



Answers sought

British opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn said PM Boris Johnson needs to answer about Russian donations to the Tory party or the report about Russian interference in British politics



Cops will use 'hard' and 'soft' approaches when dealing with protests

— Chris Tang
Hong Kong police commissioner

BRIEF

25 killed in Iraq gunmen attack

Baghdad: Iraqi officials have raised Saturday's death toll to 25 protesters killed and over 150 wounded, after a bloody night of attacks by unknown gunmen that targeted anti-government demonstrators in the capital city. The attack was among the deadliest since October 1, when thousands of Iraqis took to the streets in anger for sweeping political reforms and the end of Iran's influence in Iraqi affairs. Security forces regularly use live rounds and tear gas to disperse the demonstrations, leading to heavy casualties. The gunfire continued until the early hours of Saturday.

Pak men cut off 10-year-old's nose

Islamabad: Three Pakistani men cut off the nose of a 10-year-old child in Rajanpur's Rehman after stoning into his school on Saturday. The school is located in the Dera Dildar area. The suspects attacked the child because of a rivalry with his father, according to the police. The child was rushed to hospital. The police have registered a case against the three suspects. Two suspects, identified as Saifullah and Iqbal, have been arrested.

US not to assign cartels 'terror' tag

Washington: US President Donald Trump said on Saturday he would not proceed with his stated plans to designate Mexican drug cartels as terror groups following a request from his counterpart Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. Trump said he was at war on the cartels last month after the killings of nine women and children from a US-Mexican Mormon community. The case brought fresh attention to cartel violence and Obrador's struggles to rein in bloodshed.

US-Taliban resume talks in Doha

Doha: Washington resumed talks with the Taliban in Qatar on Saturday, a US source said, three months after President Donald Trump abruptly halted diplomatic efforts that could end the US' longest war. In September, the US and the Taliban had appeared on the verge of signing a deal that would have seen Washington begin withdrawing thousands of troops in return for security guarantees. But, Trump abruptly halted the effort 'dead' and withdrew an invitation for secret talks after a US soldier was killed.

MOVE TO HONOUR SLAIN SIKH COP

Washington, Dec. 7: A US lawmaker on Saturday introduced a legislation to name a post office in Houston after the slain Sikh police officer Sandeep Singh Dhalwal. Dhalwal was killed in the line of duty on September 27. The bill, tabled by congresswoman, Lizzie Finkenauer, in the house of representatives, provides that the post office located at 615 Addicks Howell road in Houston be named the 'Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhalwal Post Office.' 'Deputy Dhalwal represented the very best of our community; he worked for equality, connection, and community through his life of service to others,' said congresswoman Fletcher. 'The Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhalwal Post Office will serve as a permanent reminder of his service, his sacrifice, and his example for us all,' she said. 'I am honoured to be able to recognize Deputy Dhalwal in this way and look forward to working with all of my Texas colleagues to pass this legislation quickly,' she said.

Clouds of smoke choke Sydney



Firefighters conduct back burning measures to secure residential areas from encroaching bushfires near Sydney on Saturday. Smoke from the bushfire is causing respiratory illnesses while outdoor sports have been cancelled. Firefighters say it will take weeks to control the fire but will not be extinguished without heavy rains. So far, six people have been killed, nearly 700 houses burned down and millions of hectares of land has been razed. — AFP

Nobel winners caution about climate change

Say protests by youth an encouraging sign, will push leaders

Stockholm, Dec. 7: Nobel Prize laureates gathered in Stockholm to receive their awards took the opportunity on Saturday to stress the importance of addressing climate change.

Winners of the prizes in physics, chemistry and economics made the assessment on Saturday ahead of next week's presentation of the prizes. The remarks come as a global summit on climate change takes place in Madrid.

Didier Queloz, who shared the physics prize for discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a sunlike star, took issue with people who shrug off climate change on the grounds that people will eventually leave Earth. 'I think this is just irresponsible because the stars are so far away I think we should not have any serious hope to escape the planet,' he said.

'Also keeping in mind that we are a species that has evolved and developed for this planet. We are not built to survive on any other planet than this one. We'd better spend our time and energy trying to fix it.'

Esther Duflo, one of the economics laureates, cautioned that dealing with climate change 'will require a change in behavior, particularly in the rich countries' that are heavy consumers of goods and energy.

There is no need to consume less provided consumption is fueled by renewable energy. 'It would be great if that were the case but I don't think we can count on it necessarily,' Duflo said. M. Stanley Whittingham, who shares the chemistry award for helping develop lithium-ion batteries, said 'to help solve the climate issue, the time is right now, but we have to be pragmatic. We can't just turn off all the CO2.'



ESTHER DUFLO
Economics laureate



DIDIER QUELOZ
Nobel prize winner

World leaders betraying us with climate change, says Greta



Greta Thunberg

Madrid, Dec. 7: Teen activist Greta Thunberg took her call for bold action to tackle climate change to a UN summit in Spain on Saturday warning world leaders that a growing youth-led protest movement meant they could no longer hide. 'Accorded rock-star status by young environmental activists, the 16-year-old had crossed the Atlantic by boat to drop in on the climate talks in Madrid then join one of the Saturday afternoon marches she has inspired around the world. 'The current world leaders are betraying us and we will not let that happen anymore,' Thunberg said in a brief speech to the protesters, some of whom had chanted 'We Love You Greta.'

Oceans to lose 4 pct of Oxygen by 2100

Madrid, Dec. 7: The loss of oxygen from the ocean due to climate change risks 'dire effects' on sea life, fisheries and coastal communities, a global conservation body said on Saturday.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) said that around 700 sites had been identified globally with low oxygen levels — up from only 45 in the 1960s. In the same period, the group warned, the volume of anoxic waters — areas totally devoid of oxygen — have quadrupled.

