where she was
undergoing training for
hotel management
course in Jaipur, police
said on Thursday.
Sent of Numbai, lodged an
FIR with the Kho
Nagorian police station
on Wednesday alleging
that the accused, Akshya,
raped her near the
hotel.
"She by some friends in
a club where Akshay was
also present. After the
party, he took the girl to a
place near the hotel,
where he works, and
allegedly raped her;
police said.
"The matter is under
investigation No arrest
has been made so far,"
the police added.

— PTI

BHOPAL, DEC. 5

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#### LOW | TURNOUTS | RS Chairman appeals to party leaders to ensure attendance

## V-P pulls up absentees of House panels

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Rajya Sabha Chairman

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkatah Naidu on Th-ursday pulled up MPs for their low attendance in parliamentary standing committees' meetings and urged the leaders of all parties to ensure "quanti-ctioning" of these panels. The comments of the Chair came after a meeting of Mr Naidu with chairpersons of these panels in the morning. He pointed out that only 10 the parties of the pointed out that only 10 thouses of Parliament attended eight Rajya Sabha committee meetings since being reconsti-

tuted in September this year.

Sharing concern about the functioning of these committees in the Upper House, Mr Naitu said: "I behalf," he added Raiya members of this House with full attendance in the meetings of the committees to rise."

Each member of the department-related standing committee represents 25 members of Parliament in September, had held a department-related standing committees (DRSCs), which were reconstituted in September, had held a department-while deliberating in the standard of the september of the septembe

tees, a total of 80 members of Rajya Sabha are represented. Out of these 80 members, 18 members have attended all the meetings of respective committees have attended all the meetings of respective committees have said. Similarly, 18 of the total 185 Lok Sabha members represented on these eight committees have also attended all the meetings. The DRSCs have been conceived, Naidu said, as an effective instrument of enabling detailed examination of various issues chosen by these committees for reporting in a bipartisan manner, which may not always be possible in both the Houses of Parliament.

#### **EMPTY SEATS DURING FARMERS ISSUE DISCUSSION**

New Delhi, Dos. 5: A BJP member in Lok Sabha on Thursday accused the Congress of not being Congress of not being the Congress of the Long Congress on crop loss. When members were participating in the discussion on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its impact on "crop loss due to various reasons and its congress" members were not serious on the issue.

## 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 Constitution. At present, even if the Congress opposes the Bill, it may well pass in Raiya Sabha as several smaller parties have given their support to the Bill. After the 2014 Lok Sabha debacle, the Congress had set up the Congress had set up the Congress had set up the Discrimination of the Bill. After the 2014 Lok Sabha debacle, the Compares had set up the Congress had been considered the Congress had been considered to the Congress of the Congress had been considered to the Congress had been considered t

eral issues, including Ayodhya, dilution of Article 370, the Congress has been accused of minority appeasement and ignoring the interests of the majority community of the congress was caught unawares when the government brought in the abrogation of Article 370. The initial response of the party was to attack the move of the government but sensing the public model and the move of the power ported it on the floor of the House. Before the party could come out with a formal response, several leaders had issued public statements approving of the decision.

World



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

— Pramila Jayapal Indian American Congresswoman

#### **Europeans rap** Iran for N-work

Iran for N-work

United Nation: 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 to such missiles.
Ambassadors from the three
European nations urged UN
secretary-general Antonio
Guterres in a letter to inform
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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-S istic missile variant
equipped with a maneuverable re-entry vehicle. It says:
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in the test is a Missile
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#### 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 to safety from a capitzed to safety from a capitzed to boat while 58 others drow boat while 58 others and the safety of the safe

mission in the West African nation with the UN migration agency, said.

"Many drowned. The ones who survived swam up to the work of the wo

#### **STUDY LINKS LUNG DISEASE TO VAPING**

Los Angeles, Dec. 5: An e-cig-arette user has been diagnosed with a rare form of lung scar-ring which is usually seen in metal workers, according to a

meial workers, according study.
The study, published in the European Respiratory Journal, is the first known case where the disease called hardmetal pneumoconiosis has been linked to vaping,

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

culties, 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 prostheting the properties of the properties of the properties of the professor Kirk Jones 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.



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.

## 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 civil near the sailor was docked at Pearl Harbor opened fire on three civil near the sailor was docked at Pearl Harbor opened fire on three civil near the sailor was docked at Pearl Harbor opened fire on three civil near the sailor was docked at Pearl Harbor on the sailor was seigned to the fast attack submarine USS Columbar, which is a whole is a

obstruction by the presi

## Trump committed impeachable crimes

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

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Washington, Dec. 5:
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In a sometime theatrical hearing of the House Judiciary Committee — now tasked with weighing

#### **MELANIA SLAMS US SCHOLAR** TO DEFEND MINOR SON

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CHILD A minor child deserves privacy and should be kept out of politics. Pamela Karlan, you should be interested in the control of the pandering.

MELANIA TRUMP, US First Lady

Washington, Dec. 5: US First Lady Melania Trump publicly rebuked a scholar out of politics. Pamela Karlan, you should be interested in the control of the pandering.

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Washington, Dec. 5: US First Lady Melania Trump publicly rebuked a scholar during an impeachment hearing against the president. Constitutional law professor Pamela Karlan in the president and the president and the president and the president professor Pamela Karlan, you should be kept to the president Trump retweeted her mesage to his 67 million followers.

— AFP

Trump has committed impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors by corruptly abusing the office of the presidency." Harvard Law School professor Noah Feldman told the heavier.

