



## Quashing FIR

Comedian Bharti Singh moves Punjab and Haryana HC to quash an FIR for allegedly hurting religious sentiments in a TV show

### SHORT TAKES

## 1 killed as coaches detach from train

**Fatehgarh Sahib:** Several coaches of the Ajmer-bound Pooja Express train got detached from its engine few minutes after departure from Ludhiana, killing one passenger, officials said on Sunday. The incident occurred on Saturday night near Brahman Majra village in Sirhind city here. Satpal, a resident of Pathankot in Punjab, sustained head injuries after he fell off a bogie following detachment of the engine. He was taken to hospital where he succumbed to the injuries, an official of the Government Railway Police said.

## TN villages oppose hydrocarbon project

**Thanjavur(TN):** All villages in the Cauvery delta region in Tamil Nadu passed resolutions opposing the hydrocarbon exploration project at Grama Sabha meetings held on Sunday, revenue officials said. The resolutions were passed even as the Centre resolved recently to exempt oil and gas firms looking to carry out exploratory drilling from getting environmental clearance. According to officials, villages in the delta districts including Thanjavur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur adopted resolutions against the project. The Centre amended the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 for hydrocarbon projects, allowing it to bypass prior clearance and public consultation for such projects.

## Complaint against Visva Bharati V-C

**Kolkata:** The Visva Bharati Students' Unity, comprising Left-wing students, has filed a police complaint against Vice-Chancellor Bidyut Chakraborty, accusing him of asking some people to teach a lesson to certain Left-leaning students of the central varsity. A video clip containing the purported conversation was also submitted to the police. While Chakraborty could not be contacted, a Visva Bharati spokesman said that the video was "doctored" and was intended to "malign" the image of the institution and people at its helm. The video, circulated on social media, was purportedly shot on January 7, during a campus walk led by Chakraborty to uphold the image of the institution, a day before students stalled a seminar.

## COLD WAVE HITS PARTS OF NORTH INDIA

**New Delhi, Jan. 26:** Parts of north India shivered under cold conditions on Sunday with the weather department issuing a warning for heavy rain and snowfall in Himachal Pradesh even as there was some respite for Kashmir where the mercury continued its upward trend. The minimum temperature in Delhi recorded a rise of around two notches from that on Saturday, settling at 6.9°C while the maximum was recorded at 22.7°C. The relative humidity oscillated between 100 per cent and 59 per cent. Cold conditions persisted in Himachal Pradesh with the meteorological department issuing a yellow weather warning for heavy rain and snowfall in the state for Tuesday. The weather office issues colour-coded warnings to alert people ahead of severe or hazardous weather that has the potential to cause "damage, widespread disruption or danger to life". Yellow, the least dangerous of all the weather warnings, indicates possibility of a severe weather. Tribal district Lahaul-Spiti's administrative centre Keylong recorded the lowest temperature in the state at minus 9.3°C. Kinnaur's Kalpa recorded a low of minus 5.6°C and the minimum temperature in both Manali and Kufri was minus 0.8°C, he said, adding the minimum temperatures in Dalhousie and Shimla was 1.5°C and 3.8°C respectively. Una recorded the highest maximum temperature in the state at 23°C, Singh said. The weatherman has forecast rain and snowfall in middle and high hills of the state from January 27 to 29 and on January 31.

# India, NDFB to ink Bodo pact

ABSU to give up separate statehood demand to end five-decade conflict

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, JAN. 26

In what may be called a major breakthrough on insurgency front, the ministry of home affairs is going to sign a peace accord with all the factions of National Democratic Front Bodoland (NDFB) and powerful All Bodo Students Union (Absu) on Monday in New Delhi.

Informing that the accord will be signed in presence of Union home minister Amit Shah, Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and chief of Bodoland Territorial Council Hagrama Mohilary security sources said told this newspaper that the new accord will provide for some political rights to the Bodo tribals living in Assam and some economic package for the community.

Asserting that home ministry has rejected

■ **NDFB CHIEF** Ranjan Daimary who has been serving life imprisonment in the serial bomb blast case of Guwahati was granted bail recently

■ **THE LEADERS** are camping in Delhi to give final touches to the peace accord

demand of a separate state or union territory for the Bodos, security sources said that top leadership of four different factions of NDFB would be the signatory to the accord.

Admitting that they have given up the demand of separate state, the powerful All Bodo Students Union president Pramod Boro who is in New Delhi told this newspaper, "We have given up our demands in larger interest



Sarbananda Sonowal

of the society. We took lead to end the conflict situation which was causing huge loss to the society."

Regretting that some Bodo leaders have been accusing us of giving up demand of separate state, Mr Boro said, "We have lost many precious lives in the ongoing decades-old armed conflict in the Bodoland Territorial Council areas. Just to bring an end to bloodshed, we chose to give up many of our demands. We are getting nothing in the peace accord but to restore peace and tranquillity in Bodo areas, the Absu decided to

support and back this peace accord."

The NDFB chief Ranjan Daimary who has been serving the life imprisonment in serial bomb blast case of Guwahati was granted bail recently by a bench of the Gauhati High Court to facilitate Mr Daimary's presence as one of the signatories of the accord. NDFB(S) leaders, including its chairman, B. Saoraiwra, general secretary B.R. Ferenga and senior members B. Batha and G. Bidai are camping in Delhi to give final touch to the peace accord proposed to be signed on Monday.

However, officials made it clear that the territorial integrity of Assam will be maintained and the key demand of the NDFB, which is either a separate State or a UT, is not going to be entertained.

The four factions of the NDFB, which will sign the accord, are led by Ranjan Daimari, Govinda Basu-

matory, Dhiren Boro and B. Saoraiwra.

Some NDFB militants were part of the 644 militants who surrendered in Guwahati on Thursday before Assam chief minister Sonowal.

Security sources said that status of the existing Bodoland Territorial Council will remain the same but the community would be given more political rights and representation in the proposed upper house of the state assembly.

It will be the third Bodo accord to be signed in last 27 years when the violent movement for a separate Bodoland state claimed hundreds of lives, destruction of public and private properties.

The demand for a separate state for the Bodos has been going on in Assam for about five decades, leading to agitations, protests, violence and many deaths.

## PM: Violence no solution in NE

**New Delhi, Jan. 26:** Violence never resolves any issue and no problem can be worked out by creating another, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday in his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' radio address — the first of the year.

He appealed to those seeking to settle issues through violence to return to the mainstream, saying they should have faith in the capabilities of India to resolve matters peacefully. Noting that insurgency in the northeast has reduced "considerably", the prime minister said, "Violence never resolves any issue."

He urged people to together "forge a new India, where every issue is resolved on a platform of peace."

The PM pointed out that a few days ago, 644 militants from eight different groups surrendered with their weapons. "Those

### MANN KI BAAT

who had strayed towards the path of violence have expressed their faith in peace and decided to become a partner in the country's progress and return to the mainstream," he said.

"Those who had picked up weapons thinking that violence could solve problems, now firmly believe that the only way to solve any dispute is peace and togetherness," the PM said in his radio address. The biggest reason behind the reduction in insurgency in the northeast is that "every issue of the region is being honestly and peacefully solved through dialogue", he said.

Noting that the 21st century is the era of knowledge, science and democracy, Modi wondered whether anyone has ever heard of a place where life has turned better due to violence. — PTI

## Beating retreat



Border Security Force personnel and Pakistani Rangers take part in the Beating Retreat ceremony on the occasion of 71st Republic Day celebration at the India-Pakistan Wagah-Attari border post on Sunday.

— PTI

## Padma is reward for Sami 'chamchagiri', says Cong

**New Delhi, Jan. 26:** The Congress on Sunday hit out at the Modi government over bestowing the Padma Shri on singer-musician Adnan Sami and asked why Kargil War veteran Mohammad Sannaullah was declared a foreigner through the NRC for Assam, while the son of a Pakistan Air Force pilot has been conferred with one of India's highest civilian honour.

Sami was one of the 118 people whose names were announced on Saturday for the Padma Shri awards, with the Ministry of Home Affairs list showing his home state as Maharashtra. Sami, born in London to a Pakistani Air force veteran, applied for Indian citizenship in 2015 and became a citizen of the country in January 2016.

Hitting out at the Centre, Congress spoke-person Jaiver Shergill said, "Kargil War veteran and retired army officer



Adnan Sami

Mohammad Sannaullah who fought for India declared 'foreigner' after NRC and Adnan Sami whose family fought against India honoured with Padma Shri — This is the magic of NRC and government chamchagiri!"

He also posed questions to the government over the issue, asking why an Indian soldier like Sannaullah is declared a foreigner via the NRC for Assam and the son of a Pakistan Air Force pilot is given the Padma Shri. "Is contribution 'Yogdan' to

society or BJP government 'gungan' (praise) new criteria? Is this New India? Shergill asked.

Meanwhile, Union aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that he hoped protesters at Shaheen Bagh were "listening".

"I hope Shaheen Bagh is listening. India doesn't believe in taking away citizenships," he tweeted.

"Congratulations to Sami on being honoured with a Padma Shri. He is one of the many who reposed faith in the Constitution of India & were granted citizenship," Mr Puri, who also handles the Union housing ministry, added.

People have been protesting against the new citizenship law at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh for more than a month, alleging it is discriminatory. The government has assured the law does not take away citizenship. — PTI

## RESEARCHERS MISTAKEN FOR NRC SURVEYORS

**Darbhanga (Bihar), Jan. 26:** A team of researchers from Lucknow mistaken as surveyors for NRC was caught by residents of a village here and handed over to the police, a senior official said on Sunday.

SP, Darbhanga, Babu Ram said the incident took place on Friday when the team, comprising 12 people, including four women, visited a village under Jamalpur police station area.

The team was from a Lucknow-based research organisation, which was engaged by a US-based PhD scholar.

However, as they began visiting households the word spread that "NRC surveyors" had arrived following which villagers grew furious and held them hostage before dragging them to the police station.

The situation was defused at the police station where officials verified the identities of the researchers and explained to the villagers, who then went back satisfied, the SP said.

He added that similar incidents took place in the district in recent past and an awareness campaign was launched for residents to "inform the police or local administration officials" if any surveyors aroused suspicion "instead of illegally detaining them". — PTI

## 2 held for Odisha airport 'collapse'

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, JAN. 26

Odisha police on Sunday arrested Dillip Khatai, chief of construction company Dillip Constructions Private Limited after an under-construction link building between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 of the Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) here collapsed on Friday night.

The police had on Friday detained Khatai and interrogated him in connection with the airport mishap. Apart from Khatai, Airport Authority of India AGM Asish Sarkar and two engineers - Abhilash and Goutam Ray - were arrested by the police.

Following their arrest, the four persons were produced in a court which rejected their bail plea

and send them to jail. Sources said the construction company was banned by the Airport Authority of India for three years in connection with delay in a project.

Now the question remains as to on what grounds the firm was roped in by the BPIA for the construction work.

Notably, a person identified as Antaryami Guru, a resident of Baramba in Cuttack district, was killed and few others suffered injuries after roof of an under-construction link building caved in at around 10 pm on Friday.

The BJD demanded a thorough probe into the incident and strong action against those responsible for the same.

Party spokesperson Sasmit Patra said, "We demand adequate compensation for his family."



The under construction link building which collapsed at the Odisha airport.

— PTI

## India slams EU parliament proposal to debate CAA

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, JAN. 26

With reports that the European Parliament is set to debate and vote on a resolution tabled by some of its Left-wing members against India's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which it says marks a "dangerous shift" in the country's citizenship regime and has "created the legal grounds to

strip millions of Muslims of the fundamental right of equal access to citizenship", Indian government sources late on Sunday evening said that "the EU Parliament should not take actions that call into question the rights and authority of democratically elected legislatures in other regions of the world".

Alarm bells have begun ringing in New Delhi over the proposed discussion

on CAA in European Union Parliament.

Hoping that "sponsors and supporters of the draft will engage with us to get a full and accurate assessment of the facts before they proceed further", Indian government sources further said that "every society that fashions a pathway to naturalisation, contemplates both a context and criteria (and that) this is not discrimination".

### NO ENTRY

Traffic stalled for 3 hours as government drivers, agitators destroy CCTVs, booth

## Chennai toll plaza vandalised in fracas

P.A.JEBARAJ | DC CHENNAI, JAN. 26

It was a night of utter chaos at Paranur toll plaza in Chengalpatt with an argument between employees and a SETC bus driver breaking into violence and vandalism.

