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3,000 beds ready in TS for coronavirus cases

Infected man's condition is improving, says health minister

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The condition of the 24-year-old market 3 The condition of the 24-year-old market 3 admitted to the Gandhi General Hospital (GGH) in the testing positive for coron-testing positive for coron-health minister. Etala Rajendar said on Tuesday. "In fact, his condition has improved since Monday." Mr Rajender said. The minister, while additional the state of the persons who had come into contact with the patient during his travel from Bengaluru to the city, and subsequently, have been contacted and advised to for Covid-10 tests. Of these, 45 persons have already reported to the GGH, including 20 person-nel from Apollo Hospitals in Secunderabad. The rest woon for the tests, he said. Replying to a question, he

soon ior the tests, he said. Replying to a question, hel government guidelines do not mandate a test for those not displaying any symp-toms, the state government was not taking any chances and had decided to go abid and conduct tests. Health officials would soon visit Kerala, which had previously successfully controlled the spread of the Nipah virus and turned around the health of three Growth were successfully controlled the spread of the Nipah virus and turned around the health of three Growth were wread around the health of three Growth were wreating the around the health of three Growth were wreating the read of the spread of the Nipah virus and turned around the health of three Growth were wreating the heat of the spread of the Nipah virus and turned the government has made extensive arrange-ments for any eventuality. he said, abover and the spread of a total of 3.000 beds in both government to point were also all the coreasing of the spread of the the disease. We have been in touch with retired med-ical professors and other doctors as well as nursing staff who have expressed with the the disease. There is panic or fear about the dis-sease. Poople should remain calm. "Agiendar said. The minister said accord-ing to studies, 81 per cent of all Covid-16 cases are mild and creemble a commont all forwid-16 cases are mild and case more adjust three per cent from had resulted in faultities, he added.



ring masks. Doctors arrive at Gandhi Hospital S SURENDER REDDY

Bus might have carried coronavirus to Pune too

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC

train, or plane would spread it to others. "It is not airborne and spreads through droplets when an innexes without covering his or her mouth," the min-ister said. "If another per-son happens to touch the surface where the droplets falls and touches his mouth, eyes or nose, then the second person may yo-A senior state health and family welfare official said that coronavirus is known to have surrived on sur-faces for up to 12 hours at

Apollo doctors told to self-isolate for 14 days

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

has a negative connot-tion, hence the term "self-"We an explained that its important for family to stay home," said a senior government official. "Some are calling to check on the rate of positivity of the infection transmitting. For that we have advised them to wait for the transit. It is only a precau-tion that is in everyone's interest to curb the spread of the disease." HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 Twenty medical personnel of Apollo Hospitals in Secunderabad were asked to self-isolate for 14 days as the patient who tested pos-titive for Covid-19. They include three senior doc-tors, para-medical staff like nurses, ward boys, administration personnel clauned the hospital floor when the patient was in hospital. They were taken to Gan-dhi Hospital for testing and spked to star home. The yovernment officials on whether they should prac-tice self-isolation. They are used with the disruption to their schedule. The term "quarantime"

Interest to cure in espread of the disease." Spouses have to take leave, children are not to go to school, and families have been told to shun rel-attices and neighbours. "Pr-tatticing isolation is impor-tant because no one knows to whom the virus has been passed," said a doctor.

Page 2: Self-Isolation is for safety, say doctors

Hyderabad, Makch 3 Hyderabad, Makch 3 Hyderabad, Sarch Represent sector is finally beginning IT sector is finally beginning to see the effects of the coronavirus scare. Repres-entatives of a few major pations who were sched-uled to hold discussions with the state government during the next few days have now delayed their trively pans. An external delegations have peen advised to minimise non-essential travel. So we are seeing sary dayes Hanjan said. The IT department has sent advisories and basic guidelines on coronavirus prevention to companies in the city. Namaste, not handshakes, advises WhatsApp

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The first coronavirus posi-tive case in Hyderabad has scared the city's residents. Unclear of what to do, or whether this was even pos-sible, they circulated mes-sages and videos about the virus on WhatsApp and other social media plat-forms. Many were accu-rate, even helpful; some

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

India on Tuesday sum-moned Iran's ambassador Ali Chegeni and lodged a strong protest over the "unwarranted" comments by Iranian foreign minis-ter Javad Zarif over com-nunal violence in Delhi. The Iranian envoy was

were wildly misleading. On Twitter, coronavirus was the top hashing for much of the day. Facebook posts on it were popular. According to Sharechat, people from TS and AP had been active, creating over 20,000 posts in Telugu. A popular "advisory" on WhatsApp called for not playing Holi next week. It had a hint of xenophobia: "Please note CORONA VIRUS is very harmful and generous for our life (sic) [...] HOLI festival is coming and most of colour balloms (side of chima products [...]" One claimed coron-avtrus was a "biological weapon" created by China. Another read, "We never realised even death would be made in China". There was much rumour-mongering. One message

claimed the patient who tested positive at Gandhi Hospital used one of gener-al bathrooms in that hospi-tal. The rumour became popular enough for an online Telugu news web-site to rum it as a story, chad infected someone clse in the hospital.

Page 2: People spin conspiracy theories

MORE STORIES RELATED TO COVID-19 ON PAGES 2, 3, 8, 12, 13 AND 14 UN body to implead India raps Iran's envoy in pleas against CAA for comments on riots DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

conveyed that Zarif's "sele-ctive and tendentious" ch-ian Deltation of incidents in Deltation of incidents able. MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said On Monday, Mr Zarif had called Delthi riots as organ-ised violence against Indian Muslims. Full report on Page 9

In an unprecedented move, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has filed a petition against the Supr-eme Court against the Cit-izenship Amendment Act. While undowning the While welcoming the "purpose of the CAA" to

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protect "persons from per-secution on religious grou-nds", the UN body raised the UN body raised the saue of exclusions. In its reaction, the minis-try of external affairs said no foreign party has "any locus standi" on matters relating to its sovereignty.

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 The private bus in which the first Covid-19 patient in Telangana travelled from Bengaluru to Hyderabad made multiple long-dis-tion and the state of the state which the 24-year-old arriv-ed in the city, the morning which the 24-year-old arriv-ed in the city, the morning which the 24-year-old arriv-ed in the city. Till March 2, the bus ran between Hyd-erabd and Pune, with over 20 passengers on each trip. Health minister Etala Rajendar said it was wrong to assume that a person carrying the virus in a bus,

Art temperatures regulated by air-conditioning to around 22.30 degrees C, the virus is known to have sur-vinite 0 12 days. See from white 0 12 days. See from white 0 12 days. The Covid-19 patient took the February 21 night see-vice from Bengaluru in the AC sleeper coach operated by an SR Nagar-based pri-vate travels company. While the bus capacity is 32, on that trip there were 21 bookings.

Page 2: No one reported symptoms: Bus operator

I.T. SECTOR BEARS BRUNT, OFFICIALS PUT OFF TRAVEL DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3



SELF-ISOLATION IS FOR SAFETY, SAY DOCTORS

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FROM PAGE 1 "It is for the safety of all. It took us time to make them understand they were in con-tact with the person who was in control with the person who was the same safety of the same safety of the same safety of the spread." District medical and health officials have been tasked with thecking on them morning and evening via phone, and also pay surprise visits to ensure compliance. "It is the medical version of Section 144," quipped a senior Sector from Apollo Hospitals. Medical mammalor corona us for a same same same same 1. Sun the area family the per-

home. 2. In a large family, the per-son who came in contact must self-isolate from the rest of the family. 3. Do not get stressed or anx-ious as that weakens the

ious as that weakens the immune system and helps the virus attack the body.
4. Keep yourself calm by lis-tening to music, read books, relax and sleep.
5. Eat balanced home-cooked food

5. Eat balanced home-cooked food. 6. Use disinfectants for the surfaces at home. 7. In case of symptoms of cough, cold, fever or breathing problems, immediately rush to the notified government hospital.

NO ONE REPORTED SYMPTOMS: BUS OPERATOR

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The company was told of the patient testing positive on Monday at 5 pm. "We immedi-ately shared with the state gov-ernment all information about

ately shared with the state gov-ernment all information about the passengers on the bus. It was also shared with the Karnataka government at its request; Warendra Vallabay said. "We constacted passengers via email and phone and informed them of the develop-ment and the government advice that all passengers should get themselves tested," he said. The bus driver and cleaner were also sent to Gandhi General Hospital and tested. Both tested negative.

General Hospital and tested. Both tested negative. "We inquired from passen-gers about their health and any symptoms such as fever, cold or cough. All said they felt fine and had no symptoms," Vallabhaneni said.

ISOLATION WARD IN GANDHI HOSP BARRICADED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 The Gandhi Hospital has bar-ricaded entry into the main hospital building where the coronavirus isolation ward is bounds for the common people who are not allowed to move in the compound area. There are only department doctors, paramedical staff and those patients who have been called by the doctors with appointment allowed inside the building. There are police officials who are sitting outside wear ing surgical masks and those who go inside heen given The area from the hospital to

The area from the hospital to the medical college has also been barricaded so that the movement of students is also movement of students is also restricted. This is being done to ensure that there are no contacts with people who are 'suspected cases' and coming to the hospital.

AMID COVID-19. **SWINE FLU CASES PERSIST IN STATE**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

While there is much fear of Covid-19 in the state, sporadic cases of H1N1 (swine flu) are

cases of H1N1 (swine flu) are still occurring. The numbers are low and not as high as they were five years ago, but the virus is around and action

ago, but the virtue to income and active. Interestingly, those travellers who have come from the US have tested positive for H1N1 and there is a second test being carried out to confirm it in the

With private hospitals also having the flu testing mecha-nism, it is in their laboratories that the tests are being done.



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Doctors told to take virus head on

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is very important.

Preventive measures like regular, thorough hand hygiene, other protocols emphasised for med staff

KANIZA GARARI I DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 Private hospitals are urg-ing doctors and staff not to case of Covid-19 in in Telangana state, as there are many flu cases reporty and most are harmless. With the staff of Apollo Hospital in Secunderabad coming in contact with the Covid-19 positive patient, there is understandable fear among health profes-smeasure line gregular and horough hand hygiene and other protocols is being emphasised. Paramedical staff and doctors are the first line of care in hospitals and the continuous medical educa-canting is the inger previation

tion programme with pre-cautions is being revisited to deal with the cases.

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

RAJESWARI PARASA I DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

too programme with pre-constrained with pre-constrained with the cases. The state government has asked all private hos-pitals to check the travel history of their patients and those who have recent-by travelled to the Covid-19 affected countries must be immediately referred to G Biblioter and mediately referred to G Biblioter and mediately referred to G Biblioter and meeting with state health minister Etala Rajendra, said. "We have been asked to inquire about travel his-tory of our patients. This has been added in the Orivide Logatida. We are sked everyone to follow the protocols." Doctors and staff in hos-pitals have to wear masks when they are in the wards and those suffering from flu, cough and cold must maintain a distance of the patients arrive first, require medical staff to be in protective gear of govn, gloves. N-58 respiratory in protective gear of gown, gloves, N-95 respiratory masks and eye protection.

HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 Hot and dry climate could play a role in curbing spread of the dreaded novel coronavirus strain Covid19 in India, say more construction of the second and temperatures are warm – like in April to June – intensity of sun-light and warm weather conditions could suppress the virus. There may be in cases of influenza and cold during summer. but the major one is that heat and dry weather can make it harder for respiratory

atures in northern plains will also surpass 30 degrees Celsius. Central and south India are already experiencing max-imum temperatures in mid-thirties," he pointed out.

Covid-19 suspects self-admit at Gandhi Hospital in the city on Tuesday

droplets to spread viruses. Warm temperatures by Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist of private weather forecaster Skymet told Deccan Chronicle. The forecaster's assertion is based on studying historic patterns is based on studying historic patterns in based on studying historic patterns in 2003 and the US flu. Mr Palawat said, 'T it possible that the intensity of sunshine, longer day-light hours and warmer wonths suppress the virus, India is currently heading into the spring season. Soon, day temper

PEOPLE SPIN CONSPIRACY THEORIES TOO

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FROM PAGE 1 And conspiracies: a mes-sage by a "Taiwan expert" said people could safe the people could safe the people of the same the same sage, "Lapanese doctors" advise people to drink water, claiming this would flush down the chest stomach where the "acid will kill." None were a tributed to "experts." Some claimed the confirmed case in Hyderabad was a lue alto gether. In a residenting group, a person claimed, "lab reports from Pune are yet to confirm the diagnosis." (The health minister had announced that he samples were sent to Pune, where they tested positive.) above the recommended amount, from driving. The affirmation comes in the wake of questions being raised since Monday, after the first Covid-19 case was con-firmed in the city about the safety of people asked

Medical screening protocol revised Passengers arriving

• REFRAIN FROM touching own eyes, nose, and mouth with gloved or ungloved hands during patient-care.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

directly or indirectly from China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia Nepal, Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan must undergo medical screening at port of entry.

