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COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+11,566)	(+104)
1,09,36,844	1,55,944

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+129)	(+1)
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TS: 2,96,795	1,619
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(+60)	(+0)
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AP: 8,88,959	7,163
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CASES AROUND THE WORLD

10,98,38,567	
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DEATHS	
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24,22,983	
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COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	219
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ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarayana	
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Tithi: Magha Shuddha	
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Shashthi full day	
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Star: Ashwini till 11.49 pm	
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Varjyam: 7.20 pm to 9.08 pm	
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Durmuhurati: 12.07 pm to 12.52 pm	
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Rahuakalam: 12 noon to 1.30 pm	
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HIJRI CALENDAR	
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Rajab 4,1442 AH	
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PRAYERS	
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Fajar: 5.41 am	
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Zohar: 12.40 pm	
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Asar: 4.42 pm	
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Maghrib: 6.24 pm	
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Isha: 7.32 pm	
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SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.41 AM	
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SUNSET TODAY 6.18 PM	
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MOONSET TODAY 10.16 AM	
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MOONRISE TODAY 11.01 PM	
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COUNTER POINT



You better leave your toolkit at home, dear!

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Gadwal Vijaylaxmi defies CM KCR's instructions

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

In a brazen defiance of Chief Minister and TRS supremo K. Chandrashekhar Rao's wise counsels and instructions asking all newly elected leaders to the GHMC, including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and corporators to maintain composure and "not indulge in unnecessary talk", the newly elected Mayor of Hyderabad, Gadwal Vijaylaxmi, began her tenure with a controversy.

Despite CM Rao's instruction to keep a low profile, remain modest and work

TRS gears up for CM's 67th birthday today

Programmes lined up in all districts of state

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16



The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) has geared itself up to celebrate the 67th birthday of party supremo and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao in a grand manner on Wednesday.

Ministers, party MLAs, MLCs, MPs and other leaders have energetically lined up a series of programmes covering every assembly constituency in the state to highlight the achievements, welfare schemes and development programmes of KCR right from the launch of the TRS in 2001 till date.

The main highlight of KCR's birthday celebrations this time will be Rajya Sabha member J.

UNDER "GREEN" India Challenge initiative programme, one crore saplings will be planted across the state in an hour on a single day on Wednesday. This is aimed at realising the Chief Minister's dream of a "Haritha Telangana".

tive titled "Koti Vrikshaarchana". Under this programme, one crore saplings will be planted across the state in an hour on a single day on Wednesday. This is aimed at realising the CM's dream of a "Haritha Telangana". All arrangements have been made for the success of this mega plantation drive to be held between 10 am and 11 am. Collectors of all districts have set a target for planting of at least 1,000 saplings in each village. The urban local bodies too will take up the plantation drive with support from all government departments and NGOs.

Page 2: Talaasani plans fete at Jala Vihar

Prez recalls Bedi from Puducherry; Cong. govt shaky

Tamilisai is in-charge Lt. Gov

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR AND D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, FEB. 16



In a late-night development, Rashtrapati Bhawan announced that Kiran Bedi will "cease to hold" the office of lieutenant-governor, but no reasons were given. Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan has been given the additional charge of Puducherry till a full-time L-G is appointed.

Bedi was shifted out of the Union Territory on the day the Congress government in Puducherry was pushed to the precipice on Tuesday, on the eve of top party leader Rahul Gandhi's visit.

A bid by Congress leaders to make Rahul Gandhi have a chance meeting with DMK president M.K. Stalin at the airport on Wednesday with a view to firming up the alliance between the two parties also didn't work out as Mr Stalin decided to take an early morning flight ahead of Mr Gandhi's arrival in Chennai.

Just as the Congress was

planning to accord a grand reception to Rahul Gandhi, two of its MLAs, Malladi Krishna Rao and A. John Kumar, submitted their resignations, bringing down the

strength of the Congress to 10 in the 30-member House.

The latest resignations of Mr Krishna Rao, representing Yanam, and a minister in the Narayanasamy Cabinet, and Mr Kumar, elected from Kamraj Nagar, led to AIADMK MLA A. Anbalagan demanding the resignation of Mr Narayanasamy.

While Mr Narayanasamy, after discussing the issue with his party colleagues, did not put in his papers and decided to weather it out, it is not clear if the CM would be able to win a trust vote as demanded by Mr Anbalagan.

Though the Congress government started with 15 MLAs of its own and also three from its DMK ally, it started losing one MLA after another.

Indian and Chinese soldiers have started moving back from the Kailash Range on the south bank of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh as per their disengagement agreement. Sources said the disengagement process is likely to be completed in Pangong Tso by the end of this week.

The Indian Army on Tuesday released videos which showed the Chinese dismantling sangars, temporary structures, and loading up supplies and provisions onto trucks. The Chinese PLA soldiers could also be seen using earthmovers to dismantle shelters and restoring landforms as per the agreement. These videos showed a large number of Chinese soldiers de-inducting and moving back. The Indian Army is keeping a close watch on the entire disengagement process by the Chinese army.

Indian soldiers are moving back from Gurung hill, Magar Hill, Rechin La and Rezang La from the southern bank of Pangong Tso.

These heights were occupied by Indian soldiers in a pre-emptive action in August 2020 to dominate the Chushul-Moldo area and to put pressure on the Chinese troops.

Page 2: Amitabh Bachchan promotes Ayushman Bharat scheme

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Mayor prays for no rains for 5 yrs

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sincerely, Mayor Vijaylaxmi, who has been giving non-stop TV and media interviews after assuming charge, landed in a soup when she said that she would pray to God that there should be no rains for coming five years. And that is for starters. She then jumped into the mouth of another controversy by transferring Shaikpet MRO.

But her "no rain for a lustre" comment has stunned every strata of society and citizens across the city, and state, are furious with her.

Her first statement, and action, has also stunned

party leaders and other corruptors. Almost as if he had a premonition, the Chief Minister had patiently explained the do's and don'ts like a good mentor to all those elected to the GHMC from the ruling party.

The Chief Minister had said, "You should act with patience, maintain composure and be simple. There should not be any change in your attire, language or behaviour. If you indulge in unnecessary talk, you will land in trouble. Speak carefully. Don't discriminate against people who come to you on the basis of caste or

religion. Comfort and take care of them. Give them due respect. Listen to them patiently. Help them as much as possible. Don't tell lies."

Oblivious to his wise words, the Mayor, during a TV interview, when quizzed about the preparedness of GHMC to fight floods, said that she was praying to God that there should be no rains in Hyderabad for at least five years.

Her statement went viral in no time and raised eyebrows.

Page 2: People furious over Mayor's wishes

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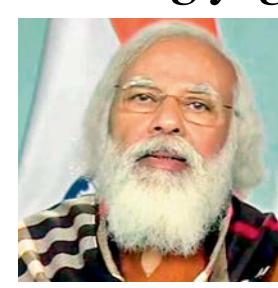


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PM wishes to see India as global spiritual hub

Stresses on embracing yoga to face uncertainties of life

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 16



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called for making India the global hub for spirituality and wellness and said the world, as it battles a pandemic, is looking at wellness and health, and that India has much to offer on these fronts.

Modi was addressing the valedictory session of Sahaj Marg (Heartfulness meditation) at the Kanha Shanti Vanam here, run by the Shri Ram Chandra Mission. Congratulating the Mission on its completion of 75 years, Modi, in his virtual address, emphasised the need for embracing yoga and meditation to effectively face the uncertainties in life.

The Prime Minister lauded Kamlesh Patel (Daaji), president of Shri Ram Chandra Mission & Guide of Heartfulness, for his contributions in keeping people energetic and healthy in a fast-paced

world. "In such times, through Sahaj Marg, the Shri Ram Chandra Mission is performing a great service to humanity. Daaji is a beautiful amalgamation of goodness of the West and India. Under Daaji's spiritual leadership, Shri Ram Chandra Mission is inspiring the whole world, and especially the youth towards a healthy body and a healthy mind," Modi said.

Modi said as India fought the coronavirus, the whole world watched to see what would happen. "Our Yoga and Ayurveda also played a major role and India's fight against corona is

inspiring the whole world," the Prime Minister said.

India, he said, is following a human-centric approach to furthering global goals, and this approach is based on a healthy, balanced welfare for the well-being of the people.

"In the last six years, India has undertaken the world's largest public welfare programme, to give the poor a life of dignity, providing universal sanitation, coverage under social welfare schemes," Modi said.

Page 2: 'Ayushman is largest healthcare scheme'

As a controversy rages over the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi for allegedly sharing a "toolkit" for the farmers' agitation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused the Opposition of "spreading lies" about the three controversial farm laws.

Addressing a function after the virtual foundation stone laying of a statue of King Suheldev, seen as an icon by the "Rajbhari" community, in UP's Bahraich district, 250 km from here, Mr Modi said the new farm laws would benefit marginal farmers the most.

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Huge rush to set up a bar in Yadadri

Applicants pay non-refundable fee of ₹1 lakh for each bar

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

There has been a flood of applications to set up a new bar in Yadadri. As many as 317 applications have been received, the highest for any bar in Telangana, when the deadline for submitting applications ended on Tuesday.

The second highest 276 applications have been received for a bar in Nereducherla in Suryapet district. Across the state, the government received 8,330 applications for setting up 159 bars. The lowest number of 21 applications has been received for six bars in Nizamabad district.

The government had issued a notification to permit 159 new bars in Telangana on January 25. Of this, 55 are to be located in GHMC limits while the rest will be in districts.

The original deadline for submission of applications ended on February 8, when as many as 7,393 applications were received.

Trophy photos with wild boars spark row

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

The culling of wild boar in the state is throwing up questions on some of the licensed hunters posing for photographs with the wild boar they have shot and their publication.

Soon after the state forest department issued orders declaring all sarpanches in the state as honorary wildlife wardens and gave them powers to engage shooters to kill wild boar destroying crops in their village limits, differences cropped up among the 30-member group of shooters who were empanelled by the department for the purpose of culling the wild pigs. While some sought payment of costs of culling operations and urged the government to make arrangements for the same, another group gave a letter to the department saying they will foot their own bills and want to take part in the culling operations to help affected farmers.

The matter of posing for photographs with culled wild boar is the latest controversy to hit the culling operations in the state. Officials said that such acts were unethical and insult the dignity of the animal, even if it was culled, under the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

These are not trophies to be displayed, a forest department official said. "In the past when hunting for sport was allowed before all wild animals in the country were given protection under the Wildlife Protection Act, posing for photographs with hunted wild animals was seen as OK. But now, every wild animal, dead or alive, is the property of the state and such acts should not be indulged in by anyone," the official said.