#### 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

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 Neuson Network also said it had a camera team travelling with Giuliani in Ukraine for an investigation into the impeachment case against Trump's and the modern of the said of th

trio was invited by Democrats to testify. Americans tuning in to the eight-hour live broad-cast witnessed clashes between Democrats and Republican Trump loyal-ists on the panel, who repeatedly forced proce-

Trump's lawyer Giuliani, who is the former mayor of New York, was meeting with former

prosecutor, Yuriy Lutsenko, a central figure in the impeachment case Democrats are building against US President

dural votes to stall the

of the new phase of impeachment began a day after a congressional report on the high-stakes inquiry detailed 'overwhelming evidence' of abuse of power and

obstruction by the president.
The report mapped out a months-long scheme by Trump. his personal report of the pers with confidence humility." — Age

KAMALA HARRIS

Washington, Dec. 5: California senator Kam-ala Harris abruptly withdrew from the race after her once-promising

**EXIT REFLECTS** 

**HARDSHIPS** 

## Musharraf treason case verdict on Dec 17: Court

impeachment charges against the president — lawmakers listened to damning testimony from constitutional law profes-

constitutional law professors.
"On the basis of the testimony and evidence before the House, President

SHAFQAT ALI | DC

ISLAMÉABA, DÉC. 5

A special court in Pakistan on Thursday decided to announce the verdict of high treason case against former military ruler Pervez. Mush-ruler perv

ested the court for time to read record comprising 3000 pages. Earlier, Islamabad High Court (IHC) had approved the interior ministry's petition and barred the special court from pro-nouncing the reserved verdict of high treason case against Musharraf. In a written verdict by IHC Chief Justice Athar



Pervez Musharraf

Manallah, it stated that there are unique, unusual and unprecedented circumstances in the case. It read that the federal government and the prosecution have an importances. 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 filled the complaint of emergency 2007 rather than the 1999 treachery.

#### **SHARIF FAMILY INVOLVED IN** CORRUPTION

DC CORRESPONDENT ISLAMABAD, DEC. 5

Special assistant to the Prime Minister on

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. When the shad a company was the shad a company as the shad a company to the shad a company

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.

FRANCE'S PENSION DEBATE

mous" in that view, jurisprudence 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

THE CURRENT PENSION SYSTEM

All French retirees receive a state pen-sion. The average pension this year stands at 1,400 euros per month after tax. But that average masks difference 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 profes rime more complicated bit: many profes-sions have a special pension scheme. Some people, like rail workers and air crews, are allowed to take early retire-ment. 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 rights. Some specific friedshies 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.



The government has opened talks with unions, business associations and professional organisations.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe

calling on Macron to abandon the reform altogether.

Protesters march during a mass stirke in the Old Port of Marseille

#### WHAT NEXT?

expected to provide details and make 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

#### 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 hipedicions to regulate the movement of
cless 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

can work as a great insulin injection replacement. The injections not only ontribute to weight but trigger a victous cycle of higher insulin doses, a higher incidence of cardiovascular disease and other complications, a study published in the journal Diabetes Care said.—The traditional diabetic "The traditional diabetic diet specifies six small meals spread throughout the day. But our research proposes shifting the 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 statistically and the professible for diabetics and professib



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### Dubious politics behind rush to enact new CAB

Hen the government first brought the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) to Parliament in January this year, it was unconstitutional through and through since it sought to confer Indian through and distribution manner based on religion, as though India distribution manner based on religion, as though India Membership in a distribution of the Cabinet on Wednesday — and expected to be introduced in Parliament on Monday — is no different from the original bill in its fundamentals, and suffers from exactly the same frailty. So, in what way is this bill a revised venture? The answer lies in dubious politics, which also has the effect of undercutting the Constitution.

Constitution. The strongest voice against the January bill came from the Northeast—where the BJP has muscled its way into governments in several capitals since coming to power at the Centre in 2014 — and civil society in those states. So the bill in its new avatar says illegal Hindu immigrants will not be permitted to settle in most of the Northeast (as this will hurt the BJP's political prospects there). Thus, when illegal immigrants become citizens under the new law, they will not be free to reside where they like as other citizens. This is plainly discriptive that the contract of the contract of

win not be free to results where they are as other citizens. This is panny discriminatory.

The new law is meant to give refuge to non-Muclims supposedly running away from religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The government has offered no data on the numbers involved. Indeed, besides weak anecdotal evidence, the whole construct seems a

Indeed, besides weak anecdotal evidence, the whole construct seems a hoax.

Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Parsis, Jains and Buddhists are not clamouring for entry into India. From Afghanistan, the figure is likely to be nil. From Pakistan, close to nil. Indeed, those facing discrimination there are Essentially, then, the whole thing will centre on Bangladesh, which borders India's Northeast and West Bengal, and the rest is a smokescreen. If illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, if any, are denied entry to the Northeast as envisioned in the bill to be tabled, they are most likely to flock to West Bengal, Odish and Bilars, given the geography.

Besides creating religion-based citizenship, and questioning democracy's inviolable principle of equality before the law, the supposedly revised CAB also violates the 1985 Assam Accord. Under this law, those found to have created the control of the control of the control of the control of the CAB permits lings. If there is no cab permits the complex of the control of

#### Keep promises to states

In the over 70-year-long history of independent India, there have been several episodes of economic slowdowns but none might have achieved what the current one did — adversely affect the financial sovereignty of states. State governments had agreed to frogo their constitutional sovereignty to levy the collectively administered the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017 on certain conditions. One of them was that the central government would compensate states for any shortfall in revenue growth bear the control of the control of

breaking its promises on the liscal autonomy or states and the columns of federal polity. It will kill the concept of cooperative federalism that he claimed to espouse since he came to power in 2014. Given the large number of revenue sources available to the Centre, it is imperative for New Delhi to stop financially strangulating states by denying them their rightful share of taxes. Trust in the government is nost important for running an administration, and the day it is lost, nanchy will prevail.