With a total of 76 countries now infected with cases working the state of the second s

Pebruary 1, 200, and who have not yet entered lufid stand suspended with immediate effect. Those requiring to travel to India under compelling circum-stances may apply for fresh visa to nearest enterstant and the second standard enterstant and the second standard the UN and other interna-tional bodies, OCI card-holders and aircrew from the above countries are exempted from such restriction on entry. However, their medical states of the second states of the restriction on entry. However, their medical states of the second states of the restriction on entry. However, their medical states of the second states of the restriction on entry. However, their medical states of the second states of the restriction of the second states of t

2. Regular (sticker) visa/e-visa granted to nationals of People's Republic of China, issued on or before February 2, 2020, were suspended ear-lier It shall remain in force. Those needing to travel to India under com-pelling circumstances may apply for fresh visa to nearest Indian embassy/consulate.

Singapore and Taiwan must undergo medical screening at port of entry, 7. Indian citizens are advised to refrain from travel to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy, and advised to other Covid-19 affected countries. nearest Indian embassy/consulate. 3. Regular (sticker) visas/e-visas granted to all foreign nationals who have travelled to People's Republic of China, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan on or after

New breathalyser

to use breathalysers dur-week of February the bast week of February the city's North Zone police — under whose jurisdiction Mahendra Hills, the area in which the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 patient resides — has seen 3 month and the Covid-19 month and the Covid-1

AP govt prepares for health emergency amid outbreak

DC CORRESPONDENTS VIJAYAWADA/ VISAKHAPATNAM, MARCH 3

visAkHAPATNAM, MARCH 3 In order to meet any health emergency due to coronavirus, the state gov-ermment has set up isola-tion wards in 56 govern-ment hospitals and 32 pri-vate hospitals having 632 beds dedicated to suspect-ed coronavirus cases. It lackh N-85 masks, 12,444 personal protection equip-ment and adequate stock of medicines.

of medicines. A 24x7 call centre was also set up with phone number 08662-2410978 at the office of state health and family welfare and

• A RAPID response experts like micro-biol-ogist, physician, epido-mologist, SPM professor and paramedical

or the second se staff, was formed at every district. HEALTH PERSONNEL from all districts are being trained at Visakhapatnam, Guntur

and Tirupati. wide. The government suggested people to alert the nearby government hospital or government call centre in case they

find people who arrived to India from abroad after February 1. 2020, and are showing symptoms like cold, cough and fever. Deputy Chief Minister and heath minister Alla Kado people not panic and said Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy has conducted review meet-ings on coronavirus with officials.

ings on officials. With the rumours and misinformation going viral on social media, peo-ple are afraid about the spread of the disease. After the first positive case of coronavirus was detected in Hyderabad, the people from Vizag, Vijaya-

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person in Manenora huis in the city on luescay. "Awareness is being greatidents are being spread on basic safety given information on how practices and we are also the virus spreads and the cantonment board is plan-rning to distribute masks ther safety measures in to the residents for free. coordination with the state health department," said SCB vice-president J. Rama Krishna. Individual plot owners were asked to clean up their plots and to main-tain hygienic conditions.

straws for all tests SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The Hyderabad traffic police has said it will neure that a fresh, new straw will be used after each breathalyser test. The test is used to meas-ure alcohol level in the blood and prevent drivers with amounts of alcohol above the recommended amount, from driving.

Muthirities, he pointed out. Some experts are of the view that Covid-19 may become less active in the summer, but could return if not controlled during this summer itself. "Generally, the virus can-pet curvice in the proper "Generally, the virus can-not survive in tempera-tures above 34 degrees Celsius, something that is already being witnessed in India. The virus dies whenever it is exposed to such temperatures. Thus India is in a much better position compared to countries in higher lati-tudes, such as China, Japan and South Korea that witness much lower temperatures. Infected person's house fumigated

Summer onset may curb Covid-19 the channess of this infec-tion spreading from per-timation of the spreading from per-summer are very low. But people who have already been infected and are car-riers of the virus must be kept under observation." Dr K. Shankar, superin-tendent, Fever Hospital. Meteorologists say that if higher temperaturess can control Covid-19, then India is in a much better

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There is no need to panic!

SHORT TA TELANGANA SEEKS MASKS **FROM CENTRE**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

Telangana on Tuesday appealed to the Centre to send face masks to be used by med-ical professionals involved in treating or containment of Covid-19 cases, or suspected cases of the disease in the state.

cases of the disease in the site. In minister Etala Rajendar said during the day be had telephone conversa-tions with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and health secretary Preeti Sudan about the steps being taken by the On tread Sudar about the steps being taken oprevent the spread of the disease in the state. "T asked them to send us masks as we may not have ade-quate stocks because of short-ages," he said.

4 INDIGO CREW MEMBERS **UNDER WATCH**

New Delhi, March 3: Four IndiGo crew members, who were on a Dubai-Bengaluru flight on February 20 with a coronavirus-infected Hyder-abad resident, have been under home observation since March 2, the airline said on Tuesday. 'uesday. On Monday, a 24-year-old soft

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As a precaution against coronovirus, policemen wear masks at the Gandhi Hospital on Tuesday

Exporters make a killing out of masks, sanitisers

Place crores worth orders for China, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia

GHMC officials 'steal' 10 lakh pieces N95 particulate respira-rators without respira-tion valve (fluid resist-ance) money meant for masks

1,20,000 pieces DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

N95 particulate respi-rators (fluid non-resistance) 2 lakh pieces

Coveralls with hoods 2 lakh pieces

Surgical mask

10,000 bottles Hand sanitisers, Peroxyacetic acid disinfectant solution

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC

The above is just a part of a long list of medical items a Hyderabad-based exporter has sought from various manufacturer also Kolkata, Chennai, Coimbatore, Rajasthan and Gujarat through his local contacts last week. Over the past fortnight, the exporter has had his items to China, Oman, UAE, Saudi Arabia among other countries. The outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, which arrived in the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, which arrived in the outbreak of the deadly corona Virus, which arrived in the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, which arrived in the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, which arrived in the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly the outbreak of the deadly Corona Virus, the outbreak of the deadly the outbreak of the de panies, which are supply-ing raw material are no more accepting cash but are instead insisting for delivery of the finished product, the mask itself, in mind boggling num-bers. They are making them incally and to other countries at exorbitant prices.

prices. What more, with manuthe bulk orders, it has opened up employment opportunities for thouseveral crores of s, the overseas com-

scap, coconut oil, brooms etc to the workers so that their health is not affect-ed by the work they do. All that has been provid-money for the other safe-ty gear has landed in the pockets of civic officials. The average life expectancy of a sanita fire expectancy of a sanita to the same series of the same provide the same series of the coronavirus. The GHMC is supposed to spend tised per sanitation vaccording to official records, it has been spending 212 per litre of coconutiol, which is to be given every worker twice a year 4490 for slippers of for female workers, 51, 633 for shoes, C177 per radi-um jacket and C278 per worker for other sweep-ing equipment. These expenses are nothing has been handed

HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Tuesday issued a circular requir-ing 18,000 sanitation workers to wear face masks provided to them against the coronavirus. The civic body said that the instructions were prevised a saintary field assistants (SFAs). But a civic official called that the masks ourrent month, and that hand sanitzers to the workers. Investigations revealed thower rung officials have swindled about 44 corone meant to procure opear for sanitation workers. The civic body has to ers. The civic body has to provide jackets, face masks, gloves, shoes,

panies, which are supply-

sands of people as the firms are hiring addition-al labour to stick to the deadline to deliver the product amid the growing data the straight of the manufacturing firms *Decam Chronicle* spoke to. China was one of the biggest manufacturing firms *Decam Chronicle* spoke to the biggest manufacturing further manufacturing and the biggest manufacturing and the bi

other countries including India to supply them face masks and other surgical items required to arrest the spread of the virus. Suntisers, there is high demand globally for gog-gles meant for eye protec-tion, coveralls with hoods, surgical masks, dispos-able medical later gloves, face shields, surgical caps and disinfectants to com-bat the virus. The demand for these items, particularly face

items, particularly face masks is at an all time

high Marufacturing high Marufacturing the provided and other cities, which used to sell the masks for 72 earli-er; are now quoting 722 per piece. Since the orders are in bulk (each order is for several lakhs of the several lakh of the several lak over to the field staff except the jackets. The authorities claim that they have been providing the masks and other safe-ty gear but workers are not using them. P.S. Rahul Raj, addition-al, commissioner (sanita.

not using them. PS: Rahul Raj, addition-al commissioner (samita-instructions to wear face masks were given as a preventive measure, we are still caught in a dilemma whether the official instruction would create panic among citi-rempret the corporation itself asking its workers to wear masks as a pre-ventive measure." The reasoning is spe-cious, with one case already detected in the taking precutions is likely to create panic. Mr Raj also said a deci-sion to provide hand san-itizers will be taken by the government and the municipal corporation will act accordingly. super busy coordinating with the manufacturers, said. He said that all orders are being taken only after per cent is made and the balance is being paid post deliver; "The deliver y is not taking more than 24 hours as there are major manufacturing units with can make a day the Hyderabad, there are about four to five firms which can make a fey lakhs of masks per day; informed an employee in a manufacturing firms have employed thousands of people to meet the dead-unes." It is a win-win situ estal.

ee esiid. What liaks come as a sur-phat may also come as a sur-phat may the raw materi-al supplying companies are now demanding that instead of money, they be given the finished product for the raw material supplied. "There is short-age of raw material and therefore those compa-nies too are playing it, they want us to deliver them the masks which they in turn sell it in local and interrational mar-kets," they said.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

of the event. Organisers of the event, led by Dr R.K. Devi, took advantage of the large gathering in the college to hold an impromptu workshop that educated and sensitised students about COVID-19 and how to keep the disease at hav



7 panels to tackle Covid-19 in state

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The Telangana Government

The Telangana Government on Tuesday set up seven committees for manage-ment of Covid-19 disease in the state. The decision to set up these committees was taken at a meeting of the Cabined comprising health minister Etala Rajendar, Municipal Administration Minister K-T. Rama Rao and Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Errabelli Dayatar Rao. State level monitoring com-mittee, a training commit-

tee, a hospital management committee, a contact tracing & surveillance committee, a IEC & media coordination committee, a procurement committee, and a 104 helpline coordination com-mittee

mittee. Mr Rama Rao, speaking at the sub-committee meeting, Mr Rama Rao, speaking at the sub-committee meeting, said that there was no need for any panic or worry over the disease as the state gov-ernment was fully geared up to meet any eventuality. He also warred that anyone seeking to profit from the disease in any manner or spreads false information and rumours will be caucht spreads false information and rumours, will be caught and meted out with strict punishment

Don't shake hands, say namaste: Etala • The minister said the government will launch a publicity campaign on

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

<text><text><text><text><text> good hygiene and Covid-19 preventive measures.

The health minister said

and Covid-19 preventive measures. "We will run advertise-ments on TV networks, newspapers and set up over the next 10 days. Cost is not an issue when it comes to dan usue when it comes to dan usue when it comes to dan dreventing the disease from spreading," he said

Schools near patient's house under watch

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 In schools within a three-km radius of Mahendra Hills, and the school school of the school education department regarding symptoms of Co-tai-19 and perceations to Co-tai-19 and perceations to Co-tai-19 and perceations to covinus. against the coron-avirus. Against the coron-avirus. Hyderabad idstrict educa-tion officer (DEO) Venkata Marsamma said that teach-ers and school administra-tes vigilant adst that school so the size in the children and to inform students about safety measures they must

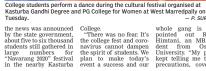
take. Five students from a Koti BPS school were admit-ted to Niloufer Hospital for high fever on Tuesday, Education department off-crateching they students in case there is more to it than ever. Ms Chava Ravi, a govern-ment teachers and heads of particulating of the students teachers and heads of particulation of the students, and heads of particulation of the students and heads of particulation of the students, and this includes, most importantly, frequent hand vashing and maintaining hygienic conditions.

College fest goes on despite virus scare

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

HTDERGRAD, MARCH 3 Barely a few hundred netres away from the house, where one of the family members tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday a few thousand students from 100 col-leges of the city assem-bled at the Kasturba Gandhi Degree and PG College for Women in Maredpally area of Secunderabad for the concluding ceremony of the two-day inter-colle antropund the set of concluding eccemony of the two-day inter-colle-giate festival organisers turned the event into a unique workshop for sen-sitising the large crowd of college students about ures that can be taken to check the spread of coro-navirus. Though the news of the first positive coronavirus.

Though the news of the first positive coronavirus case emanating in Maredpally area caused ripples in the city when



whole gang is here," pointed out Roshini Himtani, an MBA stu-dent from Osmania University, "My parents kept telling me to take precautions, cover my

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face, keep washing hands, maintain distance from others, and not to eat non-vegetarian dish-es or snacks," said S. Komal, a student of St. Pious Degree and PG College in Nacharam, who was intent on attend-ing the state of the state who was intent on attend-ting the state of the state principal of Kasturba College, conceded that they were skeptical over footfalls on day two of the festival.

