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HYDERABAD | SUNDAY | 17 JANUARY 2021



WEATHER

Max: 30.02°C
Min: 17.08°C
RH: 58%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Misty morning.
Max/Min temp. 30/18 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+15,886)	(+202)
1,05,57,646	1,52,288

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+249)	(+1)
TS: 2,91,367	1,575
(+114)	(+0)
AP: 8,85,824	7,139

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

9,46,15,966
DEATHS
20,24,117
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Uttarayana
Titthi: Pushya Shuddha Chavithi till 8.10 am

Star: Purvabhadra full day
Varjyanam: 12.58 pm to 2.40 pm

Durmuhurtam: 4.29 pm to 5.14 pm

Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm

HIJRI CALENDAR

Jamadi- ul- Akhir 3,1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.46 am

Zohar: 12.36 pm

Asar: 4.27 pm

Magrib: 6.08 pm

Isha: 7.19 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.02 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.49 AM

MOONRISE TOMORROW 5.59 AM

MOONSET TODAY 9.57 PM

COUNTER POINT



My WhatsApp chats were leaked to my wife!

SHORT TAKES

₹1,000 crore seed fund for startups

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the launch of ₹1,000-crore 'Startup India Seed Fund' to support startups and help budding entrepreneurs pursue innovative ideas. Addressing the 'Prarambh: Startup India International Summit', Modi exuded confidence that the growth of startups will help in generating jobs and improving lives of people in the region.

WhatsApp delays privacy policy

New Delhi: WhatsApp has decided to delay the roll-out of its new policy update to May 15 after massive criticism from users globally, including India, over concerns that data was being shared with its parent company Facebook. The move assumes significance for users in India given that the country is among the biggest markets for WhatsApp with over 400 million users.

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Vaccine will give decisive win: PM

Health minister Vardhan sees 'beginning of end' for Covid after nationwide vaccine launch

VINEETA PANDEY WITH inputs from agencies

NEW DELHI, JAN. 16



THIS SCALE of vaccination campaign has never been attempted in history and this shows India's capability.

NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

DETERMINATION OF SELF-RELIANT INDIA, SAYS SHAH

Bhadrapuram (Karnataka), Jan. 16: India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fought the most successful battle against coronavirus in the world, and with the beginning of the vaccination drive, the country has taken the fight against the pandemic to a final stage, Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday.

"The whole world for about a year has been fighting against Covid, many people have lost lives. This was probably one of the toughest fights that humanity has fought, using knowledge, innovations and mutual cooperation," Shah said.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone of a new battalion campus of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) here, he said he was happy to state that India under Prime Minister Modi's leadership has fought the most successful battle against Covid-19 in the world.

"These vaccines will ensure a decisive victory for India against coronavirus," Modi said.

Expressing "tremendous relief, Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan said, "We have won the battles against polio and smallpox. Now we have reached the decisive phase of winning the war against coronavirus. This is the beginning of the end of Covid. Vaccine will be remembered like a Sanjeevani for clinching the victory over Covid."

Expressing gratitude to front-line Corona warriors, PM said they are getting priority as those "who need the vaccine the most will get it first." Frontline workers were among the first people to get injected with the vaccine.

When its "emergency use" was approved by the government, it was done



IT'S A FESTIVE VIBE AT VACCINATION CENTRES ACROSS TELANGANA STATE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

The battle against Covid-19 was well and truly joined on Saturday with Telangana state starting the vaccination drive against the disease along with the rest of the country.

The atmosphere at the hospitals where the vaccine was administered to 3,962 doctors, nurses, other hospital and sanitation workers was festive, there were lots of smiles, and a sense of accomplishment of making it this far in the pandemic and being witness to the first day of what could be the final battle against Covid-19.

Keeping up the promise of delivering the first dose to a sanitation worker, the authorities here vaccinated S. Krishnamma, a safai karmachari at Gandhi Hospital, with Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy and health minister Etala Rajendar among those witnessing the event. The original plan was to vaccinate 4,170 persons on Saturday at the rate of 30 at each of the 139 vaccination centres, but this target could not be reached because of last minute refusals and withdrawals by healthcare personnel who had originally signed up for the vaccine.

Director of Health Services Dr G. Srinivasa Rao said every effort would be made to convince all healthcare workers to take the vaccine and that those reluctant to take it, would come around later.

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BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Any vestigial hopes of elected representatives that they could cut the line and get the Covid-19 vaccination on priority effectively ended on Saturday, the first day of the nationwide vaccination drive that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched.

Modi put paid to even the remotest of hopes that many political leaders harboured of breaking the queue, by declaring that the first priority was and

would be vaccinating healthcare workers who were the frontline defence against Covid-19.

For good measure, he quoted from Desamunni Preminchumma, the famous Telugu playwright Gurajada Appa Rao's extremely popular poem, to drive home the message of the importance of putting the interests of others ahead of one's own.

Modi, during his nationally televised address, quoted the verse that goes:

Swantha labhamu kontha manuko, poruguvaani-ki thodupadavoi, desamantay matti kadoi, desamantay manusuloi. Translating it for non-Telugu speaking audiences across the country, Modi said:

Yaani, hum doosron kay kaam aayen, yeh niswardh bhaav hamaraay bheetar rahna chahiay.

This message was clearly heard very loudly by everyone, particularly in Telangana, a state which had requested the Centre to include elected representatives in the frontline workers category and vaccinate them on priority by

giving them the same importance as that of healthcare workers. At Gandhi Hospital where he launched the vaccination drive, health minister Etala Rajendar, who had first broached the subject of elected representatives getting the vaccine first, during a video conference some days ago, said that following Modi's suggestion he had decided not to take the vaccine on Saturday as planned.

PTI report from Delhi said health workers who got their first shots of Covaxin at AIIMS were made to sign the consent form that promised compensation in case of a "severe adverse event" related to the vaccine.

"The compensation for a serious adverse event will

Vaccine drive turns Bharat Bio 'Phase 3' trial

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

The administration of 55 lakh doses of Covaxin, the Bharat Biotech vaccine ordered by the Centre as part of the Covid-19 vaccination drive, could well mean that a massive government-mandated trial is underway for the vaccine that is yet to officially complete its Phase III trials.

In the consent form, Bharat Biotech says the vaccine is being offered in a clinical trial mode and that in Phase I and II of the trials the vaccine demon-

strated ability to produce antibodies to Covid-19.

However, the clinical efficacy is yet to be established and it is still being studied in Phase 3 clinical trial," the form read.

Telangana state Director of Health Services Dr G. Srinivasa Rao said that Covaxin was not used in the state on Saturday, and Serum Institute of India's Covishield was administered to frontline workers.

He had said on Friday

said that anyone receiving Covaxin will be monitored closely for seven days after vaccination.

When a reporter asked him if Covishield recipients too would be monitored like Covaxin recipients, he said as per the existing protocol, this was not required.

Elsewhere, managing director of Bharat Biotech International Ltd., Suchitra Ella tweeted: "Covaxin & Bharat Biotech is truly humbled &

honoured to be of service to the nation & the fraternity of all first responders of Covid who have served public health."

A PTI report from Delhi said health workers who got their first shots of Covaxin at AIIMS were made to sign the consent form that promised compensation in case of a "severe adverse event" related to the vaccine.

"The compensation for a

serious adverse event will be paid by sponsor (Bharat Biotech) if the SAE is proven to be causally related to the vaccine, the form read.

Authorities said in case of any adverse event, the affected person will be provided medically-recognised standard of care in the government-designated hospitals, according to PTI.

The recipients were given a factsheet and a form to report adverse effects within seven days.

TURNING POINT Union wants members who are not aligned with any political party

Farmers seek new panel on laws

PARMOD KUMAR | DC NEW DELHI, JAN. 16

Two days ahead of the Supreme Court's hearing on the ongoing farmers' agitation, a farmers' union on Saturday urged the top court to withdraw the three members of the committee set up by it on January 12 to resolve the impasse over the three contentious farm laws and appoint members who are impartial, not aligned with any political party and have the trust and goodwill of the farmers.

The plea by Bhartiya Kisan Union (Lokshakti) also sought the presence of a former top court judge on the reconstituted committee. The plea seeks the

THE PLEA seeks the removal of three members — Dr Parmod Kumar Joshi, Ashok Gulati, and Anil Ghanwat — in its reply to the Centre's application filed on January 11 seeking to stop the agitating farmers from taking out a tractor kisan rally at Delhi's Ramlila ground on Republic Day.

Seeking the removal of three members, BKU (Lokshakti) has said in its petition that all three of them have in uncertain terms supported the three farm laws saying that they have opened up opportuni-

ties for the farming sector and must be implemented.

The court had on January 12 issued a notice on the Centre's application seeking to injunct the agitating farmers from taking out a rally on Republic Day.

BKU (Lokshakti) has sought dismissal of the Centre's application.

Referring to the support to three farm laws by Dr Joshi, Mr Gulati and Mr Ghanwat, the reply filed by advocate A.P. Singh on behalf of BKU (Lokshakti) says that their presence on the committee — the rule of fair hearing.

"It is important to mention here with great regret that the principle of natural justice is going to be violated by making these persons as members of the committee... How they will hear all farmers on equal parameters when they have already supported these laws," the petition said.

On Delhi Police seeking injunction against the farmers' proposed tractor rally, the reply says that the New Delhi district area where Republic Day parade takes place is already under prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC that bars the gathering of more than five people.

Kurnool airport gets DGCA nod

DC CORRESPONDENT KURNool, JAN. 16

The Director of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted licence to Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Limited (APDCL) to open Kurnool airport (Orvakal) for public use.

With this development, the last hurdle for commencement of commercial operations has been cleared, said an Airport Authority of India (AAI) official. Indigo Airlines has been selected

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FOUR WHEELERS

CRETA 1.6 CRDI Auto SX+ BSIV Black 2015, excellent condition. 81,000 kms, single hand. Contact: 9849057541. (S/2021/C01957)

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HYUNDAI I10 Grand Sports 2019, Petrol, Star. Dus Colour, Lady Driven, 10000 kms, full insurance, complete showroom service. History. Dealers Excuse. Ph:9849447003. (HYCL/2021/C02384)

INNOVA CRYSTA White Colour, 1.75,000 kms done, Tax Plate, 2016 Model. Good condition. Contact: 7799227766, 9963139184. (B/2021/C00810)

MARUTI SWIFT Vxi, 2015, done 27500km, red Colour, new tyres, comprehensive Insurance, Showroom track. Hyderabad Showroom. Contact: 9246108609. (A/2021/C00497)

VOLKSWAGEN POLO Highline 1.2MPi, 2015, Red colour, immediate booking. Rs.5.5 Lacs. Ph:9502549522, 7382407983. (S/2021/C01950)

FOR SALE

PROPERTY

COMMERCIAL

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BALANAGAR MAIN road facing North East corner land 1100 sq.yds with Tenant LPG Gas Station, Paying Rs.3.20 Lakhs per month with option or vacant land. Contact: No.9866619479, 995114780. (S/2021/C01954)

LAND AT Balanagar Industrial Area 1600sqyds For Sale With Power. Shed Contact Srikanth Agarwal 9849013260 (HYMM/2021/C05624)

BANJARAHILLS ROAD no.1 651 yards, JubileeHills 720 yards, Road no.451.000, Road No.36 1200 yards & 8200 sqft Ground and Mezzanine show room, Madhapur 720 yards Building N/E corner 16, floors, 2st Kondapur Jayabheri 934 sq.yds Net & Rental income properties 5Cr to 50Cr 9394022449. (W/2021/A00921)

BANJARA HILLS 2595 sq ft Shop for Sale On Road No 11, road opposite Care Hospital, Ground Floor in Delta Secon 3 Car Parking. North Facing on 60 ft Road. Going Cheap. RRI Owner. Good Growth. Properties 9953135247, 9946636253. (W/2021/A00928)

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY for sale 1870sf area @1.4 acre at Basheerbagh East Facing. Rental income Rs.75000 per month. +91-9000354880 (HYMM/2021/C05701)

COMMERCIAL PLOT 2212sqyards with 3 side roads for sale at laharis resort near prachin global school bhanur village. contact 9849244555 (HYMM/2021/C05557)

COMMERCIAL 2FLOORS for sale 2350sf each. Shops for sale variants sizes sagar commercial complex. Borabanda, near bus stop. ph:9398686181, 9346347804 (HYMM/2021/C05542)

20000SF COMMERCIAL property for Sale in Chevella Town Contact details: 8123500596. (HYMM/2021/C05547)

COMMERCIAL SHOP for sale. Ground floor, Backside Dilukhnagar Bus Depot. 180 St. Main road, BRS Paid. Contact: 9849284667, 7995803827 (HYCL/2021/C05746)

FILMAGAR ABN Road, 120 sq.yds, North Facing, 1200 sf, 2 seitors, constructed Ground floor only getting Rent 1Lakh per month. Good rental income property. 3.5Cr, negotiable. Near Apollo Hospital. Immediate sale. Ph:9848055550, 9701817180. (HYCL/2021/C02392)