Approach courts for land disputes: HC

Hyderabad, Feb. 16: Telangana High Court on Tuesday made it clear that any aggrieved person can approach civil courts for redressal of claims in disputed lands under Section 9 of Telangana Rights in Land and Patta Dar Pass Books Act, 2020, provided he or she has substantial evidence.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Hima Kohli and Justice B. Vijay Sen Reddy was dealing with a petition challenging Section 9 of the act, which states that "No suit shall lie against the government or any of its officers who have made an entry in respect of any land, or amended or omitted from Record of

Manuu JAC seeks restarting of classes

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Joint Action Committee (JAC) of several students' organisations belonging to Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) has appealed to vice chancellor S. M. Rahamatullah to start academic activities at the campus on a regular basis.

In a joint representation to the VC, the JAC comprising Campus Front of India, Azad National Students Association, Muslim Students Organisation of India, Students Islamic Organisation, Azad United Students Federation and All India Azad Students League, pointed out that the university had remained locked for almost a year due to Coronavirus pan-

Thieves attempt to break open ATM

Hyderabad, Feb. 16: Unidentified thieves attempted to break into a private bank's ATM centre at Neredmet Crossroads in the wee hours of Tuesday. According to the police,

miscreants went to the ATM located at Neredmet Crossroads and tried to open the locks of the cash dispensing machine.

"Upon hearing a patrol van in the vicinity, the

men fled the place. Their attempt at stealing the cash came to light on Tuesday morning when area locals saw the broken parts and called the cops via dial 100.

No money was lost, but the ATM was partially damaged," said the police.

On receiving information, the Neredmet police visited the spot and took up the investigation.

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BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/ OFFER OPEN

BID/ OFFER CLOSES: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

In case of any revision in the Price Band or in the case of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid / Offer Period for at least three additional Working Days following such event, subject to the total Bid / Offer Period not exceeding ten Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band, and the revised Bid / Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges by issuing a press release and also by indicating the change on the websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members, and by intimation to Self-Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"), the Sponsor Bank, and other Designated Intermediaries, as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCR"), read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations"). The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in terms of Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") ("QIB Portion"), provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholder in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors, on a discretionary basis (the "Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the price at which Equity Shares are allocated to Anchor Investors. Further, 5% of the QIB Portion (excluding the Anchor Investor Portion) shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds (other than Anchor Investors), including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. Further, up to 500,000 Equity Shares may be offered for allocation and Allotment on a proportionate basis to the Eligible Employees Bidding in the Employee Reservation Portion, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders (other than Anchor Investors) shall only participate in the Offer through the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID for RIBs using UPI Mechanism) (UPI ID, RIBs and UPI Mechanism are defined hereinafter) wherein the Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of relevant Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" on page 353 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID and UPI ID (as applicable) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrars to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondences(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.

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SHORT TAKES

RETHINK ON VSP,
SANJEEVA
REDDY TELLS PMDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

All-India INTUC president G. Sanjeva Reddy, former MP, has expressed shock at union government proposing 100 per cent strategic sale of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP).

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he pointed out that the plant came into being after 32 people sacrificed their lives and thousands of farmers surrendered their lands and ancestral properties for establishment of the steel plant in central public sector.

Sanjeva Reddy stated that VSP is pride of the Telugu people. If has been able to generate resources internally and even expanded its capacity without taking any aid from government of India. The present financial problems are due to high capital borrowings for expansion purposes.

The INTUC president suggested that in view of the huge land bank of VSP, central government explore opportunities for putting the steel plant back on track without privatising it.

MAKE TS ROLE
MODEL IN
HEALTHCARE: CSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Chief secretary Somesh Kumar on Tuesday directed health officials to prepare an action plan for making Telangana a role model in the country with regard to health sector in line with the vision of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

Reviewing a meeting with the state health officials on improvement of healthcare parameters as per National Family Health Survey 5 at BRKR Bhavan, the chief secretary directed health officials to focus on antenatal check up of mothers, control anaemia, create awareness about breast feeding newborns within one hour of birth, and improve nutritional standards among children and mothers in Telangana.

The chief secretary directed officials to analyse findings of various surveys and evolve a strategy to improve various healthcare standards.

The review meeting was attended by health secretary S.A.M. Rizvi, commissioner V. Karuna, special secretary D. Divya, medical education director Dr K. Ramesh Reddy, IPM director Dr K. Shankar and other officials.

PORTRAIT MADE OF
FLOWERS TO MARK
KCR'S B'DAYDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

On the occasion of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao's birthday on Wednesday, his fans and Palla Venkanna's plant nursery owners from Kadiam in East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh have expressed their affection and birthday greetings in a novel way.

The East Godavari district residents Palla Sattibabu, Palla Subramanyam, Palla Ganapathi have made a creative portrait of CM using various coloured flowers and flower plants and conveyed their birthday wishes to the Chief Minister.

They said taking inspiration from the Chief Minister's Haritha Haaram programme aimed at turning the Telangana green and clean, they have conveyed their greetings in an innovative way.

Several appreciated the way non-Telangana people greeting the Chief Minister with such affection and creativity.

CHARGES IN
CASH-FOR-VOTE
SCAM FRAMEDDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Anti-Corruption Bureau special court in Hyderabad has framed charges in the cash-for-vote case against Congress MP Revanth Reddy and the other accused over attempt to bribe independent MLA Elvis Stephenson into voting for a TDP nominee in 2015 MLC elections.

Earlier, the court had framed charges against MLA Sandra Venkata Veeraiyah. As charges have now been framed, trial is expected to start very soon.



State Congress working president and Malkajgiri MP A. Revanth Reddy during a public meeting at Ravirala, Maheshwaram, Rangareddy on Tuesday. — GANDHI

Revanth: Padayatra in entire Telangana soon

Malkajgiri MP ends his 10-day Rythu Bharosa Padayatra

MADDY DEEKSHITI | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Minister Narendra Modi is insensitive to their voices and adopting an adamant stand.

"Since the BJP has a majority in Parliament, it has passed three farm laws. The first step opposing the farm laws was made at Nallamala, Telangana is a land of sacrifices. People of Telangana fought with several forces to realise its dream of a separate statehood. Likewise, farmers in Telangana would wage a war against the Centre until it rolled back the farm laws and another war against the state government for supporting the Union Government," Reddy said.

Prior to the public meeting, Reddy was led onto a tractor rally from Tukkuguda to the venue, graced by two Congress working presidents, five ex-MPs and other top leaders.

Reddy said the party will fight both the state and central governments on the issue of farmers' welfare and development and will not relent until both the governments took steps to withdraw their anti-farming laws.

Revanth Reddy alleged that even though the farmers are fighting against the central government for more than two months over "anti-farmer" laws, the Centre led by Prime

will be also deprived of minimum support price. Farmers will become slaves in their own lands and they have to sell the produce on prices decided by the corporate companies."

Taking a dig at the Centre and the state government, the Malkajgiri MP said the two are hand-in-glove as regards trampling farmers' interests. The livelihood of farmers is at stake, and this affects the peasants forming 80 per cent of the population.

He said PM Modi was not moved even after 195 farmers sacrificed their lives for the cause. He accused KCR of purchasing the farmland of Kadthal village at cheaper price in order to offer it to the corporate companies.

"KCR is asking Kadthal farmers to sell their land at ₹16 lakh per acre when its market price is over a crore. I ask KCR to sell his 1000-acre farmhouse at ₹25 lakh per acre. I assure him that if he sells, the money will be deposited within 48 hours. You will not sell the land. How can you ask the villagers to offer their land at cheap prices," Reddy asked.

Revanth Reddy warned that if the Centre did not roll back the farmer laws, farmers will teach the BJP a lesson in the upcoming West Bengal polls. I have everything. I can feed my family for at least three generations. My life would be purposeless if I did not step out and stand up for the farmers while 'Modi' and 'Kedi' are looting the country. I urge KCR to pass a unanimous resolution opposing the farm laws and send it to the national capital.

The Malkajgiri MP concluded his speech by saying he would embark on one more padayatra which would cover the entire Telangana.

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Citizenship: TS poser to MHA

Says it can't take unilateral decision on MLA's Citizenship

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Telangana government on Tuesday questioned the authority of Union Ministry of Home Affairs to unilaterally decide on citizenship issues. The state government's stand came when it broke its silence on the citizenship row involving Vemulawada MLA Chennamaneni Ramesh.

Never in the past has the government made its stand known in this legal battle, which has been going on for about six years now.

Following this, Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili adjourned the case by two weeks and directed the state government to file its

counter affidavit and be prepared for final hearing of the case. The judge extended the stay on the MHA order for two more weeks. Though the state has bought two weeks' time in the case, senior state police officials are apprehensive about the validity of the argument, as the MHA is not mandated to consult states in deciding about the citizenship of individuals. "In certain category of cases, the states will not have any information as the communication would remain between the MHA and Ministry of External Affairs," a senior police official told *Deccan Chronicle* on condition of anonymity.

Presenting the state's arguments in the High

Court, additional advocate general J. Ramachandra Rao said according to Schedule 2 of the Constitution of India, all matters relating to home and law and order fall within the purview of states. The Ministry of Home Affairs has taken a unilateral decision in cancelling Ramesh's citizenship without serving any notice on the state government or obtaining its inputs.

"There was neither consultation with us nor the MHA called for any records, the additional AG pointed out.

Further, he accused the MHA of declaring Ramesh as "not a citizen of India" on a "figment of imagination", which, he said, is not good in public law. People have great faith and confi-

dence in Ramesh, as reflected by his repeated victory from Vemulawada, he maintained. He sought a month's time to get back to the court with all relevant details.

However, Ravikiran Rao,

counsel for petitioner Adi Srinivas, argued that states

have no role to play in

deciding the citizenship. He

pointed out that Ramesh

himself made an applica-

tion before the Indian

Embassy in Berlin,

Germany, stating that he is

not an Indian citizen. The

MHA brought the same fact

to the notice of the court in

its affidavit, Ravikiran Rao

said. He maintained that

the material evidence sub-

mitted by the centre is suffi-

cient enough to decide the

Education meet: Call for reliance on AI, EI in Madrasas

Hyderabad, Feb. 16: Dr Mohammad Nadeem Noor, Chief, UNFPA, Bihar, has stressed the need for resort to artificial and emotional intelligence to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. "Our Madrasas should be equipped with capabilities to solve such problems of the 21st Century."