The ocean absorbs around a quarter of all fossil fuel emissions, but as global energy demand continues to grow there are fears that seas will eventually reach saturation point.

Oceans are expected on current trends to lose 3-4 per cent of their oxygen globally by 2100. However, most of that loss is predicted to be in the upper 1,000 metres, that is the richest part of the ocean for biodiversity. 'With this report, the scale of damage climate change is wreaking upon the ocean comes into stark focus,' said IUCN acting director Gretel Aguilar. 'As the warming ocean loses oxygen, the delicate balance of marine life is thrown into disarray.'

The study concluded that de-oxygenation is already altering the balance of marine life to the detriment of species that need more oxygen. Species such as tuna, marlin and sharks are sensitive to low oxygen levels due to their large size and energy demands.

But loss of oxygen is affecting species across the food chain. — AFP

US top court retains hold on capital punishment

Washington, Dec. 7: The US Supreme Court on Saturday refused to lift a stay on federal executions, temporarily thwarting plans by Donald Trump's justice department to immediately resume capital punishment.

There have been just three federal executions since the death penalty was reinstated by the US government in 1988, the last in 16 years ago.

The justice department wants to resume the use of the death penalty for federal crimes, and the next execution could have taken place as soon as Monday.

Daniel Lewis Lee, an avowed white supremacist, was scheduled to be put to death for the 1996 murder of a family of three, including an eight-year-old girl. The Supreme Court declined to allow federal executions to go forward for the moment, saying, 'In light of what is at stake,' the block on executions should be reviewed by the appeals court.

It added that while the application was denied for now, another could be filed if the matter had not been resolved by the lower courts within 60 days.

Attorney general Bill Barr announced in July that the federal bureau of prisons would adopt a new lethal injection protocol, paving the way for the execution of five convicted murderers held

Won't participate in impeachment: WH

Washington, Dec. 7: The White House on Saturday informed the House Democrats that it would not participate in the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

In a letter to House Judiciary Committee chairman, Jerrold Nadler, White House counsel Pat Cipollone said it would be a 'reckless abuse of power' for them to adopt the articles of impeachment.

'This would constitute the most unjust, highly partisan, and unconstitutional attempt at impeachment in our nation's history,' he said in a one-page letter. 'As the President

has recently stated: 'if you are going to impeach me, do it now, fast, so we can have a fair trial in the Senate,' he wrote and slammed the ongoing impeachment inquiry as 'completely baseless.'

It violates 'basic principles of due process and fundamental fairness,' he said. Expressing disappointment over the White House response, Nadler said that people deserve answers from Trump.

'The House invited, and then subpoenaed, his top advisors. The President ordered them not to show and continues to block key evidence from Congress,' he said. — PTI

Musk cleared of defamation suit

Los Angeles, Dec. 7: Tesla co-founder Elon Musk has been cleared of defamation in a jury in Los Angeles over a tweet in which he labelled a 'petty' and 'baseless' lawsuit. The jury deliberated less than an hour before ruling in favour of Musk and clearing him of any liability in the high-profile case that pitted him against a former lawyer.

Unsworth had sought \$190 million in damages from the tech billionaire, arguing that his reputation had been damaged by the tweet. Musk hugged his lawyer on hearing the



Elon Musk verdict, telling reporters afterwards: 'My faith in humanity has been restored.'

SAUDI SHOOTER ASSAILS U.S. AS 'NATION OF EVIL'

Riyadh, Dec. 7: Saudi Arabia sought to distance itself on Saturday from a student who carried out a fatal shooting at a US naval base, as it seeks to repair its image of being an exporter of Islamic extremism. The Saudi military student reportedly condemned the US as a 'nation of evil' before going on a rampage on Friday at the US Marine Air Station Pinesola, killing three people. 'The shooting marks a setback in the kingdom's efforts to shrug off its reputation for promoting religious extremism.' — AFP

All set for electronic H-1B filing

Washington, Dec. 7: The US has completed implementation of the H-1B electronic registration process for the 2021 cap season and petitions for the most sought after work visa among Indian IT professionals will be accepted from April 1 next year, the country's immigration agency has announced.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the federal agency, mandated with task of approving H-1B applications, on Saturday announced that it had completed the process to implement the H-1B electronic registration process for the 2021 cap season. The companies applying for H-1B visas for foreign workers for the fiscal year 2021 would have to register online and pay a processing fee of \$10.

The federal agency would start accepting the H-1B petitions from April 1, 2020 for the next fiscal year. — PTI

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US-IRAN MAKE PRISONER SWAP AMID TENSIONS

Tehran, Dec. 7: An Iranian held in the US and an American held in Iran have been freed, the two sides said on Saturday, in an apparent prisoner swap at a time of heightened tensions.