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COMMERCIAL SHOP ground floor, D.No.4-8-750, 145 Sqft, First floor 450 Sqft for sale behind cental Gurudwara. Gogulwadi Hyderabad. Ph:9246293815. (HYCL/2021/C02212)

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COMMERCIAL PLACES available in the city. Contact: 8977613029. (HYMM/2021/C05768)

RED HILLS 700Sq.yds Plot with old building, near Pragati printers and surrounded by many Printing presses, Apt for commercial usage. (Brokers Excuse) Contact Ph:9949046068 (HYMM/2021/C05821)

BANK MORTGAGE Property Available on Sale Across Hyderabad City. Industrial, Commercial, Flats, Lands, Independent Houses Going Cheap. Contact Arvind: 9059841183, Ravi: 9059314602. (HYCL/2021/C02307)

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MASABANT MAINROAD commercial flat, golconda Hotel 55sqyards Urd/Square, monthly rent abt Rs.35000/- Fully furnished flat abt 1300 Sqft AiryEnvironment 9390361329. (W/2021/A00935)

TOP REALTY- COMMERCIAL Plots: Khajaguda 900sq.yds; Kokapet 300sq.yds; Narasingi 500sq.yds; Nallaguda 500sq.yds; Tarnaka 500sq.yds; Nizampet 500sq.yds; Bachupally 300sq.yds; Secunderabad Vicinity. Cell Nos.281463541, 7331108829. (HYMM/2021/C05541)

PRE LAUNCH Offer 2/3BHk Flats Rs.2799/- per sq. ft. Two Towers with club house, swimming pool, banquet hall, 800' Open A/C, 2nd Flr. Tuluwadi, Toluwan, 800' yds. Tarnaka 500sq.yds. Nizampet 500sq.yds; Bachupally 300sq.yds; Secunderabad Vicinity. Cell Nos.281463541, 7331108829. (HYMM/2021/C02354)

THREE & MORE

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HURRY ONLY Few Available, Jay Raj Residency, 3BHK New Super Deluxe Flats, Building on Completion Stage. Good Vaastu at Pragati Colony, Aram Ghar X Roads (Model Flat Ready), GHMC Approved & Land Available. Contact: 7799060678, 9246577658. (HYCL/2021/C02326)

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KONDAPUR READY to move 3BHK corner Deluxe flats 1657, 1702sf, East & West facing 100% vaastu. 9100774959 (HYMM/2021/C05801)

BANJARA HILLS Road No:12 MLA Colony 3BHK Flat 2500SF &Kondapur Gachibowli. 2nd Flr. Flat for sale. All Amenities. Price Reduced. 100% vastu. 9100774959 (HYMM/2021/C05801)

✓ KASTALAKSHMI TEMPLE 1795 Sft with 72.5 Sq.yds of undivided Land, ground floor with one car parking & two bikes at Vasavi Colony, Kothapet. Ph:9908514425, 7396273842. (B/2021/C00781)

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SHORT TAKES

TS RECORDS 249 FRESH COVID-19 CASES, ONE DEATH

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Telangana state registered 249 new Covid-19 cases and one more death from the disease on Friday taking the caseload to 2,91,367 and fatalities to 1,575.

As per the Covid-19 bulletin issued by the state health department on Saturday, 28,953 tests were conducted on Friday of which 25,962 were in government labs and 2,991 in private labs. While 417 persons were declared as recovered from the disease on Friday, the state had 4,273 active cases.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area recorded 54 cases, compared to 18 in Warangal Urban, 17 in Medchal-Malkajgiri, 11 in Mancherla and 10 each in Karimnagar and Ranga Reddy districts.

LONG LEASE TO BUILD HANGAR, INFRASTRUCTURE

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The successful bidder will get a long-term lease for construction of hangar, building, facilities and other infrastructure.

Given the increase in air traffic at Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports, the scope for running flight training operations at these airports is becoming difficult, and given the proximity of Orvakkal to both these locations, the possibility of setting up these facilities at Kurnool is advantageous to all sides, aviation sources said.

KTR: POLITICIANS WILL HONOUR PM'S ADVICE

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At the Urban Primary Health Centre at Tilaknagar in the city, minister K.T. Rama Rao said that though as political representatives, "We should have been the first to take the vaccine in order to give confidence to the people about the vaccines. But the Prime Minister said elected representatives and political leaders should take the vaccine later. We will honour his suggestion and we will take our vaccine along with everyone else. Whenever our names come up in the list, we will take (the vaccine)."

Incidentally, Puducherry had also made a request similar to that of Telangana state to the Prime Minister earlier.

9 FACE ADVERSE VACCINATION REACTIONS IN AP

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 16

On the first day of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, 19,108 healthcare workers were given the Covishield vaccine by 8.30 pm and nine cases of adverse events following immunisation were reported on Saturday.

State health authorities administered the vaccination in 332 session sites and covered 19,108 persons against the target of 31,570. They said the Centre had given them the target to administer the vaccine at 143 session sites to 14,300 persons and they had crossed it.

On the other hand, the health authorities reported cases of AEFI (adverse event following immunisation), one each at Vijayawada and Anantapur, two in Nellore and five in Kurnool.

In Anantapur government hospital, a woman health worker identified as Akhila developed giddiness soon after administration of the Covid-19 vaccine and started vomiting. She was immediately given medication and she recovered. The authorities admitted her in the hospital and kept her under observation as a precautionary measure.

In Nellore district, a woman nurse developed giddiness after administration of Covid-19 vaccine at the community health centre at Kota. At Kavali, a doctor developed giddiness after getting the vaccine at the area hospital. Both of them returned to normal after some time.

In Kurnool district, five healthcare workers in different cases developed nausea after getting the vaccine at a primary health centre at Nannuru all through the day.

In Vijayawada government hospital, a woman sanitation worker Radha Krishna, developed giddiness and fainted soon after taking the vaccine.

First volunteer took jab to set example

Was apprehensive of taking vaccine at first but was convinced by doctors, says Krishnamma

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Over 3,500 frontline healthcare workers in government hospitals were administered the Covid-19 vaccine on Saturday. The vaccination campaign began simultaneously at various locations in the state where ministers and other public representatives were present.

Frontline workers who received the vaccine at different places in the state told *Deccan Chronicle* that they did not experience any side-effects after the vaccine.

Dr Ajitha, assistant professor of general surgery, Osmania General Hospital, who was among the first to be administered the vaccine, said, "I have not felt any side-effects or weakness since I got the vaccine. Even though there is a lack of confidence among people with regard to Indian vaccines, it is our duty as frontline workers to instill confidence among the public, so everyone is safe and healthy".

A doctor at the Government Chest Hospital said that she was relieved after taking the vaccine and that the facilities provided were well thought of.

"We were given the shot in a room set up for the vaccine administration, after which we were taken to an observation room where we were told to stay for some time to watch for side-effects or dizziness. Thankfully, all healthcare workers received the vaccine well," she said.

S. Krishnamma, a sanitation worker, became the first person in the state to be administered the vaccine. She took the vaccine at Gandhi Hospital amid cheers by those present, including Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy and health minister Etala Rajendar, at the Gandhi Hospital.

"I was a little apprehensive earlier, but my hospital superintendent assured me and so I decided to take the vaccine. Like myself, I know that a lot of people here are scared. I can be an example for them to not be scared, and come forward," said Krishnamma. She also said she did not have any health complaints after taking the vaccine and appealed to all to receive the vaccine with courage in order to protect one's health.

The vaccination drive on Saturday took place at 144 centres in the state with 30 people each slated to receive the vaccine shot. The state government has invited the participation of public representatives in the programme to spread awareness among people.

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(Left) Blood pressure of doctors and other staff of Osmania General Hospital being monitored after the Covid vaccine was administered on Saturday. (Right) Doctors and other members wait for their turn for the Covid vaccine in King Koti hospital.

— P. SURENDRA



NIMS hospital staff takes a shot of Covid-19 vaccine on the first day, in Hyderabad on Saturday.



A doctor being administered Covid vaccine on the first day of vaccination drive at Chest hospital, in Hyderabad on Saturday.

— R. PAVAN

Health officials thank TS citizens

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

The health department on Saturday thanked the people of the state saying it was because of cooperation from everyone that the government had managed to keep Covid-19 under control and is now on the cusp of ending the disease.

Director of Health Services Dr G. Srinivasa Rao and Director of Medical Education Dr K. Ramesh Reddy, addressing a press conference, said that from March 2 last year, when the first Covid-19 case was found

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in Telangana state, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and health minister Etala Rajendar had guided the department and provided every possible assistance in the fight against Covid-19. Dr Srinivasa Rao thanked all the doctors, nurses, support staff and others for making the battle against Covid-19 possible.

11 FACE MINOR JAB REACTIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

There were only some extremely minor reactions to the Covid-19 vaccines administered in the state on Saturday, the first day of the vaccination drive, state health authorities said. Director of Health Services Dr G. Srinivasa Rao said that of the 3,530 doses delivered to beneficiaries during the day, there were only reports of 11 instances of some redness or itching at the injection site on the arms.

The state has set up infrastructure to deal with any cases of adverse reaction but it wasn't needed on Saturday.

PVT HOSPITALS CAN VACCINATE STAFF IN COMING WEEKS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Private hospitals should be able to begin vaccinating their staff in the next few weeks. Director of Health Services Dr G. Srinivasa Rao said on Saturday.

For the general public, there will be clarity in the next couple of days or so as to when they can begin registering on the Co-WIN app for receiving the vaccination, he said.

"We have a total of 1,213 vaccination session centres in the public sector while 179 such centres will be at private hospitals. Once we receive more doses, vaccination at private hospitals will be rolled out," he said.

Private hospitals should understand that the delay is because of the graded and careful roll-out of the vaccination. "From Monday we will increase the number of centres, the number of people vaccinated each day and this will keep increasing as the days go by," he added.

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No vaccine drive to be held today

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

There will be no Covid-19 vaccination drive on Sunday, state health authorities said on Saturday. The drive is scheduled to resume on Monday.

On Saturday, Day 1 of the drive, all the recipients of the vaccine had an experience similar to voting in an election, in that the index finger on the left hand was marked with indelible ink.

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The authorities expect-

ed, on Sunday, to take

stock of how Day 1 of the

vaccination drive went,

and make preparations

for increasing the num-

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P.I.C. Chairman
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Jr health staff comes forward to get jab first

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The Prime Minister recalled with sensitivity and empathy, the initial feeling of helpless confusion among the people of the country when people could not attend to their near ones who got infected.

"This disease rendered the infected isolated and alone, when sick children were separated from their mothers and old parents were forced to battle the disease all alone in hospitals. Even the departed relatives who lost the fight could not be given proper send off. Such a memory saddens us even today... The frontline warriors brought hope in an environment of despondency and fear, and today, by vaccinating them first, the country is acknowl-

edging their contribution with gratitude," said a visibly emotional PM. He said India is guided by a human-centric approach in its vaccination campaign and cautioned people to keep their guard up and follow vaccine protocol.

In Delhi's AIIMS, sanitation worker Manish Kumar was the first person in Delhi to get the vaccine shot, said: "Many of them (staff members) were scared. So, I went to my seniors and said I should be given the vaccine first. I wanted to prove to my colleagues that there is no need to be scared... My wife even asked me not to take the vaccine. I told her it is just an injection. After taking the dose, I asked my mother to tell my wife that I am safe."

Health minister lauds health staff

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Speaking after the launch at Gandhi Hospital, health minister Rajendar said doctors, nurses, sanitation workers put their lives on the line every day to save the lives of those infected with Covid-19.

"The Prime Minister was overcome with emotion during his address to the nation on the occasion. These are the persons who should get the vaccine first, he said. All categories of people will be vaccinated as per protocol," he said and profusely complimented doctors and other medical staff for battling the disease over the past 10 months.

Addressing the media, Dr Srinivasa Rao, along with Director of Medical Education Dr K. Ramesh Reddy, said the acceptance of the vaccination was 95 per cent on Day 1 which shows that the people believe the vaccines are safe. They reiterated that it was safe to take the shot with Dr Ramesh Reddy saying he took the vaccine to show he had confidence in its safety and to provide confidence to others to come forward.

Answering a question, Dr Srinivasa Rao urged all those receiving the vaccines to eat healthy and stay away from alcoholic drinks for a couple of days.

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TS cites new farm law, not to buy Rabi output

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Agriculture minister Singireddy Nirjanan Reddy directed officials of the marketing department to draw up plans to help farmers sell their Rabi produce to traders as envisaged by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao.

The minister said that the Centre had not taken any decision on the minimum support price under the new farm laws. The state was unlikely to purchase the produce in the face of volatile prices. Against this backdrop, he

asked officials to ensure that farmers are not at a loss when they sell to private traders. He also told them that if farmers want to sell their produce in other markets, they should be facilitated to do so as it was provided for under the new farm laws.

Nirjanan Reddy said that officials should explain to the farmers the conditions under which the government cannot purchase crops that are coming into the respective agricultural markets.