The toll booths were totally vandalised, equipment like CCTV cameras shattered and traffic came to a standstill for three hours early on Sunday.

The incident reportedly started when the employee asked the driver to pay toll to go through and the driv-

er challenged the toll plaza employee as to how dare they ask a government bus driver to pay toll.

The argument turned bitter and other employees there joined hands and attacked the driver and the conductor of the bus.

The agitated driver parked the bus in the middle of the road and traffic was blocked on the Chennai-Tiruchy national highway from around midnight to 3 am.

Irritated passengers from other buses in the toll plaza queue got down and started damaging

CCTV's, booths and two-wheelers of the employees turning the place into a battleground.

Chengalpatt DSP Kandhan, on being informed, rushed to the spot along with more than 100 policemen and brought the situation under control.

People responsible for the chaos were removed from the spot and traffic was regulated. A few of the toll plaza employees who attacked the bus crew were taken to the police station and further investigations are on into the incident.

The incident has caused a major flutter in the area but such incidents seem to have become a common enough occurrence in the Paranur toll plaza. The complaint put forth by the drivers passing through the plaza is miscommunication as most of the employees are from North India and they don't know Tamil.

It has also been said that the employees are under the influence of alcohol most of the time and they behave rudely with drivers passing through the toll plaza.



The remains of a toll plaza in Paranur near Chennai after it was vandalised on Sunday morning after arguments between plaza staff and state transport bus crew became violent.

— DECCAN CHRONICLE





## Election

Ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP) lawmaker Agni Prasad Sapkota was elected unopposed as the Parliament Speaker on Sunday

### IN BRIEF

#### Jordanian charged with terror attack

**Amman:** A Jordanian court on Sunday levelled “terrorism” charges against a man suspected of wounding eight people in a November knife attack at a tourist site. The suspect, Moustafa Abourouis, 22, faces up to 20 years in prison after the stabbing of three Mexicans, a Swiss woman, a Jordanian tour guide and a security officer at the Roman city of Jerash. At a hearing open to the press, prosecutors accused Abourouis of committing a “terrorist act” and “promoting the ideas of their group” a reference to the Islamic State group. Abourouis, who is of Palestinian origins and grew up in the refugee camp of Souf, was arrested immediately after the attack at Jerash, close to the camp and around 50 km (30 miles) north of Amman. The Jordanian prosecutor accused Abourouis of trying to join IS, an operative of which in Syria had “ordered him to commit attacks against foreigners”.

#### Defaced gurdwara holds open house

**Washington:** A gurdwara in the US state of California has organised an open house and welcomed hundreds of people in a bid to spread awareness about the religion, weeks after it was defaced with a swastika graffiti in an apparent hate crime. On January 13, the priest of Guru Maneyo Granth Gurdwara Sahib in Orangevale saw words “White Power” and a swastika graffitied onto the sign out front and informed police. On Saturday, members of the minority community welcomed hundreds of people from different backgrounds, religions and races to an open house and lunch to reject the hate-fueled message. The Sacramento Bee news website reported. “To see everyone come here in solidarity, shoulder to shoulder, is very uplifting”.

#### Man points lasers at planes, held

**Sarasota (US):** A man was arrested for pointing lasers at planes trying to land at a Florida airport and injuring a pilot in the process, authorities said. Charlie Chapman Jr. aimed his laser pointer toward a plane four times and toward a sheriff’s helicopter once as they tried to land last week at Sarasota Bradenton Airport, according to the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office. One pilot said the laser hit him directly in the eyes and caused temporary blindness and lingering blurred vision. The Orlando Sentinel reported a video also showed a man appearing to throw objects at the sheriff’s helicopter as it tried to land. After several pilots reported the incidents, the investigation led deputies to Chapman. They found the 41-year-old on a forklift Wednesday night.

#### DOZENS PULLED FROM TURKEY QUAKE RUBBLE

**Ankara Jan.26:** Working against the clock in freezing temperatures, Turkish rescue teams pulled more survivors from collapsed buildings Sunday, days after a powerful magnitude 6.8 earthquake hit the country’s east. Rescued survivors wept with gratitude for their efforts. Turkish authorities said the death toll rose to at least 38 people from the magnitude 6.8 earthquake that struck Friday night. Turkish television showed Ayse Yildiz, 35, and her 2-year-old daughter Yusra being dragged out of the rubble of a collapsed apartment building in the city of Elazig. They had been trapped for 28 hours. The quake also injured over 1,600 people but at least 45 survivors have been pulled alive from the rubble so far, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a news conference Sunday in Istanbul. More than 780 aftershocks rocked the region as over 3,500 rescue experts scrambled through wrecked buildings to reach survivors, working around the clock. Rescue teams concentrated their efforts in the city’s Mustafa Pasa neighbourhood and the nearby town of Sivrice. One rescued couple was reunited with a Syrian student who had helped to dig them out of their collapsed home with his hands. “He is our hero and angel,” a weeping Dudane Aydin said of Mahmud al Osman to Anadolu news agency. —AP

# Trump ordered Ukraine envoy ouster

Trump’s deals with Ukraine not fact-finding mission but politically motivated: Counsel

## Dems want to overturn poll, say Republicans

**Washington. Jan. 26:** President Donald Trump’s lawyers plunged into his impeachment trial defence Saturday by accusing Democrats of striving to overturn the 2016 election, arguing that investigations of Trump’s dealings with Ukraine have not been a fact-finding mission but a politically motivated effort to drive him from the White House. “They’re here to perpetrate the most massive interference in an election in American history,” White House counsel Pat Cipollone told senators. “And we can’t allow that to happen.”

The Trump legal team’s arguments in the rare Saturday session were aimed at rebutting allegations that the president abused his power when he asked Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden and then obstructed Congress as it tried to investigate. The lawyers are mounting a wide-ranging, aggressive defence asserting an expansive view of presidential powers and portraying Trump as besieged by political opponents determined to ensure he won’t be reelected this November.

“They’re asking you to tear up all the ballots across this country on your own initiative, take that decision away from the American people,” Cipollone said. Though Trump is the one on trial, the defence team made clear that it intends to paint the impeachment case as a mere continuation of the investigations that have shadowed the president since before he took office — including one into allegations of Russian election interference on his behalf. Trump attorney Jay Sekulow suggested Democrats were investigating the president over Ukraine simply because they couldn’t bring him down for Russia.

“That — for this,” said Sekulow, holding up a copy of special counsel Robert Mueller’s report, which he accused Democrats of attempting to “relitigate.” That report detailed ties between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia but did not allege a criminal conspiracy to tip the election. From the White House, Trump tweeted his response: “Any fair minded person watching the Senate trial today would be able to see how unfairly I have been treated and that this is indeed the totally partisan Impeachment Hoax that EVERYBODY, including the Democrats, truly knows it is.” —AP



Former US ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch (C) arrives for a closed-door deposition before House committees. The impeachment trial of President Donald Trump is gaining speed each day. — AFP

## Travel ban heads back to court

**Richmond, Jan. 26:** After the U.S. Supreme Court upheld President Donald Trump’s ban on travellers from several predominantly Muslim countries in 2018, the ruling appeared to shut down legal challenges that claimed the policy was rooted in anti-Muslim bias. But a federal appeals court in Richmond is set to hear arguments from civil rights groups hoping to keep the challenges alive. The 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments Tuesday in three lawsuits filed by US citizens and permanent residents whose relatives have been unable to enter the US because of the travel ban, which was first imposed shortly after Trump took office in 2017.

The court is being asked to decide whether a federal judge in Maryland made a mistake when he refused to dismiss constitutional claims filed by the International Refugee Assistance Project despite a 2018 US Supreme Court ruling in a Hawaii case that found travel ban “a legitimate grounding in national security concerns”. — AP

May 2019 for reasons that remain murky. She testified that her anti-corruption efforts had incurred the ire of influential Ukrainians who sought to remove her. Ms Yovanovitch said she was shocked that her enemies appeared to find allies in the Trump administration, including the president’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani. The ex-envoy’s supporters say she was also smeared by US conservative media voices. In her testimony to the impeachment inquiry, she said the allegation she was disloyal to Mr Trump was false. President Trump has said that

the diplomat “didn’t want to hang my picture in the embassy” in Kyiv. Trump says envoy Marie Yovanovitch refused to hang his photo. “She said bad things about me, she wouldn’t defend me, and I have the right to change the ambassador,” Trump told Fox News. — Agencies

## Tehran willing to negotiate with US

**Dubai, Jan. 26:** Iran is not ruling out negotiations with the United States even after an American drone strike that killed a top Iranian general, the country’s foreign minister said in an interview released Saturday. Mohammed Javad Zarif told Germany’s Der Spiegel magazine that he would “never rule out the possibility that people will change their approach and recognise the realities,” in an interview conducted Friday in Tehran. There has been growing tension between Washington and Tehran since in 2018, when President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of the nuclear deal with Iran. The US has since reimposed tough sanctions that have crippled Iran’s economy. But Zarif suggested Iran was still willing to talk, but reiterated his country’s previous demand that first the US would have to lift sanctions. “For us, it doesn’t matter who is sitting in the White House, what matters is how they behave,” he said, according to Der Spiegel. — AP

## Israel green light for visits to Saudi



Israel raided Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip.

**Jerusalem, Jan. 26:** Israel on Sunday officially gave its citizens the right to travel to Saudi Arabia for religious and business visits, in the latest sign of warming ties between the two states. The interior ministry’s announcement will have limited practical impact, as Israelis had previously been travelling to Saudi Arabia via third countries, especially Jordan. But Israel had never granted official approval for such travel by both Jewish and Muslim Israelis. Interior Minister Aryeh Deri “signed for the first time an order enabling an exit permit for Israelis to Saudi Arabia”, his office said. The move, coordinated with the security and diplomatic services, approves travel to Saudi “for religious purposes during Muslim pilgrimages”, it said in a statement. It said Israel would also allow its citizens to travel to Saudi Arabia “to participate in business meetings or seek investments” for trips not exceeding 90 days. Business travellers must have “arranged their entry to Saudi Arabia and received an invitation from a govern-

## Israel strafes Hamas

**Jerusalem, Jan. 26:** Israel carried out air raids on Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip late Saturday, in response to the launching of incendiary devices attached to balloons sent over from the Palestinian enclave, the army said. “A short while ago, combat planes hit a number of targets of the Hamas terrorist organisation in the southern Gaza Strip,” the military said in a statement. Among the targets was an arms factory, the army added, stressing that the air raids were in response to the launching of the incendiary balloons towards Israeli territory. Hamas has controlled Gaza since 2008, and Israel holds the Islamist movement responsible for all rocket fire coming from the territory, although it has targeted other militant groups there. On Tuesday, Israeli troops shot dead three Palestinians who crossed into Israel from Gaza. — AFP

## Bibi sees history in Trump peace plan

**Jerusalem, Jan. 26:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he expected US President Donald Trump’s peace plan for the Middle East to be “historic” ahead of a trip to Washington. “An opportunity such as this comes once in history and cannot be missed... I am full of hope that we are on the verge of a historic moment in the annals of our state,” Netanyahu, who has been invited to meet Trump at the White House on Tuesday to discuss the plan, said in a statement. Trump on Thursday said he will release his long-delayed plan before meeting Netanyahu in Washington. “It’s a great plan. It’s a plan that really would work,” Trump said. Netanyahu’s political rival Benny Gantz has also received an invitation to attend the White House

talks. Gantz told a news conference in Tel Aviv on Saturday that the “peace plan devised by President Trump will go down in history as a meaningful landmark”. He expected the initiative to allow “different players in the Middle East to finally move ahead towards an historic regional agreement”. The Palestinian leadership was not invited and has already rejected Trump’s plan amid

tense relations with the US president over his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s undivided capital. “This step only reaffirms our absolute rejection of what the US administration has done so far, particularly the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital,” Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas’ spokesman said in a statement earlier this week. — AFP

## Kim Kyong Hui played a key role in grooming Kim Jong-un as the next leader

# Kim’s aunt reemerges after years of speculation



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un (C), his wife Ri Sol Ju (2nd from L) and his aunt Kim Kyong Hui (2nd from R) at a Lunar New Year’s Day concert in Pyongyang, North Korea. —AP

**Seoul, South Korea, Jan. 26:** North Korean leader Kim Jong-un’s aunt made her first public appearance in about six years, state media reported Sunday, quelling years of rumours that she was purged or executed by her nephew after helping him inherit power from his father. According to a Korean Central News Agency dispatch, the name of Kim Kyong Hui was included in a list of top North Korean officials who watched a performance marking Lunar New Year’s Day with Kim Jong-

