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PM requests farmers to end stir, start talks

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NEW DELHI, FEB. 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi came out in strong defence of the three controversial agricultural reform laws brought in by his government and urged the protesting farmers to end their agitation.

Replying to the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, Mr Modi said: "End your protests and we will sit together and talk. We are ready for talks and I am inviting you again for a dialogue from this House."

Taking on the Opposition, the PM said the Congress had taken a U-turn on the farm laws, reading out the words of former PM Manmohan Singh.

KCR on backfoot against BJP, hints 'all set' at top

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Telangana Rashtra Samithi supremo and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao continues to be on the backfoot while negotiating the strident and aggressive attacks of the state unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

He chose to not retaliate against the BJP's increased criticism of his governance as well as an unprecedented attack at a personal level by the state BJP chief Bandi Sanjay at the TRS party's state executive meet on Sunday.

Chandrashekhar Rao, indeed, tried to repeat the strategy he successfully implemented with another national party, the Congress, during the agitation for a separate Telangana —

MODI, BIDEN TALK ON SECURITY OF INDO-PACIFIC

New Delhi, Feb. 8: Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to US President Joe Biden on Monday and discussed a host of regional issues and their shared priorities. Both leaders looked forward to consolidate strategic partnerships to further peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond. This was their first conversation after Biden assumed office. — PTI

DGCA LETS BCCI USE DRONES FOR FILMING MATCHES

New Delhi, Feb. 8: Indian aviation regulator DGCA and the Civil Aviation Ministry have given conditional permissions to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for aerial filming of cricket matches this year. — PTI

POTS OF MONEY

Great-granddaughter alleges £35 mn withdrawn

Nizam funds: Notice to Centre

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The Telangana High Court on Monday issued notices to Union government, Nizam Trust and two grandsons of Nizam, Prince Mukarram Jah, and his younger brother Muffakham Jah, on a petition filed by Princess Shafya Sakina, great-granddaughter of Nizam VII, challenging exclusion of female legal heirs from benefitting out of the 35 million pound

funds of Hyderabad's Nizam Osman Ali Khan held in London's NatWest Bank.

Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili directed all of them to respond on the petition filed by Shafya in four weeks, pending admission of the plaint.

Shafya Sakina had filed a petition before the High Court alleging that the Union of India has ignored female legal heirs and taken away their property rights by entering into a

Confidential Settlement with the titular Eighth Nizam, Prince Mukarram Jah, and his younger brother Muffakham Jah.

The petitioner urged the court to declare such settlement or agreement "illegal and arbitrary". She further sought a directive to include all beneficiaries of Nizam Trusts in getting the benefit of £35 million.

In this regard, the great-granddaughter of Nizam VII brought to the notice of the HC that already £34.5

million has been withdrawn by Prince Mukarram Jah, Muffakham Jah and along with Centre, distributed as per their confidential agreement.

The fund in question relates to £1 million transferred to National Westminster Bank by then finance minister of Hyderabad State, Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung, from Hyderabad to London in September 1948.

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activist Greta Thunberg supporting the farmers, Mr Modi said: "In the last few years, we have witnessed a new category of protesters 'Andolan jeevi', who one can see in every agitation. We must protect India from these 'Andolan Jeevi', who are actually 'parjeesi'..."

Talking about the Opposition's protests against the farm laws, the PM said: "A lot was discussed but mostly it was on the protest, not on the solution... you can oppose the procedure but could have explained to farmers that it is high time for these farm reforms... but now they are saying they were not consulted before, like 'fufaji' uncle who gets angry for not being invited to a wedding... this happens in large families."

Singh. He added: "Those who are not listening to what we are saying will hopefully listen to Mammoji Ji's words. You should, in fact, be proud of the fact that Modi has to do what Manmohan Singh said long ago." Mr Modi assured farmers that "MSP tha, MSP hai ... arr MSP rahega" (the minimum support price will remain).

The PM hinted that there was a "conspiracy" behind the protests and said FDI could be termed "Foreign Destuctive Ideology", and that the country should be aware of this. With the protests against the farm laws having gone international, with tweets by pop icon Rihanna and climate

"No one should spread misinformation," he added.

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GLACIER BURST TOLL RISES TO 26; 171 STILL MISSING

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with agencies input
NEW DELHI, FEB. 8

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■ Page 2: BJP continues to ridicule KCR

TS issues GO for 10% EWS quota

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The Telangana government on Monday issued orders to implement 10 per cent reservations for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in education and employment.

The orders were issued following the decision announced by Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao on January 21 to implement 10 per cent EWS quota in the state.