Bornars on any in-festival. "But despite fears of coronavirus, we had between 5,000 and 6,000 students from about a 100 colleges taking part," she remarked, sounding happy about the success of the event. Ororanisers of the event,

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Sunita Krishnan of Prajwala, who was admitted to Gandhi Hospital's isola-tion ward, has tested nega-MISHRA DHATU NIGAM LIMITED (A Gove of India Entemprica) (A Mini Roma - Company) Regd. Office: P.C. Kanchanbegh, Myderabad - Sou 0 988 C. SI Posi Karne kale of Pay 104 Parts Ho of pants Been ston Lans Maneur-Cr
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HC wrath at GHMC's lies

Commissioner Lokesh Kumar slammed over false information

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

IN BRIEF **3 peddlers held**

with 300kg ganja

Hyderabačt Three inter-state drug peddiers who were car-rying 300 kg of ganja were arrested by the Special Operations Team of LB Nagar Zone with the assis-tance of Abdullahpurmet police. The accused were identified as Ramavath Pad Kethavath Prakash from Bikaner. Rachakonda police commissioner V.C. Sajjaner termed it as major drug car-

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DC CORRESPONDENT JAGTIAL MARCH 3 Police officials from the Union for trivy of Jamma and Marking on Tuesday took one arrikela Lingaman of Jagatial district into custody for send-ing money to one Rakesh, an Army man who was arrested on charges of leaking sensitive imported the trace Linganna, a resident of Musthagun of Mallapur man-dial, who fant (\$2,000 on physical definition of the Jamma and Kashmir Police Linganna, a resident of Kusthagun of Mallapur man-dial, who fant (\$2,000 on Pebruary 22 to Rakesh. Rakesh was arrested and and to remand by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in Arnia in that state on charges of sharing a map of the Army other details with the woman who is identified as Anitha National Market as an the Arakesh and Linganna. They with bank account details of Rakesh and Linganna. They puebed Linganna with the puestioned him in the local police station, Mr Ravinder puestion the Market and woman with Anitha.

DC CORRESPONDENT JAGTIAL MARCH 3

GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar faced the wrath of the Felangana Husday when it was found that the GHMCS Rajendranagar deputy commissioner had pro-vided false information about the number of pol-luting puram Honsing Board Colony area. Stating that the GHMC officials were playing hide and seek with the court, a division bench caption and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy asked several questions and voiced dissatisfaction GHMC commissioner

• THE BENCH sum-moned GHMC commis-sioner Lokesh Kumar to appear on March 11 to answer queries.

with the manner in which the authorities had filed affidavits before the summore authorities The bench summored GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar and Rajendranagar deputy commissioner D D Pradeep Kumar and Rajendranagar deputy results and 2013 on the inac-tion of the CHMC in relo-tion of the estwhile Hyderabad Urban Development Authority area. These cases came before the bench after seven years in January. In that hearing, the deputy commissioner told the court that there were only three indus-tries and the corporaton was trying to relocate them from the Pushprinder Kaur, the advocate who has been appointed to assist the court in the case, submit-ted that the GHMC staff was giving false informa-more than 200 polluting industries.

With that, the court directed the member sec-retary of the Penganan stary of the Penganan stary of the Senganan starthority to inspect the locality and submit a report. The report by the member secretary stated that there were more than 375 industries in the locality including at Tatanagaar, which is a profile the second start rated on hearing this on Tuesday and said the GHMC was "playing hide and seek with the court". It directed the GHMC commissioner to appear before the court and explain the discrepan-dy in the second start and by fragment the second start of the second start and pengalant the second start of the second start and explain the discrepan-ty in the second start and pengalant second start and pengalant second start and second start and start and pengalant second start and second start and start and pengalant second start and second start and start and pengalant second start and second start and start and pengalant second start and second start and start pengalant second start and second start and start pengalant second start and second start and start pengalant second start and second start a

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GHMC WORKER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

member-secretary of the Legal Services Authority. Just last week, the High Court had pulled up the GHMC with regard to the large number of participation and the second of the legal constructions in Hyderabad. The High Court had on February 28 that this could be hap-pening only because GHMC personnel from the senior ranks to the loyed a thick skin and an obstimate attitude. The court had observed that if the GHMC com-missioner; was not imple: missioner, was not imple-menting the law and had failed to deal with the menace of illegal con-structions, why doesn't the government sack him.

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10th DAY CEREMONY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 HYDENAROJ, MARCH 3 Three persons of a family, including a woman, were injured in an attack by a sounder of three wild boars at Shamshabad during the early hours of Tuesday. Forest officials have identi-fied the victims as Jangaya 70, Yadaiah 45, and Manjula 38. The trio were immediate-ly rushed to Osmania General Hospital for treat-ment. Jangayay awas later shifted to the Nims hospital at Punjaguta is shi is condi-

ment. Jangayya was later shifted to the Nims hospital at Punjagutta as his condi-tion turned critical. According to Ashok Kumar, an eyewitness, Jangayya, a resident of Bahadur Ali Maqtha, woke up around 5:30 a. m. on Tuesday and went out leav-ing the doors of the house open. Three boars entered open. Three

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the house from the hiternational Airport side. Hearing the noise, three peo-ple who were sleeping in the description of the boars ran away. The third, which was quite big and ferocious, started attacking and injured two unmates of the house Yang the meentime. Jam Boars and with a stick tried to drive away the wild boar. Instead, the boar attacked Jangayya, leaving him with severe injuries inducing a broken hand. Me area alerted the forest department. Ch. Shivayah, divisional forest officer, Shamshabad, said they man-gade to drive back the boars back into the forest.

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Two persons working a Two persons working a steel factory were killed when a crane collapsed and fell on a lorry at Kallakal in Manoharabad mandal of Medak district on Monday night. The lorry driver from Nalgonda and a work-er from Madhya Pradesh have died of critical injuries in the mishap, said the police.

police. According to the Medak police, the inci-dent took place at

ACQUITS TUNDA IN TERROR CASE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court on Tuesday. Acquited acquited acquited acquited acquited acquited acquited provestigation Ream. Tunda, 77, was booked livestigation Ream. Tunda, 70, was booked livestigation Ream. Junaid, a Pakistan national, who was arrested by the Hyderabad police follow-ing a tip-off from the central intelligence ad to carry out explo-sions in the city Junaid and another accused, Abdul Qayyum, had reportedly confessed that Tunda trained them in making bomb whea. Bagdesh, in 1996. The case was investi-gated by the Special Investigation Team of Hyderabad police Based on the confession reports, Tunda was convicted and later dorret of Pakistan. Ta made as one of the most wanted terrorists by India, was also booked for allegedly training youngsters in bomb making.



Mahesh Yadav, 40, a native of Madhya Pradesh. "On the duo vas working at the compa-ny, the cable of the crane snapped due to the weight and it fell on the lorry n which the victims were pres-ent. They died on the spot with critical Toopran DSP Kiran Kumar. A case has been registered into the mishap for the probe, and the bodies were shifted for post-mortem, said the DSP. area. Two persons identified as Suman, 25, a lorry driver of Veliminedu village in Nalgonda district, and

GHMC to build 6 rehab centres DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

people in the city, 2200 mile and 976 female. The corpor-tion also identified 1078 people sleeping on the roads, pave-ments and opeople spaces, 1208 migrant labourers. 127 ho hail from the city but have no shelter. An official said that the number has been observed that only five per cent of the state of the stare of the state of the state of the stare of the state of the stat

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up Sheelasagar, who immediately rushed immediately rushed io the spot the advised his chil-dren to leave saying Nagalaxmi's family is close to him. When they did not relent, he pulled out his revolver and fired into the air, charging Srilekha and Teja of Dringing disrepute to him in the village. In their complaint

bringing disrepute to him in the village. In their complaint to Ramareddy police on Sunday, Srilekha and Teja said therd Posanipet village from Hyderabad to settle some issues with their neighbour Nagalaxmi. However, Nagalaxmi. alled their father who threatened to kill them and even fired into the air. Samala Srilekha is a software engineer district. The incident occurred on Saturday night but came to light on Tassay, within the police, Samala Srilekha, 26, a software engineer, and her brother Samala Teja, 22, a student, had entered into a quarrel with one Karnam Nagalaxmi and her son Karnam on

son Karnam them and even fired Navaneeth on into the air. Saturday evening at Sosanipet village a software engineer over a previous dis-pute. Nagalaxmi called Hyderabad. A.P. Mudiraj Mahasabha Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS











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2 killed in crane collapse DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

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The Greater Hyderabad Muni-cipal Corpor-ation (GHMC) has decided to construct six reha-bilitation centres along the Outer Ring Road on the outskirts of the city to shift beggars. Rehabilitation cen-tres will have six cat-

The weill have six cat-egories including one for men, one for gories including one for men, one for fami-lies, two for transgen-ders and one for per-sons below 18 years. Structied at the cost of 720 crore at a time when the city is brac-ing itself for Covid-19. The order of the cost and the state govern-ment. The guidelines was endorsed by the Con-was endorsed by city mayor. Bonthu Horizon Bonthu Hor

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the Delhi carnage, he said. He said, "Let the debate happen in compliance with the rules and proce-dures of the House and if someone violates them it for the record But partin-mentarians cannot be prevented from speak-ing. I volunteered to be part of any delegation that meets the affected people."

that meets the anomaly people." Mr Owaisi also said that appointing a Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha cannot be delayed any further as it burdens the office of the Speaker. The Deputy Speaker must be appointed at the earliest.

must be appointed at the earliest. Mr Owaisi said in his tweet, "The electronic & social media is already reporting on what's hap-pening. Victims' voices need a forum to vent their fears & concerns. The courts have been keeping these issues pending. Parliament cannot close its doors."

IN BRIFF

Notice against **TRS legislator**

IKS Jegistator Hyderbad: The Teilangana High Court issued notice to Patancheru TRS MLA G. Mahipal Reddy in a writ of quo warranto which sought directions from the court to restrain him from as func. Arrish Yadav had filed this petition in September last alleging that the MLA was convicted in a criminal case in 2015 and was sentenced months imprisonment. Those with a jail term of more than two years face a six-year ban two years face a six-year ban from elective politics.

HIGH COURT DISMISSES **KARVY PLEA** DC CORRESPONDENT

Justice Abbinand Kumar Shavili of the High Court dis-missed a plea filed by Karvy Stock Broking Limited, which apprehended that there would be coercive steps against the Centre's decision to order a probe by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), an investigative wing of the Union corporate affairs min-istry.

Union corporate affairs min-istry. The firm sought that the court direct the Union of India and Registrar of Companies not to launch investigation under Section 212 of the Companies Act without con-cluding the orquiry under the Assistant Solicitor General Assistant Solicitor General Namavarapu Rajeswar Rao Iold the court that Registrar of Companies (RoC) has already conducted an inquiry and for-warded his report to the min-stry, wherein the RoC said that a thorough probe into the

KTR: FARMER LOANS TO BE WAIVED SOON

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The state government will soon start paying out money for the farm loan waiver scheme as promised during the 2018 Assembly elections, TRS working president and minister K.T. Rama Rao amounced on Mondar. minister K.T. Rama Rao announced on Monday. Mr Rama Rao, while address-ing the newly-elected chair-persons and vice-chairpersons of the District Cooperative Central Banks (DCCBs) and District Cooperative Central Banks (DCCBs) and District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMSs) at Telangana Bhavan, said Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had instructed the officials on implementing the scheme at the earliest

the earliest. "The Chief Minister is com-"The Chief Minister is com-mitted to implementing his promise to farmers and waive crop loans. The procedure is being worked out and an announcement will be made within a few days." he said. In its pity manifesto for the new process of the same set of the same set of the same set of the method is a same set of the same bad promised to waive farm loans up to ₹1 lakh to farmers. "The government is commit-

"The government is commit-ted to pro-poor and pro-farmers schemes. Telangana is the only state that introduced farmers' welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bheema, which are unique in the country," Mr Rama Rao added.

Mr Rama Rao even instruct-ed the DCCB and DCMS members to reach out to all farmers and explain to them the vari-ous welfare schemes taken up

ous welfare schemes taken up by the state government. Ministers G. Jagadish Reddy, S. Niranjan Reddy, V. Prashanth Reddy, V. Srinivas Goud, Errabelli Davakar Rao, Satyavathi Rathod, Gangula Kamalakar, Ch. Malla Reddy, several legislators and other senior leaders were present at this meeting.

Cong MP, brother may be booked for cheating, Gopanpally land-grab Chandrakala, who is enquiring into allega-tions against the Malkajgiri MP and his brother, has submitted an interim report to the Ranga Reddy district col-lector charging both brothers of fraudulently wutrding herde and algo S.A. ISHAQUI I DC The nose is tightening around Telangana Pra-desh Congress working president and Lok Sabhu-neddy a well as his younger brother A. Kondal Reddy for their alleged involvement in illegal occupation of lands in Goapnapily area near the financial dis-trict of the state capital.