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## How Bajwa affair may impact politics in Pak



he moment Pakistan's Supreme Court took cognisance of the extension order for General Pakistan's Court for General Pakistan's Pakistan's Court for General Pakistan Court for General For General Pakistan Court for General Pak

commanders, where the chief was apparently hounded. Why was this so? Gen. Baiwa is of the 1980 batch and followed Gen. Raheel Sharif (1976 batch) as chief, who in turn followed Indiana the state of the 1980 batch and followed Gen. Baiwa is a state of the state of the 1973-75 batches to throw up Gen. Eayani also got a three-year extension and upset the chances of the 1973-75 batches to throw up Gen. Baiwa is the 1980 batch to throw up Gen. Baiwa is extended by three years, the 1980 batch to throw up Gen. Baiwa kenure is extended by three years, the next batch to have a chief would be list to the state of the 1974-75 batches which have about 15-16 lieutenant-generals in contention. It is from among these that seven lieutenant generals in contention. It is from among these that seven lieutenant generals in contention. It is from among these that seven lieutenant generals in which the Supreme Court took suo moto cognisance of a withdrawan laywa's extension. The three-judge bench, besides pointing to glitches in the government's and extension of not one or two but three full years, equal to the original probably upset the corps commanders no end. What is likely to be the outcome? Sheikh Rashid, the maverick railway minister, has publicly will get his full three years as originally sought by the government. Mr Rashid is an astute politician. He knows that both the government as all dictates the need for an extension of not one or two but three full years, equal to the originally sought by the government. Mr Rashid is an astute politician. He knows that both the government is all dictated the need for an extension of not one or two but three fully years, equal to the originally sought by the government and as originally sought by the government as and and have it implemented; it will set a wrong precedural content of the state of the situation which will get his full three years as originally sought by the government as and and have it implemented; it will set a wrong precedural content of the state of the state of th

dent and further emboldent he judiciary into creating a 2007-type situation of the control of th

With the political environment so vitiated, and the Army itself divided, Pakistan could be heading for a peri-od of suspension of

tions of destabilisation of the Imran Khan government, and the PML(N) and PPP also having and PPP also having and PPP also having the defendence of the property of the property of the property of the political environment so vitiated, and the Army. However, with the political environment so vitiated, and the Army is defidived, Pakistan operiod of suspension of the legislature and direct rule by the Army. That again would have been the easiest option if things were all right on the economic and international front and the property of the

The writer, a retired lieutenant-general, is a former commander of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps. He is also associated with the Vivekananda International Foundation and the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies.

#### LETTERS

### **GUNS FOR WOMEN**

The lightweight revolver 'Nirbheek' will definitely be (Lightweight revolver for women finds few takers, DC, Dec. 5). But we have to keep in mind that it is the gun culture in the United States that has claimed scores of young lives scores of young lives.
Mentally imbalanced, trig-ger-happy individuals will have a greater access to such weapons if the licences are issued easily. Pepper spray, soap-nut powder spray etc., might be helpful to disable the attackers temporarily.

Jyotsna Prasad

#### **PAWAN, STILL ACTING**

It's most unfortunate that Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan even after eight years of political life is still behaving like a film actor and delivers dialogues the same manner. Commending on the brutal rape and murder of Disha in Hyderabad, the leader advocated that the rapits be caned till they lose their skins. Mr Pawan Kalyan hot film world where he spent very many years.

Balakumar Devi Hyderabad

#### APT CARTOON

Kudos to Subhani's cartoon depicting that half of the members of Parliament are facing rape and criminal charges (DC. Dec. 4). It's absolutely true, how can one expect justice from the government when its own ministers are the perpetrators stitting in Parliament? This the new India.

Shazia Razzao

Shazia Razzaq Ashoknagar, Hyderabad

#### STRONG LAWS

People and politician alike were up in arms following the brutal rape and numder of Disha in Hyderabad, and rightly so. But going by the Delhi rape incident, the exhibition of solidarity by holding candlelight rallies and dharmas appear only temporary. The accused in the Delhi rape incident are still in jail. What we want is a permanent solution to prevent such incidents in future.

D.N. Rao

(The letter 'Change mindsets' DC, Dec. 5, is by K. Nikitha Rachel Melissa and not as rendered. The error is regretted.)

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### The myriad interpretations of Sufi anthem 'Mast Qalandar'

the latter year, it was sung by Madam Noor Jehan who truly immortalised it. It happens many a time that folk. It happens many a time that folk the second of the second was a second of the second was a second of the second of t

qalandar" have entered the sociopolitical lexicon to connote meanings far from its original intent. Among its myriad usages, "dehama" is used to signify "intense" and "dama dam" to warn "the end is night." It was Zulfiker Ali Bhud dam mast validities and the signify "intense" and "dama dam" to warn "the end is night." It was Zulfiker Ali Bhud dam mast Qalandar" in 1973 to predict the political turmoil ahead. Subsequently, the late Pir Pagaro used it to relay his master's voice to the elected governments that their days were numbered. It is also attributed to ZAB that right before the orders for his judicial murder were to be pronounced by the presiding judge, he murmured "Qalandar help save my fam" (Ogdandar, help save my fam") (Ogdandar, help save my fam")

While tracing the genesis and evolution of the anthem, it should be kept in view that Jhuley Lal is a dif-

Gerent saint from Lal Shahbaz Qalandar. His real name was Udero Lal while the latter was named Usman Marwandi. Udero was a Hindu saint and his mausoleum Usman Marwandi. Udero was a Hindu saint and his mausoleum Sanghar in Sindh, has a unique distinction of being administered jointly by the Muslim and Hindu community. The references to "Jhula" (cradle) as in "Jhulay lat" or "Jhulay lata" are reminders of the legend of Udero Lal and how as an infant he is from his jhula.

There is nothing wrong in combining reverence for two or multiple mystics who spread the message of love and peace. Like Shahbaz Qalandar, Udero Lal enjoys a huge Qalandar, Udero Lal enjoys a huge lating the peace of the more the merrier".

As a noun, "dhamal" means a loud melody that is not just heard, but felt under the feet — of earthshaking variety, you may say. It is used as an adjective, especially in india to signitience, e.g. "the match had a dhamal ending." The spontaneous dance that Pakistanis all over the country break into when surprised by something good coming their way is what we are referring to here — yes, those index fingers in the air, shoulders did to the control of th

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

DECCAN CHRONICLE

## Story of Oudh's begum & prince comes to life



Saeed Nagvi

Wide Angle

t took Pulitzer Prize winner Ellen Barry of the New York Times to put at rest last week to the New York Times to put at rest last week to the New York Times to you wilayat Mahali" of "Begum Wilayat Mahali" of "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 dark pathos, not quite the stuff of high traged.