He was addressing a three-day workshop as part of the Adolescents Education Programme organised for Madrasas of Bihar under the Multi-Partner Project at Hotel Charkia, Patna.

Intellectuals from Bihar and Scholars from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi and Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad discussed the educational conditions of Islamic Madrasas. They highlighted various aspects of the resource centres proposed to be established by the Bihar government, and termed it as the realization of the dr-

eams of madrassa students. Additional chief secretary, home (Bihar), Dr Amir Subhani said the main reason for the backwardness of segments of Indian population was the weak primary education. Prof. Ejaz Masih, Jamia Millia Islamia, said the JMI has developed a training module on adolescent education, a blend of science and culture, which enhanced the skills of students through practical training.

Project director Prof. Mohammed Shahid (MANUU) said the project is becoming popular among teachers and students of Madrasas and it has gone far beyond traditional adolescent education. The novel pilot programme funded by UNFPA and being implemented by MANUU, JMI and the Bihar Madrasa Board has caught the attention of Madrasas from other states too.

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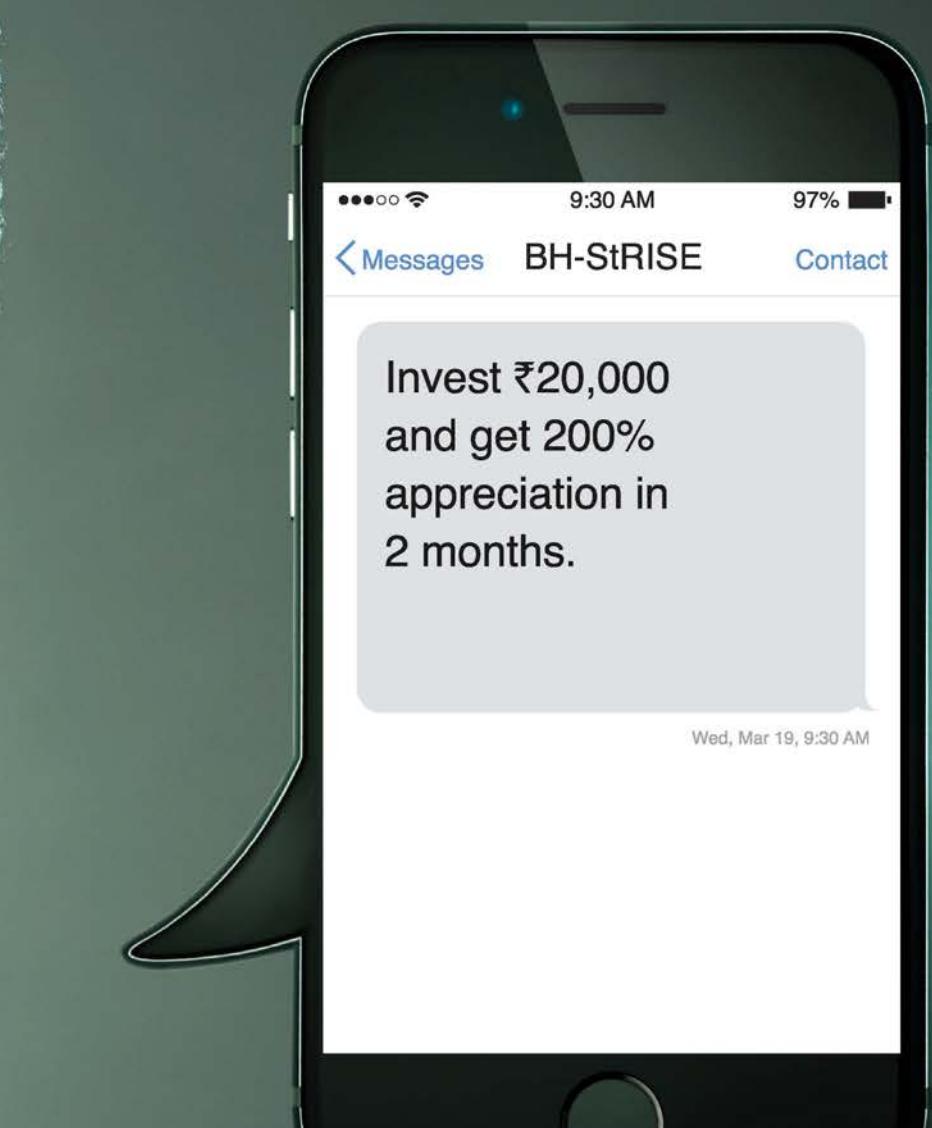
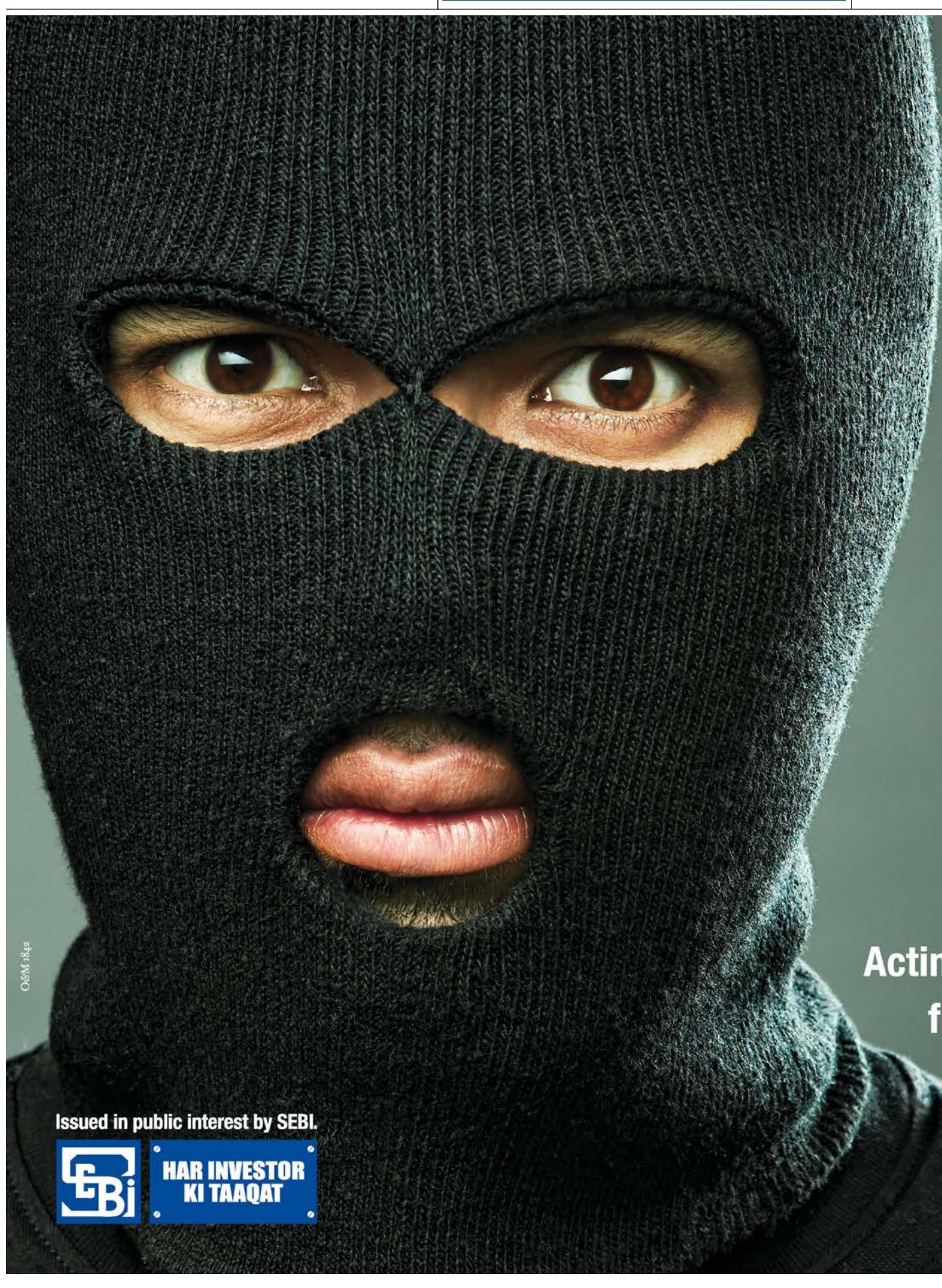
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SHORT TAKES
KCR FAMILY VISITS JOGULAMBA TEMPLE

DC CORRESPONDENT
MAHABUNNAGAR FEB. 16

Family members of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao participated in the Nijaropra Darshanam rituals of Jogulamba Ammavaru at Alampur on Tuesday.

C.M.'s wife Shobha and his daughter and MLC Kavita offered special prayers at the temple, which is famous for having the fifth Jyotirlinga in the country and the first in Telangana state. Agriculture minister Niraj Reddy accompanied the dignitaries to the temple.

Speaking to media, MLC Kavita said, "We sought the blessings of Jogulamba for the welfare of the state." Meanwhile, IT and municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao visited the house of minister V. Sreenivas Goud at Mahabubnagar to condole the death of his father and consoled the bereaved family.

HIGH-LEVEL MEET DISCUSSES ISSUES OF NRI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Chief secretary Somesh Kumar on Tuesday conducted a meeting with senior officials of Police, General Administration Department, Labour and External Affairs Department of the central government at BRKR Bhavan on problems faced by non-resident Indians hailing from Telangana, who have migrated to various countries, particularly the Gulf.

The meeting was convened as per directions of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao to initiate the process of drafting Telangana state government's NRI policy.

The CS asked officials to compile problems and issues faced by NRIs of Telangana and also give their suggestions for resolving the same.

These suggestions will be submitted to the CM and minister for NRI affairs K. T. Rama Rao, so that an appropriate policy and procedures could be evolved.

79% HEALTHCARE WORKERS RECEIVE VACCINATION

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

The second dose of vaccination against Covid-19 for government healthcare workers saw a 79 per cent of them receiving it on Tuesday. While, the total number of beneficiaries planned for the vaccination were 49,453, 39,016 of them were vaccinated.

Four minor adverse effects were noticed but they recovered soon, stated the government officials.

About 260 beneficiaries were given the first dose today as they could not attend it earlier. The total number of beneficiaries for first dose stands at 2,79,518.

Sources said, "There were healthcare workers who were not well, some of them were recovering from Covid-19 and others were not available due to their professional commitments. They have requested and come forward to take the first dose."

The vaccination drive for government healthcare workers will continue till February 18.