Redty as well as his brothers of fraudulently younger brother A. mutating lands and also Kondal Reddy for their violating the Telangana allegat involvement in Water, Land and Trees illegal occupation of Act(Walta). Lands in Gopangally area Lands in Gopangally area trict of the state capital. Sources in the revenue department disclosed encoach on public and that Rajendrangag rev-privately-owned lands at

THE MALKAJGIRI MP THE MALKAJGIR MP and his brother have been accused encroach-ing on public and private lands at Gopanpally in Serilingam-pally mandal. Several victims have also accused Revanth Reddy of accumung a lake of occupying a lake.

Revanth land issue in focus

Serilingampally mandal. Several victims have also accused Revanth Reddy of occupying a lake in the area

Sources said since it has been found that the mutation of land claimed by the MP and his broth-er is illegal, they will have to face legal conseland parcel of 1.14 acres in Komatikunta lake and encroached on a cart track admeasuring nine officials further found

tave to face legal conse-quences. It is learnt that the rev-enue authorities are quite likely to lodge a complaint of cheating, land grabbing and viola-tigginst the MP and his brother in the next cou-ple of days. Besides, civil proceedings will also be initiated to take back the land from the MP and his brother:

TEACHERS ASK GOVERNOR FOR JUSTICE

The Telangana Prantha Upadhyaya Sangh (TPU-S) on Tuesday requested Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundarajan to take the initiative to ensure that the state government resolves the long-pend-ing demands of teach-ers

ers. The TPUS representa-tives lead by BJP MLC

Cop: Anti-CAA stirs violate terms

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD MARCH 3 Blaming some splinter groups of trying to "blow out of proportion" the issue of rejection of per-missions for anti-Citizenship Amendment $\Delta t (CA \Delta)$ protocts in the Act (CAA) protests in the city, the Hyderabad city

police has said that these groups have flagrantly violated the terms and conditions for grant of conditions for grand permission. Reacting to a story car-ried in these columns on February 21 about Hyderabad police com-missioner Anjani Kumar and additional commis-

sioner (law and order) D.S. Chauhan not being on the same page when it came to granting or rejecting permissions, Mr Chauhan clarified that the city police has been discharging its duties as a cohesive unit under the leadership of Mr Anjani Kumar and Director-General of Police M. Mahendar

Diffector-General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy. The clarification came from Mr Chauhan and not from Mr Anjani Kumar, who heads the city police force, 10 days after *Deccan Chronicle* published the story in these columns.

DESPERATE | MOVE | Sr counsel wanted external agency to test fitness of buildings Court refuses plea to check Sectt buildings

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

The Telangas, match 19 The Telangas High Court on Tusskay firmly declined the plea of senior advocate design and senior advocate design and strame Reddy, where any central experts or technical com-mittee from outside the state to evaluate the lifes-pan and strength of exist-ing Secretariat buildings. Senior coursel is repre-

Senior counsel is repre-senting Congress Legislative Council mem-

ber T. Jeevan Reddy, who filed the petition challeng-ing the government's deci-ber the government's deci-becretariat buildings to construct a new integrated complex. On a request from the state government to adjudi-cate the PILs and petitions early, a division bench com-prising Chief State Chauthan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy heard related cases on Tuesday. The bench stated that the

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 MIM president Asadud-din Owais on Tuesday criticised the Union gov-entitised the Union gov-the statement of the statement has a statement of the statement statement on the deadly Delhi violence as it would disrupt the peace. Mr Owais is said this after he attended a meet-ing convened by Loks in Parliament earlier in the day. The Speaker wanted to have a dia-logue with representa-tives of all parties for the smooth functioning. of the House as, on the first of the Budget session, Opposition members had stormed the well of the house. In a series of tweets. tern Synd Arshad N 1 5

Islamic scholar and Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind president Moulana Sved Arshad Madani Islamic Solitola and versional operational periodic motional system would be addresses a conference. Save Democracy' at an event in the city on Tuesday. Telangana Praja Samiti president Prof. M. Kodandaram, Jamiat TS president Mufti Gayasuddin Rahmani, senior Congress leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir, gen-eral secretary Mahmood Zubair Qasmi were present. – P. SURENDRA

Majority has rejected politics of hate: Jamiat

Into state In a series of tweets, Mr Owaisi said that the government was arguing that a parliamentary debate on the Delhi vice leaple have been killed, would disrupt the peace. He argued that Parliament had tiscussed the Gujarat 2002 riots and a parliamen-tio the state following the riots. The government is now opposing discussion in the Lok Sabha about the Delhi carnage, he sät. DC CORRESPONDENT

Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind president Moulana Syed

that people coming for-ward to rescue victims of other communities is a good sign that the idea of coexistence is strength eming. There are many instances in the behin-orther of the strength places of worship. Many Hindus saved the lives of Muslims and many Muslims shielded that in the phopened, but events were not highlighted like in the Delhi riots. People about what is happening and rejecting the polities of the pointed out. Want is happening and rejecting the polities of the other of the consti-utions of people of other faiths is on the sec-ular ature of the consti-ution and we are fully convinced that all of them want India to is clear that if India will not remain succular, if will not remain united." <text>

it. The Congress had given this assurance in writing. It pledged to protect not only the reli-gious identity of the Muslims but also pro-the faith. It assured that Muslims could live in India with their cultures and languages. However, after inde-pendence, aforce wanted to declare India a Hindu country, as Muslims got their own country. "Our elders

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

tives lead by Bor MLC N. Ramachander Rao called on the Governor at Raj Bhavan and gave called on the Governor at Raj Bhavan and gave a representation on their pending issues regarding government teachers and basic facil-tin government schools. They brought to the notice of the Governor that unified service rules are vet to be framed by the governor that unified service rules are vet to be framed by the governor that unified service rules are vet to be framed by the governor that unified service governor that the Pay Revision Commission became due on July 1, ment had extended its tenure up to December 31, without announcing interim relief for the teachers. The Dealynay Sangh leaders also asked Governor tamilisat to intervene with the gov-ernment and ensure that teachers on inter-district transfers and treated on par with the

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Rivalry breaks out among ministers

KTR steps in to pacify leaders angling for power in districts • TRS SOURCES disclosed that in Warangal, minister Satyavathi Rathod is annoyed with the alleged interference of her col-

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY I DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 3

WHOERABAD, MARCH 3 With the reorganisation of erstwhile 10 districts into 35 new districts, the ruling relangana Rashtra Samiti has to contend with turf wars among lis own minis-tures and status and the site of the target party leaders. TR3 distribution the site of the target party leaders. TR3 distribution the site of the target party leaders. TR3 distribution the site of the target party leaders. TR3 distribution the site of the target party leaders. TR3 distribution the site of the target parts and the site of the target parts and the site of the target parts and the site of the distribution the site of the site of the when this issue came to the when this issue came to the when this issue came to the when the the site of the site of the districts in the erstwhile Warangal district as Ms target parts and the diaget of the Mena sinitar issue areases hapendar and Gangula

Reague Errabelli Dayakar Rao in Mulug and Mahbubabad districts. Party working president K.T. Rama Rao divided their

jurisdictions. told them to work together, sources added. As far as Adilabad district is concerned, all the MLAd to be keeping their distance from forest minister A. Indrakaran Reddy. In Khammam district party workers are divided into three groups, those Aday Kumar, those support-day Kumar, those support-favour of former minister Trummala Nageswara Rao. It has also came to the ministers, MLAs and MLCs are not working in co-ordi-nation in Nizamabad, districts, sources disclosed.

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Former museum official reveals how Taj Mahal and Charminar are similar

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IN BRIEF

DA case: Hostel

Hyderabad, March 3: Home minister Mohas Construction site of Integrated Command and Control Centre at Banjara Hills, along with Der-abad police commission-er Anjani Kumar, joint commissioner A.R. Srinivas and other senior police officials. Breating to un media, Struction work was almost complete and internal and external works were being done. mand Baru (Muntaz Mahal). Many models we-re presented before him and he liked the model presented by Turkish mas-ter architect Eisa. Arjumand Banu was first buried in Zainababad and shifted to the Taj Mahal after six months. Oaked Stahi. Jahan to promise her two things -that he will not marry another woman after she dies and that he will build an extensive mausoleum in her memory. Which the King more than fulfilled.

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SHORT TAKES Tiktok video helps son trace 'missing' father

DC CORRESPONDENT

Tiktok videos are frowned upon for their weird content. But, one Tiktok video proved a boon for a family from Nan-dyal to trace their breadwin-ner who had left his house six

her win han tell this holdes all Annapur Pullaish, a cobhler from Harijanawada of Nandy-al town had left his house six years ago after a quarrel with his wife. His wife Naganjana-mma, sons Venkata Narasim-hulu, Siva Arasimhulu, Uday Searched for him everywhere, but their efforts proved futile. They approached the police as well without success. One of his sons, Venkata Na-mainhulu made a video on Ti-ktok four months ago, secking well without success. One of his sons, Venkata Na-mainhulu made a video on the town of his sons, Venkata Na-mainhulu made a video on the tok four months ago, secking read seeking the help of its viewers to share the clip with others till it reached Pullaiah. The young man's prayers we-cand seeking the help of its viewers to share the clip with others till it reached Pullaiah. The young man's prayers we-dyal working in a cloths mani-faturing unit as a loader. He immediately responded to the ismely and spoublers of his family and spoublers of his family and spoublers of his family and spoublers of his marasimhulu said he was hap py to meet his father after spo-nding two days with their father shed to Guidarat and, after spe-nding two days with their father shed to fud and a lates thundred temples in the state seeking bessings in tracing my dad. Now, my mother and father and all our family members are happy thanks to social

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INTERESTINGLY Naidut? residence is at Undavalli while Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is residing at Tadepally. Whoever may be the CM, official review meetings of chief ministers are con-ducted either at the secre-tariat or at their official residence residence • A SENIOR officer of the CMO clarified that they may use Amaravati date-line on press notes related to the assembly, because

Amaravati is the legislative capital

• ANDHRA PRADESH Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to give a Rajya Sabha seat to him. Mr Nathwani is an inde-pendent member elected to the Upper House from Jharkhand. DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 3 Member of Raiva Sabha

• **HE SAID** that three days ago, when Chairman of Reliance Mukesh Ambani and he met CM Reddy. Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy was requested to give Mr Nathwani a seat in RS.

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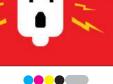


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Parimal Nathwani said that Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy asked him for three days Jagan Mohan Reddy asked him for three days time before he could take a decision on this. He said that in the ensuing Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand, one seat would go to they had another to the Cong-ress, and as such, three was no chance to him to contest from there. He said that three days ago, when Chairman of Reliance Mukesh Amb-ani and Nathwani met Chief Minister Mr Jagan

Reliance man sure of YSRC ticket

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MAMATA: BANGLADESHIS **'ARE INDIANS'**

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC

Caling the CAA a "BJP card" West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday certified the Bangladeshi refugees living in the country as the India tritizens. Shi to a North Bengal district that none of the Bangladeshi would be thrown out. Questioning the Centre's no expression of "shame or pain" on the massacre in Delhi riots the Trinamul Congress supr-tion of the violence in the state. She complained of "excess" by the Border Secu-rity Force in the districts. Banerjee informed that she has complained about it to Union home minister Amit Sheki in Bhubaneswar last ""No one can snatch away the

Union nome minister Amit Wahi, in Bhubaneswar last "No one can snatch away the rights of the refugees. There is no need for them to get their citizenship diresh. All of you are citizensh of this country. Do not get misiead by the BJP's campaign. All of you have with your residential address. You cast your votes. So there is no fresh need for that BJP card, "Banerjee told a rally at Kaligaan in North Dinajpur. Seen that those who came here from Bangladesh have got be need to give it to them afresh? Citizens mean the afresh? Citizens mean the assemblet you have cast your votes to elect the PM, CM, Assembly, they (BJP) claim that you are not citizens. Do to believe in those who tell you: You are not a citizens.

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MEA irked as UNHRC files plea on CAA

Geneva-based UN-OHCHR strongly opposing CAA has 'filed an intervention application' in SC b THEQ an INTEC OHCHR welcomed as com-mendable the "stated pur-pose of the CAA" to pro-tect "some persons from persecution on religious grounds," but raised the issue of exclusion of vari-ous sects of persecuted Muslims. Tently hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the amended citizenship law and had on December 18 sought the response of SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC

New DELHI, WARCH 3 In a serious development, highlighting the growing international pressure on Mations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Autions Office of the High Commissioner for Human Millow and Intervention Application in the Supreme Court of India in respect to the 2019 CAA,"

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India summons Iranian envoy

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3 India on Tuesday sum-moned Iranian Andissi adaged Iranian Andissi adaged Iranian protest with Iran over the comments made by Jranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on Nonday night on Twitter. The Iranian Foreign Minister Iranian Foreign Heeent Delhi riots as a "wave of organised vio-lence against Indian Muslims" and "senseless thuggery". Pointing out that the remarks were "unway"

muggery: Pointing out that the Pointing out that the remarks were 'unwar-ed from a country like Iran, 'India conveyed that the Iranian Foreign Minister's "selective and tendentious characterisa-tion of recent events in Don Tucestay. The Ministry of External Affairs said, 'The Iranian Ambassador to India Ali Chegeni was summoned and a strong protest was lodged agains the unwary the Iranian Minister. It was conveyed that his selective and tendentious characterisation of recent events in Delhi are not acceptable.

comments from a country like Iran." But despite New Delhi's ire, observers point out tespecially for the strate-tic sea-land access to Afghanistan and central Asia through the Iranian port of Chabahar The Iranian reaction follows teast Delhi. The Iranian Minister Delhi. The Iranian Minister Delhi. The Iranian Minister Hudian Musilms. For indian and the sense the wellbeing of all Indians and not bet sense the forward like in pacea Mac Mad bust recently of Mac Mad bust recently

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not acceptable. We do not expect such

filing of appeals in Foreigners Tribunals with the Rejection Slips by the excluded people to 120 days from 60 days and nec-essary amendments were made.