He asked agriculture and marketing departments to work in coordination to help farmers get remu-

native prices. The minister instructed the authorities to make arrangements to issue coupons depending on the yield of crops in the area, farmers and harvest time. Facilities like licensed traders, hamali sheds, open CC platforms should be provided to the farmers in the agricultural markets.

Chilli crop should not be dumped in the market at once. All 191 markets in the state and 72 yards should allow day trading. The minister stated that crops can be stored not only at the warehouses with a capacity of 24 lakh

metric tones but also in sub-yards.

Farm officials should ensure that crop booking is 100 per cent complete, the minister said. Agricultural extension officers (AEOs) should visit the field and strictly enforce crop registration. AEOs should be prepared for farmers' meetings at their respective forums.

Rabi harvests should end in March. Nirjanan Reddy said that agriculture authorities should motivate farmers in that direction. Farmers are likely to suffer losses due to untimely rains if delayed.

Villagers, trackers live in fear as tiger remains elusive

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FABAD, JAN. 16

Not only villagers in the interiors but even some animal trackers are fearing a threat to their life from the tiger; after they were deployed in the deep forests to track the animal's movement over a 30-km radius between Bejur and Penchikalpet mandals.

The animal trackers are getting confused as the tiger, which has already killed two persons last year, is frequently changing its directions, which is not normal behaviour.

One of them said he spotted a tiger sleeping just five metres away in the bushes while he was tracking its movement a week back. It woke up on sensing his presence and escaped before he could call for reinforcements.

They lament that although they carry traditional weapons like a long knife to clear the bushes and also for self-defence, they do not have

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Another said they were under constant stress because the tiger could jump on them from any corner and any time, especially in the nights.

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District forest officer Shantharam said that they will double the installation of existing 120 trapping cameras to track the tiger movement and collect the data twice a day. He said a total of 150 forest staff is engaged in trapping operations.

He said they been instructed to go for sealing borders in order to restrict the tigers' movement inside Telangana territory because it would be difficult to catch the animal once it enters Maharashtra.

Made Madhukar from Papannapet village said that they wish that the animal is trapped soon so that they can heave a sigh of relief.

He said that forest officials are not allowing them to go to their own agriculture lands that are located close to Kandi Bheemanna temple forest area where tiger trapping operations are underway.

GANGAPUTRA LEADERS SLAM TALASANI

DC CORRESPONDENTS
ADILABAD, NIZAMABAD, JAN. 16

Gangaputra community leaders on Saturday alleged that minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav was creating differences between them and the Mudiraj communities, and burnt his effigy at Vinayak Chowk. The minister had allegedly said that the Mudiraj community would be given place in fishermen societies.

The Gangaputra leaders and activists took out a procession to Vinayak Chowk from their community building and raised slogans against the minister.

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SHORT TAKES
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FEST BEGINS
ON JANUARY 22

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

The Hyderabad Literary Festival 2021 will begin on January 22, it was announced on Saturday. The festival, in view of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, will be held online and will conclude on January 24.

The festival chairman, senior IAS officer Jayesh Ranjan, told reporters that there was much debate on whether to organise the festival or not this year but it was finally decided that it should be held.

"Many authors look up to the Hyderabad Literary Festival. We have good technological tools available and it was decided to hold the festival virtually," he said.

Gulzar, the well-known poet, will be the chief guest for the inauguration on the evening of January 22. The festival, better known by its acronym HLF, is being organised by Hyderabad Literary Trust with the support of the state government, literary and cultural organisations and publishing houses.

The festival will have conversations with authors, readings, storytelling, panel discussions, workshops, screenings, stage-talks, exhibitions, cultural programmes and events for children.

BJP WORKERS TEAR BANNERS FOR PM'S PIC.

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, JAN. 16

Unhappy with the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photographs in the banners set up at vaccination centres, BJP leaders staged protests at several centres against the TRS government in Warangal.

The banners contained the photographs of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, ministers Eatala Rajendar, Errabelli Dayakar Rao and Satyavathi Rathod. BJP activists tore up the banners and questioned the rationale behind not putting up the photograph of the Prime Minister who, they said, is "providing the vaccine to all the people in the country free of cost." BJYM Warangal Urban district president Siddam Naresh Patel, who staged a protest at the MGM hospital in Warangal, said the state government was not giving credit to the Centre which is providing the vaccine.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving a vaccine, which costs between ₹1,000 and ₹1,500, free. The collectors should have been well aware that the PM's photograph should be displayed in the banners. The GWMC commissioner too must answer why the photograph was not displayed. We demand inclusion of Prime Minister's pictures in the banners throughout the vaccination process," Patel said.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

"Last year was like the year of pandemic, this New Year is like the year of protection," Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan declared on Saturday as she launched the vaccination drive at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences in the city on Saturday.

Dr Tamilisai said that the launch of the vaccination drive was the proudest moment for the country. This, she said, was not mere vaccination but the country giving thanks to frontline warriors for their selfless services since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic. The Governor visited NIMS along with her husband, renowned nephrologist Dr P. Soundararajan. She presented flowers and appreciation letters to those who received the vaccines and thanked them for their service.

Dr Tamilisai urged journalists to take all precautions and adhere to preventive norms to be safe till they get complete vaccination, as they are among those in society striving hard to take the message to the people for their well-being.

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Budget schools seek govt help to reopen

Demand sanitisation of schools, one-time fee from parents

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Lack of funds to sanitise premises, no receipt of fees due to closure of schools since March last year and no teachers to take physical classes are some of many issues that budget schools in Telangana are facing. Managements of these schools are a worried lot after the state government announced reopening of schools from February 1.

In its executive committee meeting held on Saturday, Telangana Recognised School Management Association (TRSMA), the apex body looking after interests of private schools in the state, has decided to raise its con-

cerns as well as demands with the education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy. TRSMA has demanded that the government, in addition to its own schools, also sanitise budget schools, or allow them to charge money from parents in form of one-time fees. "We are already on the verge of closing down due to lack of funds. Hardly 1% of parents have paid even the basic tuition fees in the

past year. Most school correspondents have taken loans to sustain themselves during the lockdown and do not have any money. Spending money for sanitising their schools will not be possible for them," said TRSMA general secretary Sadulla Madhusudhan.

He pointed out that as several teachers have quit their profession due to lack of income during the lockdown. Schools have to either request them to come back or recruit other teachers for various running classes. "We will have to ensure full salaries for them, or they won't return. In such a case, holding classes will be a major task for budget schools in the state," Madhusudhan observed.

Other demands of budget schools include government allowing students of classes 1-8 to come to school for clearing their doubts and submitting assignments given to them. TRSMA general secretary said since teachers will anyway be at school, allowing students from lower classes to come to school with their parents' consent and clearing their doubts will help them earn extra money.

The association will meet the education minister on January 19 and put before her their demands and concerns. They warned said if these demands are not met, they will not hold classes even for Classes 9 and 10, as ordered by the government.

WAKE-UP CALL



A huge pile of garbage left unattended for days emitting foul smell and causing health hazard to residents living in the surrounding areas at Musheerabad, Bapujinagar.

— S. SURENDER REDDY



The uplifted garbage on the street opposite Women's Police Station at Ghansi Bazaar is causing inconvenience to local residents and passersby.

— INN PHOTO

Covid jab proudest moment for our country, says Governor



(From left) Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan observes the Covid-19 vaccination inaugural programme at the NIMS on Saturday. IT minister K.T. Rama Rao is seen with doctors at the Tilaknagar Urban Primary Health Centre. BJP MLA Raja Singh visits the Osmania General Hospital to inspect the vaccination drive on Saturday.



— R. PAVAN, DEEPAK DESHPANDE, P. SURENDRA

Hyderabad is vaccine hub of the world: KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Municipal administration and urban development Minister K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday said the start of the vaccination programme marks the beginning of the end of Covid-19. Speaking at the Tilaknagar Urban Primary Health Centre here, after witnessing the inoculation

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programme, Rama Rao said the start of the vaccination drive had ushered in a great deal of hope that humanity will survive the threat. It marks the start of the final chapter in the battle against the Coronavirus, he said.

Rama Rao was accompanied by district collector Sweta Mohanty, commissioner of Hyderabad police Anjani Kumar and MLA Muta Gopal.

Owaisi inspects vaccination drive

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, the Hyderabad MP, and BJP Goshamahal legislator T. Raja Singh on Saturday separately visited the Osmania General Hospital and inspected the arrangements for the Covid-19 vaccination drive.

Owaisi oversaw the launch of the vaccination drive at the hospital. He also interacted with resident medical officers and



MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi interacts with doctors at the Osmania General Hospital on Saturday.

— DC PHOTO

doctors and requested them to conduct the vaccination drive smoothly.

Raja Singh also interacted with doctors at the OGH. Speaking to the media later,

he said the administration of Covid-19 vaccine was being held like a festival across the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the entire country is under threat of Covid-19 and the vaccine would help the people combat the pandemic. He urged people not to worry about side-effects and come forward to take the vaccine. He witnessed the administration of vaccines on the first day at ENT Hospital and District Hospital, King Koti as well.



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Ranjona Banerji

Off the beaten track

How life got in the way of my one true calling

An autorickshaw driver in Jaipur a couple of years ago asked me, "Hope you don't mind my asking but are you a writer?" A shop salesperson looked at my execrable handwriting and commented, "You must either be a writer or a doctor". So, clearly, something gives me away.

The problem is that I'm not THAT sort of a writer. Not the sort that everyone around me wants me to be. I'm not the sort of writer who spent the Pandemic lockdown carefully crafting my creative skills and honing my "talent" so I could write that exemplar novel, that series of high philosophy essays to understand humanity, that definitive book on the state of the nation.

Maybe I do want to be that writer. As an adolescent, like most others, I wrote those poems. Emotions crystallized in show-off nonsense from studying literature. The ones you really should find and burn before you burn so no unsuspecting young relative clearing your remains gets traumatised. I do confess then that I did have those dreams (have? had?), that so many have of being a "writer". Of giving voice to that mandatory (what do you mean you don't have one) book inside me. But is that really me, babe?

Okay I lie and exaggerate. I do have one book to my name. A definitive experience of researching and exploring India's contemporary history, a labour of love for this country of ours and our journey as a nation. But that was in 1997. It was a co-authored and co-edited experience with Ayaz Memon, plus some 50 illustrious contributors. And today, it is out of print.

Also, at the turn of this century, I did sit down to write that novel. I made a space that was my own, surrounded by other people's books. I rejigged my computer to give it more juice, I bought lots of A4 paper. Whatever the equivalent of lots of sharpened pencils in this digital age. Or as digital as it was then.

And I wrote, some 80,000 words. I greatly enjoyed myself. I laughed uproariously at my own jokes in case no one else would. I made up some characters and I based others on real-life people with I hoped enough tweaks just to make them unrecognisable. In some cases, I was quite happy to be vindictive assuming people I had forgotten to stay in touch with had also forgotten me. I did not follow all those publisher's rules about flow charts and Autocad drawings to make an architectural model for my novel with as much work in the fake structure as in the real thing just to satisfy some management-brained "editor". Did Jane Austen do that? Pah! Who on earth was anyone to tell me what to do?

Ah, arrogance. Because by then my characters got lives of their own and became uncooperative, as a well-known writer had warned me would happen. They just hared off in their own directions, far away from even my deliberately free-flowing structure.

And just then, life dropped a massive distraction into my life. Boy did I jump to it!

I still have the files, Manuscript 1, 2, 3 et cetera. I last looked through them 10 years ago. They seemed increasingly childish every time I took a re-look. Frankly, homicide of all the characters seemed like the only option. To spare myself the guilt, I did nothing. Which maybe is the same thing.

So that's my career as a "writer". I mean I am a writer. But not that kind of a writer. My admiration and respect for real writers has grown manifold. For their dedication and doggedness. For talent and their deep reserves. I salute them, the writers and their books, those I have read for ages, those I still do. Isn't the human imagination fascinating? I read some. I review some. I collect some.

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Mohan Guruswamy

An important lesson from India's history for PM Modi

The fortunes of India had irrevocably changed on May 29, 1658, when two Indian armies clashed on the dusty fields of Samugarh, near Agra. India's history changed forever. Aurangzeb's victory over his brother Dara Shikoh marked the beginning of Islamic bigotry in India that not only alienated the Hindus but also the much more moderate Sufis and Shias as well. Aurangzeb's narrow Sunni beliefs were to make India the hotbed of Muslim fundamentalists, long before the Wahabis of Saudi Arabia sponsored the fanatics of the Taliban and the Islamic State. It was not only a battle for the Mughal throne, but also a battle for the very soul of India.

Aurangzeb's victory here and other successful campaigns resulted in the creation of the greatest and biggest imperial India till then. But the seeds of India's collapse were sown.