As early as 1975, Anjum Qadar, whose descent from the Oudh "royals" is established ar rubbished Wilayat Mahali's claims. The self-pro-claimed "royals" would not speak to Indian journalists —

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

"Princess' and the jung" "Princes" is a classic case of "news" which, when neither confirmed nor denied, takes root in the popular

confirmed nor denied, takes root in the popular imagination. Public opinion then drives the government into action to minimise (Gandhi in the early 1980s agreed to transfer the "royals" to a medieval hunting lodge on the ridge. It is known as Malcha Mahal. This transfer may also have been to remove a nuisance from public gaze.

In the early 1970s, a woman with sharp aristocratic fea-tures took up residence on plat-form number one of New Delhi tures took up residence on platform number one of New Delhi railway station and proclaimed herself the last Begum of Outh. For greater credibility, she had in her entourage two children, a handsome dog and a liverled stavant. Definition of the control of the co

only flirted with because of the "Indian journalists not allowed" fatwa by Begum Wilayat Mahal. There is histor-

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ical consistency in all of this because even our archaeology was excavated by Europeans. Why, even The Last Mughal is something of a masterpiece by William Dailrymple. While Dairymple diligently scoured the archives in the fashion of Oudh story was there for all newspapers and channels to see.

newspapers and chains of see.

Toba Tek Singh in Manto's story cannot understand how a place, which was in India, can "go" to Pakistan. Like Toba Tek Singh, Begum Wilayat of Oudh also spent time in a Lahore asylum for her grand delusion. She had to live with women who were "tied in

Trust Salyyid 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 between the royals and the UP chief minister. He must surely hast spendid city — Prince Moinuddin, who also addresses himself as Bahadur Shah III. The last Mughal emperor was his great, great grandfather: that is his story. His great grandfather scape to Kerala. But why did Bahadur Shah III. The Bahadur Shah town the word of the state of the state

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 Ail Reza, or Cyrus, who spent his last years in Malcha Prince Ail Reza, or Cyrus, who spent his last years in Malcha Charles and the stories of the stories o Partition in 1947, Hinuas armed with hockey sticks beat Butt up, I can bet hus the story is false. Yes, there was small-scale stone throwing between Shias and Sunnis on appointed days annually. But Hindu Muslim violence? Never — until caste politics reared its head in the late 1980s.

The last king of Oudh (Awadh), Wajid Ali Shah's exile to Metiabruz near Rolkata, or the more recent Partition of India, are disorition of the more recent Partition of India, are disorition of the more recent Partition of India, are disorition of the more of the more recent Partition of India, are disorition of the more recent leading to the mo

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



Rajeev Ahuja

ast week, the Lok Sabha passed the Prohibition of Electronic Classets and Commercial activity in ecigarettes. Although the bill was subsequently introduced in the Rajva Sabha, it is yet to get passed. The bill is intended to replace the ordinance to this effect signed last September.

to this effect signed. September.
This single decision of the Narendra Modi government must have delighted millions of grand/parents having delighted millions of grand/parents having grand/children who are about to, or would, enter youth. They feared that their grand/children who are about to, or would, enter youth. They feared that their grand/children, or vaping — a many fear addiction which was quietly picking up in the country. Many ignorant parents may not even realise the impact that this potentially beneficial decision may have on younger gen may have on younger gen and the problem in the bud itself. But in doing so, the Narendra Modi government is nipping the problem in the bud itself. But in doing so, the Narendra Modi government has also upset some popule.

people.

Who are these people upset with the decision?
Well, these are relatively a small section of smokers people.

Mean these people was the wind to decision? Well, these are relatively a small section of smokers who were turning to vaping, which is believed to be less harmful than smoking a conventional cigarette. However, not all of these smokers may complain against the Narendra Modi government's deciration of the state of the st

family/social interest above their selfish interest may not complain against the decision to ban e-tigarettes. But some smokers would surely be upset. The other section that the condition 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 profile wereyme in the profile wereyme in the industry can go to any extent — lobbying, contaminating evidence, distorting facts, spreading rumours, mobilising the "constituents" to criticise the decision — all in the name of safeguarding contaminating evidence, of the constituents of the constituents.

the decision — all in the name of safeguarding consumer choice.

It is to the record the property of the prope

The decision to ban e-cigarettes seems a good one based on sound judgment,

it safeguards the interests of the interests of the majority, even if it upsets a small minority in the process. This is only to be expected.

many people find repulsive, and thereby may lead to greater social acceptance of ecigarettes.

Those who have been critical of the Narendra Modi government's decision have critical of the Narendra Modi government's decision have critical experience of the Narendra Modi government's decision have critical experience of the Narendra Modi government's decision with the state of the translation of the state of the translation of the state of the s

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 cigarette industry, regulating it at the retail level can be a real nightnare and burdensome for governments.

and outrensome for governments. Third is and a related question is can the ban on ectigarettes be really effective? The ban may actually work for a few good reasons: (a) the ban on eligarettes is nationwide—that control is a suffective by the six possible of the six

losers.
Having taken a smart decision, the government now needs to ensure its prompt translation into necessary legislation and laws.