Speaker refuses discussion on riots DC CORRESPONDENT

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DELHI, MARCH 3

Adamant with their demand for an immediate discussion on the Dehi riots, the opposition par-ties on Theseday said while the "entire world" has expressed concern over the riots, Parliament is yet to discuss it and a delay to discuss it would make it appear as a "non-issue and a non-event."

make it appear as a "non-issue and a non-event." "in Lok Sabha, Waaler Om Birla said that any discussion on the subject would take place only after Holi next week, leading to vociferous protests from Opposition, in Rajya Sabha, deputy chairman Dopposition, in Rajya Sabha, deputy chairman Dhairman M Venkaiah Naidu will consult with both the opposition and treasury benches to decide the day the issue would be discussed. However, the opposition the same ground hat the subject should be discussed, no other busi-ness other than a

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In what has triggered a fresh controversy, the rul-

In what has triggered a fresh controversy, the rul-ing BJP led alliance gov-ernment has described the proposed delimitation of assembly and parliament constituencies in Assam as an attempt to protect the political rights of native Assamese by creat-ing more seats in which a majority of voters would be from indigenous groups.

groups. The Opposition Congress has registered their strong opposition to the timing of the delimitation process

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while accusing the ruling BJP of doing it for politi-cal resolution of "We exposing this. Why do we need this when we will have census in 2021 Now, the delimitation would be on the basis of the 2011 census and then up to 2016, the number of seats will increase as per the census. What's the point of doing this now?" former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said. Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, however, clarified that the sole purpose of redrawing the boundaries of Assembly and Lok Sabha

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Locals stand in a queue to collect LPG cylinders following shortage in the riot-affected area of northeast Delhi on Tuesday. Communal violence in northeast Delhi including Shiv Vihar has claimed at least 42 lives and has left over 200 injured. – PTI

DC CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI, MARCH 3

constituencies in the state is aimed at protecting the political rights of native

Assamese. Though, delimitation of

Though, delimitation of constituency in Assam was overdue since 2001, the BJP led alliance gov-ernment has been trying the fears of indigenous the fears of indigenous clitizenship Amendment Act might turn them into a minority in their own homeland. 126 assembly constituencies, at least 110 should be kept for the indigenous people. We do not want any increase in

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Assam starts exercise to issue

NRC 'rejection slips' to over 19L

basic criteria for inclu-sion of names in the NRC was that the names of applicant's family mem-bers should either be in the first National Register of Citizens prepared in 1551 or in the electoral 1551 or in the elector

works are completed there is plan to start issuing the rejection slip from March 20. In a separate query by

 BIP DESCRIBES the BJP DESCRIBES the proposed delimitation of Assembly and Parliament Constituencies as an attempt to protect the political rights of native Assamese.

CONCRESS STRONGLY opposes to the timing of the process and accuses the BJP of doing it for political reasons.

the number of constituen-cies... that won't help us," Sarma said. Muslim voters in Assam account for about 37 per cent of the state's elec-

• CHANDRA MOHAN Patowary in a written reply to a question in the Assam Assembly states that the rejection slip will mention the reasons for excluding a person's name from the final NRC. • HE SAYS it is signifi-cant that non-inclusion of a person's name does not by itself amount to being declared a foreigner.

AT PRESENT, work related to scanning of "speaking order" is going on and about 12 per cent job is left.

Congress MLA Abul Kalam Rasheed Alam, Patowary said that a total of ₹1,348.13 crore have been allotted for the NRC been allotted for the NRC update work. The final National Register of Citizens was published on August 31 last year by excluding 19,06,657 persons. A total of 3,11,21,004 names were included out of 3,30,27,661 applicants.

applicants. Before publishing the final National Register of Citizens, the Centre had extended the time limit for **SAFEGUARDING** IRIGHTS **BJP says that the aim is to protect political rights of native Assamese** Assam: BJP's delimitation move upsets Congress torate. In the 2016 elec-tions, 28 Muslim candi-dates had won. Of them, 14

without altering boundary, then the der raphy of the voters tions, 23 Autsime cannot, due to mark courses, 16 from AILDP and one from BAP. Muslims voters also influence election results in six of the 14 Lok Sabha constituencies and BJP wants a complete overhaut constituencies as well. These six constituencies are Barpeta, Dhubri, Nagaon, Kaliabor, Karingani and Suchar "Many people think if "Many people think if would provide the desired safeguards to natives. But if a seat is reserved

Vision of the Supreme Court of India. This is an updated National Register of Citizens from the original which was published in 1951. The National Register of Citizens has been pre-pared under the Section 4A of the Citizenship (Ref stratic of Citizenship (Ref stratic) (Cards) Rules, 2003, which his differ-or Assam which is differ-tor form the rest of the country. The cut of date for inclu-sion was the midnight of March 24, 1971.

boundary, then the demog-raphy of the voters will remain unchanged. If the voters in a reserved seat happen to be supporters of Badrudia Mjania (AIUDF chief) then the elected MLA will have to follow Ajmal's orders and we are back to square one," the main Assam politics Badrudia Mjanal and his party All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) have often been symbolised and accused as to be the patron of immigrants from Bangladesh.



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Politics in the age of TV: **Ex-PM** Abbasi leads the pack



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decorum usually prevalent while talking to heads of states. This enabled him to present a dif-ferent face – not just because he was accessible but because he seemed less distant, and not someone who had to be treated with deference and distance. And this last is a quality that appeals greatly to the middle datas, which formed the core con-tropresent this face through the media — becoming a leader, a celebrity, a politician much earlier han coming to power. He wasn't the only PT1 leader to follow this path; Asad Umar had a similar trajectory. Umar, too, is a face of the PT1 ar. This accessibility to the media following a similar router – 1 write this with great repidation. for the parallel will earn me brickhast from both Noonie fans as well as PT1 pijvalas. But the point here is that in this age of the electronic media, politicians racy catopuit to fame because of their great cratory in gar-holowing as PBZ the advice to focus on his speeches in parliament should think again. For the only despite serving for around four years. This is not to say that their individ-ual characteristics and abilities don't play a role; they do. But in addition, television is not to be discounted. Abbasi was one of the few, or the only prime minister, who continued to give one-on-one interviews liberai-by, to those who are deemed friendly

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While the voter will have to make a conscious choice to affirm the culture of fraternity, the political leadership of secular parties must find ways of minimising the space available

for the BJP

politician who has shot to fame in recent years did so without spending unch time in the Assembly. And this is proving true for Abbasi as well. In the past couple of years, he has grown in stature, so much so that in the PMLA's reorganisation, a there were few who questioned why. And this was not just because he served as prime minister who were not from the party siris family and they seemed to have made little impact. Can one say that one reason for it was their failure to be comfor-tible on camera? Yousuf Rear Glani interacted regularly with journalists but in the old skyle –, small groups for background interactions every are background interactions every are between. He left little impact due to may and the second for the second abetween. He left little impact due years.

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communal politics. The next elections, in Bihar and West Bengal will be flavoured by the larger politics of clitzen-ship and legacy papers. It body elections, all 110 municipalities and cor-porations in West Bengal's urban loca-tions, even though such elections tend to be very local, where familiarity advectory local of very local, where familiarity advectory local of very local, where familiarity advectory local of very local where familiarity advectory local of very local methods and the second the restartion of voters, from contempt to respect. Past local body tributed to voter disen-chantment with the party, even though Mamata Banerjee's per-sonal popularity remains with West Bengal is one way of outsmarting the BJP, which does not have a face that can win in West Bengal, But that is not enough. To defend west Bengal's common have a face that can win in west Bengal's common have a face that can win in west Bengal's common mony and pacecedil coex-isence that was put into place after 1947 by a com-parties. Post-1946-riots-Kolkata cetablishmet the veryday accommoda-tions of communities live

Shikha Mukerjee is a senior journalist in Kolkata

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LETTERS **HM'S NEGLIGENCE**

This second in power in the Union Cabinet, Mr Amit Shah, was applauded by his party for handling of the Delhi riots, read: for his negligence and delay in controlling the Delhi riots. The BJP has always been laidback in taking criting angiert any of itr action against any of its members. Major acts of crime of well-known mem-bers are brushed aside. The President cannot interfere in the process due to the limitations of his position. Every time Opposition parties raise a question, holding it question, holding it responsible for not hold-ing responsible the rioters, the response of the BJP is to remind the Congress of the 1984 Sikh riots, unmindful of the fact that unmindful of the fact that

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Nawaz awaits medication

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Oli's 2nd kidney transplant

transplant Mathmandur. Nepai's Prime Minister K-P. Sharma Oli has been admitted to a hospital in Kathmandu for his second kidney transplant after suty-nospital sources said on tuesday. Oli, 68, had his first kidney transplant some twelve years ago. He was admitted to the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital ont immediately undergo surgery because of other health problems. He was undergoing a regular dialysis transplant on Oli on transplant sources said. A team of doctors, led by Dr Prem Raj Gyawali, a consultant urologist and kid-ney transplant surgeon will perform the surgery.

18 killed as boat sinks in Amazon

Sao Paulo: At least 18 people were killed when a riverboat Sao Paulo: At least 18 people were killed when a riverboat sank in the Amazon rainforest region, Brazilian authorities said Monday, as survivors described fleeing the foundering boat in terror, when it suddenly began to tip over on Saturday at around dawn. Authorities said late Monday that around dawn. Authorities said late Monday that excued 46 survivors and 30 others were still missing — meaning there were far more people on board remore people on board and rescue divers, planes and rescue divers, planes

TALIBAN LAUNCH DOZEN ATTACKS ON AFGHANS

Kabul, March 3: The Taliban carried out dozens of attacks on Afghan army bases, offi-cials said on Tuesday, hours after ending a partial truce and throwing into doubt peace talks between Kabul and the insurgents.

insurgents. The intra-Afghan negotia-tions are due to begin on March 10 according to a US-Taliban deal signed in Doha on Saturday, but a dispute over a prisoner swap has raised ques-tions about whether they will go ahead.

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Exit polls gives majority to Likud Party

Bibi in talks to

form coalition

Jerusalem, March 3: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday began talks with lawmakers to form a coali-tion government led by him after the exit polls projected majority for his Likud Party in the coun-try's unprecedented third parliamentary elections. According to the exit government

try's unprecedented thirup parliamentary elections. The second second second second parliamentary electrons and after the volting ended on Monday, 70-year-old Neta-nyahu's right-twing party will win 59 seats, just two short of the majority in the 120-member Parliam-ent. Netanyahu had sup-port of 60 members in the ent. Netanyahu had sup-port of 60 members in the ent. Netanyahu had sup-port of 60 members in the the April 9 polls, the first out of the three within a year, but he could not manage to win just one more member to form a Journet.

more member to form a government. Israelis voted on Monday for the third time of the third time of the third time of the third time government formation, with the country's longest serving premier Netany-ahu fighting for his politi-cal survival amid indict-ments on graft charges. Lionathan Urch said that work has begun to con-vince lawmakers from the center-left bloc to defect and join a Likud-Jed coali-tion headed by

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SAYS TRUMP

Super Tuesday" would allocate 1357 of the 3,979 pledged delegates for the Democratic National Co-nvention in Wisconsin later this summer, which the the summer, which the the summer, which the presidential elec-tions in November. Addressing an election rally in North Carolina, Trump said the Democ the enthusiasm of his campaign. "There's not a lot of enthusiasm for (ho-rmer vice president Joe) Biden," the president solid fragment of the president solid fragment of the president solid the attraction of the enthusiasm for (ho-rmer vice president Joe) Biden," the president to solid of enthusiasm for (ho-mer vice president Joe) Biden," the president the solid fragment of the president solid the attraction of the solid solid of the solid s

They made a deal. You know what? Quid pro quo, that's what. Impeach them. They should be impeached

- DONALD J. TRUMP

US President

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• NETANYAHU HAD sup-port of 60 members in the 120-member house after the April 9 polls, the first out of the three within a year, but he could not manage to win just one more member to form a government and the only votes remain-ing to be counted are the basentee ballots include absentee ballots include absentee ballots include basentee ballots include provide the second second ballow of the special polling stations, will be counted in a teni outside the Knesset on the counted in a teni outside the Knesset on the counted in a teni outside the Knesset on Knesset on the second tresults will be available only on Sunday. As per law, the final results of the only on Sunday next week. The Likud Party has solid ified its position as the single largest party with a decent lead of 36-22 over closest rival Buse and Large Charles and the paged 2935 per cent of the votes, equal to around 36 Knesset (Israell Parliament) seats, which ould remessed (Israell Parliament) seats, which oplicical deallock that has laft the country with government for over a year. __PTPT

more member to form a government Netanyahu, Hravetz online reported. "This is a night of great victory." Netanyahu said a victory speech at his party headquarters hours die land." It wondgand be have. It wondgand have. It won