In 1620, India had the world's greatest national income, over a third of it, and was its greatest military power as well. It was the envy of Europe. The European traders came to seek Indian

goods for their markets. But no sooner was the iron hand of Aurangzeb no more than his imperial India began to disintegrate. The iron hand that ruled by dividing rather than uniting and that sought to impose a hierarchy by theological preferences gave rise to much discordance. But for Aurangzeb, Shivaji Bhonsle might have remained a minor western Indian feudatory? There are important lessons to be learnt from all this for those who rule and seek to rule India.

The weakening central rule and profit seeking peripheral kingdoms allowed European trading posts to be established. Weakening regimes led to the trading posts raising armed guards. Soon the overseas trading companies began warring each other and with so many minor states now free to make their destinies joining hands with one or the other it was the Europeans who got gradually got established. The Anglo-French wars of the Carnatic were fought by Indian armies beefed up by trading company levies. The East India Company of the British ultimately prevailed and the

French, Dutch, Portuguese and Danish got reduced to pockets.

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New Delhi is now pushing India towards a Hindu nationhood, by seeking to victimise a minority for the perceived wrongs and slights of the past. An intolerant religion can never be the basis of nationhood and national unity in India. The legacy of Aurangzeb tells us that. Aurangzeb had created the greatest empire that India had seen since Ashoka the Great. But it didn't take very long for it to dissipate. In the hundred years that followed, a foreign mercantile company gained control over all of India.

The BJP under Narendra Modi might keep gaining electoral dominion over all or most of India. But has he learned any lessons from history? Does he want to become the Hindu Aurangzeb? What is worrisome that we know well that history is not Narendra Modi's forte.

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LETTERS

VACCINATION

If politicians, ruling or in the Opposition, do not take the Covid-19 vaccine now, at least top ministers should come forward to pull up their sleeves for the shot. Otherwise, it will send the wrong signal to public. I request all ministers and politicians to take the vaccine first to assure the public that it is safe.

Krishna Kumar Tumuluru
Hyderabad

After months of struggle we have got a vaccine against Covid. Even though we have to take precautions after vaccination, I thank scientists, doctors, police, sanitation workers who were on the frontlines during the pandemic.

R. Aswini
Nagarjuna Sagar

Today as Indians we can be proud of the vaccine roll-out. We have to salute the tireless efforts of our scientists who made this possible. It is a golden day in the history of our pharmaceutical industry. We are also proud of Hyderabad's Bharat Biotech for producing Covaxin.

D. Lakshmi Narayan
Hyderabad

AP TEMPLE ATTACKS

The TD and BJP cadres who attacked temples in AP should be punished (*TD, BJP activists behind temple attacks: AP DGP, DC, Jan. 16*). They wanted to destabilise the YSRC government. TD supremo Naidu should clarify whether he will shield his partymen or not. He must expel them immediately and apologise. The BJP must follow suit. Let us leave religion-based politics. All citizens have an equal right to practice the religion of their choice.

Dr Polepaka
Hyderabad

RAM TEMPLE FUNDS

The apex court which has directed the government to form a trust to construct the Ram temple in Ayodhya should take note of how Sangh organisations are collecting funds for the purpose (*President, CMs contribute for Ram Temple fund, DC, Jan. 16*). When the BJP government is promoting digital payments, why are RSS/VHP cadets seeking donations as if they are collecting "chanda" for Ganesh festival?

N. Nagarajan
Secunderabad

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50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

City to be airlinked with Nagarjunasagar

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 16 Linking of Hyderabad with Nagarjunasagar and a service between Hyderabad and Aurangabad were accepted in principle by the Indian Airlines and Civil Aviation Department.

Disclosing this, the Minister for Tourism, Mrs. Roda Mistry, said the service between Hyderabad and Aurangabad, attracting vast tourist traffic, could materialise in six months. Lighting of Aurangabad airport to facilitate night landing around that town would be done by the Civil Aviation Department.

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Mohan Guruswamy

An important lesson from India's history for PM Modi

The fortunes of India had irrevocably changed on May 29, 1658, when two Indian armies clashed on the dusty fields of Samugarh, near Agra. India's history changed forever. Aurangzeb's victory over his brother Dara Shikoh marked the beginning of Islamic bigotry in India that not only alienated the Hindus but also the much more moderate Sufis and Shias as well. Aurangzeb's narrow Sunni beliefs were to make India the hotbed of Muslim fundamentalists, long before the Wahabis of Saudi Arabia sponsored the fanatics of the Taliban and the Islamic State. It was not only a battle for the Mughal throne, but also a battle for the very soul of India.

Aurangzeb's victory here and other successful campaigns resulted in the creation of the greatest and biggest imperial India till then. But the seeds of India's collapse were sown.

In 1620, India had the world's greatest national income, over a third of it, and was its greatest military power as well. It was the envy of Europe. The European traders came to seek Indian

goods for their markets. But no sooner was the iron hand of Aurangzeb no more than his imperial India began to disintegrate. The iron hand that ruled by dividing rather than uniting and that sought to impose a hierarchy by theological preferences gave rise to much discordance. But for Aurangzeb, Shivaji Bhonsle might have remained a minor western Indian feudatory? There are important lessons to be learnt from all this for those who rule and seek to rule India.

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IN BRIEF

BIHAR ROPES IN 'BICYCLE GIRL' AS AMBASSADOR

Patna, Jan. 16: The Bihar government has chosen 'bicycle girl' Jyoti Kumari, who had pedalled 1,200 km from Gurugram to Darbhanga taking her injured father on the rear carrier during the nationwide lockdown, as the Brand Ambassador for an anti-drug abuse programme, an official said.

The state government has selected the 15-year-old "real life hero" to sharpen its campaign against the use of narcotic drugs and intoxicants by youths. Dayanidhan Pandey, Director of Social Security Directorate said on Saturday.

"We could not have got any better choice than the girl who displayed exemplary courage to fight the adversity. Youths are falling prey to drugs and she will inspire them against the practice," he said.

The official visited the girl's village in Darbhanga on Friday to appoint her as the brand ambassador of the programme and also gave a cheque of ₹50,000 to her.

Kumari will be propagating the central government's National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction for 2018-2025 in Bihar. The programme formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a multi-pronged strategy.

BJP NAMES SHAHNAWAZ ITS MLC CANDIDATE

New Delhi/Patna, Jan. 16: Former Union minister and BJP's national spokesperson Syed Shahnawaz Hussain was named by the party on Saturday its MLC candidate from Bihar.

The announcement marks Hussain's return to electoral politics, albeit to the state level, for the first time since 2014 when he lost the Lok Sabha election from Bhagalpur. He was not given a ticket in the 2019 polls.

In the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, he had held the civil aviation portfolio among other charges.

The party also named six more candidates for the legislative council polls in Uttar Pradesh.

They are Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Govind Narayan Shukla, Salil Bishnoi, Ashwini Tyagi, Dharmveer Prajapati and Surendra Chaudhary.

Polling for 12 legislative council seats in Uttar Pradesh and two in Bihar will be held on January 28.

The win of BJP candidates in these seats is all but certain owing to the party's strength in respective state assemblies.

Two MLC seats in Bihar have been vacated after the elections of former state minister Vinod Narayan Jha to the assembly from Benipatti seat in Madhubani district and of former deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi to Rajya Sabha.

PLEA SEEKS FIR AGAINST MUNDE

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI, JAN. 16

A petition has been filed in Bombay High Court against the Maharashtra social justice minister and NCP leader Dhananjay Munde claiming he hid facts in affidavits before the election commission of India.

The petitioner has sought registration of an FIR against Mr Munde, who has been embroiled in controversy over allegations of rape of a woman.

In his petition, social activist and president of Rashtriya Brashnachar Virodhi Janshakti Hemant Patil sought an FIR should be registered under Section 420 (cheating) of the Indian Penal Code against Mr Munde alleging that Munde suppressed material facts pertaining to his family in the election affidavit submitted along with his nomination paper for 2019 State Assembly Election.

The petition claimed that the minister has hid information pertaining to his two children in an affidavit filed during the assembly elections. Therefore, it should be directed to file an FIR against Munde.

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THERE SHOULD BE NO POLITICS OVER VACCINE, SAYS UDDHAV

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, JAN. 16

Differences within the MVA government in Maharashtra came to fore over the Covid vaccination drive in the state. While state health minister Rajesh Tope said the Centre has provided inadequate supply of vaccines to Maharashtra, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray said there should not be any politics over the vaccine.

Mr Thackeray kick-started the Covid vaccination drive at the BKC centre on Saturday. While speaking on the occasion, he allayed the talks of Maharashtra receiving step-motherly treatment from the Centre in the supply of Covid vaccine.

The quota of Covid vaccine has been fixed by the central health department, so it is not right to doubt their intention. Just as all people in Maharashtra are equal to me as a Chief Minister, it should be the same for the Prime Minister, he quipped.

Mr Thackeray expressed confidence that the supply of vaccines will increase after the rise in its production. The vaccines of couple of other companies are in the final stage. Once they are approved, the supply will increase, he added.

However, Mr Tope reiterated that Maharashtra has received less number of vaccines from the Centre. He said, "Maharashtra needs nearly 17.5 lakh doses of vaccines including the buffer stock. Of them, we have received only 9.72 lakh doses. It means the Centre has supplies only 55 per cent of stock."

On the first day of the vaccination drive, 28,500 people were inoculated in Maharashtra.

In the state, the vaccine will be given on a priority basis with the first group having health care workers.

NO. OF DOLPHINS IN CHILIKA LAKE INCREASES

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC
BHUBANESWAR, JAN. 16

Asia's largest brackish water lagoon Chilika has emerged one of the best suitable places for rare Irrawaddy dolphins. The population of dolphins in the lake has increased to 156 in 2020 against 150 in 2019, Chilika Development Authority authorities informed on Saturday.

The increase in the number of the dolphins came to the light after the CDA recently conducted the annual survey on the biodiversity of the lagoon, which is the largest lake along the east-coast of India.

The CDA authorities said that the present distribution range of Irrawaddy dolphins is only in Asia, from Chilika to Indonesia.

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Panaji, Jan. 16: Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar on Saturday urged the film industry and other sectors to collaborate with the government in organising the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the annual film extravaganza, Javadekar said there is a requirement of active participation from non-government sectors in such events.

"Every year, IFFI is organised by the central government and Goa government. Why? There should be participation from the film industry and other industries as well.

Just because it's the government's responsibility to ensure thriving atmosphere and promotion of arts and culture, doesn't mean the government in organising the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

He also extended an invitation to private players, hoping for their participation in the future editions of the festival.

The 51st edition of IFFI kickstarted here on Saturday after it was postponed in November 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. It will run till January 24. The ceremony was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium here.

The festival is being organised in a "hybrid mode", where delegates can participate and watch films and events virtually. Javadekar said the hybrid edition, which will also have physical screenings, is a testimony to the festival's ability to adapt to changing times. "Films will be screened across seven theatres, but the online access will be

there for all the delegates. Newspaper circulation was affected due to Covid, but their digital engagement grew massively.

"So these are changing times of evolving technology which we are benefiting from," he added.

Javadekar also announced that the Indian Personality of the Year Award will be conferred to veteran actor-filmmaker Biswajit Chatterjee.

The honour aims to celebrate film personalities for their exemplary contribution to cinema. The 84-year-old actor, known for featuring in films like *Bees Saal Baad*, *Night In London* and *April Fool*, would be presented the award at the National

Film Awards in March 2021.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, who was also present at the ceremony, said though the festival is taking place amid the pandemic, the organisers are strictly following the state guidelines to ensure safety of the guests. "We assure you that your health, hygiene and well-being has been of utmost importance. We are following all the health protocols for the film festival," he added.

The annual film festival, held in Goa, is conducted jointly by the Directorate of Film Festivals (under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) and Goa government.



A medic administers the first dose of Covishield vaccine to 87-year-old Dr. Asha Singhal, after the virtual launch of Covid-19 vaccination drive by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at South Mumbai Nair Hospital in Mumbai, on Saturday. - PTI

MP: SECURITY GUARD FIRST TO GET VACCINE

RABINDRA NATH CHAUDHURY | DC
Bhopal, Jan. 16

Hari Deb, a security guard of J P Hospital in Bhopal, on Saturday got the first shot of Covid-19 vaccine in Madhya Pradesh.

42-year-old old Deb was administered the vaccine in the J P Hospital Centre here immediately after Prime Minister Narendra Modi ended his vaccine address.

Mr Deb was presented a bouquet by senior officials of the state health department on the occasion.

"I feel good. I feel elated that I have been chosen to get the first shot in the state," Mr Deb told reporters.

Similarly, in Chhattisgarh, sanitary worker of Dr B R Ambedkar hospital in Raipur, Tulsi Tandi became the first recipient of Covid-19 vaccine in the state.

ODISHA: DRIVE STARTS WITH CLASS 4 STAFF

DC CORRESPONDENT
BHUBANESWAR, JAN. 16

Biranchi Nayak, a 51-year-old Class 4 employee of Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar, received the first shot of Covid-19 vaccine. After Biranchi, the director of the Capital Hospital, Dr Laxmidhar Sahoo, was administered the vaccine.