■ **KIM KYONG HUI’S** fate had been in doubt after Kim Jong Un had her husband and the North’s No. 2 official, Jang Song Thaek, executed for treason and corruption in December 2013.

un at a Pyongyang theatre on Saturday. North Korea’s main newspaper also released a photo showing Kim Kyong Hui sitting near Kim Jong-un and his wife, Ri Sol Ju,

at the Samjiyon Theatre. Kim Kyong Hui, 73, was once an influential figure in North Korea as the only sister of late North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, the father of Kim Jong-un. She had initially kept a low profile during the early part of her brother’s rule, but Kim Kyong Hui later frequently accompanied him on his inspection trips after he suffered a stroke in 2008. While taking up many top posts such as a four-star army general and a member of the powerful Politburo, she was also believed to have played a

key role in grooming Kim Jong Un as the next leader. Kim Jong-un eventually took power after his father died of a heart attack in late 2011, in the North’s second father-to-son power transfer. Kim Kyong Hui’s fate had been in doubt after Kim Jong-un had her husband and the North’s No. 2 official, Jang Song Thaek, executed for treason and corruption in December 2013. His death was reported by the North and remains the most significant in a series of executions or purges that Kim Jong-un has engineered in

what outside experts believe were attempts to remove potential rivals and cement his grip on power. Days after Jang’s execution, Kim Kyong Hui’s name was mentioned in a KCNA dispatch as a member of a funeral committee for another top official. But she missed a state ceremony commemorating the second anniversary of Kim Jong Il’s death days later. Her name had since never been mentioned in North Korean state media until Sunday’s KCNA report. —AP

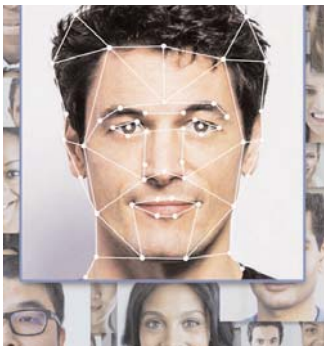








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CLEARVIEW AI FACING LEGAL CLAIMS

New Delhi, Jan. 26: Following a damning report on The New York Times, Clearview, in a blog post, rejected the idea it produce a public, consumer-facing facial recognition app that could be accessed by anyone. However, that may be the least of its trouble as the controversial facial recognition app is also facing challenges from platforms in the wake of the NYT report.

Twitter has sent Clearview a cease-and-desist letter demanding that the company stop scraping its platform for photos to include in its database. Twitter also demanded the company delete any existing data it may have obtained from the platform because using it to fill out a third-party database without user consent is against Twitter's policies.

Clearview has acknowledged publicly that it built out its database in part by scraping social media profiles.

— Agencies



AIRDROP RIVAL TO DEBUT WITH GALAXY S20

New Delhi, Jan. 26: After months of speculation, XDA Developers reported that Samsung, which has been developing its own alternative to Apple's AirDrop file sharing service, plans to launch with the upcoming Galaxy S20 smartphone.

Screenshots of the feature show that it will work similarly to AirDrop, allowing you to "share instantly with people nearby," so long as their device has Quick Share turned on.

Users will also be able to restrict who can send you files to just people in your contacts, or else leave it wide open so that strangers can send you pictures of space sloths.

Despite how useful AirDrop has been on iOS and macOS since its initial launch in 2011, Android has struggled to come up with a viable competitor. For a while Android included an NFC-based version called Android Beam, but this was discontinued with Android 10.

— Agencies

ARCHAK SENGUPTA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 26

On Friday, Google stirred up a controversy by announcing its plans to use the same design language for its ads as it is for its organic results.

The search engine giant, which in recent years has seen its ad revenue growth slow down, is ready to use the same tricks that it once battled to become the premier search service.

In the past, Google used much more obvious, visually distinct methods to differentiate its ads from the search results. This was one of the reasons behind its success as users didn't trust other search engines due to 'paid inclusion' in their organic results.

While the new ad layout didn't cross the 'paid inclusion' line, it is deceptive enough to fool the occasional careless users.

Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) took a break from impeachment hearings to talk to *The Washington Post* about just how bad the new search redesign was. "We've seen multiple instances over the last few years where Google has made paid advertisements ever more indistinguishable from organic search results," Warner told the Post. "This is yet another example of a platform exploiting its bottleneck power for commercial gain to the detriment of both consumers and also small businesses."

Following the uproar, the company acknowledged that its latest experiment might have gone too far and noted that it will "experiment further" on how it displays results.

However, the company, which had a founding mantra of 'Don't be Evil', seems to have embraced the dark side thanks to its sharp focus to grow the company's ad revenue.



@searchliaison

Last week we updated the look of Search on desktop to mirror what's been on mobile for months. We've heard your feedback about the update. We always want to make Search better, so we're going to experiment with new placements for favicons.

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There's something strange about the recent design change to google search results, favicons and extra header text: they all look like ads, which is perhaps the point?



Srinivas Kodali

Real-time governance or surveillance?



Hyderabad revolutionised e-governance in India, by promoting e-governance not only the state benefited in good governance but took the private sector along with it. A new paradigm of governance is now emerging in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, called Real-Time governance.

In Real-Time governance everyone and every file is tracked real-time to offer welfare to the public and process their complaints. This form of governance promises a predictive style of governance where your issue will be solved before you even realise it.

What exactly is this new style of governance if one asks, it is to identify everyone at every stage of their

interaction with the government using a digital identity system.

The digital identity system could be Aadhaar or Facial Recognition which is being used primarily in Telangana. The universal usage of fingerprints and facial recognition even by the police to determine the identity real-time transforms this style of governance into surveillance. The recent usage of facial recognition in Telangana municipal elections was even called the Real-Time Digital Authentication of Voter Identity.

Led by the retired bureaucrat J. Satyanarayana in Andhra Pradesh initially, this form of governance is now being recommended across the country. Andhra

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Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu are few early states to adopt this style of governance, it is already being hailed as the next best practice to be used across India.

In one of the presentations. J. Satyanarayana described this style of governance

would help the government track someone from birth to death. He was accurate in saying that considering the tracking capacity being built into all identification systems for national security.

As the government helped the rise of the IT sector by becoming the first customer and using technology for their e-Governance initiatives. It is now emulating a similar strategy to help the private sector adapt to the global changes in technology. But in doing so the government is directly adopting some of the private sector practices like surveillance capitalism.

Surveillance capitalism enables Big Tech to track individuals based on their data by offering them free services in return. Like the private sector is profiting from free data they are collecting from us, the government too is trying to sell our data to private sector under the name of AI. But it is not about capitalism anymore with the usage of this data

by police and intelligence agencies, it becomes direct usage for surveillance.

One may agree or disagree with these analogies but the increased collection of data by government without data protection laws is deeply problematic. This lack of a law essentially means no recourse to individuals affected by bureaucratic decisions and no accountability on the government's actions. In case of the usage of data by the police department, it needs to be iterated there is no law under which they can profile any citizens on the streets or at their own house without a law on surveillance. With neither of these laws, the actions of the various departments across India is slowly turning us into a surveillance society.

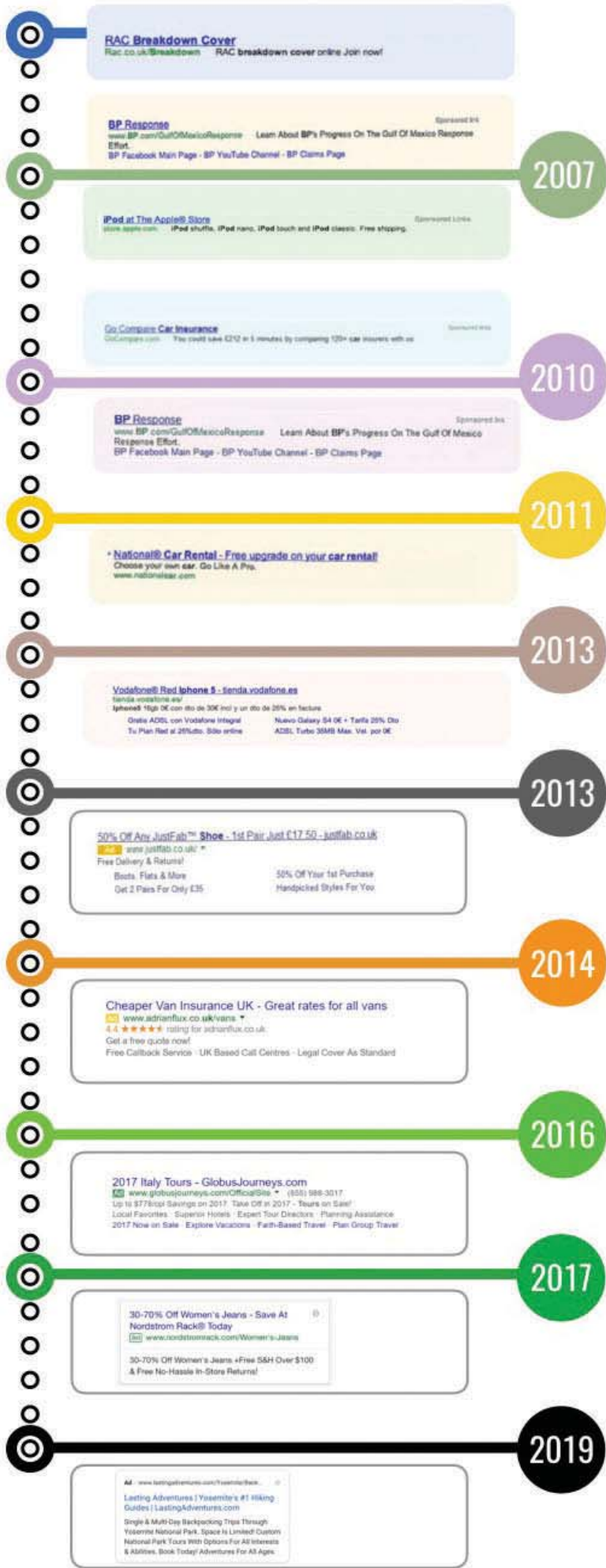
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Google search results tweak creates uproar

Backtracks on its plans to make ads look similar to results

A HISTORY OF GOOGLE'S AD LABELING

Over time, the separation between what was an ad and what wasn't became increasingly blurred.



- Google makes money when users of its search service click on ads. It doesn't make money when people click on an unpaid search result. Making ads look like search results makes Google more money.
- Users began noticing the changes to search results last week, and at least one user flagged the changes earlier this week.

Stretchable battery may help develop skin sensors

FAKE SKIN IS A STEP CLOSER THANKS TO FLEXIBLE CIRCUITS

London, Jan. 26: Researchers have developed the first flexible electronic chip made of magnetic sensors and organic, polymer-based circuits, an advance which paves the way for the development of artificial skin.

The ultrathin integrated circuit, or microchip, is described in the journal *Science*, as a matrix system made up of several tiny components including magnetic sensors, and signal amplifiers on a single platform. According to the

scientists, including those from the Leibniz Institute for Solid State and Materials Research in Germany, the flexible electronic circuit has a high magnetic sensitivity.

They said it is also robust against mechanical deformation, such as bending, creasing, or kinking. According to the researchers, the matrix can efficiently map the magnetic field with real-time encoding of the positions and motions of magnetic objects.

—PTI

devices, have used polymers as electrolytes, which are the energy source that transports negative ions to the battery's positive pole.

However, they added that these polymer electrolytes have been flowable gels that could, in some cases, leak or burst into flame.

In the current study, the scientists developed a polymer that is solid and

stretchable rather than gooey and potentially leaky. According to the study, the polymer electrolyte carries an electric charge between the battery's poles.

The researchers demonstrated in lab tests that the experimental battery maintained a constant power output even when squeezed, folded, and stretched to nearly twice its original length.

—PTI

Data Protection Bill set to bring yet another shock for companies



Rohan Seth

The debate and protests around the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens have dominated headlines around the nation, and rightfully so. While public attention and the news cycle continue to revolve around the issue, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has released a Personal Data Protection Bill.

Since reading the bill, Justice B.N. Srikrishna (chair of the committee that drafted the initial report on data protection) has claimed it to have the potential to turn India into an Orwellian State. The statement is based on legitimate grounds, and that should give most people sleepless nights.