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu addresses supporters as his wife Sara stands by, at the Likud party campaign headquarters in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. — AFP

Biden surges DEMOCRATS LACK ahead in race

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William, Kate in Ireland after Queen's 2011 visit

treaty split the territory between a British-run Northern Ireland and a "free state" which went orn Irish republic. Royal visits were once impossible because of the terror threat from groups such as the IRA. In 1978, the paramilitari-m's great great uncle Lo-uis Mountbatten, the la-st viceory of British-rul

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to quit as home secretary since the resignation of her top civil servant amid allegations of bullying, denies the allegations and received the backing of Boris J. meme Manister "funnastic" minister "According to legal docu-ments seen by the BBC, an unnamed junitor employee in Denison (Dwp), horught a Formal complaint of bully-

ing and harassment against the department, including Patel as the employment minister at at the time, after being dis-missed from her role in dia not admit liability and the case did not come tribunal but the staff member alleges she was told the decision to dis-missher was not made on performance grounds but because Patel did not "like"



Turkey fighter jet downs Syrian plane, kills pilot

Istanbul, March 3: Top them trying to enter

Two polar bear cubs and their mother Valeska explore their enclosure at the Zoo Am Meer (Zoo at the sea) in Bremerhaven, Germany, on Tuesday. – AP

position fighters, and that his body was mutilated. Syrian state news agency SANA quoted a military source as con-firming one of its planes ers suffred the same fate on Sunday. "One of our warplanes carrying out a mission in southern Idlib...was hit by a missile fired by Turkish regime forces, leading to its down

Syriam President Bashar and Exception of the same ratiate the filiadistic forces have ration the value of the same ration the same them trying to enter Entrope. After faces clashes with Greek police at the official border crossing over the weekend, migrants said they were being dispersed along the narrow Erros river that separates the two countries. Braced ag-ainst the winter cold, many wandered the fields along the water's edge bords of the second second the edge of the second second the construction of the second the es from Greek police, wh-ile unconfirmed videos appeared to show coast-gapeared to show coast-gapearing to show coast-gape

ing," the source said. The Turkish ministry said the regime plane was a L-39. On Tuesday, a sur-face-to-surface missile fir-ed by regime forces hit an theod, killing mine civi-lians including five chil-dren. That brings the civi-lian death toll since Decemsber to more than 470, according to the monitor. — AFP

tries rather than hitting back over content. Foreign ministry spoke common Ligan said and the spoke of the spoke and condemns' the US mnouncement, adding that it effectively means the expulsion of Chin-see journalists. 'Out of ideological bias, the US State Department uses groundless reasons to politically oppress Chin-ses media organisations beat the the US state Department sees media organisations beat in the US. Zhao said the department uses groundless reasons to politically oppress Chin-ses media organisations beat in the US. The printing. Saying China reserves the right to react and take further action, Zhao addet. 'It weak rules of the game first, China can only follow suit." — AFP military intervention last week. A Turkish F-16 downed the regime plane over Idi-bb province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor and a source at the Turkish defe-nce ministry said. The Br-itain-based monitor said it was killed during the dow-ning or afterwards by op-

U.S. 'BULLYING': **CHINA WARNS**

OF RETALIATION

UT ALIALIANION Beijing, March 3: Tuesday to retalated against US "bullying" after Washington impo-sed staff cuts on Chinese state media, two weeks after expelling three Waportstreet Journal The US said its deci-sion on Monday to requ-ire Beijing's state-run media to cut the number of Chinese nationals employee in the US was been between the coun-tries rather than hitting back over content.

London, March 3: Embattled UK Home Secretary Prii Patel was hit with a fresh allegation related to her ministerial role in the past on Tue-sidar as it emerged that her former aids payout from the govern-ment in 2015 after claim-ing she was bullied by the then employment minis-ter.

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Priti's ex-aide received £25,000 payout

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London: Up to one fifth of employees could be off work in Britain when the Covid-19 outbreak peaks, the govern-ment said ruesday as it outl-ine of ar has 39 confirmed cases of Covid-19, and Prime Minister Boris Johnson warn-encrease But the said: "For the overwhelming majority of people who contract the vir-ues, this will be a mild disease the overwhelming majority of people who contract the vir-us, this will be a mild disease conference with his chief me-dical and scientific advisors and the scientific advisors and the step his to our ment would take. These include as-king people to work from home, reducing the number of large gatherings like foot-ball matches, and shutting schools. "It is possible that up to one fifth of staff may peak weeks," the plan says.

France schools shut over virus

Paris: Tens of thousands of Paris: Tens of thousands of students in virus cluster zones are home from school in France on Tuesday, with a smaller number in Germany and Poland facing quaran-tines or days without class. France's education minister, Jean-Michel Blanquer, said around 120 schools have hean addread to cloce arect Jean-Michel Blanquer, said around 120 schools have been ordered to close, most in Brittany and the Oise reg-lon north of Paris, which 19. He told LCI television it was probable that more sch-fereze on all school trips. But he cautioned against rushing to a general shutdown of the education system. "It would-n't make senom to confina-byze the country." he said. Italy closed schools in the hard-hit regions of Lom-bardy and Veneto last week and the closure of schools in Emilia Romagna was announced last weekend

Contagion: Pope

tests negative Vatican City: Pope Francis, who is suffering from a cold, has tested negative for the Covid-19, an Italian newspa-per reported on Tuesday, as Italy battles Europe's worst per reported on Tuesday, as Italy battles Europe's worst outbreak. Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni did not respond to an AFP request for com-support report, and sources sold it was unlikely the Holy approximation of the Holy a

EARTH 'WATER WORLD' 3BN **YEARS AGO**

Washington, March 3: Earth

Nashington, March 3: Earth map have been covered by a gl-obal ocean that turned the pla-ter into a "water world" more than three billion years ago, according to a study. The researchers suggest that the Earth may have looked a bit like the post-apocalyptic, and land-free, future imagined in American actor and film-maker Kevin Costner's movie Waterworld. The findings, pub-maker Kevin Costner's movie Waterworld. The findings, pub-maker Kevin Costner's movie Waterworld. The findings, pub-maker Kevin Costner's movie Waterworld. The findings, pub-deoscience, could help scientifi-to better understand how and where single-cell organis-ms first emerged on the Earth. "The history of life on Earth tracks available niches," said Gowell Wing, an associate pr-ofessor at the University of Co-orado Boulder (CU) in the US. lorado Boulder (CU) in the US. "If you have got a water "If you have got a water world, a world covered by cos-an, then dry niches are just not going to be available," Wing said. "There was seemingly no way forward on that debate," said lead author Benjamin Jo-huson, who conducted the res-scarch in Wing's lab at CU Bous something different might be a good idea, "Johnson said. The team discovered that the stood is the stool stoops of oxygen may have been a bit off in seawater 3.2 billion years ago — with just a smidge more would see today. ____PTI

Manual Concernment of the Volunteers spray disinfectant with a robot at a residential area in Wuhan of China's central Hubei province on Tuesday.

All casualties from Washington state, number of confirmed cases cross 90

6 succumb to Covid-19 in US

Indian-American in task force

An Casuation of death in Washington. March 3: When the state of the scalar Co-vid-19 rose to six on Mon-day while the total numb-er of confirmed cases in the country crossed 90, Vice President Mike Pence hall and the state in the US are from the Washingt-on state with 43 domestic cases and 48 cases of the individuals who returned to the US, officials said on Monday. The Covid-19 out. 4's Wihan city in Decem-ber has killed 2,943 people in the country with total confirmed cases crossing 80,000 as it continues to sp-read to new countries aro

Infections in

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onfirmed cases crossing 80,000 as it continues to sp-read to new countries aro-und the world. US President Donald Tr-ump along with Pence rev-iewed the situation at the White House on Monday with top health officials and those leaders from the and those leaders from the pharma corporate sector who are working on either vaccine or therapeutics for the Covid-19. "Despite today's sad

IRAN SAID a British-Iranian woman Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, jailed in Tehran, is "in perfect health" after the dual national reportedly expressed fears of con-tracting the virus.

• A GERMAN cruise ship with 1,200 passen-gers is moored in south-ern Norway waiting for the test results of two

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ABOUT 100 health workers are under isola-tion in northern Spain and at least 120 others are being closely watched by authorities after at least five doc-tors and nurses were infected with the new virus in hospitals.

THE SWISS army said that all soldiers would be confined to the coun-try's military installations after a virus case was found in their ranks.

passengers who had been on land to be test-

Washington, March 3: Leading Indian-American Urity Council. Seema Verma has been appointed as one of the Ause Covid-19 Task For-ce constituted by US Pres-ident Donald Trump to co-mbat the deadly diseases ident Donald Trump to co-mbat the deadly diseases and knower 90 others. The task force is led by Secretary of Health and Attar, to the task force. Today we made good bearcetary of Health and Attar and is coordinated

news, let's be clear, the risk to the American peo-ple of the Covid-19 remai-ns low according to all of the experts that we are wo-rking with across the gov-

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Casema CMS and @SeeW-ilkie, to the Task Force, 'he said, Responding to her appointment, Verma, 49, said, "Thank you @Port Web Care to the opport-ment of the opport-the opport-ment of the opport-ment -PTI



The Emanuel-Lasker-Oberschule secondary school in Berlins Friedrichshain district, that had to be closed as one of the school's teachers is infected with Covid-19. – AFP

Iran: 11 more have died

Virus dance bats for hand-washing

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China: Uptick in imported cases

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United Nations, March 3: China's UN Ambassa-ded to path of the state of the state ded to path of the state of the state Corid-19 epidemic and the Beijing does not plan to discuss the situation in the Security Council dur-ing its Presidency this month. China assumed the Presidency for March and the Presidency for barch and the assumed the presidency for barch and the assumed the presidency for barch and the

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has called for international coopera-tion to develop a cure and vaccine to halt the Covid-19 on its tracks. He said it is important to step up communica-tion and exchange with the WHO and carry out the WHO and carry out scientific research coop eration on source trac ing, drugs, vaccines, testing and other fields with other countries

capital city from virus-hit areas are being made to self-quarantine for 14 days. On Tuesday offici-als in the city of Dando-ng, which borders North Korea, announced that everyone coming into the city from overseas will have to be tested for the Covid-19. — AFP

China fatalities climb to 2,943

now 5th confirmed case of #Covid19 in federal areas. Patient is stable and is be-ing managed well. I requ-ete privacy of the patient and the family," tweeted Dr Zafar Mirza, Special Advisor on Health. Officials said that the patient has been admitted to an isolated ward. The down educational institu-tions till March 7 after the confirmation of its first Covid-19 case. Sindh and Balochistan have already closed schools and colleg-es after the virus surfaced has also closed its border with Iran and Afghanis-tan. __PTI NATURE'S |WRATH | Landscape littered with debris of walls and roofs, snapped power lines and broken trees Tornadoes shred 40 buildings around Nashville, kill 8

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Residents of the historic Gerinationa neural in dis-may as emergency crews closed off roads. Roofs had been torn off apartment buildings, large trees had been uprooted and debris historic strategies and the across the county. 'Nashv-ild Mayor John Cooper told the Temessean while visiting an emergency she us early Theoday. "In the signal and frankly there have been fatalities." Tennessee Emergency Ma-nagement Agency Spokes woman Maggie Hannan



Damaged vehicles and buildings in East Nashville after a tornado hit the city early Tuesday. -AP

confirmed eight deaths, in-cluding one in Nashville, four in Putnam County, two in Wilson County and

across Tennessee as it moved through the state after midnight. Buildings, road dis bridges, util lies and dis bridges, util lies and dis bridges, util lies and Hannan said. One tornado near downtown Nashville and reportedly stayed on the ground into Hermit-age, about 10 miles east of the city. Other areas reporting ex-tensive damage included Mt. Juliet. "Our communi-ty has been impacted sig:

Mt. Juliet. "Our communi-ty has been impacted sig-nificantly," the Mt. Juliet Police Department tweet-ed. Multiple homes were damaged and multiple inj-uries were reported, the department said. "We con-

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 Tehran, March 2: Covid-Bas claimed 77 live in sday, as the emergency services chief became the latest high-ranking offici-al to be infected. On Tuesday Iran amou-need another 11 deaths. Dor Tuesday Iran amou-day since the outbreak in the Islamic Republic.
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Beijing Mar 3 (PTI) The surging past 89,000. Covid-19 death toll in China's National Health China climbed to 2,943 Commission, (NHC) said with 31 more deaths, on Tuesday it received while 25 confirmed cases proports of 125 new con-were reported, the lowest in the country. Chinese in the country According health officials said on to the World Health Tuesday even as the dead Organisation, there are ly disease wrecked have 85,277 confirmed Covid-19 globally with the total cases and 3,056 deaths number of deaths cross-reported globally in 67 ling 3,000 and infections countries.