Tehran announced the release of its scientist, Massoud Soleimani, from the US shortly before Washington declared US researcher Xiyue Wang was returning home. Trump said 'After more than three years of being held prisoner in Iran, Xiyue Wang is returning home.' — AFP

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SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'Doubts remain whether the four men were innocent or guilty of the crime'

When he headed the investigation into the sensational Bilkis Bano case, senior IPS officer VIVEK DUBE, then a joint director in CBI, along with his 15-member team conducted a meticulous investigation "within the framework of law" that led to the court awarding life imprisonment to all the accused. Having probed the sensational murder of Madhumita Shukla, the Savendra Dubey murder case, the 2006 Khairlanji massacre, Dubu, who also witnessed 29 exchanges of fire while he was SP of Naxal-infested Adilabad district, explains why he would not have chosen "instant justice". "Doubts always remain over whether the accused killed in encounters were indeed the perpetrators or innocent and the same can be said about the encounter in Telangana in Disha's case," says the 1991 batch IPS officer and adds that the reason for the appeal of "instant justice" lies in the fact that India's criminal justice system is failing people. In an exclusive interview with VIKRAM SHARMA, Dubu cautions that unless urgent steps are taken to improve the criminal justice system, "jungle raj" will become the order of the day. Excerpts:

Nirbhaya case: the accused have not been tried and the public is in no mood to tolerate any more and therefore want instant justice. But that does not in any way justify the need to pick up the accused and kill them. So far, what appears to have happened in Telangana, going by the reports, seem to be an act of self-defence. But one has to await enquiry by judicial magistrate. However, doubts will remain whether the four men were indeed guilty in the gang-rape and murder of Disha or were innocents. Instant justice can lead to jungle raj.

What can be done to improve the criminal justice system? The population is increasing and there are a limited number of courts who have to give bail to the accused so that jails do not get overcrowded. The police stations get hundreds of cases while there is no increase in manpower. There are one crore cases pending in different courts in the country. What are the courts doing? Policemen are under tremendous pressure as they get hundreds of cases while there are only a few men. This is one of the reasons they are always hesitant to take up cases wondering who will investigate them. The respective governments do not think of the manpower and view it as wasteful expenditure. Even the laws are not being reviewed. From

Governments do not think of increasing manpower and view it as wasteful expenditure... From lower courts to appeal in higher courts to mercy appeals, the legal process is taking its own sweet time. Does that justify the need for more encounter killings? No way. People are getting frustrated with the delay in justice and the police is under pressure to act. Therefore, the performance of the courts has to improve. Manpower in police stations has to increase. In the CBI, we were able to investigate cases in a professional manner as per year — there is a norm that not more than eight cases will be investigated per year, which ensures quality of investigation. That is the reason the CBI's work is different from the police. The conviction rate is 8 per cent in our country. In China, it is 98 per cent. The difference is that the criminal justice system is at its best there. In India, the authorities should ensure that the

entire legal process in a case is completed within a time frame of six months, which will ensure justice. In Telangana's "encounter" the accused were without handcuffs and there are many who are not buying the police version. It completely depends on the officers associated with the investigation whether they want to handcuff the accused or not. If they feel that the accused might not run away or harm them, they take it easy. Going by the reports, the police acted in self-defence when they came under attack. But the truth

and watch what the NHRC finds and what the enquiry by the judicial magistrate brings out. Can the four accused attack policemen and snatch their weapons? Had they been terrorists, there could have been a possibility? Do you think instant justice was meted out to cover up for police failure? There may be many theories floating around but none can say anything till an enquiry is conducted. As per law, everyone has the right to defend themselves. If a person slaps someone, the person can proportionately retaliate with a slap. If someone is trying to shoot you dead, you have every right to retaliate the same way. If instant justice continues, then policemen can kill anyone. Should the police act under pressure from the public? I agree that if this kind of justice continues, then policemen can pick up anyone and shoot them dead and no one will ever know whether the person was indeed the accused or was killed due to some rivalry. Though the police should not act under pressure from anyone, the circumstances that are actually building pressure on policemen must be reviewed which brings us back to the question of the failing criminal justice system.



Senior IPS officer Vivek Dubu



MODI SARKAR'S 'DOUBLE FAULTS'

Among the more notable reforms wrought by the Modi Sarkar since 2014 are evident in the way the government functions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's preference for bureaucrats over netas in running the government is well known. He has also pushed through many policies to improve governance and reform the bureaucracy. However, the government seems to be shrinking from or it has just missed out on the steps to remove caste and gender imbalance in the bureaucracy. Parliament was recently informed that out of 82 secretaries to the government, a mere four are from Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe communities. They are posted in the department of empowerment of persons with disabilities, the department of land reforms, the department of pharmaceuticals and the ministry of labour and employment. Similarly, the number of women appointed as secretaries in the government is just 13 out of 82. While a secretary like health secretary Preeti Sundhara and secretary (east) Vijay Thakur Singh hold important portfolios, most of the others are posted in such departments and ministries as fisheries, official languages, disability or youth affairs. In the outcast of school education secretary Rina Ray from the human resource development ministry is still fresh in the minds of women bureaucrats. Sources also say that out of the 340 officials working as joint secretaries at the Centre, only 134 are women. However, this is to be addressed, there's a job that needs to be tackled sensitively rather than merely statistically.

N-E COPS IN THE CAPITAL

The Northeast has been marked out for special attention by the Modi Sarkar. There is an emphasis on infrastructural development to improve connectivity and efforts to create employment opportunities. But this pro-growth "rise" is apparently not reflected within the capital's bureaucracy. Though at least 10 senior UT cadre IPS officers are at present serving in Delhi Police, they are usually on assignments such as the role of a security or Delhi Armed Police, which are considerably lower down in the pecking order. In Delhi Police posts, such as law and order, economic offence, licensing and traffic are considered more "prestigious" sources say. In the N-E, Khirme, a 2004 batch UT cadre officer, is DIG of Delhi Armed Police; Michi Paku, also from the N-E, is in the Police Training College; and Apurva Bithin is DIG, training.