The Personal Data Protection Bill does give the government the power to exempt itself from the legislation. It also gives the State significant powers to demand data, and also places significant restrictions on cross border data flows.

All of this is troubling on multiple levels and is being written about in columns and articles throughout India's tech policy space. What is not getting enough attention, however, is that the bill is also bad news for the Indian economy, that too when it is the last thing India needs right now.

There are several counts on which the bill, in its current form, will have a negative impact on the economy. Most important among them, is the timeline for enforcement. The 2018 version of the Bill, provided for a period for adjustment and compliance before the enforcement of the Bill's provisions. Section 97's transitional provisions provided industries a period of 18 months before mandating compliance.

Having a defined period of time that affords industry the space to be in compliance is an objectively good policy. You could have a debate on how long that period should be, but it should be common ground to have a transition plan. For example, Europe's Data Protection Law, the GDPR, was adopted in April 2016 but was enforced almost 2 years later, in May 2018.

What this tells us is that policy does not work like

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For instance, while personal and personal sensitive data can be subject to cross border transfers, critical personal data is not. So it puts any company that deals with data under a lot of anxiety. It would force them to stay in limbo until the third tier is defined, and will have an impact on how they go about their day to day business.

The digital economy is inextricably linked with the traditional economy. All of this, removing a runway for compliance, placing redundancy-ridden restrictions on the cross border flow of personal sensitive data, and not defining critical personal data is bound to have a negative impact on the Indian economy. If the bill is passed in its current form, we are looking at FDI drying up within this sector. Big companies might have deeper pockets, but localization laws will also go a long way to make sure that they keep their India-bound spending and outsourcing in check. On the other hand, it is also likely to incentivize small companies and startups to register their businesses elsewhere. All of this is coming at a time when the Indian economy needs it the least.

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Secondly, even if the DPA is formed, there must be thousands of companies that would want to apply for an intra-group scheme, with new companies forming every month. It would put a lot of undue strain on the DPA to individually assess each company's proposal and include them in an intragroup scheme.

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On a related note, the bill also creates three tiers of data, personal, personal sensitive, and critical personal data. While the first two are defined within the bill, critical personal data is not. As you would expect, critical personal data is going to be the tier with the most restrictions and burden of compliance.

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Millions of moviegoers called the number shown at the end of *Free Willy* (1993) where \$20 million was donated for the Save the Whales Foundation

OUR CRITIC'S RATING Outstanding ★★★★★ | Great ★★★★ | Good ★★★ | Okay ★★ | Poor ★ | Truly Terrible TT

# Team Panga, take a thigh-five

SUPARNA SHARMA

The title of writer-director Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari's third film, *Panga*, insinuates that some dramatic fireworks await us. And since the film stars Kangana Ranaut, it's only natural that we approach it expecting some high jinks and spirited brawls.

*Panga* has all that, but of the sweet, genteel variety. The kind that doesn't seem sensational, but is, in fact, momentous — big, massive shifts in small, little lives.

*Panga* is a charming, warm, *gharelu* dramatisation of the thing that seethes for years and then dies within the walls of many homes — unfulfilled dreams of mummyjis born out of what they were capable of, the life they could have had, what they had to give up for their family and *grihasti*.

In *Panga*, that dream, that yearning, is pivoted on real talent and achievements and is nurtured by more than just self-belief. It is cradled by a supporting family.

One half of *Panga* is devoted to reminiscing and yearning for the life left behind. The pain, heartache make this part throb with low-grade but continuous disappointment and despair that, in the everydayness of life, gets exhausted and retires exhausted on most nights.

The other half of the film is in pursuit of that dream, going from one city to another, one training session to a bout, followed by more bouts.

Here it loses some of its magic as it turns into a competitive sports procedural.

Though the sports bits are quite nicely done — much better that what many big directors have managed in bigger films — *Panga*'s strength lies in its well-defined characters played by excellent actors.

The first part is nicely populated by them, while the second part relies almost entirely on Kangana Ranaut. Though she is fabulous throughout, without the others the film loses some steam. But there's an honest purpose to this slowing down, to showing the mundanity of the pursuit of a dream, of the high that hardly ever comes.

*Panga* doesn't try to portray making mid-life choices easy or inevitable. There are no mean spouses to run

away from, no revenge that awaits extraction.

It shows the difficulty of making that choice, on the mummyji and the family. It also shows that just because you decided to venture out, no one will be waiting with garlands for you.

But, it says, with all the attendant problems, heartaches and absolutely no guarantee of success, if you do find yourself often thinking of a life that could have been, and there is even a sliver of chance that you can, maybe, attempt to grab a tiny piece of it, go for it.

Set in Bhopal, *Panga* tells the story of Jaya Nigam (Kangana Ranaut), a railway employee who hands out train tickets at a railway station.

She is the mother of a seven-year-old Adi (Yagya Bhasin), and the wife of sweet Prashant (Jessie Gill). She loves them both and her life is in a loop of a daily routine that leaves little time to chew the cud of life that once was.

But every once in a while, after she has put little post-its in their tiffin boxes, after she has cut work to take her son to the doctor, and after the relaxing evening walk with her husband, something plays in her dreams that makes her throw sudden kicks while asleep.

The film's story takes a turn when Jaya misses Adi's sports day because of work and though she tries to make up to him, he is insulting and rude.

Prashant, the caring husband who often plays mediator between Jaya and the world, tells Adi the story of his and Jaya's romance, and about his mother who was, seven years and two months ago, the captain of India's Kabaddi team.

Enter, Serena Williams. Adi stalks Williams' post child-birth life online and at home he stalks Prashant with the suggestion that a comeback at 32 years of age is not unthinkable.

When Prashant ignores him, Adi piles on guilt.

**Panga**  
(U) 132 min

**CAST:** Kangana Ranaut, Jassi Gill, Richa Chadda, Neena Gupta, Yagya Bhasin

**DIRECTOR:** Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari

**RATING:** ★★

*Panga* doesn't show a dramatic, let's conquer-the-world return of Jaya to the arena where the skies thunder and gods throw rose petals.

It shows a mother who, with determination and a punishing routine, struggles, wavers, but goes on. It shows her emotional struggle at having to leave behind her life and family, of having to make tough choices, sacrifices — and the impact it has on others.

We see the hurdles she faces, the snide remarks she endures, the big age gap between her and other players, the insinuation that she has come riding on past accolades, and a captain who is not at all keen on celebrity comebacks.

In this segment, where the wait is long and victories elusive, the film tries to inject some drama by summoning Jaya's former teammate and bestie, Meenu (Richa Chaddha).

But as the teams of South Korea and Iran loom, and Jaya sits in the sidelines, tapping her feet and waiting, the film leads up to a climax that's predictable and yet it made me chew up one corner of my

shawl.

Written by Nitesh Tiwari and directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, the husband and wife team that gave us the fabulous *Bareilly Ki Barfi* (2017), *Panga* mostly spurns melodrama, and instead gives us a world we can connect with and live in for a bit.

*Panga*'s heart lies in Jaya and Prashant's middle class life built around domesticity, where everyone tries to catch those five extra minutes of sleep in the morning, then rushes about getting ready, calling out for stuff, screaming instructions before rushing out, leaving clothes, used utensils strewn around in a quiet house, and then returning, one by one, in the evening, bringing the house back to life with chatter, hot meals and laughter.

This world is knitted together beautifully by the screenplay writers, the art director and the costume designer.

The hand-knitted sweaters, a dining table where bot-

achar and sauce sit always and the switch boards with the darkened area around them carrying telltale signs of life needing both, light and air.

This world is inhabited by characters who are distinct and filled with lovely details. And all these characters are assigned to actors who inhabit them with honesty, sensitivity and skill.

Jessie Gill as Prashant, with his big, reassuring smile, is just the perfect foil to the Ranaut's simmering Jaya whose emotions dance in her eyes all the time.

Neena Gupta has a small role, but adds character to Jaya and Prashant's life.

Richa Chadda, who obviously piled on some weight for the role of the kabaddi coach without making a big deal of it, is very good, though her character is the only one that's a bit filmy and often utilitarian — mostly her job is to shine the spotlight on Jaya.

*Panga* taught me a lot about kabaddi — what is a raid, how a dead player can come alive. But what I really enjoyed watching was the girls' victory gesture — simultaneously slapping their thigh and raising a hand in a gesture of, *teri toh...* It's called the thigh-five.

*Panga*'s team can take a moment to take a thigh-five.



## This 'Disco Raja' is routine and outdated

SURESH KAVIRAYANI | DC

After delivering two duds, Ravi Teja needed a break and relied on director Vi Anand. Disco Raja has been projected as a science fiction story and features three female leads — Nabha Natesh, Payal Rajput and Tanya Hope.

Two stories run parallel in the film. In one, Vasu (Ravi Teja) is missing and his family is awaiting his return. They suspect that Vasu has been kidnapped by a financier. At the same time, a body is found in Ladakh and brought to a laboratory where scientists are working on reviving the dead. Their experiment on the body from Ladakh is successful. Vasu's family says it is him but the scientists say he is another man. The revived person says he is Disco Raja (Ravi Teja), a gangster in Chennai who was killed by his rivals. That sets the stage for the rest of the film.

Director Vi Anand's earlier films were science fiction-based, like 'Okka Kshanam' or 'Ekkadiki Pothav Chinnavada' or the Tamil 'Appuchi Gramam'. 'Ekkadiki Pothav Chinnavada' was a commercial hit and the others were critically acclaimed. Disco Raja is another attempt at science fiction and Anand has a bigger star in Ravi Teja to work with.

The film starts in a gripping manner but Anand seems to lose his way after 20 minutes and settles for an outdated formula. Ravi Teja is known as the 'Mass Maharaja', liked for his unique dialogue delivery and the punchy one-liners. But Anand completely fails to use the star's image and harks back to a boring story.

The first half is interesting and the second half is a complete bore except for the climax. The flashback tests the patience of the audience. The director appears confused as to whether he is narrating a science fiction story or a tale from the 1980s.

Ravi Teja still looks young though he has crossed 50. He plays a dual role here, but what people expect of him is missing. Bobby Simha gets a good role and is one of the highlights of the film. The other surprise is Sunil, generally known as a comedian, who is seen in a different avatar. Vennela Kishore as the scientist provides a few laughs. Of the three actresses, none gets good mileage. Nabha Natesh is there for a song and a couple of scenes, Payal Rajput appears in the second half but gets a lengthy role. Tanya Hope is okay as the scientist.

The talking point is the cinematography by Karthik Ghattamaneni, especially the scenes set in the snow-covered mountains. Thaman's background score is good. The art director should be appreciated for designing the science lab in a realistic way. Abburi Ravi's dialogues are normal and he could not match Ravi Teja's requirements.

'Disco Raja' is supposed to be a science fiction drama but director Vi Anand fails to continue through with it. The idea is good, but the narration is routine and outdated. Ravi Teja is out of form.

### Disco Raja

**CAST:** Ravi Teja, Nabha Natesh, Payal Rajput, Bobby Simha, Vennela Kishore, Tanya Hope

**DIRECTOR:** Vi Anand

**RATING:** ★★

# Simple film made grand by its rousing finale

## Street Dancer 3D

(U/A) 155 min

**CAST:** Varun Dhawan, Shraddha Kapoor, Prabhu Deva, Nora Fatehi, Aparshakti Khurana, Salman Yusuff Khan

**DIRECTOR:** Remo D'Souza

**RATING:** ★★

SUPARNA SHARMA

Till now, dance and talent reality shows relied on a heavy dose of filmy drama to catch our attention and keep us engaged.

But now, it seems, films are all set to regress into reality shows themselves.

Dancer-choreographer-director, Remo D'Souza, who has spent more time as a judge on a wide variety of reality shows than choreographing songs, has created a reality show masquerading as a film in 3D.

*Street Dancer*, true to the simple minded genre of let's-dance-to-challenge-and-conquer-all, is a *chitrahar* of grand, impressive, foot-tapping dance performances strung together by a very silly but melodramatic story that carries a moral — love all, hate none. Especially love Pakistanis, and all those illegal immigrants who languish in dark alleys in foreign countries, cold and hungry and desperate for a ticket home.

The film's story, as I said, is simple. In London lives Sahej (Varun Dhawan) with his family. We barely meet his mummy-daddy, but spend some quality time with his Bade Bhaiyya whom he loves and is keen to do everything in his power to wipe the sad, *bechara* look from his face.