Odisha's Covid-19 vaccination drive was formally launched from Capital Hospital in the presence of senior officials of the state government.

"I'm feeling quite well now. I did not experience any adverse effects or uneasiness. This vaccine has given me newfound confidence to serve the patients coming to this hospital with more dedication," said Biranchi.

Delhi docs say no to Bharat Biotech shot, want Covishield

RML docs say Bharat Biotech vaccine is still undergoing stage III trials

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN 16

Dissent and controversies have started erupting with the first shot of the Covid-19 vaccines in India.

In Delhi, the resident doctors of government-run Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), demanded they be administered Covishield (by Oxford-AstraZeneca-SII) and not the Covaxin (by Bharat Biotech) saying the Oxford vaccine has completed all three stages of trials as required under protocol while by the Bharat Biotech vaccine is undergoing stage-III trials.

Apart from India, Covishield has also got emergency use authorisation in the United Kingdom, Argentina and Mexico.

The union government, however, tried to underplay apprehensions saying a lot of work had gone into the development of both products and both vaccines are safe.

The Prime Minister asked people stay away from rumours and propaganda as these made-in-India vaccines have been approved for emergency use only after the scientists and experts were fully convinced about their safety and efficacy.

"Indian vaccine scientists, medical system, Indian process and institu-

tional mechanism in this regard is trusted globally and this trust is earned with a consistent track record," the PM said as he pointed out that 60 per cent of children world over receive life-saving vaccines which are made-in-India and pass through stringent Indian scientific tests.

"We have come to know that the Covid vaccination drive is being conducted by the hospital today. Covaxin manufactured by Bharat Biotech is being preferred over Covishield manufactured by Serum Institute in our hospital. We would like to bring to your notice that the residents are a bit apprehen-

sive about the lack of complete trial in case of Covaxin and might not participate in huge numbers, thus, defeating the purpose of vaccination. We request you to vaccinate us with Covishield, which has completed all stages of the trial before its roll out," the Residents Doctors' Association of RML said in a letter to the Medical Superintendent of the hospital, Dr AK Singh Rana, who himself took the Covaxin shot on Saturday.

At the RML hospital, a security guard was the first one to receive the shot. Senior Congress leader Manish Tewari too raised

questions over the emergency use approval granted to Covaxin alleging it was done without due process.

"As vaccine roll out begins, it is all a bit puzzling. India has no policy framework for authorising emergency use. Yet, two vaccines have been approved for restricted use in emergency situation," Mr Tewari tweeted.

"COVAXIN is another story -- Approvals sans Due Process," he added. (sic)

Covaxin was also used in AIIMS, Delhi where its Director Dr Randeep Guleria and NITI Aayog member (health) Dr VK Paul took the shots.

'Pak pushing militants even during winter'

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 16

Intelligence agencies have cautioned security forces that Pakistan was trying to push militants from across the border even during the winter season.

According to intelligence reports, China was confirming in crowd in Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, while in pigeon, brown fish owl and Heron in Delhi. However, the Centre requested state governments to "rethink" their decisions to impose ban sale of poultry products and allow sale of poultry items sourced from the non-infected areas/states. In India, bird flu is spread mainly by migratory birds coming into India during winter months.

- PTI

TWO J&K COPS RECEIVE AWARDS

Jammu, Jan. 16: Two policemen received 'Jeevan Raksha Padak' awards on Saturday for saving the lives of civilians during ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the Line of Control in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir in March 2018.

Selection Grade Constable Maqsood Ahmad in Poonch district police and Follower Zakir Hussain of sixth battalion J&K Armed Police (JKAP) were awarded 'Jeevan Raksha Padak' 2019 by the Union Home Ministry last year.

Poonch Deputy Commissioner Rahul Yadav and Senior Superintendent of Police Ramesh Kumar Angral handed over the awards to the policemen in a function at Dak Bungalow, Poonch, the police official said.

- PTI

tants close to the border areas are trying to infiltrate into India.

"It is clear that China is now assisting and supporting both Pak Army and ISI by providing them resources in terms of arms, ammunition and equipment which in turn are being supplied to the militants. But we are extremely cautious in the border areas and even our security personnel are well equipped to ensure that no one takes advantage of the harsh weather to infiltrate across the border," a senior security official added.

ANNUAL EVENT The 51st edition of IFFI kickstarts, it will run till January 24**IFFI not just govt's responsibility: Centre**

Panaji, Jan. 16: Partha Dasgupta, a former CEO of TV ratings agency BARC who was arrested in the Television Rating Points (TRP) rigging case, has been admitted to the ICU of a hospital here after his sugar level shot up, officials said on Saturday.

His daughter took to Twitter to allege that he was tortured in prison, and appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others to 'save his life'.

Dasgupta, a diabetic, was rushed to the state-run J J Hospital here from the Taloja Central Prison in Navi Mumbai around mid-night after his blood sugar levels shot up, a prison official said.

He was admitted to the ICU and was on oxygen support, the official said.

Dasgupta, former CEO of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) was arrested in the alleged TRP rigging scam by crime branch of the Mumbai Police on December 24 last year.

A Mumbai court had earlier this month rejected his bail plea, stating that he appeared to have played a vital role in the scam to rig TRP as per the police's case.

The Mumbai Police had earlier told the court that Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami had allegedly bribed Dasgupta with "lakhs of rupees" to ramp up the news channel's viewer numbers fraudulently.

Dasgupta's anguished appeal", tagging PM Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah, the PMO as well as Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Her mother received a call around 3 am on Saturday informing that her father had been brought to the hospital in unconscious state around 1 pm on Friday, she said.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY



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9:30 AM, 10:05 AM, 10:20 AM, 1:30 PM, 4:25 PM, 4:40 PM,
6:55 PM, 7:05 PM, 10:35 PM, 10:45 PM



ALLUDU ADHURS TELUGU 2D (U/A)
9:40 AM, 9:50 AM, 1:05 PM, 1:25 PM, 4:35 PM, 7:00 PM,
7:15 PM, 10:25 PM



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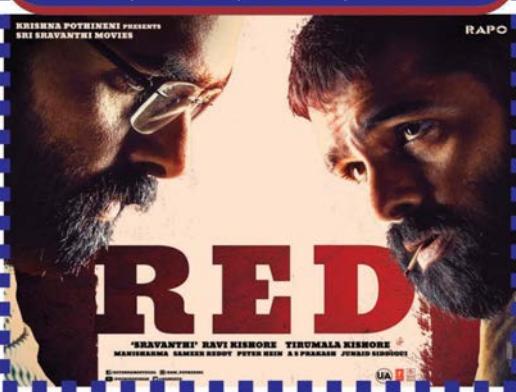


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DSL-12.00PM

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PLATINUM GACHIBOWLI 4.15PM

MALLAPUR-4.25PM
PVR PICTURES RELEASE WARANGAL-4.50PM

SANDHYA 35MM
11.00am,2.00,6.00,9.00pm

PRASAD MULTIPLEX - Khairatabad
2.15pm,5.00,7.45,10.45pm

AMB CINEMAS - Gachibowli
9.50am,1.05,4.30,7.15,10.25pm

TIVOLI CINEMAS - Sec-bad
10.20am,1.10,4.35,7.30,10.40pm

PVR CINEMAS

FORUM MALL - Kukatpally
10.10am,1.15,4.20,7.25,10.30,11.10pm

ICON MALL - Hitech City
12.00pm,3.05,6.10,9.15pm

CENTRAL MALL - Punjagutta
10.00am,1.15,7.55,11.00pm

INORBIT MALL - Cyberbad
10.15am,1.30,4.35,7.40,10.45pm

IRRUM MANZIL
1.35pm,4.35,7.40,10.45pm

MOOSARAMBAGH
12.30pm,3.35,6.40,9.45pm

GALLERIA - Punjagutta
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RK MALL - Banjara Hills
10.00am,8.20,11.20pm

CINEPLANET - Komppala
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CINESQUARE - Uppal
10.30am,1.35,4.40,7.05,10.45pm

GPR MALL - Kukatpally
1.30pm,4.35,10.40pm

M CUBE MALL - Attapur
10.40am,1.30,4.15,7.15,10.10pm

RADHIKA - Kapra
1.15pm,4.40,10.50pm

MJR SQUARE - Narapally
10.45am,1.10,4.40,7.30,10.45pm

SHIVA - Dilukhnagar
2.00pm & 9.00pm

SHASHAHENSHA - Chintal
2.00am & 6.00pm

LAXMIKALA - Mosapet
11.15am & 6.15pm

GVK MALL - Banjara Hills
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GSM MALL - Miyapur
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MP MALL - Kachiguda
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DSL - Uppal
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MANTRA MALL - Attapur
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CCPL - Malkajgiri
11.30am,3.00,6.30,10.00pm

SUDHA - Shalibanda
11.00am,2.30,6.00,9.30pm

BVK MULTIPLEX - L.B Nagar
10.30am,1.15,4.30,7.30,10.30pm

Balanagar - Chandanagar
12.30,7.20,10.40pm

S2 CINEMAS - Mallapur
10.00am,1.05,7.45,10.50pm

PLATINUM - SLN
9.50am,4.25,10.40pm

TALLURI - ECIL
11.15am,2.15,6.00

CARNIVAL - Ameerpet
10.30am,4.35,7.35pm

GOKUL 70MM
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15

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Biden slams lawmakers who refuse to wear masks

At least four of US Congress test positive since the Capitol attack

Washington, Jan. 16:

President-elect Joe Biden has slammed Republican lawmakers who refused to wear masks while huddling in a secure location during the January 6 riot at the US Capitol despite the threat of Coronavirus, telling them that "it's time to grow up".

At least four members of US Congress — including Democratic leaders Pramila Jayapal, Brad Schneider and Bonnie Watson Coleman — have tested positive for Covid-19 since the Capitol attack by Trump's supporters which left five people dead.

"Quite frankly, it was shocking to see members of the Congress while the Capitol was under siege by a deadly mob of thugs refusing to wear a mask while they were in secure locations," Biden told reporters in Wilmington, Delaware on Friday.

"I'm so proud of my congresswoman, right here in the state of Delaware, Lisa Blunt Rochester, trying to hand out masks while people are lying on the floor huddled up, and

Iowa City (US), Jan. 16: A white military veteran shot and wounded a 15-year-old girl when he fired his gun into a car carrying four Person of Colour teenagers during a tense confrontation at a Trump rally near the Iowa Capitol last month.

Michael McKinney, 25, is charged with attempted murder in the Dec. 6 shooting in Des Moines. McKinney, who was heavily armed and wearing body armor, told police he fired the shot in self-defence. A resident of tiny St. Charles, Iowa, McKinney has posted on Facebook in support

of the far-right Proud Boys and against Black Lives Matter. In a news release detailing McKinney's arrest, the state police described an afternoon shooting at a parking lot and didn't mention the Trump rally or the race of those involved.

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Congress today, including a cancer survivor, now have Covid-19 who were in those rooms," Biden said. Congresswoman Coleman, who recently tested Covid-19 positive, is a 75-year-old

cancer survivor. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has imposed fines this week on members who refuse to wear masks on the House floor, with a \$500 penalty for a first offence and \$2,500 for a

second offence.

Biden said wearing a mask is not a political, but a lifesaving issue. "For God's sake, wear a mask if not for yourself, for your loved ones, for your country. These are real matters of life and death. We need you to stick with the hand-washing, social distancing, and avoid indoor gatherings with people outside your own household," he said.

"I hope we know this is not a political issue. This is about saving lives. I know it's become a partisan issue, but what a stupid, stupid thing for it to happen. This is a patriotic act. We are asking you, we're in a war with this virus, and experts saying — have shown that wearing a mask from now until April will save as many as 50,000 lives," the Democratic leader said.

US is the worst-hit nation in the world with over 23,530,460 Coronavirus cases and more than 3,92,100 deaths due to the disease. Biden reiterated his plans to call on all Americans to wear masks for his first 100 days in office. — PTI

Army vet charged for shooting PoC girl during Trump meet

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POMPEO HITS IRAN, CHINA, CUBA WITH SANCTIONS

Washington, Jan. 16: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday imposed sanctions on three of his primary targets — China, Iran and Cuba — in a last-minute push aimed in part at boxing in President-elect Joe Biden.

Five days before he turns in his keys at the State Department, Pompeo vowed to punish China over its clampdown in Hong Kong — a stance backed by Biden — but moved further away from Biden's goal of easing tensions with Iran and Cuba.

Pompeo condemned as "appalling" the massive operation on January 6 in Hong Kong in which China rounded up 55 people including an American lawyer, John Clancy.

"We condemn PRC actions that erode Hong Kong's freedoms and democratic processes and will continue to use all tools at our disposal to hold those responsible to account," Pompeo said, referring to the People's Republic of China.

President Donald Trump's outgoing administration slapped sanctions on six people over the detentions including Tam Yiu Chung, Hong Kong's sole delegate to China's top lawmaking body, the National People's Congress Standing Committee.