Encounter in Hyderabad was a lynching



Most policemen do not want to participate in encounters. This has resulted in India producing a category of men called encounter specialists or sharpshooters. This second word is wrongly applied and we will see why. First let us see what an encounter is. It is the act of government taking individuals into custody and then killing them. Usually, this happens in a secluded area and often at night. In Hyderabad it happened at 3 am when the police said they were taking the four suspects to "recreate" the crime scene. The shooting happens at close quarters and this is what the post-mortem usually shows. Handguns, which is what police officers carry, are not good for distance shooting because their barrels are short and aim is ineffective beyond about 30 feet or so. This is why the word "sharpshooters" is wrong. Usually, the policeman fires with the barrel pushed into the vic-

tim's body or when the person has been beaten and is lying down. Aim is not needed at this distance, only the willingness to take a life. The encounter specialist is the policeman who is willing to do the murder at close quarters of unarmed human beings. In Mumbai, where the encounter culture took root in the 1990s, there developed a small group of men who did the killing. Daya Nayak (on whom the film *Ab Tak Chhappan* was made) killed 80 people. Vijay Salaskar, who was himself killed in the 26/11 attacks also had a similar number of victims to his name. Pradeep Sharma had more than 150. All three men were accused of wrongdoing because once such activity by the encounter culture took root in the 1990s, it becomes difficult to stop other activity. The question is why most policemen do not do this if there is a reward available (see how the Hyderabad police have been treated like heroes). It is because most of us do not want to kill. Even culture may change, as readers but it is a fact. The American soldier S.L.A. Marshall studied this phenomenon in a book called *Men Against Fire*. His thesis was that soldiers usually fired into the air or into the ground because they were not natural killers and did not want to harm the "enemy" even if he was being fired upon. Marshall was writing about World

War II, but this experience was similar in Vietnam, where American soldiers fired 50,000 bullets for each Vietnamese casualty. Studies by the Prussians during the Napoleonic wars were similar. When a line of riflemen were asked to shoot into a sheet of fabric at the same distance as the enemy line, their aim was more than 10 times better than when they were shooting at real people. Most humans are sheep and it is only the rare wolves among us who are willing to kill. Most human beings do not want to take lives and our policemen are not different from the rest of us. This is fortunate because India has a conviction rate of about 25 per cent for serious crimes. This means that 75 per cent of the time the police probably get the wrong suspect, and this makes murdering them in an encounter more morally problematic for the officers concerned. The other reason why policemen do not want to participate directly in encounters is that it is a crime and could get them into trouble. That is why we have encounter specialists. No civilised country has encounter specialists. Indeed, functioning democracies don't have encounters at all. It is not possible for police to do this and get away without scrutiny and prosecution in developed nations. Americans like to say that they are a nation of laws and not a nation of men.

India is similar to nations like the Philippines where the police is encouraged to break the law, and a criminal act of murder is celebrated as some demonstration of heroism and justice. Executing people without a trial is not justice. And it is harmful for the cause of justice. It gives elements of the state less incentive to be lawful. Why do all the work of detection, investigation, interrogation and forensics if we can just round up a few people and shoot them? And it makes the world see our justice system in a particular way. One of the defence reasons cited by Mehul Choksi, accused in the Punjab National Bank scam, against extradition to India was that he could be killed. Whether or not this is accepted as an argument in the case, it is difficult to say that it is false. One of the accused in the Nirbhaya case was found hanging in jail and his lawyer says he was murdered, and he probably was. Activists have described what the police did in Hyderabad as a lynching (and in fact Jaya Bachchan demanded this lynching in Parliament). That is indeed what it is. What has happened is a reflection on our culture, our politicians, our judges, our media and our population in general.

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India needs laws to protect press from govt

Ever since the Modi government assumed power, it has been persecuting dissent. Lately, its wrath fell on Amnesty International, India and other NGOs whose premises were raided. Sadly, there has been little protest against such acts. The NGO has acquired a recognised role in all democracies akin to that of the press. Both express voices independently and critically of the regime of the day. The NGO is truly the fifth estate in a democracy as the other four — the legislature, the executive, the judiciary and the press. The Criminal Procedure Code grants the police powers of search on the police. Section 165 empowers an investigating police officer to raid the premises if he has "reasonable grounds". It is a subjective opinion. But when the police enter the premises they observe no limits. In 1987, the Rajiv Gandhi regime, afraid of reports on the Bofors scandal, ordered a raid on the premises of the television Express in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Cochin and other places on the pretext that the income tax and the customs acts had been violated. The officials tried to censor the news copy flow in the teleprinter department and the teleprinter room — before the Internet arrived — was the very hub of a newspaper office. It was from there that news

was disseminated. Worse, the officials assaulted the photographers who shot their conduct, removing films from cameras. Clearly, some safeguard for privacy must be woven into the law. The press does not claim to be above the law, but the law must protect it in the discharge of its duties. The privacy of sources needs to be protected from random searches. One case illustrates the problem. In the *Zurcher v Stanford Daily*, the university paper had evidence of a crime and threatened openly to destroy it if it knew that the police would come for it. Four police officers entered its offices to search for photographs of a clash between the police and demonstrators at the university hospital. On May 31, 1978, the US Supreme Court ruled against the daily. Earlier in 1965, it had ruled in *Stanford vs Texas* that unrestricted power of search and seizure could also be an instrument for stifling the liberty of expression. Hence the need for checks. It "invalidated a warrant authorising the search of a private home above its books, records and other materials relating to the Communist Party, on the ground that whether or not the warrant would have been sufficient in other contexts." "Where presumptively protected