Exam schedule declared for SSC, other exams

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

Director of Government Examinations (DGE) has announced the schedule for SSC, OSSC and vocational public examinations being held in May 2021.

The last date for remittance of examination fee by candidates to headmasters concerned without late fee is February 25. With late fee of ₹50 it is March 3, March 12 with late fee of ₹200 and March 16 with late fee of ₹500.

The last date for remittance of exam fee by headmasters into the sub-treasury of SBI is March 1. With late fee of ₹50, it is March 4, with late fee of ₹200 March 12 and with late fee of ₹500 is March 17.

According to director A. Satyanarayana Reddy, fee for regular candidates for all subjects is ₹125 and ₹110 for up to three and less than 3 subjects.

For more than three subjects, the

BJP MP's firm blames Centre

Firm says Modi govt lacked monitoring system at the hydel project site

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

It was not just the workers at the under-construction Tapovan hydroelectric power project on Dhauliganga river who had no clue what was in store for them on the morning of February 7, when a huge chunk of the Nanda Devi glacier came apart and crashed down. The sudden cascading of torrential volumes of water, resulted in a disastrous flash flood of water and debris that has so far left 54 dead, with another 116 persons unaccounted for as on Tuesday.

Even the higher-ups and officials, including the management of the Hyderabad-based Rithwik Projects Private Limited, which is constructing the project had no clue. "There was no monitoring system. There was no alarm, either from the Central government or the Uttarakhand government, or the units of the Border Security Force (BSF) or Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in the area," C.M. Rajesh, executive director of Hyderabad-based Rithwik Projects Private Limited, told *Deccan Chronicle*.

C.M. Rajesh is the brother of C.M. Ramesh, who is currently a member of Rajya Sabha with the Bharatiya Janata Party. Mr Ramesh was, however, elected as an MP when he was part of the Telugu Desam. He, along with three other TDP MPs, broke the six member TD RS group and joined the ruling BJP after the 2019 elections.

Rithwik Projects was awarded the contract for the construction of a barrage and desilting chamber, referred to as 'balancing works', for the run-of-the-river 520 megawatt power plant, designed to generate hydel power from four 120 MW units.

"We were scheduled to complete construction by December this year. Already 99 per cent of the barrage work has been completed. Work is in progress on the desilting chamber at the 1,060 metres tunnel," Rajesh said.

Though Uttarakhand suffered badly during the 2013 flash floods, the state government never established a monitoring mechanism, he said. He also indicated that nowhere in the run up to the construction or after beginning it, was a possible or potential threat from upstream events brought to the notice of the company.

Rajesh said that everyone in his firm was distraught over the loss of lives, adding that the workers on site had very little time to escape because of the absence of a warning.

"It was thanks to a phone call from a villager upstream from the project site that an alarm was sounded off. Some of the staff managed to get to safety before the flood hit the site," he said.

On the possible financial impact on Rithwik Project because of the disaster and accident, Rajesh said that the "company itself does not expect to face any adverse commercial impact" on account of the accident "because of insurance".

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is providing an ex-gratia of ₹20 lakh to the kin of victims and a permanent job to one person from each of the affected families. These families will also receive anywhere between ₹8 lakh to ₹15 lakh through the workmen insurance compensation. Rithwik would not have to pay any amount from its exchequer.

The rescue operations, meanwhile, are hampered by tons of slush and debris. Work, though slow, is expected to continue for the next few days. The clean up job, before work can be resumed complete the rest of the construction at Tapovan, is expected to take at least a few months.



Rescue and restoration work continues at damaged Tapovan barrage, weeks after the glacier burst at Joshimath which triggered a massive flash flood, in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, on Tuesday. — PTI

Scientists reconstruct source of glacier burst

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

tures, and seasonal variations in temperatures, weathered resulting in the rock becoming like a multi-layered wafer. Gravity did its part in this weakened rock breaking off from under the glacier leaving the mass of ice hanging, which ultimately broke off on February 7.

● A hanging glacier with a rock mass at a height of 5,600 metres above mean sea level broke off leaving behind a signature of its fall.

● It rolled down a steep 40 degree gradient taking with it rock, soil and moraine (rock and soil previously carried by a glacier and deposited along its course), and freshly fallen snow to 3,600 metres MSL very quickly.

● The breaking ice chunks, and other debris fell into a nala, a stream formed by a glacial melt.

● This material travelled about 8.5 km downstream where the nala joined the Rishiganga river at 2,300 metres MSL, that is also fed by the glacier.

● By this time, this humongous amount of slurry got deposited along the course of the Dhauliganga river.

As the slurry moved downstream, the valley slowly widened and the height at which the ice, water and slush moved came down as did its speed.

By this time, the material had travelled 22 km, swamping the Tapovan Vishnugad Hydel Power Project, crossing which it slowly lost momentum and material as the slurry got deposited along the course of the Dhauliganga river.

TELANGANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD REGIONAL OFFICE: R.C.PURAM ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the EIA Notification No.S.O. 1533, dated 14th September 2006 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India and Amendments thereof, it is to notify that M/s Sri Sateesh Kumar Bombotula has proposed Mining of minerals project with the production capacity of Rough stone and Road metal - 94,260 M3/Year in an area of 2.428 Ha situated at Sy. No. 780, Irkode Village, Siddipet Rural Mandal, Siddipet Dist. Telangana state and it is proposed to have an Environmental Public Hearing for the project. The details of the project are given below:

- Name of the Company, Address of Reg. office with Telephone No. M/s Sri Sateesh Kumar Bombotula, House No.13-23/1, NGO's Colony, Siddipet Rural Manda, Siddipet Dist, Telangana - 502114.
- Proposed Location Sy.No.780, Irkode Village, Siddipet Rural Mandal, Siddipet Dist.
- Name of the Authorized person to be contacted Sri Sateesh Kumar Bombotula, Proponent House No. 13-23/1, NGO's Colony, Siddipet Rural Mandal Siddipet Dist, Telangana-502114. Mobile : 9676000770.
- Name of the Project consultant/ Environmental Consultant M/s TEAM Labs and Consultants, B-115 to 117 & 509, Annuparna Block, Aditya Enclave, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500038. Email:teamlabs@gmail.com Contact No.040-23748556/16.
- Capital Cost Rs.30.0 Lakhs
- Line of activity and Mining Capacity Mining of minerals (1a) (-50 ha of mining Lease area in respect non-coal mine lease)
- Date: 19.03.2021 (Friday) at 11.00 AM Venue: In the open lands near the proposed project site.

8. Places of availability of executive summary (Telugu & English) & Draft EIA, EMP report of proposed project are kept open for Public:

1. O/o The Collector & District Magistrate, Siddipet Collectorate, Siddipet District.

2. O/o The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Siddipet District.

3. O/o The Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Parivarav Bhavan, A-3, Industrial Estate, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad- 500018.

4. O/o The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, H.No. 25-35/11, 2nd Floor, Tulsi Reddy Complex, R.C. Puram, Sangareddy District.

5. O/o The Environmental Engineer, Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, R.C. Puram, 25-35/11, Tulsi Reddy complex, 2nd Floor, Near Mandal Office, R.C. Puram, Sangareddy District.

6. O/o The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Regional Office, South East Zone, I & II Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034

7. O/o The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Forest, Science & Technology, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

8. O/o The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Siddipet District.

9. O/o The District Revenue Officer, Siddipet, Siddipet District.

10. O/o The Revenue Divisional Officer, Siddipet Division, Siddipet District.

11. O/o The Tahsildar, Siddipet Rural Mandal of Siddipet District.

12. The Grampanchayat Office of Irkode Village, Siddipet Rural Mandal, Siddipet District.

Suggestions, views, comments and objections of the public on Environmental issues, if any, are invited on the above project with in 30 days from the date of publication of the notification from all persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups, others located at project sites/lessees likely to be affected. All above persons can also submit written suggestions to the under signed of the Telangana State Pollution Control Board. The interested persons can take part in the proceedings of the Public Hearing on the date and venue specified above.

Place: R.C.Puram Date: 16.02.2021

Sd/- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER,
T.S.POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

*This notice of Public Hearing is issued as per the Appendix IV of EIA Notification 2006 and its cost is borne by the project Proponent

R.O.No.1473-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21

PEOPLE, POWER UNITS, NONE STOOD A CHANCE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 16

When a portion of the Nanda Devi glacier, near Reni village in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand state, cracked and fell down on February 7, those downstream, be it villages and the people in these villages by the Rishiganga or Dhauliganga rivers, or the under construction Rishiganga, and the Tapovan Vishnugad hydel power stations — did not stand a chance.

Powering the sudden surge of ice, water, rocks and soil and other debris downstream was a humongous chunk of ice — 35 lakh cubic metres of it — washing away everything in front of it and causing enormous damage and deaths of at least 54 persons with more than a 100 still unaccounted for and now presumed dead.

In addition to the ice from the glacier, there was the rock that it was resting on, which is now believed to have given way sometime before the glacier broke. It was a triangular shaped rock about 400 to 500 metres from its base to its tip and as of now, there are no accurate estimates of how much it could have weighed but the debris from its fall, was pushed down by the glacier chunk and anything close to a lakh tonnes or more of rock, soil and ice raced downstream.

The section of the glacier that broke, was around 700 metres long and 500 metres wide. It was at least 10 metres thick. And the cracks now visible on the glacier from where it broke off, indicate that the heavy snowfall in the three days preceding February 7, may have triggered its fall. "Or there could be some other trigger but that is a matter still being studied," Dr Kalachand Jain, the Director of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, told *Deccan Chronicle*.

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IN BRIEF
RSS CHIEF VISITS MITHUN CHAKRABORTY

SONU SHrivastava | DC
MUMBAI, FEB. 16

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday met Bollywood film actor Mithun Chakraborty at his Mumbai residence over breakfast. Mithun Chakraborty was Rajya Sabha member of Trinamool Congress (TMC) in the past. The meeting between Chakraborty and Bhagwat assumes political significance as the state Assembly election in West Bengal is just three months away.

However, the actor said that he had a "spiritual relationship" with the RSS chief.

The BJP is considered a political wing of the RSS. The BJP has brought many leaders from the TMC.

But it is still looking for a face in West Bengal. It is said that the RSS chief's meeting may be an attempt in this direction.

Confirming the meeting with Mr Bhagwat, Mr. Chakraborty told a news channel, "Let me inform you that I have been sharing a spiritual relationship with Mohan Bhagwat ji for a long time. He once said that when he will be in Mumbai, he would come to my home. He loves me and my family. As he is in Mumbai for his work, so he checked with me whether this date is fine with me or not."