The GO issued by Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar stated, "The government has decided to implement 10 per cent reservation to the EWS for admissions into all educational institutions in the State and also in respect of initial appointments to the posts in services under the State, following the criteria and guidelines prescribed by the Centre."

In January 2019, the Narendra Modi govern-

ment passed a Constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament seeking to provide 10 per cent reservations for EWS in education and employment.

People who have an annual income less than ₹5 lakh, own less than five acres of farm land, have house smaller than 1,000 sq feet in a town or a 100 sq yard house in notified municipal area would be treated as economically weaker sections and they would qualify for the quota.

It was over two years since the quota was implemented, but the TS government did not do so on one pretext or the other leading to protests from the poor sections among upper castes. Following this, the CM had on January 21 announced to implement EWS quota in TS.

With this EWS quota, the reservations in TS go up to 60 per cent in the state.

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IN BRIEF

It's a jungle cat, not a leopard

Hyderabad: Putting an end to a leopard being spotted near the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport recently, the forest department on Monday said that the wild animal was a jungle cat. The jungle cat was caught on a camera on Sunday night. The Shamshabad forest divisional officer said that the pictures of a healthy jungle cat was caught on camera adding that there was no leopard near the airport.

ISB's PGP ranked No. 1 in India

Hyderabad: The Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) of the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad, was ranked No. 1 in India and No. 23 worldwide in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings 2021 after a survey of the PGP class of 2017, as well as various aspects at the institution. For the rankings, aspects like salary percentage increase for alumni, school's career progress rank, career service rank, among others were taken into consideration. ISB stood No. 1 in India and No. 3 in Asia as well as globally for the salary percentage increase for alumni. The school's career progress rank has also improved, indicating a better employment opportunity for the alumni.

Education budget downsized by 20%

State sees consistent decline in budget allocations for education since formation

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The move to downsize the 2021-22 Telangana state budget by 20 per cent could impact the education sector the worst. The decision for a downsize was taken in view of the sharp fall in revenue, of the order of ₹50,000 crore, due to the lockdown other hassles linked to the Covid-19.

Experts take note and say that this budget too is likely to see a neglect of the education sector as has been happening in the past seven years. "The cutting down of the budget size this time will hurt the education sector more. Schools got little attention in recent years. 'The scenario might worsen now,' feared Chava Ravi, general secretary of the Telangana state united teachers' front (TSUTF). Such fears were echoed also by Centre for Education Services (CESS) chairman, Nagati Narayana, who said "the first victim of this budget downscaling may be the education sector." Since 2014-15, the education sector has seen a steady

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decline.

"The KCR government, which took power in June, 2014, needs to realise that it has a responsibility towards not just the government-funded schools, but also the residential schools in the state. This sector is facing serious odds due to the shift to online education and a long break from physical classes," he said.

Notably, the state budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year had allocated just 6.69 per cent of the total outlay to the education sector, making it the state's lowest ever in terms of percentage. Of the projected outlay

of nearly ₹1.83 lakh crore, just ₹12,144 crore was set aside for the education sector last year. In 2019-20, the budget allocation for education was ₹12,220 crore, or 6.76 per cent of the total budget.

The state has seen a consistent decline in education budget allocations ever since its formation in 2014. While in the 2014-15 state budget, the education budget accounted for 10.89 per cent of the total ₹1,00,637 crore; in 2015-16, it came down to 9.69 per cent. In 2016-17, it was further reduced to 8.23 per cent; it fell to 8.49 per cent in 2017-18, and there was a major drop to 7.61 per cent in 2018-19 and to 6.76 per cent in the 2019-20 Budget. Finally, in 2020-21, it came down to just 6.69 per cent.

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Ring water grid works slow down

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The ring main project taken up by the Hyderabad Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) is running at snail's pace. Out of the 158-kms inter-connected water line grid planned, the water board has only completed 9-kms pipeline works at Muthangi-Kokapet.

A senior HMWS&SB official told *Deccan Chronicle* that the government has only given the sanction to lay 18 kms ring main, at an estimated cost of ₹285 crore. The project has not moved even an inch for the remaining 158 kms.

Officials said that the state government did give sanctions for the remaining 148-kms ring main, which would, when completed, quench the thirst of residents living in the outer ring road (ORR).

The project main-2 is an arrangement of pipes, forming a loop, which aids in the supply of water and will be constructed connecting the rivers Godavari, Krishna with Manjeera. Under ring main-1, Godavari and Manjeera pipeline networks will be connected.