materials are sought to be seized, the warrant requirement should be administered to leave as little as possible to the discretion or whim of the officer in the field," said the judgement. In 1978, the court spoke of "neutral" searches. Does the species flourish in India? It held against "rummaging at large in newspaper files or to intrude into or to deter normal editorial and publication decisions". This logic applies also to NGOs, surely. Concurring Justice Powell said: "This is not to say that a warrant which would be sufficient to support the search in an apartment or an automobile necessarily would be reasonable in supporting the search of a newspaper office." Therefore the press does need special protection. Justice Potter Stewart dissented: "Policemen occupying a newsroom and searching it thoroughly for what may be an extended period of time will inevitably interrupt its normal operations, and thus impair or even temporarily prevent the processes of news-gathering, writing, editing and publishing." "A search warrant allows police officers to ransack the files of a newspaper, reading each and every document until they have found the one named in the warrant, while a subpoena would per-

mit the newspaper itself to produce only the specific documents requested. A search, unlike a subpoena, will therefore lead to the needless exposure of confidential information completely unrelated to the purpose of the investigation. There was an uproar. "Politically appointed" magistrates are no safeguard. News reporters preserve source material unused in their reports. "The compelled production of a reporter's source materials can constitute a significant intrusion into the news-gathering and editorial process," a judge points out. "Like the compelled disclosure of confidential sources, it may substantially undercut the public policy favouring the free flow of information to the public that is the foundation for the (First Amendment) privilege." An official which violates the ban must be ordered personally to pay the fine. By arrangement with Datan

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN CHRONICLE

Indian rocket launched from Thumba
TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 7. First successful launching of an "all Indian" rocket took place in the early hours of today. The "Centaur two" carry-ing an Indian scientific payload from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Centre zoomed up according to schedule at 6 a.m. sharp. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Chairman of the Indian National Committee for Space Research, was among the top brass of the country's scientists who witnessed the spectacular show. The rocket also carried an indigenous propellant and a radar transmitter. Contact was established with the launching. Director of the Rocket Centre H.G.S. Murthy said: "The rocket and the radar performed well and the radar tracked signals clearly. The rocket reached a peak altitude of 125 kilometres as the payload gave out very good signals."—UNL.

Rowing President

Rajlaxmi Singh Deo (in pic) has been re-elected as the President of the Rowing Federation of India, for a third consecutive term for the next four years. M. V. Sriram will be the Secretary General



The kind of show Kohli put on in Hyderabad was extra-terrestrial. — R. Ashwin hails skipper Virat Kohli's career-best T20 knock that helped India beat West Indies

SHORT TAKES

Dangerous pitch stops play at MCG

Melbourne: Play was abandoned on Saturday during a domestic game due to a dangerous pitch at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, just weeks before it is due to host the traditional Boxing Day Test. A decision to call off play was made on day one of the Sheffield Shield clash between Victoria and Western Australia after several batsmen were hit by rising deliveries. It followed talks between the umpires and captains Peter Handscomb and Shaun Marsh. Marsh was among those to be batting players as times by balls from fast bowlers that rose sharply and unexpectedly on the lively pitch. One that caught Marcus Stoinis in the ribs proved the final straw. The match is the last one at the MCG before the second Test between Australia and New Zealand on December 26, giving cricket officials plenty to think about. Cricket Australia said it would work closely with MCG staff to ensure the best possible track is prepared for Boxing Day. "We're not disappointed at today's play being abandoned," said CA's head of cricket operations Peter Roach. MCG groundstaff have more than two weeks to ensure the Test surface, which is a different pitch strip to the one being used in this match, is of international standard.

"We will seek to better understand the issues that resulted in variable bounce at the MCG on Saturday." In recent times the pitch has been criticised for being lifeless. — AFP

Sharandeep takes city bowlers to task

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7 Jharkhand's Sharandeep Batia hit a brilliant ton against Hyderabad in the Cooch Behar Trophy played here on Saturday. Riding on Sharandeep's knock of 120 runs, Jharkhand posted 403 runs with Avish Ranjan and Satya Kumar chipping in with important contributions of 67 and 58 runs respectively. Hyderabad, batting second, were on 142 for the loss of two wickets at the end of day two. G. Anikh Reddy was the pick of the bowlers and snared 4/106 for Hyderabad. BRIEF SCORES: Jharkhand 408 in 117 overs (Sharandeep 120, Satya Kumar 58, Ranjan Singh 40, Arvind Kumar 47, Avish Ranjan 37, Satya Kumar 37, G. Anikh Reddy 27, G. Chaitanya Prasad 27, G. Anikh Reddy 4/106, Trishank Gupta 3/86) vs Hyderabad 142/2 in 45 overs (A. Vaishnav Reddy 51, M. Pratyush Kumar 60 n.o., Owais Abdul Wahed 21 n.o.).

Team India eye yet another series win

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec. 7: India will look for an extended show in the bowling and fielding departments to match their stupendous batting performance when they face the West Indies in the second game, eyeing to wrap up yet another T20 series here on Sunday. In the last 13 months, India have won the West Indies in six T20 Internationals with the hosts coming up trumps every single time. On Friday, India claimed their seventh straight T20 win over the visitors, beating them comfortably by six wickets in the first game to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. The hosts had claimed the season's first T20 series win at home last month, beating Bangladesh 2-1. A win on Sunday will not only help India seal their second series in the shortest format but also give them a chance to test the fringe players as they continue their preparation for the T20 World Cup. India pulled off their highest successful run chase in a T20 International on Friday night as they chased down a challenging 207, 5 posted by the Windies, in 18.4 overs. Rahul looked in sublime going tough as the West Indian batsman went after him. He took one wicket but gave away four runs. — PTI