The veteran actor also said that the RSS chief has invited him and his family to Nagpur, which is RSS headquarters.

JOSHI CALLS RAHUL 'MIGRANT LEADER'

GILVESTER ASSARY | DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEB. 16

BJP central minister Prahlad Joshi on Tuesday targeted Congress MP Rahul Gandhi calling him a "migrant leader" hiding in Kerala.

Joshi, who is the election in-charge of Kerala slammed, Rahul Gandhi for running away from Amethi and accused him of doing nothing for the people of that constituency which was once the pocketborough of his family. The people of Kerala would soon realise that the Congress will do nothing for the state or its people, he said.

But the Congressmen here say that despite BJP's dig at Rahul Gandhi, the Wayanad MP continues to be very popular not only in his constituency which he visits quite often, but in the entire state. Unlike north India, BJP will not be able to gain much from its anti-Rahul tirade in Kerala.

The BJP leader who was addressing a press conference in Thrissur, dared Rahul Gandhi to make his stand clear on the Sabarimala issue. He said the Congress leader had supported the Supreme Court verdict allowing entry of women belonging to all ages into Sabarimala temple. "Rahul Gandhi and the state unit of the Congress have adopted a divergent stand on the issue," he said.

WOMAN PARADED CARRYING BOY ON SHOULDER

DC CORRESPONDENT
BHOPAL, FEB 16

A woman in a Madhya Pradesh village was forced to walk 3 km barefoot carrying a teenaged boy on her shoulder allegedly by her in-laws as punishment for having an 'extramarital affair', police said on Tuesday.

The shocking incident that took place in Sanai village in Guna district on February 9, came to light on Tuesday when a video of it went viral.

Five persons including a minor were arrested in connection with the incident, Guna district superintendent of police Rajesh Kumar Mishra said. In the video clip, the 20-year-old woman was seen walking barefoot with the boy on her shoulder as some people were thrashing her with sticks and cricket bats.

The woman had separated from her husband, a resident of Banskhedi village, two years ago and was living with another man in the village of Sanai. On the fateful day, some members from her husband's family stormed her house and dragged her out. They then forced her to walk barefoot 3 km with the boy on her shoulder while beating her along the way.

PM says farm laws to benefit marginal farmers the most

BJP asks its leaders to 'expose the conspiracy' behind the protests

ANIMESH SINGH & YOJNA GUSAI | DC
with agency inputs
NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

As a controversy rages over the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi for allegedly sharing a 'toolkit' for the farmers' agitation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused the Opposition of "spreading lies" about the three farm laws.

Addressing a function after the virtual foundation stone laying of a statue of King Suheldev seen as an icon by the "Rajbhari" (OBC) community in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich district, 250 km from here, Mr. Modi said the new farm laws would benefit marginal farmers the most.

"Lies are being spread that farmers will lose their lands owing to the new laws. The farmers have realised the new farm laws are for their benefit, and they are now exposing the lies of those opposing them," he said.

The ruling BJP's top brass, including home minister Amit Shah and party president J.P. Nadda, on Tuesday held a meeting of its leaders, MPs and MLAs, from the Jat and farmer-dominated areas of western Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan over the ongoing protests.

Amid feedback reaching the BJP leadership that the Jat community, which is considered a strong



AISA activists display placards and shout slogans during a protest against the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi, at Police Headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. - PTI

votebank of the party, seems to be swerving because of the ongoing farmers' protests, the BJP held this meeting and asked its leaders to "expose the conspiracy" behind the protests.

The party asked its leaders to reach out to the



A medic shows a Covid vaccine vial at Hindu Rao Hospital in New Delhi on Tuesday. - PTI

SA VARIANT OF COVID DETECTED IN 4 IN INDIA

DC CORRESPONDENT
with agency input
NEW DELHI, FEB. 16

While the number of Covid-19 cases in India are on a steady decline, a few cases of the more infectious variant of the South African and Brazilian strains of the coronavirus are now a cause of concern for the government.

The new variants have been detected in India from people flying in from South Africa and Brazil prompting the government to announce much more aggressively testing of the incoming passengers and their contacts.

So far, four persons have been found with the South African strain of Covid-19 while one person has been found to have the Brazil variant.

All five persons are under institutional quarantine. There are 187 cases of the mutated UK strain in the country.

Toolkit : Delhi Police seeks info from Zoom

New Delhi, Feb 16: Intensifying its probe in the toolkit case, the Delhi Police on Tuesday sought details from video conferencing platform Zoom on the participants of the January 11 meeting by a pro-Khalistan group, while investigators were also looking into the funding aspect, sources said.

The Delhi Commission for Women sent a notice to the city police on the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi in the case and sought a report by Friday on issues like why she was allegedly not provided a lawyer of her choice when produced before a court.

However, Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava denied any lapse.

"Disha Ravi's arrest has been made in accordance with the law which doesn't differentiate between a 22-year-old or a 50-year-old," he told reporters at an event while dismissing criticism of the police action against Ravi.

Sources said police are also likely to approach WhatsApp seeking details of the 'International Farmers' Strike' group created in December.

According to police, Disha Ravi, along with Mumbai lawyer Nikita Jacob and Pune engineer Shantanu, created the "toolkit" related to the farmers' agitation and shared it with others to "tarnish" India's image.

The police on Monday claimed that Disha sent the "toolkit" to teen climate activist Greta Thunberg and also "coaxed her to act on it".

Yadav.

Mr Shah, it is learnt, told the party leaders that the Leftists are perturbed with the growing support of Mr. Modi, the BJP and its ideology and the protests have nothing to do with farmers and are "political in nature."

The meeting was also attended by agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar and party general secretaries Arun Singh and Bhupendra

Shah.

The additional commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) denied the possibility of imposing another lockdown in the city if people continue to flout basic Covid-19 rules.

"It's a matter of concern. Most people travelling in local trains don't wear masks. People must take precautions or we will head towards another lockdown. Whether a lockdown will be implemented again is in the hands of people," Ms Pednekar said on Tuesday.

The mayor appealed to people to follow safety rules to prevent the spread of Covid-19. "We should continue wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining social distance. Even almost a year after Covid-19 outbreak, citizens have to take precautions. If carelessness is shown, the State Government might think of another lockdown in the city," she said.

According to the civic sources, places like Borivali, Andheri, Jogeshwari, Kandivali, Malad, Ghatkopar, Bhandup, Mulund and Chembur have again seen a rise in coronavirus cases in recent days.

Maharashtra is back at the country's top spot again, reporting maximum daily Covid infections.

Mumbai city is reporting the highest single-day cases in the state with a spike of 461 on Tuesday, 493 on Monday and 645 on Sunday. The total number of coronavirus patients in the city has reached 3,15,030, while the number of deaths is 11,423.

Though Suresh Kakani,

the company airlifted machinery, including high-end submersible slush removal pumps, to fast-track the operation.

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"We found a survivor in Himachal Pradesh even on the 10th day of a similar tragedy. There are miracles. But there are lakhs of metric tonnes of sludge in the tunnel. However, as a soldier and a rescuer, I can only say the operations will continue till the last

Assets worth ₹17cr of Amnesty India attached

New Delhi, Feb 16: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it has attached over ₹17 crore bank deposits in connection with its money laundering case against two entities of Amnesty International (India), the global human rights watchdog.

The agency said in a statement that a provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) "attaching bank accounts of Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIPL) and Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT)".

It said "both the entities have acquired the proceeds of crime and layered the same in the form of various movable properties. The order involves attachment of movable properties worth of ₹17.66 crore being proceeds of crime".

This money laundering case of the ED is based on a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) FIR filed against AIPL, IAIT, Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT) and Amnesty International South Asia Foundation (AISAF) that was filed under various sections of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which denotes criminal conspiracy.

"Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT) had been granted permission under the FCRA during 2011-12 for receiving foreign contribution from the Amnesty International UK," it said. However, the statement said the same was cancelled on the basis of the "adverse" inputs received.

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SC clarifies: No suo motu contempt case against scribe

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"This is in context with the news items about initiating suo motu criminal contempt proceeding against Rajdeep Sardesai by the Supreme Court, it is made clear that no such proceeding has been initiated against Rajdeep Sardesai.

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Rescue ops to continue till last victim is reached, says NDRF commandant

2 more bodies recovered from Tapovan tunnel, toll 58

Tapovan, Feb 16: Two more bodies were recovered early Tuesday from the Tapovan tunnel where intense rescue operations were underway for the 10th consecutive day in search of those missing in the Uttarakhand flash floods.

The multi-agency rescue effort in Chamoli district is focusing on the Tapovan tunnel where about 30 workers were feared trapped. The agencies involved in the Tapovan rescue work include the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, the National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force.

While one body was recovered past midnight, another was recovered around 2 am from the tunnel, the official deputed at a temporary mortuary at Tapovan where the bodies are being kept said.

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CINEMA

AstraZeneca vax gets WHO nod

It will allow UN agency's partners to ship doses to nations and tame virus

Toronto, Feb. 16: The World Health Organisation has granted an emergency authorisation to AstraZeneca's Coronavirus vaccine, a move that should allow the UN agency's partners to ship millions of doses to countries as part of a UN-backed programme to tame the pandemic.

In a statement Monday, the WHO said it was clearing the AstraZeneca vaccines made by the Serum Institute of India and South Korea's AstraZeneca-SK Bio.

The WHO's green light for the AstraZeneca vaccine is only the second one the UN health agency has issued after authorizing the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in December. Monday's announcement should trigger the delivery of hundreds of millions of doses to countries that have signed up for the UN-backed COVAX effort, which aims to deliver vaccines to the world's most vulnerable people.

"Countries with no access to vaccines to date will finally be able to start vaccinating their health workers and populations at risk," said Dr. Mariangela Simao, the WHO's Assistant-Director General

for Access to Medicines and Health Products.

The Coronavirus has infected more than 109 million people and killed at least 2.4 million of them. But many countries have not yet started vaccination programmes and even rich nations are facing shortages of vaccine doses as manufacturers struggle to ramp up production.

The AstraZeneca vaccine forms the bulk of COVAX's stockpile and concerns were recently raised after an early study suggested it might not prevent mild and moderate disease caused by the variant first seen in South Africa. Last week, South Africa scaled back its planned rollout of the AstraZeneca vaccine, opting instead to use an unlicensed shot from Johnson & Johnson for its health care workers. COVAX has already missed its own goal of beginning coronavirus vaccinations in poor countries at the same time that shots were rolled out in rich countries.