You see, a dance performance some years ago at the world's champi-

onship of dance, Bade Bhaiyya's big, dramatic jump crushed his knees.

And now it is up to Sahej, who is sweet but also without scruples and slightly dumb, to fulfil *Bhaiyya ka har sapna*, i.e. winning the world dance championship.

Sahej now leads his *bhaiyya*'s all-Indian group called Street Dancers. We are introduced to all its members in a quick, let's-take-the-roll call sort of way.

Then there is an all-Pakistani group called Rule Breakers. We barely meet them, except for one main character, Inayat (Shraddha Kapoor), and her cousin (Salman Yusuff Khan).

These two dance groups are perennially fighting about who is better though it's quite clear that Rule Breakers are superior to Street Dancers.

Somewhere far away from these two confrontational groups is a much more professional dance group called The Royals. It's made up mostly of racist *goras* plus one *desi* girl who is not just the best dancer in the film but is also an item of interest for Sahej. He calls her Bubbu (Nora Fatehi).

Though they seem quite platonic, we are told they are a thing.

Street Dancers and Rule Breakers often have dance face-offs which Inayat's group wins, but then she returns with her head covered to her conservative Muslim family.

The film is not communal. It is just simple minded.

Despite their fights, the two groups gather to watch India vs Pakistan cricket matches in the same restaurant run by Anna (Prabhu Deva) who, Inayat later discovers, is up to some clandestine stuff at night.

India wins the cricket matches, of course, and the two groups have childish fights here with donuts and at one point Inayat pinches and twists Sahej's nipples. Good on her, I say, and he had it coming for throwing them nipples in our face in the very first scene.

Flashback reveals a certain very stupid thing that Sahej did and it comes back to haunt him. At the same time when, in a plot twist inspired by real-life work of Nishkam SWAT (Sikh Welfare & Awareness Team), both the teams land up at the world championship of dance which Sahej wants to win for his brother, but Inayat wants to win for a greater cause.

*Dance ka rule No. 1 hai*, never be No. 2, he says.

You dance to impress, but I dance to express, she says.

At the world championship of dance, we are told repeatedly, there are no rules.

This is the film's best part. The high-octane dance battles are stunning and they put 3D and melodrama to great use.

Though *Street Dancer*'s story and screenplay are devoted to just two things — to impress us with the dance performances, and make us weep with melodrama — the superb execution of both in the film's last 20 minutes lift it.

It invokes *Ganapati Bappa moriya*, and ends with *Mile sur mera tumhara...* And despite all its flaws, wins us over, and like the happy, teary judges of a dance reality show at the finale act, I too wanted to stand up and clap.

That's mostly because there's an honesty in its intent. *Street Dancer* is what it is. It doesn't pretend to be anything else.

Take the film's opening scene whose purpose is just to tease us with Varun Dhawan's 8-pack abs.

We wakes up in the morning and walks through his house in an open, long hoodie, pausing to ask his mummyji, "*Bhaiyya kahan hai?*"

In response she says, "*Hamein bhi good morning bol diya karo.*" I mean, hello!

Show me one Indian mother who will, early in the morning, look at the shaved, bare chest of her *jawan munda*, and instead of saying, "*Shirt ke button band kar,*" utter some

sweet inanity.

As Javed Jaffrey recently said so memorably, "*Arre chalo na yaar, kisi aur ko banao.*"

But there is a queerness to the whole bare-chested men dancing with each other, swinging their danglers. In fact, there is no rigid masculinity in the film, nor its attendant *syappas*, except in the drawing room of Inayat's house.

If one were to judge by the sheer quality of dance, then Varun Dhawan will come last, I mean, *ekdam* last, in the roll call of this film which includes many really fantastic dancers, on top of whom sits Nora Fatehi twerking. She is so sexy and amazing. My eyes kept popping out of my sockets every time she came on. Shraddha is quite good too, and Dhawan can act.

Though Prabhu Deva's name is the first to flash on the screen in opening credits, the film keeps him uselessly occupied in silly scenes for a very long time, as if it took out a restraining order on his pelvic and feet.

We wait and wait, and when he does finally come on, we see that he no longer has the agility he once did, and his small movements seem minuscule in front of many young so-and-so somersaulting, flying in the air and landing in crotch-tearing splits.

But man, he's still got the rhythm.

But, I have a big complaint. What's the deal with songs these days? Why are all Bollywood dance songs in Punjabi?

*Street Dancer* has just one song that's not Punjabi and doesn't talk of a *g a b r u jawan*, a n d that's a remix.







Mediation

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Sunday visited Algeria for talks on the conflict in neighbouring Libya

IN BRIEF

Palestine says will quit Accords

**Ramallah:** Palestinian officials threatened on Sunday to withdraw from key provisions of the Oslo Accords, which define relations with Israel, if US President Donald Trump announces his Middle East peace plan next week. Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told AFP that the Palestinian Liberation Organisation reserved the right “to withdraw from the interim agreement”, the concrete part of the Oslo deal, if Trump unveils his plan. The Trump initiative will turn Israel’s “temporary occupation into a permanent occupation”.

Record Brazil rainstorms kill 30

**Brasilia:** At least 30 people have been killed in two days of intense storms in south-eastern Brazil, the Minas Gerais state Civil Defense office said on Saturday. Seventeen people are also missing, seven injured, and some 3,500 have been forced out of their homes following a series of landslides and building collapses, Civil Defense officials said. Television footage showed images of overflowing rivers, flood neighborhoods and trees and utility poles knocked over by the rushing water. Several highways have also been cut by the flooding, and scores of bridges have been knocked out. Most of the victims were killed in landslides or buried in destroyed homes. At least two children were listed among the dead. The heavy rain and flooding is also hitting the nearby states. Rainfall in the region has been the heaviest since records were first kept.

Jailed US-Israeli asks for pardon

**Moscow:** An Israeli-US woman sentenced by a Russian court to seven-and-a-half years in jail for drug trafficking has asked President Vladimir Putin for a pardon, her lawyers were quoted as saying on Sunday. Naama Issachar “decided to ask the Russian president for a pardon and a written request has been filed,” the lawyers said in a statement quoted by Russian press agencies. Issachar, 26, was arrested at Moscow’s airport in April. Russian authorities said they found nine grammes of cannabis in her luggage.

PHILIPPINES LOWERS VOLCANO ALERT

**Manila, Jan. 26:** A n explosive eruption of the Philippines’ restive Taal volcano no longer appears imminent, authorities said on Sunday as they lifted most of a mass evacuation order but warned residents to remain ready to flee. Warning signs like earthquakes have been steadily waning since Taal burst to life two weeks ago with plumes of ash and lava, forcing over 1.35,000 people into shelters over fears a massive blast was coming. The nation’s seismological agency said steadily shrinking ash and gas emissions were signs of “decreased tendency towards hazardous explosive eruption”, leading them to drop the alert by a notch. The immediate impact of the reduced warning was the lifting of the evacuation order for nearly all the towns that ring the volcano, a tourist attraction that sits in the middle of a lake. “Residents of all towns under lockdown except Agoncillo and Laurel now have the option to return,” local governor Hermilando Mandanas told a press conference. “There’s a possibility that the volcano may still erupt and we should still be ready to evacuate in one hour.” No one is known to have died in the eruption, but the ash it unleashed forced the brief closure of the capital’s main international airport, stranding tens of thousands of travellers. The volcano shot ash 15 kilometres high and spewed lava in the January 12 eruption, which crushed scores of homes and killed livestock as well as crops. Taal is one of the most active volcanoes in the country.

US to lift its citizens out of Wuhan

Japan will also evacuate all its nationals from Wuhan, the epicentre of a deadly type of coronavirus

**Wuhan/Tokyo, Jan. 26:** The United States is arranging a flight to evacuate personnel and American citizens trapped at the epicentre of a deadly virus in central China, the US State Department said on Sunday.

The flight will leave on Tuesday from the city of Wuhan and take people to San Francisco, the department said in an email to Americans in China, warning that there would be limited space for private citizens.

“This capacity is extremely limited and if there is insufficient ability to transport everyone who expresses interest, priority will be given to individuals at greater risk from coronavirus,” the department said.

On the other hand, Japan will evacuate all its nationals from China’s quarantined city of Wuhan, the epicentre of a deadly virus, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Sunday.

“We have decided to send back all (Japanese citizens in Wuhan) to Japan if they wish so, by every means including a chartered flight,” Abe told reporters. “We are coordinating with the Chinese government at various levels, and we will accelerate the process to realise a swift implementation” of the evacuation from Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province in central China, Abe said.

Earlier, a foreign ministry official told AFP that 430 Japanese were in Hubei province.

The outbreak, which has killed 56 people and infected nearly 2,000 across China, is believed to have originated in a live animal market in Wuhan.

China is one of Tokyo’s biggest trading partners and around 160 Japan-linked companies have offices in the region’s central city of Wuhan.

Japan’s health authorities confirmed the country’s third case on Saturday — all in patients that had visited Wuhan.

France plans to evacuate its citizens stuck in Hubei by bus.

The city of 11 million



Residents set up barricades near the vacant Fai Ming Estate to protest against plans for the estate to be used as a quarantine camp for patients and frontline medical staff of a coronavirus outbreak which began in Wuhan.

■ A flight will leave on Tuesday from the city of Wuhan and take people to San Francisco, the department said in an email to Americans in China, warning that there would be limited space.

people has been placed under effective quarantine for days, with a car traffic ban going into effect on Sunday.

Wuhan is the capital of Hubei province. Transport restrictions have been expanded across the province, coralling some 56 million people in total.

The U.S. Consulate in the epidemic-stricken Chinese city of Wuhan will evacuate its personnel and some private citizens aboard a charter flight on Tuesday.

A notice on Sunday from the embassy in Beijing said there would be limited capacity to transport

U.S. citizens on the flight that will proceed directly to San Francisco.

It said that in the event there are not enough seats, priority will be given to individuals “at greater risk from coronavirus.”

A patient in California’s Orange County was on Saturday confirmed as the third person on US soil infected with the new deadly virus that originated in China, health officials said.

The infected person was a traveler from Wuhan, the Orange County Health Care Agency said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the patient had tested positive for the Novel Coronavirus, it said.

The individual was in isolation in a local hospital and was in good condition. “There is no evidence that person-to-person transmission has occurred in Orange County,” the agency said. — Agencies

Coronavirus death toll in China climbs up to 56

**Beijing, Jan. 26:** A new viral illness being watched with a wary eye around the globe accelerated its spread in China on Sunday with 56 deaths so far, while the U.S. Consulate in the city at the epicenter announced it will evacuate its personnel and some private citizens aboard a charter flight.

China’s health minister said the country was entering a “crucial stage” as “it seems like the ability of the virus to spread is getting stronger.”

Ma Xiaowei declined to estimate how long it would take to bring the situation under control, but said travel restrictions and other strict measures should bring results “at

the lowest cost and fastest speed.”

President Xi Jinping on Saturday called the outbreak a grave situation and said the government was stepping up efforts to restrict travel and public gatherings while rushing medical staff and supplies to the city at the center of the crisis, Wuhan, which remains on lockdown with no flights, trains or buses in or out.

The epidemic has revived memories of the SARS outbreak that originated in China and killed nearly 800 as it spread around the world in 2002 and 2003. Its spread has come amid China’s busiest travel period of the year, when millions crisscross

the country or head abroad for the Lunar New Year holiday.

The latest figures reported Sunday morning cover the previous 24 hours and mark an increase of 15 deaths and 688 cases for a total of 1,975 infections.

The government also reported five cases in Hong Kong, two in Macao and three in Taiwan. Small numbers of cases have been found in Thailand, Japan, South Korea, the U.S., Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, France and Australia.

The U.S. has confirmed cases in Washington state, Chicago, and most recently Southern California. — AP

VIRUS’ ABILITY TO SPREAD GETTING STRONGER: CHINA

**Beijing, Jan. 26:** The coronavirus transmission ability is getting stronger and infections could continue to rise, China’s National Health Commission said on Sunday, with more than 2,000 people globally infected and 56 in China killed by the disease.

National Health Commission Minister Ma Xiaowei, speaking at a press briefing, said authorities’ knowledge of the new virus was limited and they are unclear on the risks posed by mutations of the virus.

Ma said the incubation period for the coronavirus can range from one to 14 days, and that the virus is infectious during incubation, which was not the case with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), a coronavirus that originated in China and killed nearly 800 people globally in 2002 and 2003.