Captain Pollard rues bad bowling

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7 Thashed out of the game, thanks to Virat Kohli's murderous knock, West Indies captain Kieron Pollard rued the disciplined bowling in their six-wicket loss to India in the first T20 here on Friday night. "The visitors failed to defend an impressive 207 after Kohli went hammer and tongs to smash an unbeaten 94 in just 50 balls to engineer India's highest successful chase and pull the carpet under the Caribbean's feet." "Discipline in bowling and execution let us down tonight. We gave 23 extras, 14 or 15 of those were wides. No balls too are non-negotiable and we bowled a couple of them tonight. It's something we need to look at when you give a class team like India these many extras deliveries, you are destined to lose the game," he said. Kieron Pollard



Captain Kohli yet to scale peak in fitness, says Basu

C. SANTHOSH KUMAR | DC CHENNAI, DEC. 7 Virat Kohli is considered the embodiment of fitness in cricket, but former captain hasn't scaled the peak yet. "I think he can do a little more exploring (in fitness)," said Shankar Basu, whose contract ended with BCCI after the 2019 World Cup. "As Kohli knows, the sky is the limit in fitness. I always used to tell him that 'Usain Bolt and Novak Djokovic should be your idols and you have miles to go,'" Basu added. Basu said Kohli has an insatiable appetite for achieving excellence in whatever he does. "He is constantly looking for that extra edge; something extra to enhance his performance," he said. "The trust between a player and trainer is important. It took years for Basu to earn Kohli's trust. You have to build a relationship with the player first. You can't jump the gun and force things on him. It's like raising a child (in fitness)," said Shankar Basu, who is ready to answer their questions. And you have to give them the right answers. Virat would ask a hundred questions before getting convinced, but once he did, he would readily go to the ends of the earth. It's difficult to get a student like him," he said. Basu said M.S. Dhoni has his own methods when it comes to fitness. "He has an uncanny ability to keep himself fit," he said.

Yuvi slams India's sloppy fielding in Hyderabad

New Delhi, Dec. 7: Former allrounder Yuvraj Singh has slammed India's fielding performance in the first T20i against West Indies which went on to score his maiden half-century in T20is. Virat Kohli and opener KL Rahul put up superb batting performances to help India pull off their highest successful run chase in T20is after West Indies posted a challenging total of 207 for five at the Rajiv Gandhi International stadium in Hyderabad. However, in the first innings, the Indians were far from impressive on the field as Washington Sundar and Rohit Sharma dropped a few catches. Sundar dropped Shimron Hetmyer on 44, who then went on to score his maiden half-century in T20is. Rohit dropped West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard on 24, who went on to hit 37 runs. "India very poor on the field today! Young guns reacting a bit late on the ball! Too much cricket! Let's get these runs come on lads," Yuvraj had tweeted. But India managed to seal victory despite the poor fielding display. — PTI

Top bat Rahul isn't looking Down Under for World Cup

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7 Having got India off to a flyer with a fine knock in the T20 series opener against the West Indies, K.L. Rahul has surely got off the blocks well in terms of a place in the team for next year's T20 World Cup in Australia but the opener is keeping his feet on the ground, and taking one match at a time. "It's (T20 World Cup) a long way honestly. I have got a better opportunity to bat top of the order again after a couple of series, so looking forward to just making the best use of it," a modest Rahul said. "Today was a good outing, good hit in the middle and hopefully I can continue the same thing without worrying about October next year. There are a lot of games before that," added Rahul, who hit 62 in 40 balls. Speaking about the stand with the skipper Rahul said: "Our plans were very clear, you have to hit boundaries while chasing 200 runs. In the middle 2-3 overs we obviously got it harder to get the boundaries but we knew that once we get a few boundaries it will start, so we just had to stay patient. We just kept the intent going. It obviously was a bit tricky but it's the best chance for a batsman to score runs was once you are set. Fortunately, Virat carried on and finished the game for us," he added. The 27-year-old said batting at the top of the order is a big responsibility. "I think it's good to keep the game fair."

Services rowers come out shining

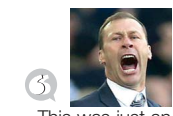
DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7 With five gold medals in the men's 500 metres sprint category, the Services Sports Control Board came out as the top team at the 38th Senior National Rowing Championships that concluded at the Hussainsagar in the city on Saturday. The Army Sports Control Board finished second with five silver medals in the same segment. While, the women's team from Odisha clinched four gold and one silver medals and emerged the best women's team at the tournament. THE FINALS RESULTS MEN'S ■ Single Scull, 500m: 1. Services (Gitu Singh) 1:24.4, 2. Army (Sankar Khan) 1:39.13, 3. Delhi (Manjeet Singh) 1:40.82. ■ Double Scull: 1. Services (Sukhmeet Singh, Swapna Singh) 1:51.60, 2. Army (Roopendra Singh, Om Prakash) 1:52.77, 3. Telangana (Nijli PM, Ramu A.S.) 1:54.8. ■ Coxless Pair: 1. Services (Punit Kumar, Gurmeet Singh) 1:32.84, 2. Army (Manpreet Singh, Ashish) 1:54.15. ■ Lifter (Predeet) (Akshat, Manish Yadav) 1:55.69. ■ Coxless Four: 1. Services (Hansant, Charanjeet, Bhupinder, Khuspreet) 1:25.41, 2. Army (Bhopal

Advertisement for SBI Varun's The Grand December Carnival, featuring car models and promotional offers.

Advertisement for the 38th Senior National Rowing Championships, listing winners and medalists in various categories.