Numerous developing countries have rushed in recent weeks to sign their own private deals to buy vaccines, unwilling to wait for COVAX. WHO and its partners, including the vaccines alliance GAVI, have not said which countries will receive the first doses from COVAX.

—AP

TURKEY HOLDS WANTED NZ I.S. MILITANT

Ankara, Feb. 16: Three New Zealand citizens were detained while attempting to illegally cross into Turkey from Syria, Turkey's Defence Ministry said. A ministry statement posted on Twitter on Monday said the group included a 26-year-old woman wanted on an Interpol notice for allegedly belonging to the extremist Islamic State group. The woman was identified only by her initials SA.

The three were caught by border security units while trying to sneak into the town of Reyhanli, in Hatay province, the ministry said. The state-run Anadolu Agency said the woman was accompanied by two children when she arrived at a local courthouse to be questioned by judicial officials following her interrogation by police.

Turkey has intensified security along its border with Syria to prevent infiltrations and regularly carries out raids against suspected IS militants in the country.

Turkey has been hit by a string of attacks since 2015 by Kurdish militants and IS extremists.

—PTI

Prosecutor seeks \$13K fine in Navalny defamation case

Moscow, Feb. 16: A Russian prosecutor on Tuesday asked a Moscow court to fine opposition figure Alexei Navalny 950,000 rubles (\$13,000/10,600 euros) for allegedly defaming a 94-year-old veteran. The prosecution also asked for a three-and-a-half year suspended sentence Navalny received in 2014 to be converted into real jail time as the alleged defamation occurred during the suspended sentence.

Another Moscow court earlier this month already converted the suspended sentence to jail time over Navalny allegedly violating the terms of the suspended sentence while recovering from a poisoning attack in Germany.

A Moscow district court was on Tuesday hearing the final arguments in the defamation case against Navalny, who referred

to the World War II veteran and others who appeared in a Kremlin video as "traitors".

Navalny took part in the hearing from inside a glass cage for defendants. Wearing a blue hoodie, the 44-year-old anti-graft campaigner frequently smiled and paced inside the glass cell, an AFP journalist reported.

His lawyer Olga Mikhailova insisted the charges were "contrived and arbitrary". After the final arguments were delivered, the judge adjourned the hearing to February 20.

Another Moscow court on Tuesday was scheduled to hear a libel case against Navalny launched by Kremlin-linked businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin.

The 59-year-old businessman, nicknamed "Putin's chef" because his company Concord

On Sunday several hundred female activists formed a human chain in central Moscow in a show of support for Navalny's wife Yulia and other women caught up in the crackdown.

—AFP



2nd WEEK

DEVI 70MM-RTC X ROADS
(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS)
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

ARJUN 70MM-11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

KONARK 70MM-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

TALLURI 70MM-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SRLAXMIKALAMANDIR-6.30, 9.30PM

ARADHANA 70MM-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

SRINIVASA 70MM-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

SAMPOORNA 70MM-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

JYOTHI 70MM-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BHUJANGA 70MM-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

SIVASAKTHI 70MM-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

OAMB 10.30AM, 1.55PM, 4.20PM, 7.55, 10.40PM

4.15, 7.00, 9.45PM

GPR 1.50, 7.30PM

RADHIKA 1.40, 7.45PM

UPPL 1.40, 7.45, 10.10PM

MCUBE 1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM

INORBIT 1.20, 7.20, 10.15PM

CENTRAL 2.10, 7.35, 10.30PM

FORUM 11.00, 1.50, 5.00, 7.55, 10.50PM

GALLERIA 11.00, 4.15, 8.05, 11.00PM

IRRUMMANZIL 12.20, 6.20, 9.15PM

MUSARAMBAGH 12.20, 6.20, 9.15PM

PRISTON 3.50, 6.50, 9.40PM

ICON 12.45, 7.05, 10.00PM

GVK 10.20, 7.30, 10.40PM

MP 1.50, 7.30, 10.30PM

GSM 1.50, 4.50, 7.50, 10.50PM

11.00, 2.10, 7.50, 10.45PM

LAXMIKALA 2.45, 9.45PM

MANTRA 1.00, 1.55, 7.30PM

CCPL 1.00, 12.50, 7.30PM

DSL 1.00, 7.35, 10.35PM

SUDHA 12.15, 7.10PM

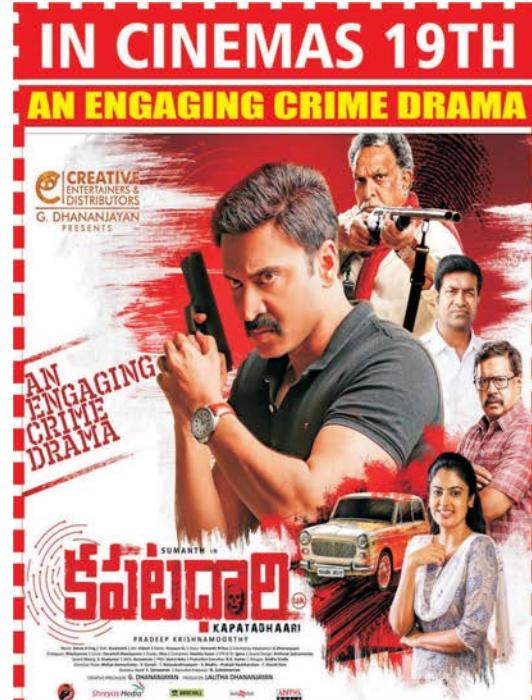
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SAPTHAGIRI 70 RTC X ROADS

ARJUN 70MM-KUKATPALLY

KONARK 70MM-DILSHUKNAGAR

AMB AMB CINEMAS-GACHIBOWLI

LAXMIKALA CINEPRIDE MOOSAPET

PRASADS 11.30, 5.15, 11.00PM

RADHIKA | **CINESQUARE** | **MCUBE**

SIVAGANGA | **GPR** | **NARAPALLY**

PVR | **MUSARAMBAGH** | **IRRUMMANZIL** | **ICON**

CENTRAL | **FORUM** | **GALLERIA** | **INORBIT**

RK PLEX | **PRESTON** |

MP MALL | **GSM MALL** | **GOLD**

GVK MALL | **Cinemax** | **AMEERPET**

PLATINUM | **TIVOLI** | **MIRAJ**

CINEMAS

VIMAL 70MM-BALANAGAR

SRI LATHA 70MM-R.C.PURAM

SAMPOORNA VANASTALIPURAM

MAHALAXMI COMPLEX

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MEGHA 70-DILSHUKNAGAR

11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

LAXMIKALA 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

FORUM 1.55PM | **INORBIT** 5.10PM

ICON 4.00PM | **GALLERIA** 1.10PM

IRRUMMANZIL 3.15PM | **CENTRAL** 11.00PM

MUSARAMBAGH 3.15PM

CCPL 10.20PM | **DSL** 10.50PM

MANTRA 10.25PM

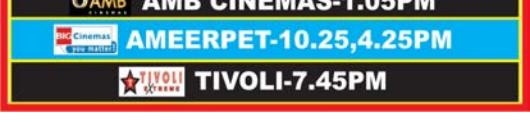
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7.30 PM

CINESQUARE ASIAN 4.30PM | **Cinemax** 10.00, 1.25PM

AMEERPET 10.00, 1.25PM

SRI LAXMIKALA MANDIR-11.30, 2.30



KRACKING BLOCKBUSTER

6th WEEK

KRACK SAPTAGIRI 70MM

11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BRAMARAMBA 70-KUKATPALLY

11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

RAJADHANI COMPX-DILSKUNAGAR

11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

ANJALI 70MM-2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

TALLURI COM-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SRI DEVICPURAM 11.20, 6.00, 9.00PM

OAMB AMB CINEMAS-1.05PM

AMEERPET 10.25, 4.25PM

TIVOLI 7.45PM

IN CINEMAS 19TH

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SANDHYA 35MM

NOW SHOWING
SUDARSHAN35
RTG X ROADS
(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS)
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

Covid-19 safety standards for our audiences.
1. 100% Fresh Air every second.
2. NO RE-CIRCULATION OF AIR.
3. Large & Spacious Auditoriums.
4. Sanitization done after every show.
5. Thermal Check & Mask Compulsory.
6. Hand Sanitizers everywhere.

NOW SHOWING
Bolo Hau
Say Yes To Love!
Directed by Dhanrajgir
KUMAR70MM-KACHIGUDA
11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00PM
METRO70MM-BAHADURPURA
11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00PM
Dhanrajgir Productions-9121681745

EMOTIONAL HIT SEE TODAY
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ASIAN CINEMAS
SHA-11.00,2.15,4.25,6.15,9.30
GPR-10.20,10.40,1.35,4.30,7.25,10.20PM
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HEART TOUCHING LOVE STORY SEE TODAY
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SANGETH-11.15,2.15,6.00,9.00
MAHALAXMI-11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

RAJADHANI COMPLEX
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

VISWANATH70MM
11.45,2.45,6.45,9.45PM

MALLIKARJUNA70MM
11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30PM

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

TARAKARAMA70MM
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

SRI SAIRAM70-MALKAJGIRI
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

SRIRAMULU70-MOOSAPET
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MALLAPUR-10.20,12.15,1.30,3.25,
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New charge may see Suu Kyi being detained without trial

Accused of violating a law used to prosecute those breaking virus curbs

Yangon, Feb. 16: Police in Myanmar filed a new charge against ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, her lawyer said Tuesday, which may allow her to be held indefinitely without trial. Lawyer Khin Maung Zaw told reporters after meeting with a judge in the capital, Naypyitaw, that Suu Kyi has been charged with violating Article 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Law, which has been used to prosecute people who have broken Coronavirus restrictions.

Suu Kyi, who was ousted in a military coup on Feb. 1, has already been charged with possessing walkie-talkies that were imported without being registered. The maximum punishment for the Covid-19 violation is three years' imprisonment. However, the new charge may allow her to be held indefinitely without trial because a change in the Penal Code instituted by the junta last week permits detention without court permission.

Groups of demonstrators turned out in Yangon and other cities on Tuesday to protest the coup and demand that Suu Kyi and members of her ousted government be freed from detention. In Yangon, police blocked off the street in front of the Central Bank, which protesters have targeted amid speculation online

that the military is seeking to seize money from them.