Containment efforts, which have thus far included transportation and travel curbs and the cancellation of big events, will be intensified, Ma told a crowded news briefing on the second day of the Lunar New Year holiday.

The virus, believed to have originated late last year in a seafood market in the central Chinese city of Wuhan that was illegally selling wildlife, has spread to Chinese cities including Beijing and Shanghai, as well as the United States, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Australia, France and Canada.

On Sunday, China announced a nationwide ban on the sale of wildlife in markets, restaurants, and e-commerce platforms. — Reuters

■ The incubation period for the virus can range from one to 14 days, and it is infectious during incubation

Fearless motorists help neighbours in Wuhan

**Wuhan, Jan. 26:** Citizens of China’s virus-stricken city of Wuhan have been told to stay indoors, avoid strangers and keep their cars off the road, but locals like Zhang Lin are refusing to sit by and watch their hometown suffer.

Defying the threat from a contagious respiratory illness that broke out in the city and has killed dozens of people, Zhang and other Wuhan residents are pitching in by driving sick fellow citizens to hospital.

“We’re from Wuhan, and even though you guys are here to help us, our own citizens should also come out to (help),” Zhang Lin told AFP journalists as he waited for a patient to emerge from a clinic for the drive back home.

“There has to be someone who does this.” The 48-year-old Zhang and others have been enlisted by the government to provide the

free service, and it is sorely needed.

Wuhan has for days been the nucleus of a transport lockdown that began in the city of 11 million and has since been expanded to much of the rest of Hubei province, in an attempt to cut off transmission routes for the virus.

Wuhan’s public transport system has been halted, taxi services curtailed and, on Sunday, new restrictions were introduced banning most cars from the streets.

Difficulty getting around adds another challenge for sick people who, even after they reach overwhelmed hospitals, may need to wait hours to see hard-pressed doctors.

But drivers like Yin Yu have obtained special dispensation to drive for humanitarian reasons.

“There are no cars, so we are responsible for sending them there ... and tak-

ing them back. This is all for free,” said Yin, 40.

To many Chinese, such can-do attitudes are hardly surprising for Wuhan.

The city, located in the centre of the country on the Yangtze River, was the starting point for an armed rebellion against the Qing dynasty in 1911 that ended imperial rule -- and gave the city’s people a reputation for toughness.

That toughness was referenced in a public announcement blaring from a loudspeaker in the city on Sunday, which offered tips on hygiene and seeking medical care, but also a dose of civic pride.

“Wuhan is a city that dares to face difficulties and keeps overcoming them,” said a female voice.

“This is not the first time we have faced a similar situation.” — AFP

China virus not as powerful as SARS

**Beijing, Jan. 26:** A top Chinese health official said Sunday that a new deadly virus that has infected nearly 2,000 people and killed dozens in China is “not as powerful as SARS”.

The new virus has sparked alarm amid a rising death toll and the discovery that it comes from the same family of coronaviruses as SARS, which killed nearly 650 people across mainland China and Hong Kong.

But Chinese officials told reporters that the

new disease was less powerful than SARS -- though it was becoming more contagious. “From what we see now, this disease is indeed...not as powerful as SARS,” said Gao Fu, head of China’s Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, at a press briefing in Beijing.

However, it also appears that the “spreading ability of the virus is getting stronger,” added Ma Xiaowei, head of China’s National Health Commission (NHC).

— AFP



A man and his son wearing facemasks as a precaution as they visit a Chinese temple in Yangon.

ANXIOUS FOREIGNERS AWAIT RESCUE

**Wuhan, Jan. 26:** Anxious foreigners in the locked-down city that spawned China’s deadly viral epidemic say they are stranded at home, running out of food and desperate to leave, as governments scrambled to draw up evacuation plans.

Authorities have barred travel to and from Hubei province and its capital Wuhan, where the coronavirus was first detected before it spread across China and to a dozen other countries -- including the United States, France and Australia.

Several other large cities in China have introduced their own travel restrictions in a bid to contain the disease, which has killed 56 people and infected nearly 2,000 others.

“In the past week we’ve not been able to go out and buy anything to eat,” said Mashal Jamalzai, a political science student from Afghanistan at Central Normal University.

He told AFP that he and his classmates had been living on biscuits, and his embassy had not responded to requests for help. “We want to be evacuated as soon as possible, because either the virus, the hunger or the fear will kill us,” Jamalzai said.

Thousands of foreign students and other international residents live in Wuhan, a normally bustling transport hub in central China home to a huge steel and auto industry.

With schools shut and no transport to and from the city, students say Wuhan looks like a ghost town. — Agencies

NOVEL | WAYS Breakthrough in treating the infection that has infected 38m

New compound activates hiding HIV

**Washington, Jan. 26:** Researchers have found a novel compound that can trigger latent HIV residing in mice to come out of hiding, a major breakthrough in treating the infection since current drug treatment fails to completely cure the disease when some of the viruses become dormant.

To combat HIV, which has infected nearly 38 million people around the world,

patients currently take antiretroviral therapy (ART) — drugs that suppress the virus to undetectable levels in blood, the study, published in the journal Nature, said.

However, it added that the virus still persists throughout the body in these patients in latently infected CD4+ T cells of the immune system.

According to the researchers, includ-

ing those from the University of North Carolina (UNC) in the US, the immune system cannot recognise these dormant cells, and no current therapies can eliminate them.

When ART is stopped, they said, the virus levels spike in the blood.

Hence, the scientists explained that people with HIV must take ART continuously, and the latent reservoir of the virus

is the greatest obstacle to a cure against the deadly disease.

In the current study, the researchers used a compound called AZD5582 to activate latently infected CD4+ T cells in blood and many different tissues with no, or very little toxicity.

“Previously, no one had successfully tested a latency reversal molecule in humans, or in an animal model with human cells, demonstrating

systemic HIV induction in peripheral blood, in resting CD4+ T cells from multiple tissues, and then replicated this success in a completely different species,” said study co-author J. Victor Garcia from UNC.

The scientists tested AZD5582 on ART-suppressed mouse models which were genetically engineered to produce human CD4+ T cells in tissues throughout

the body.

They documented increases in viral genetic material expressed in the mice blood and nearly all tissues, including lymph nodes, thymus, bone marrow, liver, lung, and brain.

According to the study, the viral genetic material, ribonucleic acid, increased by more than 20 fold after treating with the compound.

— PTI



## quick BITES

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Sensex	41,613.19	0.55
Nifty 50	12,248.30	0.56
S&P 500*	3,310.75	-0.44
Dollar (₹)	71.36	0.05
Pound Sterling (₹)	93.83	-0.07
Euro (₹)	78.77	-0.48
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	40,780*96	0.23
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	60.63	-1.41
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.578	-0.019
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.722	-0.017

\* As of Friday

## Indian cos may soon be able to list overseas

The government is likely to soon decide on permitting Indian companies to list their equity shares overseas, according to an official. Apart from providing an additional fund raising avenue for the corporates looking to expand and boost their business activities, overseas listing of shares would also help in bringing more capital into the country.

## Gold imports dip 6.77% in first half of FY19-20



Gold imports, which have a bearing on the current account deficit, fell 6.77 per cent to \$23 billion during the April-December period of the current fiscal, according to commerce ministry data. Imports stood at \$24.73 billion in the corresponding period of FY19. The decline has helped in narrowing the country's trade deficit to \$118 billion during the period.

## UKIBC: India should welcome investments

The Indian government is responsive to concerns expressed by businesses but needs to do more to attract investments into sectors such as e-commerce, the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) has said. The comments from the lobby grouping come after there was a sharp criticism of Goyal for saying Amazon was not doing India a favour by the investment announcement.

## Relief for Raheja Developers in insolvency case

Providing a major relief to Raheja Developers, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has set aside the insolvency proceedings against the real estate firm and handed over the management of the company back to its board of directors. Earlier, on August 20 last year, the Delhi-based principal bench of the NCLT had directed to initiate insolvency proceedings against the firm.

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## Foreign investors are getting nervous due to lack of trust in government data Govt in no position to bail out banks

Jaipur, Jan. 26: Nobel laureate and economist Abhijit Banerjee here on Sunday said the banking sector in the country is "stressed" and the government is in no position to bail it out. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the 13th Jaipur Literature Festival, Banerjee said the demand slowdown in the automobile sector also shows that people are lacking confidence in the economy.

"Financial sector is the biggest stress point currently. There is no question that the finance sector is something we should worry about, the banking sector is stressed. The government really is not in a position to bail it out, so we are talking about a long process of attrition, that's going to be costly."

"We also know that due to a demand deficit in the economy, cars and two-wheelers are not selling, and those things are signs of a general fact that people lack confidence that the economy is going to grow fast so they are holding back, they are not spending," he said.



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The author of Good Economics for Hard Times added that the slowdown in the economy will also adversely impact poverty alleviation in the country as urban and rural sectors are interdependent.

"Poverty alleviation has been happening mostly on the strength of the fact that urban sector creates low skill jobs, and a lot of rural sector works in the urban sector and sends money back."

That's the peak source of transmission of growth from urban sector to rural sector. And as soon as the urban sector slows down the rural sector, the people in construction work don't have as many jobs. All of

that will feed back on the rural sector, the 58-year-old Indian-American economist said.

Answering to a question — how will economic policies work if people have a lack of trust in the data, he said the government should worry about this issue as foreign investors are getting nervous.

They don't know where they are going, what they are getting into, I mean those are real issues the government should look into. If it wants to have more investment and more involvement in the global economy, then I think it needs to provide the true data to people, he said.

— PTI

## Buyers need to be wary of lab-grown diamonds

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, JAN. 26

Import of rough lab-grown diamonds and export of polished ones have more than doubled since April. However, higher imports compared to exports indicate lab-grown diamonds being sneaked into the domestic market in the guise of real diamonds.

Between April and December 2019, ₹1768 crore worth rough lab-grown diamonds were imported against ₹696 crore in the same period in the year ago period — an increase of 153 per cent. In addition, polished lab-grown diamonds valued ₹523 crore were also imported during the period and this saw a growth of 42 per cent. In the month of December itself, imports of lab-grown diamonds had gone up by 211 per cent.

As far as exports of polished lab-grown diamonds are concerned, a growth



of 109 per cent was recorded in the month of December. Exports went up to ₹256 crore against ₹122 crore in the year-ago month. During April-December period, exports went up to ₹2,200 crore from ₹1,058 crore in the same period last year.

The import and export of lab-grown diamonds started sharply rising in FY19. It further shot up in FY20 as their demand has risen in recent times. Lab-grown diamonds are 40 to 50 per cent cheaper than real diamonds and this has helped

them find a market among the value-conscious jewellery lovers. De Beers too has come up with a brand for lab-grown diamonds.

However, despite the value of polished diamonds being higher than the rough ones, the export value during April-December period is a tad lower than the import value, which indicates that increasingly lab-grown diamonds are being sneaked into the domestic market as real diamonds. Currently, no jewellery in India officially sells synthetic jewellery.

"Synthetic diamonds are often detected among real diamond parcels sent by jewellers. Mixing of synthetics with real loose diamonds is happening," said Tehmasp Printer, managing director of IGI India. Mostly the mixing is done by suppliers of loose diamonds or manufacturers of jewellery. Some jewellers knowingly allow the synthetics to pass off as real.

## White goods cos seek tax relief

New Delhi, Jan. 26: Manufacturers of appliances and consumer electronics are seeking lower taxes on eco-friendly and energy-efficient products, more incentives for domestic manufacturing and waiving of customs duty on inputs imported to make the components in the upcoming Union Budget.

The Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA) has urged the government to offer incentives for manufacturers to produce energy-efficient products which will be in line with the government's focus on sustainability in a pre-budget memorandum.

"Lowering the GST tax slabs for eco-friendly and energy-efficient products like air conditioners (4 star, 5 star models) and refrigerators (direct cool and frost-free) to 12 per cent will drive demand and increase the adoption of sustainable appliances by Indian consumers," said CEAMA President Kamal Nandi.

"The upcoming budget should additionally offer incentives for manufac-

turers to produce these energy-efficient products which will be in line with the governments focus on sustainability," he said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Budget for financial year 2020-21 on February 1.

According to CEAMA, the industry has largely been stagnant this year and with increased customs duties, global economic changes and fluctuations in currency and commodity, the demand levels for next year are difficult to predict.

Indian component suppliers are facing difficulty in competing with cheap Chinese imports, it said.

"The government should consider initiating some measures to reduce the input cost to make these components by waiving duty on the inputs imported to make the components," said Nandi, who is also Godrej Appliances Business Head & Executive vice president.