Hope
Watford, who are lying bottom of table, turn to Former Leicester and Southampton coach Nigel Pearson for Premier League rescue mission



This was just an incredible experience for me, one no one can take away from me — **Duncan Ferguson, Everton caretaker manager after their 3-1 EPL win over Chelsea**

SHORT TAKES

Indian hockey girls hammer Aussies

Canberra, Australia: Sharmila Devi struck twice as the Indian junior women's hockey team secured a superb 4-1 win over New Zealand in its third match of the 3-Nations Tournament here on Saturday. India came from a goal down to defeat their opponents after New Zealand's Olivia Shannon (4th minute) had scored for her side. It was Sharmila Devi (12th, 43rd), Beauty Dandung (27th) and Lalrindoi (48th) who scored the goals for India in their impressive victory. India will face hosts Australia in their fourth and final match on Sunday. — PTI

Mera's late goal saves East Bengal

Ludhiana: Last season runners-up East Bengal needed a 1-1 draw against a gritty Punjab FC side in an I-League match the Guru Nanak Stadium here on Saturday. Danilo Augusto put the home side ahead in the 13th minute and it looked like Punjab FC would run away with all the three points from the match before Juan Mera saved the day for Kolkata side with an 84th minute equaliser. — PTI

Hyderabad eye Goa scalp in ISL

Hyderabad: FC Goa will be eyeing a vital win when they take on Hyderabad FC in a Hero Indian Super League clash at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium here on Sunday. After picking up only one point in their previous two matches, Sergio Lobera's team have a chance to climb to the top-four if they manage a victory against the bottom-placed hosts.

UFC fight heats up in Capital One

Mumbai: Fight fans are in for a treat this Sunday as the UFC invades Capital One Arena, Washington for an electrifying main event which showcases Alistair Overeem versus Jairzinho Rozezstruik in the Heavyweight Bout category. **THE BOUTS:** Heavyweight (Alistair Overeem vs. Jairzinho Rozezstruik); Women Strawweight (Marina Rodriguez vs. Cynthia Calvillo); Heavyweight (Stefan Struve vs. Ben Rothwell); Women Bantamweight (Aspen Ladd vs. Yana Kunikitskaya); Bantamweight (Gerald Meerschaert vs. Song Yadong); Bantamweight (Rob Font vs. Ricky Simon). **Live on TV:** All fights will be on SONY ESPN & SONY ESPN HD from 07:30 am on Sunday.

State cue tourney from Dec. 14

Hyderabad: The Filmnagar Cultural Centre in association with Telangana Cue Sports Association is organising the Telangana State Ranking Snooker and Billiards Championship in both senior and junior categories at the Filmnagar Cultural Centre in the city. The championship will be held from December 14 to 26. The registration fee for seniors is ₹1,000 while for the juniors it is ₹500. The last date for registration is December 13. For further details contact P. Avinash 9703199892.

State handball trials on Tuesday

Hyderabad: The state selection trials for junior boys and women's teams will be held on December 10 and 11 at the Gymkhana Grounds in Secunderabad. The team will be selected by the Adhoc Committee appointed by the Telangana Handball Association. All juniors born on or after 1/1/2000 are eligible to participate. Participants should carry their Aadhar and birth certificates. For further details contact their 9949639337, 9866371810 and 9989756782.

Coffees too sweet

Everton bounce back from derby pain to beat Chelsea

Liverpool, Dec. 7: Chelsea slipped to their third Premier League defeat in four matches on Saturday as Everton bounced back from their Merseyside derby humiliation to win 3-1 and escape from the relegation zone. Former fans' favourite Duncan Ferguson is in control at Goodison Park after Marco Silva was sacked on Thursday and former forward had an instant impact. Goals early in each



Everton's Dominic Calvert-Lewin (right) vies for the ball with Chelsea's Andreas Christensen (left) during the English Premier League match in Liverpool on Saturday. — AFP

THE RESULT

Everton 3
 (Richardson 5, Calvert-Lewin 49, 84)
Chelsea 1
 (Kovacic 52)

Live on TV

PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa vs Leicester from 6 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD
Brighton vs Wolves from 10 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD

REAL BEAT ESPANYOL

Madrid, Dec. 7: Real Madrid were without Eden Hazard and Gareth Bale on Saturday but Karim Benzema stepped up again to ensure they beat struggling Espanyol in La Liga. Benzema scored one and set up another in a 2-0 win at the Santiago Bernabeu, where Madrid wore an all-green kit to show support for this week's Climate Summit in the city. Victory means Zinedine Zidane's side move to the top of the table, for a few hours at least, before Barcelona play later on Saturday at home to Real Mallorca. An ankle injury is likely to rule Hazard out of the season's first Clasico on Saturday 18 while Bale has a thigh problem and is also a concern ahead of that crunch game at Camp Nou. — AFP

MOURINHO SLEEPS AT TRAINING GROUND AFTER DERBY LOSS

London, Dec. 7: Jose Mourinho said he reacted to Tottenham's midweek defeat at Manchester United by sleeping at the club's training ground. Mourinho's 100 per cent record since taking over at Spurs came to an end in a 2-1 loss against his former club at Old Trafford. The visitors continued to dominate possession but Everton looked dangerous on the break. — AFP

game against Burnley. "I slept in here (the training ground), I stayed here, I didn't go home, so the next morning at eight o'clock I was here doing what? Burnley," Mourinho explained on Friday. "Analysing Burnley, trying to organise the training session, trying to organise the meeting, choosing the clips to show them the most clear possible way Burnley works. "That's the way you have to do it in football. Don't accept in a passive way." Now, Mourinho has ordered his squad to respond to the midweek setback. "After a defeat you cannot be sad. You have to be more than that. You have to be raging, angry, not sad," he said. "Accept defeat as a learning process, next game, work the next day." — AFP

India cross double hundred in medal count at SAG Shooters hit gold in team event

Kathmandu, Dec. 7: India breached the 200 mark in total medals count, backed by a century of gold, in the South Asian Games as the country's juggernaut as undisputed leader continued with the swimmers and wrestlers. India's strong performances on Day 6 here on Saturday. With a whopping 49 medals, including 29 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze as they completely dominated the pool with 14 medals, India's medal tally stood at 214 (110 gold, 69 silver, 35 bronze) as against 142 (43 gold, 34 silver, 65 bronze) of Nepal.