Buddhist monks demonstrated outside the UN's local office. The protests are taking place in defiance of an order banning gatherings of five or more people. Around 3,000 demonstrators — mainly students — returned to the streets in Mandalay, the country's second biggest city, carrying posters of Suu Kyi and shouting for the

return of democracy. Security presence was low-key around the march, with most police guarding key buildings in the city, such as state banks branches. On Monday in Mandalay, soldiers and police violently broke up a gathering of more than 1,000 protesters in front of the Myanmar Economic Bank. They attacked the protesters with slingshots and sticks, and police could be seen aiming long guns into

the air amid sounds that resembled gunfire.

Local media reported rubber bullets were fired into the crowd and that a few people were injured. The government ordered internet access blocked on Sunday and Monday nights without giving a reason. It has in the past few weeks imposed selective and ineffective blocks on social media platforms and prepared a draft internet law that would criminalise on-

line activities. — AP

There is also widespread speculation that the government is installing a firewall system that can monitor or block most or all online activity. State media were acknowledging the protest movement with indirect references. The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported about a meeting of the State Administration Council, the new top governing body, and

Independent committee will examine Capitol riot: Pelosi

Mayhem: Dozens charged spewed extremist rhetoric

Washington, Feb. 16: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress will establish an independent Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the US Capitol.

Pelosi said the commission will investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the Jan. 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power." In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol.

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection.

Investigators found invoices for more than \$750 worth of live ammunition and for a firearm designed to look like a cellphone at the Virginia home of Thomas Caldwell, who's charged with conspiring with members of the far-right

Oath Keepers militia group in one of the most sinister plots in the US Capitol siege.

Right-wing extremists, blessed by Donald Trump, were unleashed last month, and their menacing presence has reignited the debate over domestic extremism and how law enforcement should be handling these groups.

Their talk of civil war, traitors and revolution mirrored fighting words echoed by right-wing social media personalities and websites for months as Trump spread bogus claims about a rigged presidential election.

Investigators found review of the Capitol's security process.

In her letter Monday, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened."

She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General Honor's interim report-

ing that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol."

Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signalled that even more inquiries were likely.

The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10

votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump. — AP

INDIAN-AMERICAN
Pronita Gupta has been named US President Joe Biden's Special Assistant for Labour and Workers on the Domestic Policy Council.

A defence lawyer said they would appeal the verdict at a higher court.

Roy was born in Bangladesh in 1972 and moved to the United States in 2006 from where he continued to criticise the government for the jailing of atheist bloggers. — AFP

London, Feb. 16: The British government said on Tuesday it will appoint a free speech champion for universities to protect against attempts to silence academics and speakers with unpopular opinions. Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said he was deeply worried about the chilling effect on campuses of unacceptable silencing and censoring.

That is why we must strengthen free speech in higher education, by bolstering the existing legal duties and ensuring strong, robust action is taken if these are breached, he said.

The new champion will investigate allegations of infringement of free speech, such as the dismissal of academics or the no platforming of invited speakers.

The Conservative government also plans to give a regulator, the Office for Students, powers to fine universities that breach a requirement to support free speech.

Academics and others who are expelled, dismissed or demoted for their views will be able to seek compensation through the courts under the plans, which have not yet been turned into law.

In recent years,

Opponents also accuse the government of putting pressure on education and heritage organisations not to highlight the negative aspects of Britain's history.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson and other senior ministers have opposed the removal of statues to historical figures associated with slavery and the British Empire.

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden has written to government-funded museums and historic sites to warn them against removing statues, saying they should not be taking actions motivated by activism or politics.

The University and College Union, which represents academics, accused the government of fighting phantom threats. In reality the biggest threats to academic freedom and free speech come not from staff and students, or from so-called cancel culture, but from ministers' own attempts to police what can and cannot be said on campus, and a failure to get to grips with the endemic job insecurity and managerialist approaches which mean academics are less able to speak truth to power, said general secretary Jo Grady. — AP



Demonstrators display pictures of detained Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a protest against the military coup in Mandalay, Myanmar on Tuesday.

5 BANGLADESH ISLAMISTS GET DEATH SENTENCE

Dhaka, Feb. 16: Five Islamist extremists were sentenced to death on Tuesday over the brutal murder of a Bangladeshi-American writer and rights activist six years ago.

Arijit Roy, a prolific blogger and the author of 10 books, including the best-selling "Biswas-Virus" ("Virus of Faith"), was hacked to death outside Bangladesh's largest book fair by machete-wielding extremists in February 2015.

The murder enraged the Muslim-majority nation's secular activists, who staged days of protests.

The judge at Dhaka's Special Anti-Terrorism Tribunal found six people guilty, sentencing five to death and one to life in prison. Two of them were tried in absentia, including sacked army officer Sved Ziaul Haque, who was accused of leading the group that carried out the attack — known as Ansarullah Bangla Team, or Ansar al Islam.

A defence lawyer said they would appeal the verdict at a higher court.

Roy was born in Bangladesh in 1972 and moved to the United States in 2006 from where he continued to criticise the government for the jailing of atheist bloggers. — AFP

Free speech 'champion' for universities in United Kingdom draws praise and alarm

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Nifty 50	15313.50	-0.01
S&P 500*	3,931.51	-0.08
Dollar (₹)	72.69	0.00
Pound Sterling (₹)	101.27	-0.24
Euro (₹)	88.35	-0.18
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	46,900▼ 9	0.01
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	63.06	-0.38
IN 10-Yr bond yield*	6.022	0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.263	0.063

* As of 8:30 PM IST

FM addresses RBI board, explains govt priorities

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman explained the government's priorities to the RBI's central board during their first Post-Budget meeting through video conferencing. The finance minister holds a customary meeting with the board members of RBI and Sebi after Budget presentation every year. The finance minister informed the members about the key initiatives in the Budget and the priorities of the government.

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Highest addition since lockdown Nearly 12 mn jobs added in January

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Around 12 million people were employed in January, the highest monthly addition since the lockdown. This saw the unemployment rate easing to 6.5 per cent last month.

Nearly 12 million people were employed during January taking the number of employed people to 400.7 million as compared to 388.8 million in December. This was the highest addition since lock-down began in March 2020. The surge in employment in January also compensated for the loss in the past three months, according to the data of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

"Month-over-month variations in employment rarely crossed the 5 million mark before the lockdown. The increase in January was twice this max variation. Also, after the initial months of sharp fall and rise in employment during the lockdown, the recovery process had slowed down and then stalled even before the recovery was complete. Employment declined in each of the three months October through December 2020. The recovery in January 2021 is therefore a welcome relief," said Mahesh Vyas, CEO of CMIE.

This helped the unemployment rate ease to 6.5 per cent from 9.1 per cent in December. The unemployment rate was volatile



in the past six months, ranging from a low of 6.5 per cent in November to a high of 9.1 per cent in December. The average unemployment rate during this six-month period was on the higher side at 7.4 per cent.

The two most recent months December and January have seen an unusual jump in this volatility. In December 2020, India added 11.3 million unemployed persons. In January, India saw the count of unemployed decline by 10.7 million. These are extraordinary variations. Perhaps, the sharp rise in the unemployed in December was extraordinary and in January India has reverted to its normal count of unemployed, which seems to average at about 28 million," said Vyas.

In January 2021, there were 27.9 million unemployed people who were actively looking for work, while there were another 12.1 million who were also unemployed and willing to work. But they were not

actively looking for work. CMIE does not consider these in its computation of the unemployment rate.

Unemployed people, who were willing to work but did not have any employment in January 2021 was 40 million. While this is a large number, it is the lowest in over two years, it said.

"Lot of pent up demand in the B2B industry has started getting released as the fear of the second wave of the pandemic receded. IT budgets in the western world which were earlier put on freeze have been re-allocated. More companies are now hiring technical skills and domain experts. Infrastructure companies are hiring at a rapid pace because of increased government spending in the sector. Funded start-ups continue their hiring momentum. All these factors contributed to decline in the unemployment rate in January," said Aditya Narayan Mishra, director and CEO of CIEL HR Services.

Ad spends to rise 23% in '21: GroupM

Mumbai, Feb. 16: Advertising spends across media platforms in Prasanth Kumar

India will grow by 23.5 per cent in 2021 to Rs 80,123 crore in 2021 after a sharp 21.5 per cent drop in 2020. Terming the estimates as not optimistic, but realistic, GroupM South Asia's chief executive Prasanth Kumar said the spends will still be lower compared to the nearly Rs 83,000 crore made in 2019. Weeks before the announcement of the pandemic, the agency had estimated a 10.7 per cent growth in ad spends for 2020 to Rs 91,641 crore. The print media will also hold its 16 per cent share of the overall pie in 2021, he said.

—FC Bureau

Amazon to make Fire TV sticks in India

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, FEB. 16

Amazon will be manufacturing its devices in India, starting with streaming device Fire TV sticks. It will engage a Foxconn subsidiary as contract manufacturer for making the device in Chennai.

Amazon has not, however, given any investment details of the venture.

The growth of video and audio streaming services like Netflix and Amazon's Prime Video has created a growing market for streaming devices in India.

The market is eagerly

PSBs rally up to 20% on privatisation buzz

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, FEB. 16

Shares of four PSU banks—Bank of Maharashtra, Bank of India, Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank—rallied up to 20 per cent on speculations that the government may privatise them.

Share prices of the four PSU banks hit the upper circuit after a news wire report said, "Government has shortlisted four mid-sized state-run banks for privatisation," and also named them saying, "The four banks on the shortlist are Bank of Maharashtra, Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank and the Central Bank of India."

On the NSE, Bank of Maharashtra shares gained 19.81 per cent, IOB gained 19.63 per cent, Bank of India (19.97 per cent), and Central Bank of India (19.71 per cent) at market close.

The market is eagerly

waiting for names of the two PSU banks that finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said would privatise. The government has not officially issued a list of PSU banks to be privatised and it could take a few months for it to shortlist the banks.

These acts led to the nationalisation of banks in two phases and provisions of these laws have to be changed for the privatisation of banks, according to legal experts.

As the government has already announced the list of legislative business for the Budget session, it is expected that these amendments may be introduced in the monsoon session or later during the year, sources said.

The Budget session is scheduled to take up as many as 38 Bills, including the Finance Bill 2021, Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2020-21 and related Appropriation Bill, National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021, and Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021.

GAMES

SHORT TAKES

Mahabubabad and Mulugu win

Hyderabad: Mahabubabad and Mulugu won their respective matches at the Telangana Cricket Association's U-19 East Zone inter-district championship. While the former beat Warangal rural by four wickets, the latter carved out a thrilling one-wicket win over Khamma.