It earlier took action against Hong Kong's top leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who acknowledged that as a result she was no longer able to use a credit card or hold a bank account.

China last year pushed through a draconian security law in Hong Kong after widespread and sometimes violent protests that sought to preserve freedoms guaranteed to the financial hub before Britain handed back the territory in 1997.

Antony Blinken, who will appear for a Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday to be Pompeo's successor, has vowed that the next administration "will stand with the people of Hong Kong and against Beijing's crackdown on democracy."

But the Biden administration is expected to shift course on Cuba and Iran, on which hardline stances have become points of pride in Trump's Republican Party, which saw a boost in support in the crucial state of Florida from Cuban-Americans. — AFP

RAPO DOUBLE ROLE DHAMAKA BIGGEST BLOCKBUSTER

RED
11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

SUDARSHAN 35MM
(Enjoy 4k digital projection & dolby atmos)
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

TARAKARAMA-KACHIGUDA
11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

SWC MAHALAXMICOMPLEX
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

SIVAGANGA-11.15,2.15,6.15,9.30
SHA-11.00,2.00,6.00,9.45PM

RADHIKA-10.30,1.20,4.10,7.00,9.55PM
GPR-10.20,1.40,4.40,7.40,10.40PM

MCUBE-10.30,10.35,1.40,4.40,7.45,10.45PM
CINESQUARE-10.30,10.50,1.35,1.45,4.10,4.50,7.25,7.40,9.50PM

10.15,1.15,1.40,4.15,7.15,7.50,10.15PM
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AMB CINEMAS
10.05,1.30,4.25,6.55,7.05,10.45PM

8.45,11.30,2.15,5.45,9.30PM
MOOSAPET 2.45,9.30PM

STAR CINEMA
TIVOLI-10.40,1.40,4.40,7.45,10.45PM

MJR-10.30,1.40,4.30,7.40,10.35PM

PLATINUM
9.00,10.00,11.00,12.45,2.30,3.35,5.15,8.00,10.00,10.50PM

SHALINI-11.10,4.30,11.00PM
CHANDANAGAR-11.45,3.15,6.45,10.00PM

BALANGAR-9.00,10.00,12.15,1.15,4.30,7.45,11.00PM



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Rama Brahmam Sunkara Giri Palika

OAMB CINEMAS-GACHIBOWLI
Cinesquare-Uppal
Mcube mall-Attapur
Radhika-Kapra | Sivaganga-Dsnr
GPR-Kukatpally

Gold Ameerpet
Cineplanet Kompally

Prasad's Kairatabad
PLATINUM Gachibowli

Banjara Hills | Kachiguda Madinaguda

INOX Chandanagar | Balanagar Dilshuknagar

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U.S. NTSB team joins jet crash investigation

Boeing 737-500 was out of service for 9 months last yr

Damaged roads, lack of gear hinder quake rescue

Jakarta, Jan. 16: A team from the US National Transportation Safety Board has arrived in Indonesia's capital to join the investigation into the crash of a Sriwijaya Air Boeing 737-500, the head of Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee said on Saturday.

The team also comprises representatives from the US Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing and General Electric. They joined personnel from Singapore's Transportation Safety Investigation Bureau at the search and rescue command center at Tanjung Priok port in Jakarta to see some of the plane debris.

The plane lost contact with air traffic controllers minutes after taking off from Jakarta during heavy rain on Jan. 9. The jet crashed into the Java Sea, killing all 62 people on board. Divers found parts of the cockpit voice recorder on Friday as more personnel joined the search for

Mamuju, Jan. 16: Damaged roads and bridges, power blackouts and lack of heavy equipment on Saturday hampered Indonesia's rescuers after a 6.2 magnitude earthquake left at least 42 dead and hundreds injured on Sulawesi island.

Operations were focused on about 10 locations in the hard-hit city of Mamuju, where people are still believed trapped following Friday's

wreckage and victims.

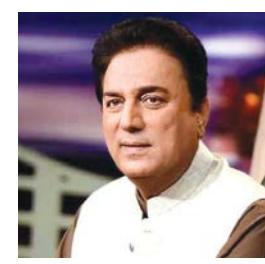
Investigators have already downloaded information from the plane's flight data recorder, which was recovered earlier this week. "There are 330 parameters and everything is in good condition. We are learning about it now," said Soerjanto Tjahjono, chairman

said 34 people were killed in Mamuju and nearly 200 hospitalized. The nearby district of Majene was also ravaged, leaving at least eight dead and more than 630 injured, he said.

At least 300 houses in Majene were damaged and about 15,000 people moved to shelters. Many survivors said that aid has not reached them yet due to damaged roads and disrupted communications. —AP

almost nine months last year because of flight cutbacks caused by the pandemic. The airline and Indonesian officials say it underwent inspections, including for possible engine corrosion that could have developed during the layoff, before it resumed commercial flying in December. —AP

Pakistan Cabinet removes Imran's aide as PTV chief



age limit for 65-year-old Bukhari. The Cabinet, through circulation, took a decision in which Bukhari and two other PTV directors were removed from their posts as they were over 65 years, the Dawn News reported, quoting Federal Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry.

When asked why the decision was taken in haste and made through circulation instead of convening a formal meeting of the Cabinet, the minister said the government had to take a decision as presently the PTV was without a head and facing a "chaos-like situation", the report said.

Islamabad, Jan. 16: The Pakistan Cabinet has removed Naeem Bukhari, a close associate of Prime Minister Imran Khan, as chairman of Pakistan Television (PTV), after the Islamabad High Court barred him from working as the head of the state-run channel, according to media reports on Saturday.

Supreme Court lawyer, politician and former TV host Bukhari was appointed as chief of the state broadcaster in November last year, inviting criticism for getting benefit from his closeness to Prime Minister Khan.

In an embarrassment to Khan, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on

Thursday restrained Bukhari from working as the PTV chairman while hearing a set of petitions challenging his appointment, citing it a violation of a 2018 Supreme Court order in a similar case.

Justice Mianullah had

remarked that the Cabinet did not make a clear decision on relaxing the

ASIAN CINEMAS
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TODAY SCHEDULE

ASIAN RADHIKA-KAPRA
RED(U/A)(TEL)10.30,1.20,4.10,7.00,9.55PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)1.05,4.30,10.35PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.15,7.15PM
KRACK(U/A)10.40,1.35,7.25,10.20PM
MASTER(U/A)(TAMIL)3.55PM

ASIAN GPR-KUKATPALLY
RED(U/A)(TEL)10.30,4.40,7.40,10.40PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)1.50,4.35,10.30PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.00,1.15,4.10,7.20PM
KRACK(U/A)10.20,1.15,7.30,10.20PM

ASIAN MCUBE-ATTAPUR (FULLY RENOVATED)
RED(U/A)(TEL)10.30,1.40,4.40,7.45,10.45PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)
10.40,1.30,4.10,7.15,10.10PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.20,1.15,4.25,7.25,10.30PM
KRACK(U/A)10.35,1.20,4.20,7.00,10.20PM

ASIAN SHA COMPLEX-CHINTHAL
RED(U/A)(TEL)11.00,6.00PM
KRACK(U/A)2.30,9.45PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)11.30,9.00PM
MASTER(U/A)2.00,6.15PM

ASIAN SIVAGANGA-DILSHUKNAGAR
RED(U/A)(TEL)11.15,6.15PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)9.15PM
KRACK(U/A)(TEL)2.00,9.30PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.45,2.15,6.00PM

ASIAN CINESQUARE-UPPAL (FULLY RENOVATED)
KRACK(U/A)10.40,1.20,1.35,4.35,7.45,10.15PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.20,1.25,4.25,7.30PM
RED(U/A)(TEL)10.30,10.50,1.45,4.10,4.50,
7.25,7.40,9.50PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)
10.55,1.40,4.45,7.00,10.25,10.35PM
MASTER(U/A)(TAMIL)10.30PM

ASIAN LAKSHMIKALA-MOOSAPET
KRACK(U/A)(TEL)11.30,2.45,6.30,9.45PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)11.00,2.20,6.15,9.50PM
RED(U/A)(TEL)11.15,6.15PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)2.45,9.15PM

ASIAN CINEPLANET-KOMPALLY
KRACK(U/A)(TEL)10.40,1.30,4.20,7.10,10.00PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.00,1.20,4.05,7.25,10.45PM
RED(U/A)(TEL)
10.15,1.40,4.40,7.45,10.45PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)
10.50,1.40,4.30,7.15,10.10PM

ASIAN MJR SQUARE-NARAPALLY
KRACK(U/A)(TEL)10.50,1.10,4.50,7.15,10.30PM
MASTER(U/A)(TEL)10.20,1.20,4.30,7.30,10.40PM
RED(U/A)(TEL)10.30,1.40,4.30,7.40,10.35PM
ALLUDU ADHURS(U/A)(TEL)
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DEVI 70MM
11.00am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00pm

PRASAD LARGE SCREEN - 12.15pm,7.15pm
PRASAD MULTIPLEX - 10.00am

AMB CINEMAS - Gachibowli
9.25am,12.55,3.40,7.20,10.00pm

TIVOLI CINEMAS - Secunderabad
10.00am,1.15,4.10,4.20,7.35,10.50pm

FORUM MALL - Kukatpally I
11.15am, 1.15, 2.50, 6.25, 10.00pm

CENTRAL MALL - Punjagutta
9.55am,1.05,4.35,7.40,11.15pm

GALLERIA MALL - Punjagutta
10.10am,11.15,2.50,6.25,10.00pm

INORBIT MALL - Cyberbad
10.10am,1.20,4.45,7.40,11.20pm

MOOSARAMBAGH
12.00pm,3.35,7.10,10.45pm

IRRUM MANZIL
11.00am,2.35,6.10,9.45pm

ICON MALL - Hitech City
3.05pm,6.40,10.15pm

RK - Banjara - 1.00pm, 7.45pm

GPR MALL - Kukatpally
10.15am,4.15,7.20pm

M CUBE MALL - Attapur
10.20am,1.15,4.25,7.25,1030pm

CINEPLANET - Kompally
10.00am,1.20,4.15,7.25,10.45pm

CINESQUARE - Uppal
10.15am,1.25,4.30,7.30pm

MJR SQUARE MALL - Narapally
10.20am,1.25,4.30,7.30,10.40pm

LAXMIKALA - Mosapet
10.45am,2.20pm,6.15,9.50pm

RADHIKA - Kapra - 10.15, 1.20pm

SHIVA - Dilshuknagar - 2.15 & 6.00pm

SHA - Chintal - 1.15 & 9.15pm

GVK MALL - Banjara
10.30am,2.30,6.30,10.30pm

GSM MALL - Miyapur
10.30,11.15,2.30,6.00,6.30,9.00,10.30pm

MP MALL - Kachiguda
10.00am,1.35,2.00,6.00,9.00,10.00pm

MANTRA MALL - Attapur
2.50pm,6.50,10.50pm

DSL MALL - Uppal
2.50pm,6.50,10.50pm

SUDHA - Shalibanda
10.30am,2.30,6.30,10.30pm

CCPL - Malkajgiri - 11.30,2.00,6.00pm

Balangar - 10.20am,2.10,6.00,9.50pm

Chandanagar - 10.30am, 6.30pm

S2 CINEMAS - Mallapur - 11.45,4.10,6.55

PLATINUM - Mallapur
9.00am,12.25,6.30,7.15,10.40pm

BVK - Mallapur - 10.15am, 4.25pm

TALLURI - Ecil X Road
2.15,6.00,9.15pm

Ameerpet - 10.00am,1.15,4.20,10.45pm

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DEVI 70MM
11.00am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00pm

MAHALAXMI - Kothapet
11.00am & 2.30pm

SHIVA PARVATHY 70MM
11.30am, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45pm

RAJDHANI COMPLEX
11.00am, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00pm

VENKATARAMA
2 Shows : 2.30,6.00

AMBA 70MM
11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30

SRI KRISHNA 70
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15

SRIDEVI 70MM
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

GANESH 70MM
2 Shows : 2.00,9.00

RANGA 70MM
2 Shows : 11.00,6.00

TAMIL VERSION

PRASAD LARGE SCREEN - Khairatabad
9.00am,3.45,10.45pm

AMB - Gachibowli - 9.45pm

FORUM MALL - Kukatpally I
1.25am,4.50,7.30,11.05pm

GALLERIA MALL - Punjagutta
1.00pm,4.45,7.35,11.10pm

INORBIT MALL - Cyberbad
12.35pm,6.40,10.15pm

MOOSARAMBAGH-11.15am,3.00,5.35pm

IRRUM MANZIL
12.25am,7.10,10.45pm

CENTRAL - Punjagutta
4.20,11.10pm

ICON - Hitech - 1.30am, 3.25pm

RK - Banjara - 4.35pm, 11.15pm

GVK MALL - Banjara
10.20am,5.30,9.30pm

GSM MALL - Miyapur
10.20,2.20,6.20,10.20pm

MANTRA MALL - Attapur
10.10am,2.10,6.10,10.10pm

DSL MALL - Uppal
10.10am,2.10,6.10,10.10pm

SUDHA - Shalibanda
2.20pm,9.55pm

CCPL - Malkajgiri - 3.20,10.45pm

RADHIKA - Kapra - 4.00pm

Balangar - 3.35pm

Chandanagar - 2.30pm

S2 CINEMAS - Mallapur - 3.20,10.30pm

KRACKIFIED BLOCKBUSTER
2nd WEEK

SAPTAGIRI 70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BRAMARAMBA 70MM-KUKATPALLY
11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