"Besides this, the government should also focus on the promotion of R&D and incentivisation of local manufacturing. The

government should reinstate the reimbursement of R&D expenses to 200 per cent," he said adding that "additionally, any expenditure incurred for taking professional help in aesthetic designing, prototyping, electronic controls designing etc should also be allowed as R&D expenditures."

Panasonic India and South Asia President and CEO Manish Sharma expects reforms in the union budget, saying that would drive consumption and improve the consumer demand.

"In order to realise the Make in India' vision, it is essential for the government to reduce basic customs duty on parts used in manufacturing of key components such as Motors and PCB which currently ranges from 7.5 - 10 per cent. To give a perspective, reduction in custom duty on these parts, used in manufacture of PCB and motors which are further used for manufacturing Washing Machine, Refrigerator and AC will reduce input cost, allowing Indian manufacturers to be far more competi-

tive," he said.

BSH Home Appliances India Managing Director and CEO Neeraj Bahl said Union Budget 2020 will focus of regaining consumer confidence, by reduction of personal tax, which in turn will help boost consumer demand and help the industry, which had witnessed a flat growth last year.

"We urge the government to bring in constructive policies to lend support and drive growth in the sector," he said adding that "the government should also consider reduction in GST rates for products like refrigerators and air conditioners, which are now evolving from being luxuries to necessities for our consumers."

Usha International CEO Dinesh Chhabra: "One of the key measures in the sector could be reduction of GST rates on electronic components and rationalization of the slabs for various categories of products. GST rate cuts on components would provide manufacturers with an incentive to expand production." — PTI

## Market participants seek lower STT, CTT

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, JAN. 26

Market participants want the finance minister to remove or cut down rates of securities transaction tax (STT) and commodities transaction tax (CTT) to boost falling trading volumes. Owing to STT and CTT, the market depth in India is the lowest amongst global peers and is a deterrent to price discovery, said a presentation sent by the ANMI and the CPAI to the finance ministry.

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ratio, the presentation said, citing a World Bank report.

The trading volumes of copper, the flagship industrial metal, in China is 32 times India's and in London, 63 times India's, the CPAI said.

After CTT introduction, volumes fell by 60 per cent from ₹70,000 crore in FY12-13 to ₹28,500 crore in FY18-19. Remove tax on turnover i.e. STT, CTT, stamp duty; or if you have them, reduce them sizably and make them "Modvatable" with direct Income Tax (i.e. Sec 88 E, treat as tax not expense)," Anmi and CPAI said.

The Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) has proposed a 17-point budget wish list.

The wish list included-mutual funds be allowed to introduce low-cost, lower-risk tax exemption-linked Debt Linked Savings Schemes (DLSS), Ulips and equity MFs be brought on par on tax treatment by

removing LTCG tax, abolition of STT on equity funds at redemption, abolition of DDT on dividends paid by equity-oriented funds, and exemption to switches within MF schemes from capital gains tax. The Amfi also wants MFs to be recognised as 'Specified Long Term Assets', and be exempt from LTCG under section 54 EC of IT Act 1961.

It also wants to lower the holding period in gold and commodity ETFs for LTCG purposes to one year, from three years.

Japanese Brokerage house Nomura said, "We expect the budget to prioritise investment over short-term consumption demand, announce measures for boosting housing demand and attract more long-term risk capital."

"For capital markets the government may choose to ease the Long Term Capital Gains tax of 10 per cent and DDT for corporates," Nomura said.

## Boeing 777X takes first flight into troubled skies for jumbos

JULIE JOHNSON

Boeing Co.'s newest plane, so big that its wings are hinged, finally rumbled into the skies over the Washington factory complex constructed a half century ago for the original jumbo jet.

After a delay Friday because of high winds, the jet took off from Boeing Field at 10:09 a.m. PST Saturday and landed successfully almost four hours later. It's set to fly again on Tuesday and undergo tests for as long as 10 months.

First flights typically mark a crowning technological achievement for planemakers, capping years of invention and problem-solving. This flight, however, will be clouded with uncertainty for Boeing.

The 777-9 is the plane-maker's first new model since two fatal crashes led

to the global grounding of its 737 Max. As the company works to restore its reputation for safety and technical prowess, the new aircraft will face heightened scrutiny from regulators, airlines and investors.

Safety aside, there's concern that the jetliner is simply too big for today's airlines. The -9 is longer than Boeing's iconic humpbacked 747 and is the first twin-engine jet built to haul a similar load of travelers—426 people in a typical two-cabin layout. It's also the company's priciest airplane, available for a cool \$442.2 million before customary discounts.

But sales have stalled since an initial order flurry when the 777X was unveiled at the Dubai Airshow in 2013, and long-expected orders from China haven't materialized amid trade tensions.



"It is feeling like the plane is too big for most markets, for most airlines," said George Ferguson, an aviation analyst with Bloomberg Intelligence.

The 777-9—the first model of the 777X family—is taking off into a turbulent market for aviation's behemoths as the

four-engine jets it was designed to replace fade into the sunset. Airbus SE is building the last of its A380 double-decker jets, while the future of Boeing's 747 is very much in question with just 17 orders unfilled and a critical supplier shutting down production.

With 115 of the 777X still on order, Emirates accounts for more than half of Boeing's total backlog. The long-haul carrier is also the largest customer for Airbus's superjumbo. But as the A380 fades out of the global fleet over the next decade or so, it's not a

given that its operators will adopt the 777X to overcome congested hubs. For now, the trend is to bypass the industry's biggest airports with smaller long-range jets.

"Most airlines that we're dealing with are not interested in replacing [four-engine jets] with the largest [twin-engine wide-bodies]," Steven Udvary-Hazy, chairman and founder of Air Lease Corp., said during a November earnings call. "Actually the trend is the other way," he added, noting interest in smaller planes like Boeing's 787 and Airbus's A350.

The market may come around as the 777X takes flight and demonstrates its capability, however. It is an expensive airplane, Udvary-Hazy said, so airlines will likely wait and see how it performs before deciding on orders.

The plane features stun-

ning composite wings, the longest Boeing has ever built, with a span of 235 feet 5 inches (71.75 meters) when fully extended. The 777X will be instantly identifiable by its most distinctive feature: Hinges that flip the sculpted wingtips skyward for easier maneuvering around crowded taxiways.

While that design is a first for a commercial jetliner, it leans on concepts that have been around for about a century for military aircraft, said Mike Lombardi, Boeing's corporate historian and archivist. The company's F/A-18 Hornet, for instance, folds its wings to save space on carrier decks.

"It's a very tried and true technology," Lombardi said. "But I don't think we're going to be landing a 777X on a carrier deck any time soon."

— Bloomberg





## Fined!

South African bowler Vernon Philander, who is playing in his final Test, has been fined 15 per cent of his match fee after a send-off of England batsman Jos Buttler during the fourth Test

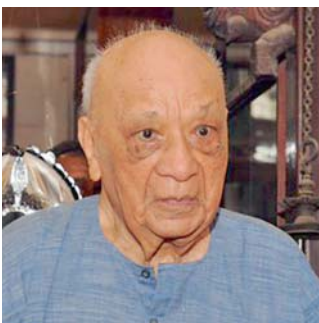
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## SHORT TAKES



Vasant Raiji

## Oldest living player Raiji turns 100

**Mumbai:** It was a century in real life for Vasant Raiji, India's oldest living first-class cricketer, who turned 100-years-old on Sunday. Raiji, a right-handed batsman, played nine first-class matches in the 1940s, scoring 277 runs with 68 being his highest score. Raiji, also a historian, was 13 when India played his first Test at the Bombay Gymkhana in South Mumbai and has seen the entire journey of Indian Cricket, till date. He played for Bombay (now Mumbai) and Baroda. Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, who recently paid a courtesy visit to Raiji, along with former Australian captain Steve Waugh took to Twitter to wish Raiji. "Wishing you a very special 100th birthday, Shri Vasant Raiji. Steve & I had a wonderful time listening to some amazing cricket stories about the past. Thank you for passing on a treasure trove of memories about our beloved sport," tweeted Tendulkar, who has several records to his name. Raiji has shared the dressing room with the likes of Lala Amarnath, Vijay Merchant, CK Nayadu and Vijay Hazare. Raiji, who has also penned several books, resides in posh Walkeshwar area in South Mumbai. — PTI

## England march on vs Proteas

**Johannesburg:** Beuran Hendricks claimed a maiden five-wicket haul on debut and Quinton de Kock claimed a world record for the quickest wicketkeeper to 200 dismissals as the Proteas regained their fighting spirit and pride on the third day of the final Test match against England at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday. England nevertheless continue to hold the trump cards as they have set the Proteas to make 466 for victory in the remaining two days. It was a heroic performance by the Proteas seamers who were deprived of the services of Vernon Philander's final Test match bowling effort as he was ruled out by a hamstring strain after sending down only 9 deliveries. Admittedly, some of the England batsmen gave their wickets away in the chase for quick runs but it was still a notable effort to bowl them out in little more than 60 overs. Hendricks took 5/64 in an effort from which he will have learned a great deal. — Agencies

**Brief scores:** England 400 & 248 in 61.3 overs (D. Sibley 44, J. Root 58; B. Hendricks 5/64) vs South Africa 183 (Q. de Kock 76; Wood 5/46).

# Eden wizards

## Rahul, Shreyas anchor India's chase again at Eden Park

**Auckland, Jan. 26:** India tightened their grip on the T20 series with a seven-wicket drubbing of New Zealand in the second match after their bowlers stifled the hosts on a pocket-sized Eden Park here on Sunday.

Boasting a formidable batting line-up, chasing 133 proved to be a cakewalk for the visitors on a pitch that was slightly on the slower side. The very short boundaries ensured the match ended with as many as 15 balls to spare.

The trio of Ravindra Jadeja, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami allowed no respite to Kane Williamson's team after New Zealand surprisingly chose to bat, restricting them to 132 for five. K L Rahul then scored 57 not out off 50 balls while Shreyas Iyer scored 44 off 33 balls, the duo adding 86 runs for the third wicket and after Rohit Sharma's twin failure.

Tim Southee took 2-20 as India had to do without major contributions from both Sharma and skipper Virat Kohli. Sharma (8) was out caught at slip in the first over off Southee. New Zealand's new ball bowlers were compact and didn't let the Indian top order get away unlike the first T20 on Friday.

Even so, Rahul and Kohli added 31 runs for the second wicket. The latter then was caught behind off Southee in the sixth over with Tim Seifert taking a brilliant diving catch. Kohli scored 11 off 12 balls and the wicket's slow nature was starting to impact proceedings.

New Zealand held back their spinners too, but Rahul-Iyer settled down in this passage of play. They rotated strike well and added 50 in 55 balls by minimising risks. Rahul brought up his 11th T20 half-century off 43 balls.

Overall, Rahul hit three fours and two sixes, while Iyer hit one four and three sixes. India crossed 100 in the 15th over after which Iyer cut loose to approach the finish line. He fell just prior, holing out off Ish Sodhi (1-33). But Rahul stuck around while Shivam Dube finished the job with a six over midwicket. This was after Indian bowlers made good use of a slower pitch.

Opting to bat, the Black Caps couldn't generate enough momentum in the middle overs and finished with a sub-par total. Martin Guptill top-scored with 33 off 20 balls, while Tim Seifert was unbeaten on 33 not out off 26 balls.

Guptill and Colin Munro (26) provided a measured start to New Zealand putting on 48 runs for the first wicket. Surprisingly, India held back Jasprit Bumrah (1-21) as Shardul Thakur (1-21) and Mohammed Shami (0-22) bowled four overs in the power play.

The tactic worked as Thakur got rid of Guptill at end of six overs. India then used the slow nature of the used-wicket to put brakes on the New Zealand middle order.

Wickets came at a regular interval as the Black Caps struggled to get the big shots out. Yuzvendra Chahal (0-33) and Shivam Dube (1-16) combined well after the powerplay, while Ravindra Jadeja was the stand out bowler with figures of 2-18 from four overs. Overall, India also raised their fielding effort barring a bizarre drop from Virat Kohli late in the innings.