The writer is a develop-ment economist, formerly with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank

## The glory of the Bhagavad Gita



Swami Tejomayananda

ound in the Maha-bharata, the Bhaga-nad Gidn is the most renowned portion of this great epic. Even though, it was taught to Arjuna thou-sands of years ago, the Gida continues to retain its pop-ularity and appeal — espe-cially in today's fast-paced, nerve-racking and chal-

lenging world. Why is this

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evolved disciples — intelligent men and
women who had examined
and understood the limits
and understood the limits
in contrast, Arjuna was a
person of the world. He
was an ambitious, noble
and heroic man of action.
He had undergone numerous trials and tribulations;

Mantra

He had undergone numer-ous trials and tribulations; abundant experiences, good and bad. How-ever, when confronted with the

his own kin, he was overwhelmed. This is the plight of most of us today — we become incapacitated when mountly the control of the control of

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## Top secret military designs missing



Dr. P.S. Gill. Director of

Dr. P.S. Gill, Director of the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation here, confirmed today that 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-

bers of his staff were involved in the disappearance of the vital drawings. He feared that they might have been passed on to support the drawings was first discovered by Dr. Gill last month when the Defence Ministry asked for their return. Dr. Gill looked for the drawings in every nook and corner of his establishment, but in vain. He wrote back but he could not trace the drawings and asked that it launch an inquiry into the matter. In his letter he mentioned the names of some "suspects".

Narrating the sequence of circumstances that brought CSIO into the picture, Dr. Gill said, "The Defence Ministry wanted to produce the instrument in 1966 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 become, including the one relating to who should bear the cost.

The matter was nearly forgotten after that, he added.
Speaker G.S. Dhillon

added.

Speaker G.S. Dhillon
announced in the Lok
Sabha that he had admit-

ted a calling attention motion on the report that top secret military designs were missing from the Central Scientific Instru-ments Organisation, Cha-ndigarh

Central Scientific Instru-ments Organisation, Cha-ndigarh.

Mr Dhillon told Mr. M. L.
Sondhi (3S) who had drawn attention to the report, that the motion to the contract of the contract lies than Monday.

The report spoke of sus-pected espionage involv-ing disappearance of top secret military designs from the CSIO and the sus-pension of key officials pension of key officials of the Central Bureau of Inves-tigation on the house of CSIO director P.S. Gill.

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#### 15th Finance Commission submits report

The Finance Commission sub-mitted its report for the finan-cial year 2020-21 to President Ram Nath Kovind. The Commission headed by N K Singh apprised the President of Finance Commission was con-stituted to make recommenda-tions 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 Alteza. 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 Dydroges-terone 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. Its company's product is generic version ny's product is generic version it said. The process of making Dydrogesterone is complex.

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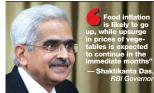
■ Guv says vegetable prices should soften by early Feb. 2020

## **RBI** rubs it in, says no respite from price rise

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO
NEW DELHI, DEC. 5

Amid a hue and cry over skyrocketing onion prices. The price of household groceries would remain cost-lier, leaving the am admi, juggling with the household budget, in the lurch. Though rabi crops are picking up and are explicating up and are explicating up and are set 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. Sensing that the inflation outlook would be influenced by multiple factors. Sensing that the outprice movement due to myriad factors. Sensing that the inflation outlook would be influenced by multiple factors are sensing that the inflation outlook would be influenced by multiple factors in prices of vegetables is expected to continue in the immediate months."

"However, a pick-up in arrivals from the late mirror that measures taken by the government to augment supply through imports should help soften vegetables prices by early February 200," 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 countries. The state of the remained over the remained over the remained with many measures, such as imports from Egypt and a ban on hoarding, the prices have refused to come down.

The Consumer Price down for CPI, inflation of 69 per cent in October, pushed up by a sharp increase in vegetables prices from heavy unseasonal rains. "Prices of onions, in particular, shot up by 45.3 per cent in October, pushed up the sharp increase in vegetables prices from heavy unseasonal rains. "Prices of onions, in particular, shot up by 45.3 per cent in

September and further by 18.6 per cent in October," the RBI said.
Besides anion, potato Besides with the RBI said.
Besides we septembles, RBI lass 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.

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The BBI 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 capacity this year of the capacity this year of the capacity this year of the full reservoir level as on November 28. Higher percentage of reservoir level means better availability of water for rability of the RBI said.

Experts have expressed concern over the sudes 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 452 per cent, well above the RBI target ceiling of 4 per caution," said Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management. Suvodeep Rakshit, Vice President & Senior Economist & Senior Economist & Senior Economist & Control of the control of the

cy highlighted that infla-tion remains a priority. The flexible portion of the inflation, targeting frame-work of the monetary pol-icy 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

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 R8 10,000 for purchase of goods and services.

services.

"Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) have been 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 services up to a limit of Rs 10,000. The RBI said. The loading-vicloading of such PPI can be done only from a bank account and it can be used only for making digital payments such as bill payments, merchant payments, c. 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 many control of the customer and the PPIs can be issued in the form of cards and mobile wallets. The major players in the payment space are

GooglePay. PhonePe and Paym. The new type of payment instrument will see entry of new players in the payment space and can pose competition for the existing players of these payment platforms are powered by government's united payment interface (UP). UPI payments have been growing fast in India and UPI is reportedly the and UPI is reportedly the the world.

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

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday released the final guidelines for ontap licence of small state of the property of th

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of tag basis, we expect business plans, organisation structure, systems and processes before applying for the licence to ensure a better success rate. The system of the s



erative banks that intend to convert into SFB, the initial requirement of net worth shall be at Rs 100 crore, which will have to be increased to Rs 200 crore within five years from the date of commencement of business. Payments Banks have also been allowed to apply for conversion into SFR after

been allowed to apply for conversion into SFB after five years of operations, if they are meet other eligibility norms said the RB. SFBs will be given scheduler of operations. SFBs will be general permission to open banking outlets from the date of operations. SFBs will have general permission to open banking outlets from the date of commencement of operations. Investors will have general permission to open banking outlets from the date of commencement of operations. Investors will have general permission to open banking outlets from the date of commencement of operations. Investors will have been dependent of the date of

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 tem...Given that inflation will stay elevated in the next couple of months at dose to 5.3%-5.4%, a February cut is ruled out, at least logically. By the same logic, an April cut looks difficult. Thus, it might be a longer pause

Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, SBI

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I cannot remember the last time there has been such a res surprise as far as the RBI decision surprise as far as the RBI decision is concerned. It deflies the expectation of the market and also the body language of the central bank over the past six months or so Taimur Baig, MD & Chief Economist, DBS Group Research