RAJADHANI COMP-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

METRO 70MM-11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00

SENSATION SUNSHINE-6.15,9.15PM

OAMB
9.40,10.15,12.40,
4.05,7.35,10.45pm

TIVOLI
10.40,1.30,4.20,
7.10,10.10pm

MALLAPUR
10.05,1.20,7.50,
10.30pm

PVR
4.20,7.30,10.40pm

ASIAN CINEMAS
11.30,2.45,6.30,
9.45pm

NARAPALY-10.50,
1.40,4.50,7.45,10.30pm

INORBIT-10.10,1.20,4.30,7.40,10.50PM

ICON-1.00,4.10,7.20,10.30PM

FORUM MALL-10.00,1.10,4.20,7.30,10.40PM

IRRUMMANZIL-12.00,3.10,5.25,6.35,9.45PM

GALLERIA-10.00,1.30,4.10,7.20,10.30PM

RADHIKA-10.40,1.40,7.30,10.45PM

UPPAL-10.45,2.10,4.35,7.50,10.20PM

M CUBE-10.15,2.10,4.20,7.05,10.20PM

CHANDANAGAR-4.00,10.30PM

BALANAGAR-3.25,6.40,9.55PM

INOX
GVK-11.15,2.15,5.20,6.25,10.00PM

MP
11.35,3.10,6.45,10.20PM

GSM
11.45,1.30,3.00,5.15,6.30,10.00PM

CCPL
-11.40,3.10,6.40,10.30PM

MANTRA
-11.30,3.05,6.40,9.15PM

PLATINUM
10.00,4.15,7.25,10.30

ANJALI 70MM
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

SRILATHAR C.PURAM
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

MAHALAXMI COMPLEX
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

SRINIVASA UPPAL
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM

LAXMISHAMSHABAD
2.30, 6.30 PM

AARADHANA 70MM
11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15PM

TALLURI 70MM
11.15,6.15,9.15PM

BHUJANGA 70MM
2.00, 9.00PM

KARTHIKEYA EXHIBITORS RELEASE

TIVOLI catch the stars

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

RED
TELUGU U/A 146 MIN
10:40 AM, 1:40 PM, 4:40 PM,
7:45 PM, 10:45 PM

ALLUDU ADHURS
TELUGU U/A 149 MIN
10:20 AM, 1:10 PM, 4:35 PM,
7:30 PM, 10:40 PM

MASTER
TELUGU U/A 178 MIN
10:00 AM, 1:15 PM,

SHORT TAKES

UN'S 1ST STEP TO ELECT NEXT CHIEF BY JAN. 31

United Nations, Jan. 16: The UN General Assembly and Security Council are expected to take the first step toward electing the next head of the global organisation this month. Assembly President Volkan Bozkir said Friday that he and Tunisia's UN Ambassador Tarek Ladeb, the current council president, hope to send a letter before January 31 asking the UN's 193 member nations to submit any candidates to challenge Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The former Portuguese prime minister and UN refugee chief, whose five-year term at the helm of the United Nations ends on December 31, said in letters to Bozkir and Ladeb on Monday that he will seek a second term. The General Assembly elects the secretary-general on the recommendation of the 15-member Security Council where the five permanent members have veto power, so their support is crucial. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson immediately announced his support for Guterres, but there has been no word yet from The United States, Russia, China and France.

PALESTINIAN POLLS: FIRST IN 15 YEARS

Gaza City, Jan. 16: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas issued a decree Friday, setting parliamentary and presidential elections for later this year in what would be the first vote of its kind since 2006, when the Islamic militant group Hamas won a landslide victory.

Elections would pose a major risk for Abbas' Fatah party and also for Hamas as both faced protests in recent years over their inability to reconcile with one another, advance Palestinian aspirations for statehood or meet the basic needs of those in the territories they govern.

Fatah and Hamas have been publicly calling for elections for more than a decade but have never been able to mend their rift or agree on a process for holding them, and despite Friday's decree, it remained far from clear whether the voting would actually be held.

Elections could also complicate President-elect Joe Biden's plans to restore aid to the Palestinians and to revive the peace process with Israel. The 2006 election victory by Hamas, which is considered a terrorist group by Israel and Western countries, led to heavy international pressure being placed on the Palestinian Authority.

LASCHET WILL LEAD MERKEL'S PARTY

Berlin, Jan. 16: Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right party on Saturday chose Armin Laschet, the pragmatic governor of Germany's most populous state, as its new leader — sending a signal of continuity months before an election in which voters will decide who becomes the new chancellor.

Laschet defeated Friedrich Merz, a conservative and one-time Merkel rival, at an online convention of the Christian Democratic Union. Laschet won 521 votes to Merz's 466; a third candidate, prominent lawmaker Norbert Roettgen, was eliminated in a first round of voting. Saturday's vote isn't the final word on who will run as the center-right candidate for chancellor in Germany's Sept. 26 election, but Laschet will either run for chancellor or will have a big say in who does. Merkel, who has been chancellor since 2005, announced in late 2018 that she wouldn't seek a fifth term. She also stepped down from the CDU leadership.

The decision ends an 11-month leadership limbo in Germany's strongest party after outgoing leader Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, who had failed to impose her authority on the party, announced her resignation. A vote on her successor was delayed twice because of the Coronavirus pandemic. There had been no clear favorite going into Saturday's convention, but the election of Merz would have marked at least a symbolic break with the Merkel era.

Laschet will have to work to strengthen party unity — something Kramp-Karrenbauer struggled with. Laschet, 59, was elected in 2017 as governor of North Rhine-Westphalia state, a traditionally centre-left stronghold. He governs the region in a coalition with the pro-business Free Democrats.



A demonstrator holds a QAnon flag and a poster reading Freedom during a protest against virus restrictions at the Maria Theresien Platz in Vienna, on Saturday. — AFP

Defamation suit: Nix Trump, court told Biden names PIO to key WH post

New York, Jan. 16:

Justice Department lawyers asked a federal appeals court Friday to replace President Donald Trump with the United States as the defendant in a defamation lawsuit brought by a woman who says he raped her in the 1990s. The lawyers filed papers in an appeal of a lower-court Manhattan judge's ruling denying the substitution in a lawsuit brought by E. Jean Carroll, a columnist who in a June 2019 book described her encounter with Trump at an upscale Manhattan department store. The book excerpt prompted Trump to deny the allegations and question Carroll's credibility and motivations in a statement from his White House press office, comments in an Oval Office interview and statements to the media as he boarded a helicopter for Camp David, the lawyers said.

The National Economic Council coordinates the economic policy making process and provide economic policy advice to the US president. Fazili is currently the Economic Agency lead on the Biden-Harris Transition.

Prior to that, she was a clinical lecturer of law at Yale Law School. Originally from Buffalo, she now lives in Georgia. — PTI

PENCE CONGRATULATES HARRIS, OFFERS FULL CO-OPERATION

Washington, Jan. 16:

Outgoing US Vice President Mike Pence has called his soon-to-be successor Kamala Harris to congratulate her and offer his belated assistance — fulfilling a leadership role all but abdicated by President Trump, who is planning to fly out of the capital shortly before Joseph R. Biden Jr. is sworn in next week," The New York Times reported. Friday's call was the first time Pence, 61, and Harris, 56, had an one-to-one conversation since their vice presidential debate in October last year. — PTI

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After vaccine, 23 die in Norway, 10 in Germany

Probe finds fever, nausea, diarrhoea caused fatalities

Travel corridors closed in the UK

London, Jan. 16: Norway has launched a probe after 23 elderly patients died following their immunization with the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine against Covid-19.

"It may be a coincidence, but we aren't sure," Steinar Madsen, medical director of the Norwegian Medicines Agency (NOMA), told the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

"There is no certain connection between these deaths and the vaccine."

Two Covid-19 vaccines, Comirnaty, from BioNTech/Pfizer and Moderna, are being used in Norway.

The agency has investigated 13 of the deaths so far and concluded that common adverse reactions of mRNA vaccines, such as fever, nausea, and diarrhoea, may have contributed to fatal outcomes in some of the patients.

"There is a possibility that these common adverse reactions, that are not dangerous in fitter, younger patients and are not unusual with vaccines, may aggravate underlying disease in the elderly," Madsen was quoted as saying.

"We are now asking for doctors to continue with the vaccination, but to carry out extra evaluation of very sick people whose underlying condition might be aggravated by it."

The Paul Ehrlich Institute in Germany is also investigating 10 deaths shortly after Covid-19 vaccination in that country.

In a statement, Pfizer said: "Pfizer and BioNTech are aware of reported deaths following administration of BNT162b2. We are working with NOMA to gather all the relevant information."

All reported deaths will be thoroughly evaluated by NOMA to determine if these incidents are related to the vaccine. The Norwegian government will also consider adjusting their vaccination instructions to take the patients' health into more

consideration."

More than 20,000 doses of the vaccine have been administered over the past few weeks in Norway and around 400 deaths normally occur among care home residents every week, reports the BMJ.

Chinese publication Global Times first broke the story, saying that health experts in the country have called on Norway

10 days of self-isolation on arrival

72 hours earlier: Time when passengers coming to the UK must have taken the Covid test.

15 of Feb., the date till when the measures will be in place until being reviewed

and other countries to suspend the use of Pfizer's mRNA-based Covid-19 vaccine, after at least 23 deaths were reported post-vaccination.

"All the deaths have occurred in frail, elderly patients in nursing homes. All are over 80 years old and some of them over 90," Norwegian media NRK reported.

According to the BMJ,

CHINA COVERING UP COVID ORIGIN, CLAIMS POMPEO

Washington, Jan. 16: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo alleged Friday there were Covid-like illnesses among staff at a Chinese virology institute in autumn 2019, casting further blame on Beijing as health experts arrived in the country to probe the pandemic's origins.

The top US diplomat in a statement urged the World Health Organisation team that landed Thursday in Wuhan, where Covid-19 was first detected, to "press the government of China" on the "new information." "The United States government has reason to believe that several researchers inside the (Wuhan Institute of Virology) became sick in autumn 2019, before the first identified case of the outbreak, with symptoms consistent with both Covid-19 and common seasonal illnesses," Pompeo said.

He said this contradicted reports that none of the staff at the institute had contracted Covid-19 or related viruses.

"Beijing continues today to withhold vital information that scientists need to protect the world from this deadly virus, and the next one," Pompeo said.

Covid-19 was first detected in Wuhan in late 2019 and has since killed more than two million people so far.

— AFP

U.S. RETAINS LET'S ULTRA DESIGNATION

Washington, Jan. 16: The United States has reviewed and maintained the terrorist designations of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Tayiba (LeT) and Lashkar-i-Jhangvi (LJ), along with ISIL Sinai Peninsula (ISIL-SP) and several other organisations. Days ahead of the transition of power, the US Department of State said that it has amended the terrorist designations of LJ and ISIL Sinai Peninsula (ISIL-SP) to include additional aliases.

Additionally, the Department of State has reviewed and maintained the Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) designations of LJ, ISIL-SP, LeT, Jaysh Rijal al-Tariq al Naqshabandi, Jama'at Ansarul Muslimina Fi Bilad-Sudan (Ansaru), al-Nusrat al-Islamia Front, Continuity Irish Republican Army, and the National Liberation Army, a media note said.

"Based upon a review of the Administrative Records ... I conclude that the circumstances that were the bases for the designations of the aforementioned organisations as Foreign Terrorist Organisations have not changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of the designations and that the national security of the US does not warrant a revocation of the designations," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a federal register notification published on January 14.

These organisations included Lashkar-e-Tayiba, Jaysh Rijal al-Tariq al Naqshabandi, Jama'at Ansarul Muslimina Fi Bilad-Sudan, Harakat ul-Mujahidin, al-Nusrat al-Islamia Front, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Continuity Irish Republican Army, and the National Liberation Army.

— PTI

LIVING OUTSIDE The UAE, the US and Saudi Arabia host the largest numbers of Indian migrants At 18 mn, India has world's largest diaspora

United Nations, Jan. 16:

The Indian diaspora, one of the most "vibrant and dynamic," is the largest in the world, with 18 million people from the country living outside their homeland in 2020, the UN has said. The United Arab Emirates, the US and Saudi Arabia host the largest numbers of migrants from India, it said.

"India has the largest transnational population in the world. It has the most migrants abroad -- 18 million, which is a significant number and another

feature which is very interesting about the Indian migrant population is that they're really distributed all over the globe," Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division at UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) Clare Menozzi said.