Meanwhile, Thippapur won the TCA Prime Minister Cup by beating Kondanagula-1 by five wickets in a low-scoring final at Achampet in NagerKurnool district.

BRIEF SCORES

- Warangal Rural 126/3 in 20 overs (Siddhu 45, Ramesh Chary 2/19) lost to Mahabubabad 127/6 in 15.4 overs (B. Uday Kiran 45, Sai Raj 2/21).
- Khammam 115 in 20 overs (A. Pavan 2/13) lost to Mulugu 118/9 in 18.4 overs (Akhil Rathod 39, Dinesh Karthik 3/19).
- Kondanagula-1 87 in 12.3 overs (Ajay 29) lost to Thippapur 90/5 in 14 overs (Sathish Singh 23, Swamy 2/23).

Trials to pick hockey sides

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Hockey is conducting selection trials at 6 am on Thursday at the Mudfort ground in Secunderabad to pick the sub-junior and junior girls teams for the 5th Women's Inter-district tournament to be held at Gadwal from February 26 to 28.

Players should produce either their voter ID, nativity certificate, Class X marks memo, Aadhaar or birth certificates at the time of registration. For entries contact Vidya Sagar on phone number 9849259764.

Live on TV

TENNIS

Australian Open: Quarterfinals from 5.30 am on Sony Six, Sony Ten 2, HD

FOOTBALL

English Premier League: Burnley vs Fulham from 11.30 pm; Everton vs Manchester City 1.45 am (Thursday) or Star Sports Select 1, HD

Champions League: Porto vs Juventus from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 2, HD; Sevilla vs Dortmund from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

WWE

NXT: Bouts from 6.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

ENGLISH UPROOTED

India rout Root & Co. in four days to level series

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Members of the Indian team celebrate their win over England in the second Test in Chennai on Tuesday. — BCCI

SCORECARD

India 1st Innings: 329
England 1st Innings: 134
England 2nd Innings (overnight 53/3): R. Burns c Kohli b Ashwin 25. D. Sibley lbw b Patel 3, D. Lawrence st Pant b Ashwin 26. J. Leach c R. Sharma b Patel 0. J. Root c Rahane b Patel 33. B. Stokes c Kohli b Ashwin 8, O. Pope c I. Sharma b Patel 12. B. Foakes c Patel b Yadav 2, M. Ali st Pant b Yadav 43. O. Stone lbw b Patel 0. S. Broad not out 5. Extras (b6, lb1) 7. Total (all out in 54.2 overs) 164.
Follow: Sharma 6-3-13-0, Patel 21-5-60-5, Ashwin 18-5-3, Siraj 3-1-6-0, Yadav 6.2-1-25-2.

batmen. Even if we had bowled first, I don't think it would have made a big difference because there was a lot of help from the pitch even on the first day," said Axar.

Axar became only the second Indian left-arm spinner to take five wickets on Test debut. Dilip Doshi made the pioneering achievement against Australia at the same venue in 1979.

Axar said the conditions were helpful for spinners. "But, it was important to bowl at the right speed, because if you were too slow, there was time to adjust. So I was bowling stump-to-stump, and waiting for errors from the

game.

Kuldeep who was playing his first Test since January 2019 could bowl only 12.2 overs in the entire match. The 'Chinaman' spinner, however, knew it was for the team's cause.

"It's very important when your team is doing well, to keep giving them support. Axar and Ashwin were bowling well, so my job was to maintain that control. It felt like a debut for me, because I've not played for so long," said Kuldeep.

The Chennai win also ended Kohli's four-match losing streak which began

Kohli says crowds make a difference

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, FEB. 16

in Wellington in February 2020.

"If you looked at our second innings, we still applied ourselves and got almost 300. It wasn't unfair if the toss went either way. Both teams should be in the game from the first session onwards, whether it is on spinning to seaming tracks, and that exactly was the case in this young Indian side.

"It is a perfect game for us. The conditions were challenging for both sides, but we showed more application with the bat. We didn't panic out there looking at the turn and bounce, we showed grit,

got into the game and scored 600 runs in the match. We knew our bowlers are going to do the job for us if we put up the runs in home conditions," said Kohli.

The Chennai win also ended Kohli's four-match losing streak which began

Big guns in cruise mode

Djokovic, Serena in semis

Melbourne, Feb. 16: Novak Djokovic smashed his racquet to bits and then swept Alexander Zverev out of the Australian Open as the defending champion followed Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka into the semi-finals on Tuesday.

It was a patchy performance from the world number one, who is nursing an abdominal injury and drew deeply on his mental fortitude to win 6-7 (6/8), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7/6).

Djokovic will be hot favourite to reach Sunday's final when he plays Russian qualifier Aslan Karatsev, who continued his dream run with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win against injured Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov.

After destroying his racquet as he slipped behind in the third, Djokovic recovered brilliantly to take the set and he was ice-cool on the big points, drilling an ace to seal the decisive tiebreaker.

"Down to the very last shot it was anybody's match. A lot of nerves out there, a lot of pressure. Emotionally I feel a little bit drained, honestly," said the 33-year-old.

The Serb remains on track for a record-extending ninth Australian Open title and 18th Grand Slam trophy, nipping at the heels of rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, who both have 20.

Earlier, Serena took a step towards a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-3 dismantling of second seed Simona Halep, her nemesis in the 2019 Wimbledon final. Williams, 39, said her level was improving ahead of her meeting with Japan's Osaka, who came out on top in their tempestuous 2018 US Open title match. Their semifinal



Serena Williams celebrates after defeating Simona Halep in the quarterfinal on Tuesday. — AFP

THE RESULTS

Men's singles quarterfinals: Novak Djokovic (SRB x1) bt Alexander Zverev (GER x6) 6-7 (6/8), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6); Aslan Karatsev (RUS) bt Grigor Dimitrov (BUL x1) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Women's singles quarterfinals: Naomi Osaka (JPN x3) bt Hsieh Su-wei (TPE) 6-2, 6-2; Serena Williams (USA x10) bt Simona Halep (ROM x2) 6-3, 6-3.

promises much after Osaka looked formidable in her 6-2, 6-2 win over Taiwan's Hsieh Su-wei.

Elsewhere, 114th-ranked Karatsev became the first man to reach an Open-era Grand Slam semi on debut when he ousted a hobbler Dimitrov 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

The 27-year-old has knocked out three seeds as he became the lowest-ranked player to reach a major semifinal after world number 125 Goran Ivanisevic at Wimbledon in 2001.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON PAR WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

- 45000 hi-tech class rooms, an additional admission of 6.8 lakh students • Digital classes for all students during the Covid-19 pandemic • Kerala becomes the first State to go digital in school education

KERALA, NUMERO UNO IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

- Mighty resolve which defeated pandemics like the Nipah and the Covid-19 • Entire health system from sub-centres to medical colleges achieve excellence • E-health system gains efficiency • More than 500 primary health centres upgraded to family health centres • Outpatient time extended till 6 pm

MAJOR LEAP IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

- Public sector undertakings garner profits • Licenses and other permissions made online through K-Swift single window system • 62593 Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) units started between 2016 and November 2020 alone • 444 kilometre GAIL pipeline materialized

ELECTRICITY IN EVERY HOUSE

- A state that has not had any power cut or load shedding for the past five years • 17 lakh new connections • A call to toll free number 1912 brings service at your doorstep • Edamon-Kochi Punalur-Madakkathara power highways materialized

2.5 LAKH PLUS HOUSES CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE LIFE MISSION SCHEME

- More than 2.5 lakh houses provided • 1.5 lakh houses under construction • 101 housing complexes for the homeless and the landless

SUMPTUOUS, SECURE

- Free food kit for everyone • 863107 families given new ration cards • E-ration card scheme commenced • Rs 20 meal through 876 popular restaurants

DRINKING WATER FOR ALL

- 11.33 lakh new drinking water connections including more than nine lakh connections by the Kerala Water Authority and 1.76 lakh connections through the Jalanidhi scheme were provided

SECURITY IN THE CYBER WORLD

- Police App sets a model in the digital service sector • DGP's online grievance redressal system and helpline came into force • Cyber police stations in all districts

TITLE DEEDS TO MORE THAN 1.5 LAKH PEOPLE

- Online land mutation at 1656 villages • 441 smart villages • 150 grama panchayats to ensure transparency of services provided by panchayats • Integrated Local Governance Management System enforced

SHOULDERS TO SUPPORT

- Welfare pensions hiked to Rs 1600 • 60.31 lakh beneficiaries • Arrear-free pensions delivered at houses every month • 95 lakh families provided food through community kitchens during COVID 19 period

K FONE SCHEME

- Free High Speed Internet connection to more than 20 lakh BPL families through K Fone Scheme

FLOURISHING FARMS

- 19,555 hectare barren land turned to farming under the Subhiksha Keralam Scheme • Floor price for 16 different vegetables and fruits announced • Land for vegetable farming increased from 52829.99 hectare to 96313.17 hectare

SUPERIOR QUALITY ROADS & BRIDGES

- The Public Works Department refurbished 11,580 kilometre road to higher quality in the past 4½ years. • Kundannoor Vyttila flyovers at the cost of Rs.182 crore • Alappuzha and Kollam bypasses, Thondiyad and Ramanattukara flyovers and six lane roads at Karamana- Kaliyikkavila were materialised

CLASSROOMS FOR SC ST STUDENTS

- 12,500 classrooms completed for Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe students • Forest Rights for 3,500 people, Reserved Forest Land Rights for 2500 people and agricultural land for 300 people through the Kerala State Land Bank Project will be made available

AYYANKALI URBAN EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME

- Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme allocation increased by five times • Wages increased to Rs 291 • Dairy farmers included in the scheme

HOUSES FOR ESTATE WORKERS

- Special housing schemes for estate workers • Financial aid for the dependents of deceased workers hiked from Rs 10,000 to Rs One lakh

GROWTH IN THE TOURISM SECTOR

- Number of domestic and international tourists increased from 1.24 crore (2015-16) to 1.83 crore (2019-20) • Income from tourism sector increased from 6949.88 crore (2015-16) to 10,271.06 crore (2019-20)

FIRST OPEN UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SREE NARAYANA GURU

- Sree Narayana Guru Open University, the first Open University in the State and Digital University came into being

CONSERVATION OF FORESTS

- New 319.50401 hectare land was declared as Reserve Forest • A vast project of Rs 800 crore to take over private estates within the forest land and to preserve mangroves • Compensation for the dependents of those killed in wild animal attacks increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh

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