The decision to wait and watch the outplay of previous cuts will go against the current sentiments. The markets overall are disappointed

Niranjan Hiranandani, President, Nardeco

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If the economy is to prosper, pri-ority 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 the NBFC-P2P platform

Hemant Kanoria, Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance

The MPC took a pause from cut-ting the repo rate to take stock of rising inflation, the fiscal situation and the lagged impact of the recent measures announced by the government

Zarin Daruwala, CEO, India

## P2P lending limit raised to ₹50L Banking stocks fall after RBI pause

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 users of the peer-to-peer (P2P) platform. The mere (P2P) platform The property of the platform o

platforms. In order to give the next push to the lending platforms, the aggreton of the platforms, the aggreton of the platforms, the aggreton of the platforms, and point of time across all P2P platforms, shall be subject to a cap of Rs 50 lakh, the RBI said.

Besides, the RBI would do away with the requirement of the platform of the peracted by a bank promoted trustee for fund transfer. The move is expected to bring cheers to those looking to be provided to bring the provided the platform.

"When you have the robust technology and the platform of the

Bank stocks fell after RBI's monetary policy committee unanimously voted for a pause on rate cut, though it has come after five consecutive rate cuts since Pebruary 2019.

The bond market reacted as the 10-year government bond yield spliked to 6.82 per cent levels, meaning mark-to-market losses for the banks.

mark-to-market losses for the banks.
The yield on the 10-year government bond shot up by 10 basis points (bps). The yields had fallen by around 20 bps in the last

two months.

The Nifty Bank Index fell 0.83 per cent while Nifty PSU Bank Index fell 1.80 per cent will be cent. The top losers included 1.10 pp. The cent.

The top losers included 1.00 per cent. Nith a lank (2.30 per cent.) PNN ond shot up by 10 pp. The yields had Bank (2.30 per cent.) PNN ond shot up by 10 pp. The yields had state two months with the last two months (1.67 per cent.) Axis Bank (1.67 per cent.) Axis Bank (1.67 per cent.) Axis Bank (1.68 per cent.) Bank (1.68 per cent.) Bank (1.69 per cent.) Bank of Baroda (1.45 per cent.) Each per cent. While the rate curs with cumulative rate cuts of 135 basis (1.60 per cent.) Bank of Baroda (1.45 per cent.) Each per cent. Parks of 135 basis (1.60 per cent.) Bank (1.68 per cent.) Bank of Baroda (1.58 per

JOSEPH THOMAS

There are three reasons why there was actually no need for the RBI to cut

the rates this time.
First, the retail inflation indicated by the consumer price index has shot up to

No need for rate cut now

sumer analysts said.
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lower interest benefit to end-consumers without
further reporate cut, their
margins could get impacted in the coming quarter.
Ravikant Bhat, Senior
Analyst-BFSI, IndiaNivesh said, "BBI MPC
surprised with a unanimous preference for status
quo on policy rates, do
under the properties of the consumer of the constated, slow transmission of earlier rate cuts. The
onus clearly shifts to
banks."

## Central bank just did something crazy



The Reserve Bank of India is ending the year as the year with a shock.

Policy with a shock of the process of the year as to 5.15 per cent on Thursday. Not a single economist among the 42 surveyed by Bloomberg News predicted this outcome.

Central banks generally hate giving surprises. It makes people wonder what officials know that they office the process of the process of the process given the process given that headline inflation breached its 4 per cent medium term target in October. Food prices have skynocketed as a process given the process given that headline inflation breached its 4 per cent medium term target in October. Food prices have skynocketed as a law with the cost of onions up 45 per cent in September

and a further 20 per cent the following month, according to the central according to the central the following month, according to the central following the following the following caught up in vegetables. Gross domestic product increased just 4.5 per cent control of the following caught up in vegetables. Gross domestic product increased just 4.5 per cent control of the following caught up in vegetables. Gross domestic product increased just 4.5 per cent control of the following caught up in the following caught to subside. There's little inflation in a graveyard.

There's little inflation in a graveyard.
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 posts amid questions about central bank independence. That February decision was



right, and even lucky, as I've written. This one is more questionable. For enough, refer a more too worked about inflation target, especially when other convented 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 stand-still 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 com-numications machinery has broken down. Das must have known this would be jarring.

jarring. The RBI appears to be counting on a brighter world economy to help tide it over. The opening para-graphs of the central bank's statement notes the

dour tone of the global pic-ture that has prevailed this year, but says "some signs of resilience are becoming visible." It points to the global rally in stock mar-kets.

Beta May be the global economy right at the beginning of the year, when the RBI became one of the first important central banks to ease. But India's domes-

International Moneua.,
Fund.
India needs everything to
go right outside the country if the domestic economy is to have a prayer. With
trade wars blazing on every
stand less likely. The RBI
picked a heck of a time to
slow things down.

— Bloomberg

became one of the first important central banks to ease. But India's domestic growth rate has sharply decelerated since, eclipsing the modest reductions in global forecasts by the International Programmer of the decelerated since, expension of the price learning to grant the modest reductions in global forecasts by the International Programmer of the price segment 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

expected.
Second, the rupee is weaker today that it was three months ago. A weak-neemed was a second to the second



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

SHORT TAKES

#### **Ex-cricketer Robin Morris arrested**

Mumbal, Dec. 5; Robin Morris, a

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.