Hyderabad's Esha Singh poses with the Tri-colour award after winning the gold in her event at the SAG Games in Kathmandu on Saturday.

Anish Bhanwala won the men's 25m rapid fire pistol gold and then teamed up with Bhabesh Shekhawat and Adarsh Singh to win the men's team event title. Mehuli Ghosh and Yas Vardhan pocketed the third shooting gold of the day for India in 10m air rifle mixed event.

Anurudha won gold in women's 87kg category with a total effort of 200kg. In snatches, three Indians made it to the finals to ensure themselves of at least a silver medal each. India won eight medals but without a gold on the final day of track and field competitions. Rashpal Singh (men's marathon), Muhammad Afzal (men's 800m), Shivpal Singh (men's javelin throw) and the men's 4x400m relay team won a silver each. Sher Singh (men's marathon), Jyoti Gawate (women's marathon), Sharmila Kumari (women's javelin throw) and women's 4x400m relay race team clinched a bronze each. India thus ended the athletics competition with a whopping 47 medals (12 gold, 20 silver, 15 bronze). In snatches, three Indians made it to the finals. — PTI

Racism hits big game in Italy

Milan, Dec. 7: Inter Milan were held to a goalless draw by Roma at the San Siro on Friday, leaving the way open for Italian champions Juventus to reclaim top spot in Serie 'A' this weekend. Antonio Conte's side have a two-point advantage on Juventus who play Lazio at the Stadio Olimpico on Saturday. The match in the San Siro had been overshadowed by a racism storm after Italian sports daily *Corriere dello Sport's* controversial "Black Friday" headline. The front-page headline accompanied an article about the first Serie 'A' meeting between former Manchester United teammates Romelu Lukaku and Chris Smalling. On the pitch, defender Smalling and Gianluca Mancini stifled Roma's prolific strike duo Lukaku and Lautaro Martinez, who between them have scored 18 of their team's goals in 15 league games this season. Conte's side proved toothless in attack against a well-organised Roma, failing to find the net for the first time this season, days before their Champions League clash against Barcelona. Lukaku, Marcelo Brozovic and Matias Vecino all missed chances for the hosts as Roma snatched a precious point to move fourth and into the Champions League places. Inter were lacking in midfield with Stefano Sensi, Nicolò Barella and Roberto Gagliardini all out with Roma missing goalkeeper Pau Lopez while Edin Dzeko started on the bench after flu, but came

on for the final 25 minutes of the all-important match. Midfielder Nicolò Zaniolo took Dzeko's place up front with Roma dominating the first half hour, although Inter had the best chances for the hosts as Mirante denying Lukaku after a blundering Jordan Veretout back-pass. A similar error from the Roma goalkeeper nearly proved costly when Mirante passed the ball straight to Lukaku on the edge of the area just before the break. — AFP

WHIST! I would have liked to spend the day focusing on the big game, it is important that I acknowledge what occurred was wrong and highly insensitive.
— CHRIS SMALLING
 Roma's player reacting to the racist headline

UEFA looks into racism

Lausanne, Dec. 7: UEFA on Friday opened disciplinary proceedings against Romania following racist abuse targeted at Swedish Alexander Isak in a Euro 2020 qualifier last month. The referee briefly stopped the November 15 match in Bucharest due to racist chants from Romanian fans when Real Sociedad's Isak came on as a second half substitute. Sweden won the game 2-0 to qualify for next year's tournament. European football's governing body in a statement announced that "following an inquiry a disciplinary procedure has been opened" with a verdict due from UEFA's disciplinary committee on December 12. In October, Bulgaria were fined and ordered to play one game behind closed doors after racist abuse in one of their games. — Agencies



Girls from Little Flower High School pose with their medals and trophy after emerging victorious at the Inter School Prize Money Invitation Basketball Tournament organised by Johnson Grammar School CBSE, Nacharam. Little Flower won 26-22.

Johnson Grammar School, Little Flower champions

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7
 Johnson Grammar School ICSE and Little Flower High School emerged victorious in the finals of the Inter School Prize Money Invitation Basketball Tournament which was organised by Johnson Grammar School CBSE, Nacharam. In a cracker of a game, Johnson Grammar ICSE boys, propelled by Vignesh's stellar performance, claimed a dramatic win over St. Joseph with a scoreline of 43-36. Although, St. Joseph put up a great fight with the help of Pragna and Flower in the 35th minute but it was ruthless Ria who made the difference with her accurate shooting. For the loser team, Johnson Grammar School ICSE 43 (Vignesh 24, Vishnu 14) bt St. Joseph, King Kotti, 36 (Pranav 15, Sunu 10). **Girl's Little Flower 26 (Ria 22) bt Gitanjali 22 (Joshika Reddy 10, Tanvita 8).**