Dube got rid of Munro in the ninth over while Colin de

**New Zealand:** Martin Guptill c Kohli b Shardul Thakur 33, Colin Munro c Kohli b Shivam Dube 26, Kane Williamson c Chahal b Ravindra Jadeja 14, Colin de Grandhomme c & b Ravindra Jadeja 3, Ross Taylor c Rohit b Bumrah 18, Tim Seifert (not out) 33, Mitchell Santner (not out) 0. **Extras (lb 1, w 4) 5. Total (for five wickets in 20 overs) 132.**

**FoW:** 1-48, 2-68, 3-74, 4-81, 5-125.

**Bowling:** Thakur 2-0-21-1, Shami 4-0-22-0, Bumrah 4-0-21-1, Chahal 4-0-33-0, Dube 2-0-16-1,

**India:** Rohit Sharma c Ross Taylor b Southee 8, Lokesh Rahul (not out) 57, Virat Kohli c Seifert b Southee 11, Shreyas Iyer c Southee b Ish Sodhi 44, Shivam Dube (not out) 8. **Extras (w 7) 7. Total (for three wickets in 17.3 overs) 135.**

**FoW:** 1-8, 2-39, 3-125.

**Bowling:** Southee 3.3-0-20-2, Bennett 3-0-29-0, Tickner 3-0-34-0, Santner 4-0-19-0, Sodhi 4-0-33-1.

Grandhomme (3) failed to get going once again. Jadeja gleefully accepted his return catch. The hosts were reduced to 81 for four in the 13th over when skipper Kane Williamson (14) became Jadeja's victim, caught in the deep by Chahal.

The wheels had truly come off the New Zealand innings as they were struggling to get the big shots away. Ross Taylor struggling for timing throughout his 24-ball stay was a prime example. Without Seifert's effort, including a four and two sixes, the score wouldn't have achieved any respectability. — PTI

Ravindra Jadeja bowled a good spell to restrict Kiwis. — AP

**KL RAHUL**

R	B	6s	4s
57	50	2	3

**Our bowlers stood up and took control: Virat**

**Auckland, Jan. 26:** India captain Virat Kohli lauded his bowling unit for taking control of the proceedings from the onset after an emphatic seven-wicket victory against New Zealand in the second T20 on Sunday.

Ravindra Jadeja (2/18 in 4 overs) and Jasprit Bumrah (1/21 in 4 overs) were primarily responsible for restricting New Zealand to 132 with the help of a steady Mohammed Shami (0/22 in 4 overs).

"I think we had another good performance today, especially with the ball. The bowlers stood up and took control of what we wanted to do out there. Sticking to one side of the wicket was a very good feature for us as a team to restrict a good

New Zealand team to 132 which I think was below par," Kohli said. The low target led to India chasing down the total with 15 balls to spare. "The low total led us to bat in that manner but we thought the pitch was good for 160 in the first half. We understood the angles of the field better, how the pitch was playing and I had to think on my feet as a captain," he added.

Jadeja had the advantage as the ball gripped on this surface. "I think Jadeja was outstanding. Chahal was a banker. Bumrah was amazing as well, and Shami and Shardul and Shivam making very good contributions with the ball but I think we backed it up in the field more importantly." — PTI



Turkey Consul General Adnan Altay Altinors gives away the trophy at the International Arena Polo Cup at the Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club.

## US women claim Polo Cup

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 26

The American team led by Carolyn Stimmel beat India 8-2 to claim the International Arena Polo Cup held at the Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club in Hyderabad.

In the HPRC International Battle of The Sexes Arena Polo Cup, Mercedes Pink edged past Truejet Blue 12-11 to claim the title. Both teams — Pink and Blue — had one male and two women's riders in their line-up. The match that comprised four

chukkers was played at a fast pace and was a treat to watch. The Battle of The Sexes saw Chaitanya Kumar, President of HPRC and captains of the three international teams, Farah Awadalla (Egypt), Carolyn Stimmel (USA) and Monica Saxena (India) participate.



Action from the final between USA and India.



J. Anudeep

## Anudeep slams ton

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Hyderabad's Anudeep Javvaji notched up a fine century on the first day of their under-14 South Zone match against Pondicherry in Alur near Bengaluru on Sunday.

Anudeep's 171-ball knock contained 17 fours. Replying to Hyderabad's 180, Pondicherry were eight for no loss.

**BRIEF SCORES**

■ **Boys U-14:** Hyderabad 180 in 82 overs (Anudeep Javvaji 106 — 17lb, 17x4, B. Vishal 2/29, K. Naresh 2/10, Arun Sarwan 2/34, S. Atchayan 2/46) vs CA Pondicherry 8/0 in 6 overs.

■ **Girls U-14:** Hyderabad 75/7 in 25 overs (Hasini 25, S. Sai Lakshmi 2/21) lost to Andhra 76/3 in 12.3 overs (P. Vinny Suzan 25).

■ **Women's U-23:** Karnataka 192/6 in 50 overs (Shubha 56, Prathyusha 33, Aditi Rajesh 32) bt Hyderabad 156 in 49 overs (Anuradha Nayak 36, Niki Prasad 2/22, Prathyusha 2/18). **Points:** Karnataka 4, Hyderabad 0.

## Hyd U-14 manager Peter passes away

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 26

Peter Gomes, former Executive Committee member of the Hyderabad Cricket Association and manager of the Hyderabad Under 14 side that is currently playing the South Zone tournament at Alur near Bengaluru, passed away at the team hotel in Bengaluru on Sunday.

He was 69 and left behind his wife, son and daughter. Peter, who had two pace-makers installed in his heart, was not feeling well in the morning and had skipped the first day of the two-day match that is being played at Alur, about 25 kilometres from Bengaluru, where the team were staying at Southern Star Hotel near the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

At about 6 pm, after the team returned from the game, Peter did not respond to the doorbell in his room. His friend and team mentor Pradeep Kodati then got the hotel staff to open the door with an access card only to find him lying on the floor in the washroom.

He was taken to the



Peter Gomes

● **Peter was not feeling well and had skipped the first day of the two-day match being played at Alur, about 25 kms from Bengaluru, where the team were staying.**

Mallya Hospital close by (two minutes away) in an ambulance where they pronounced him brought dead. Peter's body will be brought to Hyderabad after post mortem, most likely on Monday. The Karnataka State Cricket Association officials are assisting Peter's family in making necessary arrangements.





## Doubts over Sania

Indian Fed Cup team heaved a sigh of relief after the ITF shifted their Fed Cup matches from the Coronavirus-hit China to Kazakhstan while Sania Mirza could miss the tie due to an injury

# Cocomania concludes

## Gauff loses to Sofia, Federer, Djokovic in Oz Open quarters

Melbourne, Jan. 26: Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer swept into the Australian Open quarter-finals but 15-year-old Coco Gauff exited in tears on Sunday after her quest to become the Open era's youngest Grand Slam winner came screeching to a halt.

As Melbourne marked Australia Day with formation jets and a 21-gun salute, world number one Ashleigh Barty had home fans celebrating before crowd favourite Federer dismantled Marton Fucsovics in the night match.

Djokovic, hunting his eighth Melbourne title, was remorseless against Argentina's Diego Schwartzman, crushing the 14th seed 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to book an 11th appearance in the last eight.

The Serb's reward is a match-up with big-serving



Coco Gauff in tears after losing to Sofia Kenin in their women's singles fourth round match on Sunday. — AFP

Canadian Milos Raonic, who is back in form after a run of injuries and dismissed 2018 finalist Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Gauff's giant-killing Australian debut generated hype dubbed 'Cocomania' as she attempted to become the youngest Major winner in the post-1968 Open Era,

breaking the record set by a 16-year-old Martina Hingis in 1997.

Gauff beat seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams in round one and title-holder Naomi Osaka in the third, but she came unstuck against a determined Sofia Kenin.

Gauff raised hopes by edg-

THE RESULTS
MEN'S SINGLES FOURTH ROUND
Milos Raonic (CAN x32) bt Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-4, 6-3, 7-5; Novak Djokovic (SRB x2) bt Diego Schwartzman (ARG x14) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Tennys Sandgren (USA) bt Fabio Fognini (ITA x12) 7-6 (7/5), 7-5, 6-7 (2/7), 6-4; Roger Federer (SUI x3) bt Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES FOURTH ROUND
Petra Kvitova (CZE x7) bt Maria Sakkari (GRE x22) 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, 6-2; Sofia Kenin (USA x14) bt Coco Gauff (USA) 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-0; Ons Jabeur (TUN) bt Wang Qiang (CHN x27) 7-6 (7/4), 6-1; Ashleigh Barty (AUS x1) bt Alison Riske (USA x18) 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

ing the first set but then her fellow American took control and it was one-sided at the finish as Kenin won 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-0.

"The thing I'm most proud of myself is how I handled it on the court," said Gauff, who shed tears after her defeat.

Kenin, already on the best

Grand Slam run of her career, next faces Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, who beat China's Wang Qiang.

Wang stunned Serena Williams in the third round but the 27th seed ran out of steam against Jabeur, who fought back from a break down in the first set to win 7-6 (7/4), 6-1.

Jabeur, the highest-ranked Arab woman in history — she reached a career-high 51 last year — is the first Tunisian woman to win a main-draw match at the Australian Open.

"I'm really shaking right now, it's unbelievable, I can't describe how I feel," said the 25-year-old.

Australia's Barty had some nervy moments against American Alison Riske, dropping the second set and briefly losing her way before recovering to win 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Later, Federer sent ripples of consternation around Rod Laver Arena when he dropped the first set against Hungary's Fucsovics, the world number 67.

But Federer, pushed to a fifth-set tie-breaker by John Millman on Friday, came alive in the second set as he rattled through the match 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. — AFP

## Valencia humble giants Barcelona

Valencia, Jan. 26: Quicke Setien's honeymoon period lasted less than a fortnight as he tasted his first Barcelona defeat on Saturday in his second La Liga game in charge after a 0-2 loss to Valencia.

A Jordi Alba own goal and Maxi Gomez's strike at Mestalla raised early doubts about Setien's appointment and gave Real Madrid the chance to move three points clear at the top of the table when they visit Real Valladolid on Sunday.

Sevilla jumped into third, above Atletico Madrid and five points behind the top two, after they beat Granada 2-0.

Barcelona had most of the ball but Valencia had the best chances as Gomez missed a penalty and also hit the crossbar in the first half. Gabriel Paulista saw a third goal ruled out late on.

While performances under previous coach Ernesto Valverde were stodgy and familiar failings went unresolved, he

THE RESULTS
SATURDAY
Valencia (Alba 48-og, Gomez 77)
Barcelona
Espanyol (Tomas 63)
Athletic Bilbao (Villaribre 12)
Alaves (Joselu 80)
Villarreal (Bacca 10, Nino 89)
Sevilla (De Jong 11, Nolito 34)
Granada

left a side in first place.

Setien promised a new style but few will cheer a team that loses. Despite dominating possession, Barcelona did little with it and as Valencia grew in confidence, they ceded control too.

— AFP



Telangana State's Meghana Reddy poses with the runner-up cheque and trophy after losing to Uttar Pradesh's Mansi Singh 10-21, 10-21 in the girls under-19 final at the Yonex Sunrise all-India junior ranking badminton championship held in Bengaluru on Sunday.

## Shuttler Meghana settles for silver

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HYDERABAD, JAN. 26

Telangana's Meghana Reddy went down to defending champion Mansi Singh in the under-19 final at the Yonex Sunrise all-India Junior Ranking Badminton Championships that concluded in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Meghana, who reached the title clash via tough knockout stage matches, lost 10-21, 10-21 in a lop-sided final to Uttar Pradesh's Mansi.

Earlier in the semifinal, the Bharatiya Bhavan Atmakuri Rama Rao School, Jubilee Hills student, got past West Bengal's Uthasav Palit 21-19, 22-20 to make the last-two round.

In the quarterfinal, Meghana — who is training at the Sports Authority of India Gopichand National Academy in the city, rallied

from a game down to beat Punjab's Radhika Sharma 7-21, 21-14, 22-20 to advance to the penultimate stage.

Meghana, who is the daughter of a Telangana police officer, has won as many as 12 national titles in both singles and doubles categories in various age groups. In 2019, the class 11 student, won the Telangana State senior women's badminton championship. Meghana along with Mansi will represent India at the tournaments to be held in the Netherlands and Germany.

### THE RESULTS

■ **FINAL:** Meghana Reddy (TS) lost to Manshi Singh (UP) 10-21, 10-21.

■ **SEMIFINAL:** Meghana Reddy bt Uthasav Palit (WB) 21-19, 22-20.

■ **QUARTERFINALS:** Meghana Reddy bt Radhika Sharma (Punjab) 21-7, 14-21, 20-22.

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