Morris (53), the prime accused in the case, is a former batsman who had played in the Ranji Trophy for Mumbal and also line. The other accused were identified as Gravin D'Souza, Ahmed All ansari, Alex Miranda and Rupesh Bhimani. All of them were arrested on December 1, said senior inspector Datta Shinde of Kurfa police station. Some years ago, Morris had securing a loan of 32 crore from a bank. The agent charged him a commission of 57 lakh, but could not manage to get the loan sanctioned, the police official said. Morris demanded his money back, following which but could not pay the balance amount of the special policy of the spec Morris (53), the prime accused

#### CSA crisis grows, Ali asks Moroe to quit

Johannesburg: The crisis in South African cricket deepened on Thursday as former chief executive Ali Bacher called on

on Thursday as former chief executive All Bacher called on incumbent Thabang Moroe to quit, while a second independent director resigned from the board of Cricket South Africa. Bacher, a former Test captain, depth, while independent board member lebal Khan, the chairman of CSA's finance committee, said he could no longer be party to an organisation that was "ruining the game". Khan blamed Moroe for the majority of the said he could not have to the thems of an agreement with the SA Cricketers' Association, the terms of an agreement with the SA Cricketers' Association, the terms of an agreement with the SA Cricketers' Association, the terms of an agreement with the SA Cricketers' Association, the finger spoin at the CEO. "But, having said that, I cannot believe that you are not aware of the many issues that have caused this malaise and to that extent you are also complicit and perhaps even the entire board." — AFP

# Winds of change

## With different mindsets, India and West Indies kick off their T20 series today SeTIES tOday They have been in India for over a month now, having for over a month now, having the set of the

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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 made and the side, have their eyes on the IPL auction two weeks londles will have different mindsets as they kick off their three-match Twenty20 series at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium here on Friday. Cricket Stadium here on Friday. Cricket Stadium here on Friday and the side for the big one to be held in Australia in October-November next year and have an abundance of riches to sift through before firming up the before firming up the before firming up the here of the side of

Rahul and wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant, whe would view pre-cious chance to impress the powers that be. Pant in particular will be keen to prove that is not just a shot-circuit be keen to prove that is not just a shot-circuit of just a shot-circuit of just a shot-circuit behind his power play in front of the wickets. He needs to buck up behind them as well, and come good with the big glowe good with the big diowe side, moreso with Mahendra Singh Dhoni Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Manendra Singn Dhoni not yet hanging his flam-nels and Wriddhiman Saha and Sanju Samson providing options. Talking of comebacks, there are quite a few. Kohli is back to leading the T20 side after taking

is back to leading the T20 side after taking a break to sit out of the Bangladesh series. Also back in the T20 fold are Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Mohammad Stami and The pace battery looks charged up as Bhuvneshwar. Shami and Deepak Chahar can be a handful while spin twins Kuldeep and Yuzvendra Chahal come up with the Charlesh of the Charle

TOTALS

**Windies** 244-in 20 overs a Lauderhill in

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

tions.
Evin Lewis and Shimron Hetmyer have been released from the Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Rangalore squads Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore squads respectively, of which Pollard and Kohli are key players. They would want to make more than a point in the series that end get the another than the series that end get the series ringing.

The competition is tough though — with 34 West Indians among 258 foreigners vying for the 29 overseas players' spots available across

29 overseas players spots available across eight teams — but they couldn't have asked for a better platform, especial-ly with Kohli's RCB hav-ing the most vacancies at six.

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And so, trust Sheldon
Cottrell, Lendl Simmons,
Brandon King, Khary
Pierre, Keserick
Williams Hayden Walsh Pierre, Keserick Williams, Hayden Walsh would be swinging to MC's Hammer Time! That makes for a full-on Friday night party

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HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL

**BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS** 

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

With India lying fifth in world T20 rank-ings, captain Virat Kohli admitted there Kohli admitted there were problems in the shortest format. "I don't think we have been very good while atting first in T20 crickand 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.
"Haying said, that T20

opener entity side of the control of

Virat Kohli during a

training session in
Hyderabad on Thursday.

— P. SURENDRA

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**HOW THEY FARED IN T20s** 

Kohli throws his weight behind under-fire Pant

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

be playing as close to the eleven that we want in the World Cup for the remainder of the T20 games we did not be seen to the world Cup. 'Kohli said.

The skipper also backed a misfiring Rishabh Pant. 'We certainly believe in Rishabh's ability. As you responsibility to do well, work hard and I agree but I think it's a collective responsibility to do well, 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 "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 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)

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## Captain Pollard trains young guns

STATS: S. PERVEZ QAISER

HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The West Indies could be the underdogs going into the T20 series with India assays his young side are up for the challenge.

"We play a lot of cricket in India. It's just a mater of using our experience and hopefully that experience can be a good step for us. At can be a good step for us. At 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.

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

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last series (against Afghanistan, in India). We have spoken about it and hopefully in this series we put these things right," he added.
Personally, he just wants to continue his form. "Every time I step on the cricket field, as a professional, I want to have per stonal, it want to have per have been going pretty decent for me and I just

want to continue doing that and continue scoring runs for the team. I hope my contribution put the team in a winning position," he said. The seasoned player also backed youngsters in his substanced to the season of the season

world what they can do. Sometime you need to have umbrella over them and protect them from the vultures out there to pull them down. It's just a matter of international cricket which we know is a very tough place," he said.

The West Indies are without big names such as Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Dwayne Bravo and Carlos Brathwaite.

Brathw

## Referee Lakshmi set to create history TV umpire to monitor in domestic women's cricket matches in 2008-09, has now overseen three women's ODI matches, 16 men's T20 Internationals and seven women's T20 Internationals. "It feels great, having any-thing assigned first to your name gives me a sense of

Dubai, Dec. 5: Former India cricketer GS Lakshmi is set to become the first woman match referee to oversea mers ODI when she offinates the opening match to the third cup League 2 in the Sunday and the World Cup League 2 in the Sunday and the World Cup League 2 in the Sunday will oversee the

the United Arau consunday.

Lakshmi will oversee the match between the United the Emirates and the consumer at 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. It is the second significant schievement for Lakshmi this year following her appointment as the first woman onto the ICC International Panel of Match Referees im May. The 51-year old, who first officiated as a match referee

thin rests great directions are sense of pride. This being a big ICC ment of Cicket World Cup League 2) it feels great to be officiating at this level." Lakshmi said in an Speak of the control of the c

Is years."