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Australia, UK. "It's a very vibrant" and dynamic diaspora in the world, she said. The report, 'Internation

l Migration 2020 Highlights', by the Population Division of UN DESA, released on Friday said in 2020, 18 million persons from India were living outside of their country of birth. Other countries with a large diaspora included Mexico and Russia (11 million each), China (10 million) and Syria (8 million). The report said India's large diaspora is distributed across a number of major countries of destination, with the UAE (3.5 million), the US (2.7 million) and Saudi Arabia (2.5 million) hosting the largest numbers of migrants from India.

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Philippines. Migration from India is largely motivated by labour and family reasons, Director of Population Division at UN DESA John Wilmoth told reporters at the launch of the report here, adding that forced displacement is a much smaller category (about 10 per cent) in the total.

Menozzi said the Indian diaspora is comprised predominantly of persons who are working, but also students and people who moved for family reasons.

— PTI

SHORT TAKES
Covid clouds over Oz Open

Melbourne: Three coronavirus cases have been detected among charter flights carrying tennis players, coaches and officials to Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open, health authorities and tournament organizers said on Saturday. A total of 47 players from the two affected flights arriving from Los Angeles and Abu Dhabi are now in a strictly enforced 14-day quarantine without the ability to leave their hotel rooms even to practice. The Australian Open is scheduled to start February 8. Health authorities said two positive Covid-19 cases emerged from a charter flight from Los Angeles and Tennis Australia said there was a third positive case from a flight from Abu Dhabi. The cases from Los Angeles involved an aircrew member and a passenger who was not a player. — AP

Pandya brothers' father no more

Vadodara: India cricketers Hardik and Krunal Pandya lost their father Himanshu, who died on Saturday after suffering a heart attack. He was 71. "Krunal, who was leading Baroda in the Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy, left the bio-bubble created for the tournament to be with his family," association secretary Ajit Lele said. Hardik is not playing the national T20 tournament as he is preparing for the white-ball series against England. He has also left Mumbai, where he was training, for Vadodara. Himanshu had played a key role in the success of his cricketer sons. India skipper Virat Kohli and legendary Sachin Tendulkar, led the cricketing fraternity in condoling Himanshu's demise. — PTI

Lanka dig in after Root double ton

Galle, Sri Lanka: Joe Root completed his fourth double century for England on Saturday but insisted it will mean nothing if his side cannot overcome a defiant Sri Lanka in the first Test. The England captain made 228 of his team's 421 all out — 26 runs short of his brilliant 254 career best against Pakistan at Old Trafford in 2016. But Lahiru Thirimanne led Sri Lanka's stubborn resistance, hitting an unbeaten 75 while Kusal Perera made 62 as the home team reached 156-2 in their second innings. After their disappointing 135 in the first innings, they need another 130 to reach England's total. Root's 321 ball innings with a six and 18 fours dominated the day. — AFP
Brief scores: Sri Lanka 135 & 156/2 in 61 overs (Thirimanne 76*, Perera 62) vs England 421 in 117.1 overs (Root 228, Lawrence 73).

Adilabad to play Warangal for title

Hyderabad: Adilabad Rural and Warangal Urban entered the finals of the TCA Telangana North East Cup U-14 T20 cricket tournament. In the semifinals played at the Indira Priyadarshini Stadium in Adilabad, Adilabad Rural defeated Adilabad Urban by five wickets while Warangal Urban beat Warangal Rural by 67 runs. Sathwik Rathod hit 67 not out but in a losing cause for Adilabad Urban while Yuvraj Singh's 4 for 27 turned the game for Warangal Urban.

BRIEF SCORES

- Adilabad Urban 169/2 in 20 overs (Sathwik Rathod 67 n.o., Hiranya Dokw 31) lost to Adilabad Rural 170/5 in 15.5 overs (Anas Syed 48, Bhavesh 3/32)
- Warangal Urban 158/5 in 17 overs (Rithwik 60, P. Pradyum 37 n.o.) bt Warangal Rural 91 in 16.2 overs (Yuvraj Singh 4/27).

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OPENING WOES

Rohit, Shubman fail to give India strong start on Day Two

Brisbane, Jan. 16: Rohit Sharma's indiscret shot selection pegged India back after rookie bowling attack restricted Australia to 369 on a rain-curtailed second day of the fourth Test on Saturday.

With heavy thunder showers preventing any play in the post tea session, India ended the day at 62 for 2.

Rohit was elegant as ever in his 44 off 74 balls before Nathan Lyon in his 100th Test enticed him to come down the track but the half-chip-half-loft was safely pouched by Mitchell Starc in the deep.

India also lost Shubman Gill (7) who edged one off Pat Cummins to Steve Smith. Cheteshwar Pujara (8) and Ajinkya Rahane (2) added only two runs in the 6.1 overs before the break.

There were six boundaries from Rohit but he did not fiddle at deliveries in and around the off-stump channel even as Cummins and Josh Hazlewood bowled a testing spell under overcast conditions.

The shot of the session was an on-drive off Cummins which came after a streaky boundary through the slips in the same over. Another delightful stroke was an off-drive off Cameron Green as 49 runs were added for the second wicket.

There wasn't much swing on offer but the pace off the track has increased compared to the first day and it only helped that the Australian pace attack is a more well built one with average speed being at least 6-7 kmph more than their Indian counterparts.

Pujara, at the other end was playing his usual 'grinding out' game but it didn't look too arduous till Rohit kept the score board ticking at the other end. It wouldn't be an overstatement to say that among all top order batsman across both sides, Rohit looked the most comfortable and till his dismissal never looked like being troubled by the four-pronged attack. — PTI



Washington Sundar (centre) is congratulated by teammates after taking the wicket of Australia's Nathan Lyon on the second day of the fourth Test at the Gabba in Brisbane on Saturday.

SCORECARD

Australia first innings (overnight 274/5): David Warner c Rohit Sharma b Mohammed Siraj 1, Marcus Harris c W. Sundar b Shardul Thakur 5, Marnus Labuschagne c R. Pant b T. Natarajan 108, Steven Smith c R. Sharma b W. Sundar 36, Matthew Wade c S. Thakur b T. Natarajan 45, Cameron Green b W. Sundar 47, Tim Paine c R. Sharma b S. Thakur 50, Pat Cummins lbw b S. Thakur 2, Mitchell Starc not out 20, Nathan Lyon b W. Sundar 24, Josh Hazlewood b T. Natarajan 11. Extras (b-4, lb-5, nb-6, wd-5) 20. Total (call out in 115.2 overs) 369.

FoW: 1-4, 2-17, 3-87, 4-200, 5-213, 6-311, 7-313, 8-315, 9-354.

Bowlers: Mohammed Siraj 25-10-66-1, T. Natarajan 24.2-3-78-3, Shardul Thakur 24-6-93-3, Navdeep Saini 7.5-2-21-0, Washington Sundar 31-6-89-3, Rohit Sharma 0.1-0-1.

India 1st Innings: Rohit Sharma c M. Starc b N. Lyon 44, Shubman Gill c Smith b Cummins 7, Cheteshwar Pujara batting 8, Ajinkya Rahane batting 2. Extras (nb-1) 1. Total (For 2 wkts, in 26 overs) 62.

FoW: 1-11, 2-60.

Bowling: Mitchell Starc 3-1-8-0, Josh Hazlewood 8-4-11-0, Pat Cummins 6-2-22-1, Cameron Green 3-0-11-0, Nathan Lyon 6-2-10-1.

Chennai, Jan. 16: Kerala's Mohammed Azharuddeen wouldn't have set out on the arduous journey to emulate the Mohammed Azharuddin of Hyderabad, if not for a cricket-crazy elder brother and a die-hard fan of the former India captain.

From his name to his career option, everything to do with Azharuddeen was decided by Kamaruddeen. The journey continues, though.

While the first step towards fulfilling his family's dream was taken when he was chosen to represent Kerala in 2015, he shot into the national limelight recently with his 37-ball 100 in the domestic T20 Sved Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Mumbai.

"I have met him like twice or thrice. Once in my hometown and once in Hyderabad when we were there to play Ranji Trophy and he was the head coach of Hyderabad. I shared the story of how I was named after him with Mohd Azharuddin sir," Azharuddeen said.

"To be frank, like my elder brother, I did not follow Azharuddin sir. I have just watched few videos of his on YouTube," the Kerala stumper added.

The 26-year-old from Thalangara in north Kerala's Kasaragod town, known for its love for cricket rather than football, said the blistering knock would have surely pleased his brother Kamaruddeen, who had changed his youngest brother's name from Ajmal to Azharuddeen after his birth.

Azharuddeen has seven brothers and all are big-time cricket fans. "My family is a cricket family. I have seven elder brothers. Everyone has played cricket. Obviously they follow the game when I play. Even if they don't watch, they used to follow the scorecard," he says.

About his memorable



Mohammed Azharuddeen

knock against Mumbai, which was the third fastest T20 to an Indian batsman, Azharuddeen said he had not made any special preparation prior to that.

The player's game was affected after he was dropped down in the batting order by former coach Dav Whatmore.

"I am an opener. After Dav Whatmore came as coach he made me a middle-order player. I came down the order due to team requirements. It was not a good slot for me. I just requested the coach (Tinu Yohannan) to allow me to bat in the right slot, which is opening."

"I like to hit straight. One of my strengths is hitting straight. I am good at hitting straight, against fast bowling and spin bowling. It was a true wicket (in the game against Mumbai) and I batted with confidence," he added.

Asked if he was looking forward to the IPL auction scheduled next month, Azharuddeen said he was not too worried about it. "I am in a good zone. I am not worried about the IPL auction or something. I am just concentrating on our fourth match against Andhra," he said.

When asked about his goals, Azharuddeen mentioned playing in the IPL and scoring hundreds in Ranji Trophy. — PTI

Hyderabad lose 4th round to TN

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

This is Baroda's fourth win on the trot in the league stage after having defeated Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in their first three outings.

Put in to bat, Baroda rode on stand-in skipper Kedar Devdhar's stroke-filled 99 off 71 balls to post a competitive 158 for 7 in the stipulated 20 overs thanks to useful knocks by B. Sandeep (41) and Sai Pragnay Reddy (30). However, Tamil Nadu rode on the brilliance of N. Jagdeesan (78) and Dinesh Karthik (40 n.o.) to finish the match with three balls to spare.

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In another match, Assam pulled off an upset 13-run win over Bengal in a Elite Group 'B' Bengal opted to field and saw the talented Riyan Parag (77) help Assam put up a fighting 157 for 5 in 20 overs. The visiting team restricted Bengal to 144 for 8.

In Vadodara, Baroda continued their winning run by claiming a 60-run victory over Maharashtra.

BRIEF SCORES

■ Hyderabad 152/7 in 20 overs (Sai Pragnay Reddy 30, B. Sandeep 41, B. Aparajith 2/22, Warrier 2/24, M. Ashwin 2/40) lost to Tamil Nadu 155/3 in 19.3 overs (N. Jagdeesan 78, Dinesh Karthik 40 n.o.). Points: Tamil Nadu 4, Hyderabad 0.

■ Baroda 158/4 in 20 overs (Kedar Devdhar 99 not out, 28; Tarajit Singh Dhillion 2/30) lost to Maharashtra 98 in 16.5 overs (Naushad Shaikh 32; Atit Sheth 4/17, Ninad Rathwa 3/21).

Sharath sets tune-up camp for paddlers

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JAN. 16

Achanta Sharath Kamal, World No.32, took an initiative for the benefit of a group of budding table tennis players to beat Corona pandemic blues. The nine-time national champion organised a 15-day camp in Chennai to maintain the rhythm of the players as doors are getting opened for national and international tournaments.

The camp, from January 3 to 18, is going on under the director's supervision of Sharath and it is effectively supported by Rajath Kamal and also Muralidhara Rao (national coach) and Srinivasa Rao (Dronacharya

awardee), at the SDAT AKG academy in Chennai. Well-known fitness trainer

Cheteshwar Pujara, Arjun Ghosh (India No.6 in the men's section) and three budding players from Tamil Nadu got a chance to take part in the camp.

"As far as I remember, this is the first camp which was mentored by the current world top ranking Indian player for the benefit of the prospec-

tive champions. It is going really well," Achanta Srinivasa Rao said.

"Following a national camp organised by the

TTFI in Sonepat in November-December last year, the players were eager to have another full-fledged session. The main

target of the camp is to

help us get into a match mode keeping in mind that the National Championships are scheduled in February and Olympic qualifiers are in March in Qatar," Sharath said adding that the training sessions helped all the players improve their skill set, agility, strength and technique in preparation for the tough tournaments that are coming up on the circuit.

Srinivasa Rao said. "It is a wonderful camp. I thank Sharath Anna for giving us an opportunity to spend time with him. He shared a lot of knowledge. Such mentoring plays a vital role in our progress. It is a memorable experience," he said.

Shrikrishna said. "It is

invaluable for the players to learn from such experienced coaches.

Sharath said. "The camp is

aimed at providing a platform for the young players to showcase their skills and compete with each other.

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