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* As of 9:30 pm IST			mins. The decision follows

South Africa slips into recession

South Africa slipped into reces-sion in the final three months of 2019, the country's statistics bureau said on Tuesday, the thur recession of at the chief in 1994. Gross domestic product fell by 1.4 per cent in the quar-ter, after dropping by 0.8 per cent in the previous three months, Statistics South Africa months of al 02018 to just 0.2 per cent, its lowest since 2009.

Pandey named new finance secretary



Revenue secretary A. B. P. Pandey has been designated as the finance secretary, following the superannuation of Rajiv Kumar last month. A personnel ministry order said the appoint-ments committee of the cabinet ments committee of the cabinet has approved the re-designation of Pandey, a 1984 batch IAS offi-cer of Maharashtra cadre. Atanu Chakraborty, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, is at present secretary, Department of Economic Affairs.

Govt collects ₹7.52 L cr direct tax till January

The government has collected over RS 7.52 Likh crore as direct taxes till January 31 of the cur-rent fiscal. The revised estimate (RE) has peged the target for Cohe current fiscal at Rs 1170 Likh crore. "The total amount collected under direct tax col-lection, as on 31st January, 2020 is Rs 7,52,472 crore" min-lister of stale for finance Anurag tister of stale for finance Anurag the Rajya Sabha.

Merc drives in locally made GLC SUV Coupé

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Curbs placed on paracetamol, antibiotics & vitamins **Centre restricts drug** exports as virus hits

Regulators, states told to ensure drugs availability

Characteristics The central governments on Tuesday authority (NPPA), Drugs Controller and state governments bio charages of APIs and normal APIs and the secretaries of the secr

NEW DEH/CHENNAL MARCH 1 In the backdrop of detec-tion of coronavirus cases in India and to avert possi-ble price escalation, the government has on Tuesday restricted the caport of 36 pharmenti-tions, including paraceta-mol, antibiotics and vita-mins. The decision follows a recommendation to the effect by a high-level com-mittee formed by the Department of Pharma-ettice of Pharmaceutical ingredients (API) and for-mulations made from these APIS...is hereby restricted with immediate effect and till further orders, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DeF) said The APIS under restrict for curbing infection and improving the health of for curbing infection and improving the health of the patient. The DGPT has only exports and has not when a sumulacture who wants to export these products will have to get the permission of the products will have to get the permission of the DGPT of the second entering the second second of the permission of the DGPT of the second entering the second permission of the second entering the second permission of the second permission of the second entering the second permission of the second perm Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification. The APIs under restrict-ed entry include paraceta-nol, tinidazole, metronida-zole, acyclovir, vitamin B1, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, progesterone, chloram-phenicol, erythromycin salts, neomycin, clin-damycin salts and ornida-zole as well as their formu-lations.

lations. These drugs are not directly used for curing coronavirus but are used

a committee, led by Joint Drug Controller Dr Eswara Reddy, to monitor the avail-ability of drugs in the backdrop of coronavirus threat. The committee had submitted its report a few days back. Generally India is consid-ered to be a source of near-ty 20 nor cent of the world's

days back. Generally, India is consid-ered to be a source of near-ly 20 per cent of the world's drug-markers in the coun-try are dependent on China for two-thirds of the chem-ical components needed to make them. Indian phar-ma companies get almost 70 per cent of the APIs, per year of the APIs, per year from China. Though India's total API imports come to 83.5 bil-lion a year, its API exports are limited and were at 825 million last year. With the outchan gener-to have faced supply short-to have faced supply short-tone the supplication of the coronavirus on the phar-mentical industry. Morty asid a government official. "With this ban, though we may face shortages of some of these molecules for the next couple of moths, I think we are self-sufficient to meet our domestic needs," he said. nal demand might result in heavy exports. Recently, the US PDA burge check of the US PDA burge check of was experiencing its first drug shortage directly related to the coronavirus outbreak. Even China might face a shortage as it is a big market for APIs and not formulations, and the pharmaceutical pro-duction has been hit in that composed in the theory of the theory of prices. The price of paracetamol active ingre-dients is a leady up by around 40 per cent. The government had appointed nal demand might result in

Fed slashes rates in emergency move

Washigton, March 3: The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates on Tuesday in an emergency move designed to shield the world's largest econo-my from the impact of the correquiring.

my from the impact of the coronavirus. It was the Fed's first emergency rate cut since 2008 at the height of the financial crisis, under-scoring how grave the central bank site works of the constraint of the rate of the cen-tral bank said it was cut-ting rates by a half per-centage point to a target range of 1 per cent to 1.25

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MUMBAI, MARCH 3

per cent. "The fundamentals of the US economy remain strong. However, the coro-navirus poses evolving risks to economic activity. navirus posses evolving risks to economic activity. In light of these risks and in support of achieving inem manusum support goals, the Federal Open Market Committee decid-ed today to lower the tar-get range for the federal funds rate. The Federal a statement. The decision was unanimous among was unanimous among policymakers. The Fed's decision to cut interest rates before

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Das sees room for lower rates

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Shakikanta Das well above the central bank's 26 per cent target, policy makers have been under pressure to respond to the coron-avirus outbreak that's threatening global g^{rwy}. The ready for a response should the situ-ation warrant," Das said when asked how the RBI will counter the impact of

MUMBAL MARCH 3 Reserve Bank of India governor. Shakitkanta bon to cut interest rates mind new risks to eco omic growth from the spread of the coron-avirus. Inflation which had Inflation which had from cutting interest rates since December, is expected to moderate. Das said in an interview in Mumbal on Tuesday. A rate cut is one policy being supporting the market through liquidity. While inflation spiked to 7.6 per cent in January.

the virus outbreak

the virus outbreak. India's sovereign bonds gained after the gover-10-year yield dropping to 6.35 per cent. Earlier on Tuesday, the RBI said in a statement it's ready to act to calm market volatility apillower to the nation's stocks and bounds has been relative/contained. Das said the virus's impact on India's growth will come through two channels: trade with growth. The RBI would be able to quantify the hit to growth at its next policy meeting in April, Das said. —Bloomberg

NBCC gets

NCLT nod to

acquire

Javpee Infra

SBI board okays RCom resolution

scheme

New Delhi, March 3: The board of State Bank of India is learnt to have approved the resolution plan for Reliance Communica-tions, through which lenders are expected to recover around Rs 24000 crore.

recover a round RS 23,000 crore. UV Asset Reconstruc-tion Company is believed to have placed bid of around Rs 14,700 crore, while Reliance Jio has made an offer of Rs 4,700 crore for tower and fibre assets of Reliance infratel Ltd. There will also be a

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Record high prices contin-ued to pull down gold imports in February as they fell at per cent against the same month last year. The demand for gold at the retail level also has fallen significantly in the past to February India imported dk tompes of cold In February India imported 46 tonnes of gold, which includes both refined gold and dore, com-

Illicit financial flow from India pegged at \$83.5 bn

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RITWIK MUKHERJEE

The Centre's efforts to strike a balance between compliance with the apex court's order on AGR dues and protecting corporate bendway on Tuesday, with bleeding telloos making another round of pay-ment to the government. Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio cumulatively paid more than Bs 6,000 crow to the munications (0.67) towards deferred spectrum dues while the Tatas said it has deposited another Bs 2,000 rore for al due statutory liabilities. and protecting corparate interest made further bendway on Tuesday with another round of pay any to the government. Arried and Reliance Jio and

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parted to 77.64 tonnes a year earlier, Reuters: reported. In value terms: February imports totalled \$2.36 bil-lion in February 2019. Gold imports in January monte \$6.26 tonnes against 68.51 tonnes in the same month last year. In value terms, January imports totalled \$1.38 billion, down from last years (32.51 billion. In february 1000 to 10000 to 10000 to 10000 to 10000 to 10000

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Telcos pay ₹8,000 cr more Re extends losses, sheds 57p more

FALAXMARZ SYED MUMBAU, MARCH 3 The ruppee on Theosen significant to the macros are the dollar, closing at 7.25, down 57 pitse, a 16-month down 57 pitse, a 16-month avairus infections were reported in the country. Currency experts anticle aruppe as the one-month offshore forward points are much higher that monshore, indicating investors' desperation on shores, indicating the global equity market eleferiorates further, trig-ging an exodus of for-origin newstors from domes-the day and beach and beach aruppling with the weak propers of the source of the source of the source of the source of the day weak of the source of the day weak of the source of the day weak of the day weak

Gold imports down 41%, demand too falls

were down by 12 per cent to 631 formes against 944 formes in 2018. According to Bachhraj Bamalwa, former chair-man of All-India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council, the gold demand is technically nil" in the is technically nil" in the is technically nil" in the two months. "Demand was there till November and to some extent in December. Since then, the market has some extent in December. Since then, the market has been dull despite weddings in January" he said

CCI sells cotton at discount New Aviva campaign

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New Delhi, March 3: State-owned NBCC on Thoma the NCLT to acquire debt-laden Jaypee Infratech through an insolvency process and complete around 20,000 pending function of the National Company Law Perstu-and a half years. In its hearing on Tuesday, the principal bench of the National Company Law Tribunal Company Law Tribun

and also sumptions with good, sound financial plans." The 360-degree cam-paign has been conceptu-alised and created in part-nership with Creativeland Asia, the on-record cre-ative agency for Aviva India.





"With you today, for a bet-ter tomorrow." According to the FY18 annual report of regula-tor Irdai, the insurance penetration in India is 3.68%, one of the lowest globally. Aviva India's new campaign engages with millennials to help them understand the purpose of

<text><text><text><text><text><text><text> CHENNAL, MARCH 3 Stuck with expensive stocks. Cotton Corporation ing a discount on bulk pur-chases by yarm mills. The corporation is likely to suf-fer losses on the discount-d sales. The a hispetring cotton for a hispetring cotton of a hispetring cotton. As the prices started failing due to alwagen demand-get to alwagen demand-variurs hit China, the CCI found it difficult to liqui-date its stocks.

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SHORT TAKES

Tajikistan cancels Indian U-16 tour

New Delhi Indian U-16 football team's exposure trip to Tajikistan has been cancelled due to the consultance of the the U-15 SAFE Champions, were slated to depart on March 5 to play two friendlies against Tajikistan, the AFC U-16 Championship runners-up. "Please note that as directed by the government of the republic Championship runners-up. "Please note that as directed by the government of the republic tion around the coronavirus, the elevent of the application of the ing India cannot visit Tajikistan, Pootball Federation said in an official mail to All India Football Mail Football "In view of the above, the friendly matches between our teams stay cancelled," the mail killed over \$1000 goloally, has wrecked havec on the inter-New Delhi: Indian U-16 football

infected over 90,000 globally, has wrecked havoc on the inter-national calender of various sporting events across the globe and has even put the upcoming Tokyo Olympics under doubt. - PTI

Coronavirus risk

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Trom as far apart as Baku to Dublin and Glasgow to Rome, was certainly an ambrows UEFA say all venues and transport links are ready, that demand for tickets is through the roof, and there are no obvi-ous security worrise. Except for the unnawing obtained the quences, which could cast a shadow over the entire event. Most matches in Italian League were called off at the hardest hit by the outerash weekend with the country the hardest bit by the outerash meanwhile, neighbouring Switzerland – with 24 con-firmed cases – on Monday announced the postponement of all games in its top two divi-sions until the end of March. President Gianni Infantino at the weekend. I think we all hope that this can be con-tained, but of course we will beath first coild the UKS accitation divide Gianna added. Football association of Wales cheith Reuros. The coron avirus resis missing a real cold the UKS accitation. Wales are due to play Italy in some at the Euros. The coron avirus resis materian and of European football's govern-ing body in Amsterdam on Monday. – AFP

Takyo, March 3: Japani's Olympic min-iter said on Tuesday the contract to hold the Tokyo Games only specifies the event has to be held during 2020. Seiko Hashimoto's response to a question in fin upper milite the opympic sould be held later in the year and Olympics could be held later in the year and ould not have to start on July 24 as planned. The Paralympics open on the paralympics open on the paralympics open on the paralympics open on the paralympics open of the paralympic open of the paralympics open of the paralympic open of the The IOC has the right to cancel the games only if they are not held during 2020. This can be interpretcan be interpret ed to mean the Games can be postponed as long as they are held during the calendar vear.