Lakshmi is hopeful that other women can follow in her flostspes of officiating. The control of the

ment.
"Congratulations to GS
Lakshmi. It is thoroughly
deserved and highlights the
wonderful opportunities
there are for females in
cricket officiating." — PTI



## front-foot no-balls: ICC

The On-Field

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 Cricials, the Council (ICC) announced on Thursdate

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 Compite will be put to trial in it."

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Umpire will not call a front foot no ball without the advice of the Third Umpire.

in a statement.

"If there has been an infringement on the front foot, the Third Umpire will communicate this to the On-Field Umpire will subsequently call a no ball subsequently call a no ball tumpire will not call a front foot no ball without the advice of the Third Umpire." It added.

The ICC said the benefit of doubt in close calls will leave the control of the third of the third will be communicated, then the On-

Field Umpire will rescind a dismissal (if applicable) and call no ball. The Onresponsible for other ingame decisions in the usual way," the ICC said.

"The outcomes of the trial will be used to gauge whether the system has a accuracy of no ball decisions and whether it can be implemented while minimising disruption to the flow of the game." it added, the control of the con

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## Manchester bring Mourinho down to earth London, Dec. 5: Jose Mourinho endured an mahappy return Marcus Rashford struck twice in a 2-1 defeat for Premier League, putting league record of seven conmanappy return to Tottenham while Liverpool five goals past Everton. League, putting league record of seven conmanappy of the premier League, putting league record of seven conmanappy return to Tottenham while Liverpool five goals past Everton. Second-placed Leicester Second-placed Leicester Over Watford. — AFP

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

## Abhishek hero as Hyd win by one run

An exceptional allround performance by Murugan An exceptional allround performance by Murugan Abhishek rallied Hyderabad Under 16 to a dramatic oner-run victory over Madhya Pradesh in a dramatic oner-run victory over Madhya Pradesh in a 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 semifinal.

Chasing 255 for a win in their second innings, MP looked in control before off-spinner Abhishek wrecked their ship with Earl and the wind the wind



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, 1444) & 144 in 60.4 overs (Cheeraj Goud S6, Pranav Varma 37, Vatenda Pajapati 6 for 33) but Madhya Pradesh 166 in 53.5 overs (Murugan Abhishek 4 for 41) & 253 in 84.4 overs (Adarsh Dubey 40, Anchit Thakur 33, Armav Kothapally 2 for 11, Hurugan Abhishek 5 for 11, Hurugan Abhishek

### Gayatri, Ashmita make it CAR OF ARJUNA AWARDEE STOLEN an all-India final at SAG

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

Asian Games nere on Thursday. India secured their best medal haul on a single day so far in the Games to lead 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.

tion.
India added 26 gold, 18 sil-India added 28 gold, 18 silver and 6 bronzes on Thursday. The bulk of India's medals came from swimming, weightlifting and athletics. India's gold rush was triggered by wushu with as many as seven yellow metsure of the most medals for India on Thursday with 11, of which four were gold, six silver and one bronze. SHUTTLERS IN FINALS Meanwhile, Indian shut-

SHUTTLERS in FINALS
Meanwhile, Indian shuttlers Ashmita Chaliha and
Gayatri Gopichand registered convincing victories
in their respective semifinals on Thursday to set
up an all-Indian summit
clash in the women's singles category.

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While, top-seed Ashmita
thrashed her Sri Lankan
opponent Achini Ratnasiri
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Dias of Sri Lanka during a
21-17, 21-14 win. The men's
singles semi-finals also saw
India's dominance as
Aryaman Tondon and Siril
Verma set up final against
each other after winning
their semi-final matches.

PADDLERS POWER ON



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 POORVI CITY PAIR

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. In the Property of the Year's award by the Badminton World Federation after a stellar 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 Wichelle 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 Oktavianti. The prestigious awards of the elite badminton play.

P. V. Sindhu did not find a place in the nominations for nominations for 'Female Player of the Year' as she didn't win any title barring the World Championship gold this year.

ers and pairs in six categories, including two in
Para badminton.
India's para badminton
India's para badminton
layer Pramod Bhagat, who
has bagged 11 gold, three silver and four bronze medalis
this year, was nominated in
Player of the Year' award.
Olympic silver-medallist P.
V. Sindhu, however, didn't
find a place in the list of
nominees from the Year' as she
Player of the Year' as she
the World Championship
gold this year.

PTI

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

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.

— PTI

## **VANSHIKA AND** AT NATL FINALS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

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 tournament will bring its National Finals which will be held at RCC Indoor Stadium in Secunderabad on Sunday from 4.30 pm onwards.

nwarus. Vanshika Kapila & Poorvi Singh will carry Hyderabad's flag at the

Hyderabad's flag at the event.

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

# MP, Services bag five golds at rowing bagged one gold, Punjab one silver and two bronzes in Madhya Pradesh 72.5.6 day. 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 Friday. Loo met State: 2. Indian Army 7.33.6; 3. Race 7: MDZ: 1. Services 7.56.4; 2. Indian Army 8.03.2; 3. Delhi 7.55.8. Pradesh 8.35.7; 2. Odisha 8.55.5; 3. Anadama & Nicobar 8.55.5; 3. Anadama & Nicobar 8.55.5; 3. Anadama & Nicobar 9.07.5. Pradesh 9.10.1; 2. Indian Army 7.13.1; 3. Punjab 7.55.8. Race 1: WDZ: 1. Services 7.10.3; 2. Delhi 7.12.5; 3. Punjab 7.55.8. Pradesh 9.10.1; 2. Services 7.10.3; 2. Delhi 7.10.5; 3. Indian Army 7.13.0; 3. Punjab 7.55.8. Race 1: WDZ: 1. Services 7.10.3; 2. Delhi 7.10.5; 3. Indian Army 7.13.0; 3. Punjab 7.55.8. Race 2: MDZ: 1. Services 7.18.2; 3. Race 9: MDZ: 1. Services 8.02.1; 3. Services 9.10.2; 3. Punjab 6.45.6.

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 Hussainsagar lake here on Thursday l'hursday. Odisha and Indian Army

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