- SEIKO HASHIMOTO, Japan's Olympic minister

said: "The prepara-tions for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2220 are containing with a visful Olympic Games this summer in Tokyo." Bach declined " "fuel the flames of speculation" about reports of cancellation or speculation" about reports of cancellation or speculation" about of the believed the Olympics should be held even if it is now. "We are making the construction of the worse than it is now. "We are making the unsat efforts so that was effort so that the devent of the coron-avirus outbreak is believed the coron-the coron-the corona believed the coron-the corona believed the coron-set outbreak is believed the corona believed the corona believed the corona the corona the corona t

Japan and has shut, Japan and has shut, eports competitions and Olympic-related events in the country. The virus that started in China has been detected in at least 70 countries, with 90,000 critical and the set of the countries, with 90,000 critical and the set of the countries, with 90,000 critical and the set of the countries, with 90,000 critical and the set of the countries, with 90,000 critical and the set of the to could be a set of the of the set of the set of the loc president the spreading virus could force cancella-tion, postpomement or moving events to other cittes. In an interview last week with only Japanese media, Bach would have sway over any changes. The International Olympic Committee gets 73 per cent of its \$5,7 billion income in a four-year Olympic cycle from selling broadcast rights. — AP

Para Rugby test event postponed

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are in regular contact with the authorities and will proceed as advised, but at this stage we fully expect the tour to continue as planned." England will play the first of two practice games - AFP a ahead of the Tests, which will form part of the ICC World Test Championship. England won 3-0 in Sri Lanka two years ago but Root is expecting a tougher challenge this time. "The conditions will be a bit different with the time of year we are going — AFP of two practice games against a Sri Lanka Board Presidents XI in Katunayake on Saturday

NBA PLAYERS TOLD NOT TO HIGH-FIVE

los Angeles, March 3: Fist humps are in, but bigh frows are out .-..NBA stars have been given a series of recommenda-tions as the league attempts to limit the impact of the cornary into the second second second provide the second second proves the second second provide the second second provide the second second provide the second second provide the second second proves the second se

The league also advises players to avoid taking items such as pens, balls and jerseys to autograph.

Arteta gamble pays off as Arsenal win Juve, Inter gear up for Cup

Portsmouth, March 3: Mikel Arteta admitted he took a risk by making nine changes for Arsenal's 2-0 win over Portsmouth in the FA Cup fifth round but insisted he had no choice because some of his stars were still shell-shocked after their Europa League exit.

because some of his stars where still shell-shocked wife still shell-shocked exit. Arteta's side reached the FA Teta's side reached the FA Cup quarterfinals thanks to goals from Sokratis Papastathopoulos in Inst-Marl juny time and and the break at Fratton Park on Monday. It was a much-needed boost for Arsenal, who crashed out of the Europe Losson of the Europe Losson of the Stars Olympiakos on Thursday. Arteta conceded that field-ing such an inexperienced line-up – only David Luiz and Bukayo Saka retained thur places – out do the fuerware this season in jeepardy. "They fully deserve the chance and 1 know it is risky to play them in this competition but they ard worth a risk, to have a support of the star of silverware this season in jeepardy. "They fully deserve the chance and 1 know it is risky to play the in this competition but the yard worth a risk. Olympiakos, and Mesut Of his were both absente and Nicolas Pepe were on the bench. "I assessed the team and physically some of them?

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glory, amid Corona chaos

Wilan, March 3: Juventus and Inter Milan can get their seasons back on track with Italian Cup semifinal return-legs midweek, which take place amid Serie A fixture chaos caused by the coronavirus. Locked in a battle for the league title the pair have been overtaken by surprise Locked in a battle for the league till the pair have been overtaken by surprise package Lazio as the city of built and the second second package Lazio as the city of built and the second second which has caused havoc in the north of the country, killing 52 people. Inter, who travel to Napoli on Thursday hoping to overturn a 0-1 deficit from the first leg at the San Siro, haven't played in Italy since being beaten at Lazio on February 16 as the virus concentrated in the Lombardy and Veneto regions.

concentrated in the Lombardy and Veneto Their home match against Sumporia and the weekend's schedule title clash with Juew ewre both postponed, provoking a furious reaction from the club's CKO Beepe Marotta, played behind closed doors. Two Europa League pre-quarterfinal matches against Ludogorets is all Inter have had for prepar-tion in that time, and their in the midst of a dip ni domestic form that has left the former league leaders third behind Lazio and tra-

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RONALDO HEADS HOME TO ATTEND TO AILING MOTHER

Lisbon, March 3: Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo skipped training with his Italian club Juventus on tues day to dash to the Madeira home of his mother, vic-tim of a stroke, local press reported. "All we can say is that he's not at training for personal reasons," Juventus said, without giving further details. According to the Diario de Noticias da Madeira, Ronaldo was expected to made a whilsteoto peturn ho thorna, apitot due to bork and and by dig in the Wednesday, using the bork and and by dig in the given and the same of the stroke and the same stroke balanc Cup semifinal between Juve and AC Milan. Ronaldo mother Dolores Aveiro suffered the stroke and y Tuesday. The 65-general dis now reportedly conscious and in a table condition in a hospital. — APP

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Now, virus attacks Olympics

Games could be delayed: Japan minister to parliament

Bam Adebayo (left) of the Miami Heat goes for a fist bump with his teammate Meye this file photo.

England players ditch hand shakes

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India to take on **England in semis**

England in semis Sydney: India will take on England in twe dynem's T20 World Cup semifinals, it was decided on Tuesday following the Unesday following the Unesday following the Unesday following the Unesday following Suth Africa and West Indias shared a point each which was enough to push the former to the Leaving England second. England, who finished with three wins and a loss in the group stage, face India on Thursday in a repeat semifinal Australia will meet South Africa in the other semifinal Australia LOSS PERRY frica in the other semifinal AUSTRALIA LOSE PERRY AUSTRALIA LOGE PERRY Defending champions Australia were dealt a heavy blow Tuesday as star player Ellyse Perry was ruled out of the rest of Twenty20 World Cup with a hamstring injury. The world's top-ranked women's alirounder limped off in pain after attempting a run out out the start of the start win over New Zealand on Monday. Cricket Australia said she would miss the four-time champion's semifinal on

champion's semifinal on Thursday. – AFP

Pandya hits 105 off 39 balls in T20

off 39 balls in 120 Nevi Humbai: On a comeback trail, India all-rounder Hardik Pandya smashed his way to a sensational 105 in just 39 balls 120 Cup here on Friday. Hardik, who returned to competitive cricket last week after undergo-ing a back surgery, slammed eight fours and 10 sixes in his sizziligi ninnings as Reliance 1 posted 252 for five against CAG in the Group C encounter. Playing his second match post five wickets in a splendid all-round show as Reliance 1 league match at the Reliance Corporate Park in Ghansoli. The sensational performance of the Corporate Park in Ghansoli. The sensational performance of the all-rounder from Baroda was watched by chairman of selec-tors MSK Prasad. Pandya has after goin under the troite fol-lowing a lower-back injury five months sago. The 26-year-old, who missed out of the New Zealand tour, had started bowl-ing at the National Cricket Berg at the National Cricket after returning from a check-up after returning from a check-up



Kevin Pietersen during a promotional event in Guwahati on Tuesday. - PTI

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Kapil tells Kohli to practice more to overcome age factor

New Delhi. March 3: Kapil Dev feels slowing down of reflexes could be the reason behind Virat Kohli's struggles in New Zealand and the Indian skipper needs to "practice more" to overcome the age factor. The 31-year-old Kohli managed just 38 runs in

The World Cup winning findian captain said this several batsmen like Virender Schwag, Rahul Virender Schwag, Rahul Der Schwag, Rahul Der Schwag, Rahul Der Schwag, Rahul Der Schwag, Rahul Schwag, Rad Schwag, Rahul Schwag, Rad Schwag, Rahul Schwag, Rad Schwag, Rahul Sch

I think Kohli needs to adjust his eyesight a bit, When big players start getting bowled or LBW to incoming deliveries then you have to tell them to practice more.
 KADIL DEV

Kohli indicates 'mini transition' Ø of pace unit in near future



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New Delhi/ Mumbai, March 3: The Karnataka duo of Venkatesh Prasad and Sumi Joshi were on Tuesday shortlisted along with three others for the national selectors' job, the interviews for which will be held in Mumbai on Wednesday. Former Johann and Relesh Chamban have also been called for interviews and so has been former India medium pacer Harvinder Singh. The interviews begin at 11 am local time.

time. The Cricket A d v i s o r y Committee compris-ing Madan Lal, RP Singh and Sulakshana Naik shortlisted five candidates to replace outgoing selection panel hief MSK Prasad and fel-we member Gagan noda. oda.



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Southee defends Kohli's outburst in second Test

Christchurch, March 3: New Zealand pacer Tim Southes on Tuesday defended Virat Kohli's out-hurst during the ourse of the resently conclut-back of the second Tost here, saying the India captain is a "very passionate guy" who tries to "bring out the best in himself". Kohli allegedly after his dismis "He's very par nis dismissal in the s very passionate... a in the field. He tries



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Bengal storm into Ranji trophy final

Kolkata, March 3: Mukesh Kumar ran through Karnataka's second innings with a career-best six-wick-et haul as Bengal hammered their star-studded oppo-nents by 174 runs to enter their first Ranji Trophy final in 13 years here on Theeday

nems by 1/4 runs to enter their first Ranji Trophy final mi 13 years here on The low-profile pacer, who had dismissed India regular K L. Rahul in Karnataka's first innings, became the here in the second essay were than two hours to dis-miss Karnataka on day four. Resuming their monumen-tal chase of 352 at 98 for three, Karnataka lost their remaining seven wicklefs for penultimate day's proceed-ings lasted just 15 minutes after which the heroofthe-day Mukeba Hogen. Pervises Ramit Ut Siminutes after which the heroofthe-day Mukeba Dega. Pervises Ramit tilt minutes after which the heroofthe-day Mukeba Dega. Pervises Ramit tilt during yourar Ganguly's debut sea-son way back in 1989-80, hald so to Mumbi by 132 runs in their last final papear-and Pervisos best figures of 9/62, looked at his ominous best faking five wickets in just 60 balls with an imper-us spell that read 9-4246. Hen of the day with han inde-

Bengal 312 & 161 bt Karnataka 122 & 177 in 55.3 Kamataka 122 & 177 In 55.3 overs (Devdutt Paddikkal 62, Mukesh Kumar 6/61). Saurashtra 304 & 274 (Arpit Vasavada 139, Chirag Jani 51, Chintan Gaja 7/71) vs Gujarat 252 & 7/1 In 9 overs.

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Dubai, March 3: India on Tuesday relained their number one spot and captain Virat Kohli remained static at second in the ICC rankings despite a dismal Test series against New Zealand. India haland with hind-phaced Australia accumulating 108 points. The 92 result against New Zealand was India's first series loss in the World Test Championship. Kohli remains in second position in the bat-ing rankings despite a forgetable Test series in which he made 33 runs in four innings, the ICC said in a statement.

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Golfer Dustin to skip Olympics

Los Angeles, March 3: Former world number one Dustin Johnson has become the first high-ranking golfer to withdraw from this year's agent citing a tight schedule for the withdrawal, reports said Monday. World number five Johnson, who by current rankings would be eligible for a place amongst the US of a place amongst the US of a place amongst the US of the 2016 Ohympics due to concerns over the Zikla UThe 35-year-old's decision to skip the Ohympics comes a site sporting world grap porticities of the schedule of the schedule porticities of the schedule of the schedule port of the schedule of the schedule port of the schedule of the schedule porticities of the schedule of the sched

bis the anothing world grapp ples with turmoil from the coronavirus outbreak, which has forced the cancel-lation of several high-pro-file events across the globe. However, Johnson's agent bath is cilent had opted to skip Tokyo because of the GA Tour's condensed tour-nament schedule. "You just can't do it all, given the newly compressed schedule. Dustin and others schedule. Dustin and schedule. "Nation and Keeping his personal priorities in line." Winkle told KEYN. "Instead targeting the lucra-tive FedEX Cup playoffs, which start 11 days after the Olympic golf tournament wraps up. "Dustin gave the Olympics a great deal of thought and cons of him participating at

Dustin Johnson in this file

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length," Winkle said in com-

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India's Gaurav Solanki (second from left) poses after his 5 win over Kyrgyzstan's Akylbek Esenbek Uulu in the men's 57kg category at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers along with Indian men's chief coach C. A. Kuttappa and Santiago Nie ndian men's chief coach C. A. Kuttappa a ndia's High Performance Director in Am

Gaurav, Ashish punch through

Amman (Jordan), March 3: The seasoned duo of Gaurav Solanki (37kg) and Ashish Kumae (75kg) advanced to the pre-quarter-finals of the Asian Olympic Qualifiers for boxing with dominating within the standing mathematical standing of the standing Qualifiers for boxing with dominating within the standing commonweath Games gold-medallist Solanki defeated two-time Kyrgyz national champion Akylbek Esenebk Uluk while Asian Championship silver-medal-list Ashish got the better of Taiwan's Kan Chia-Wei. Both the Inflans won 54 fol-lowing strong performance <u>Gabethe with games of</u>

Gaurav Solanki beat Akylbek Esenbek Uulu 5-0 and Esenbek Uulu 5-0 and Ashish Kumar trounced Taiwan's Kan Chia-Wei with similar scoreline to make pre-quarters at the Asian Olympic Ounlifere Qualifiers.

Solanki dominated from the word go, helped by Uulu's poor defence. The Indian was relentless and accurate in his attacks, scor-

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Harika opens with draw at Swiss Grand Prix

Lausanne, March 3: India's number two Dronavalli Harika started her campaign in the first FDE Women's Grand Prix here eran Pia Cramling in the first

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