Surprisingly, the water board has only completed works worth ₹120 crore, against the total project cost of ₹4,750 crore.

The proposed project creates a network for Krishna and Godavari water to connect through Siddipet, Sangareddy and Gandipet reservoirs.

Drinking water would be supplied to residents living in the vicinity of the 158 kms long ORR. Once the project is completed, it would help in effective supply of water to major areas of Hyderabad, like Kukatpally, Alwal, LB Nagar and other areas.

The Godavari pipeline network connectivity will benefit residents of Kukatpally, Alwal and

adjoining areas. Krishna connectivity will help efficient supply of water to LB Nagar and other outskirts.

However, since a year, the state government has accorded sanction of ₹285 crore to lay 18 kms pipeline from Muthangi-Kokapet. Of it the HMWS&SB has managed to complete 9 km pipeline works since a year.

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He said that the government did not even give sanction to the 140-kms ring main and the project would progress only after the government's nod.

"If everything goes according to plan, the HMWS&SB would supply Godavari water to residents living between Muthangi and Kokapet by June, which also includes two mega housing projects in Kollur. As of now, works worth about ₹120 crore have been completed and remaining work is progressing at a decent pace", the official said.

The official further said that to ensure regular drinking water supply, HMWS&SB is working on treatment of murky water and is setting up 17 additional Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

He said that amidst other activities by the water board, it has played a crucial role during the Covid pandemic and during recent floods in October by providing safe and potable drinking water to residents of Hyderabad.

Teachers panel want reopening of schools

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

numerous times by the TRSMA, the private schools welfare body, since the reopening of the schools in the state.

The TSUTF state committee has also requested the government to recruit service persons for sanitation management in all government schools.

To that end, they wrote a letter to Special Chief Secretary, School Education, Chitra Ramachandran on Monday.

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(f)	Nursing Assistant	01	Chittoor.
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(i)	Lab Assistant	NIL	-
(j)	Dental Hyg/Fetch/Asst	05	Guntur, Chittoor, Khammam, Anantapur and Gulbarga.
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(l)	Female Attendant	01	Gulbarga.
(m)	Peon	01	Anantapur.
(n)	Driver	02	Giddalur and Chittoor.
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Total Vacancies		88	

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(c)	Dental Off & Dental Hyg / Tech / Asst	15 Mar 2021	-	-
(d)	Pharmacist, Lab Tech & Physicist	16 Mar 2021	-	-
(e)	Female Attendant, Peon & Driver	17 Mar 2021	-	-
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HC imposes costs on TS over land issues

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The Telangana High Court has imposed costs on the Telangana state government, Ranga Reddy district collector and sub-registrar-cum-tahsildar of Serilingampally mandal for refusing to register a property on Survey No. 78 of Hafeezpet village and directing that the land be registered in the name of the petitioner company within 10

days of the fee being paid.

The court found fault with the state government for continuing to claim that over 250 acres of land in survey number 78 belonged to it, even though on seven occasions, the Supreme Court has rejected claims of the government on the title of property in Hafeezpet village. "When the apex court's final decree on the case is clearly against Telangana state, the government has no business in including the

land in survey number 78 of Hafeezpet village in Prohibitory List notified under Section 22A of the Registration Act, 1908. Sub-registrar-cum-tahsildar cannot refuse to receive, register and release the sale certificate on the land," the Division Bench comprising Justice M. S. Ramachandra Rao and Justice T. Vinod Kumar stated.

The bench issued these directions on a petition filed by Kraft Alloy Private Limited challenging the provisions of "SARFAESI Act".

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Senior BJP leader Gudur Narayana Reddy handing over a cheque of ₹1 crore for Ram temple.

GUDUR DONATES ₹1 CRORE FOR RAM MANDIR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

BJP senior leader Gudur Narayana Reddy on Monday donated ₹1 crore and 99 (₹1,00,00,099) for the construction of the temple of Lord Sri Rama at Ayodhya.

He handed over a cheque, drawn in favour of Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, to chief of Rashtriya SwayamSevak Sangh, Telangana unit Devendar at his office. RSS Telangana unit deputy chief Sridhar, former minister M Narasimhulu and former MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on this occasion Gudur Narayana Reddy said he is proud to be a part of the movement for 'Re-establishment of national self-respect'. He said he felt that it was his bound duty to make a contribution for the construction of the temple of Lord Sri Ram.

Narayana Reddy said that crores of people were coming forward to make donations for the construction of the temple of Lord Sri Ram at Ayodhya. He said that the temple would stand for the great values and ethics of India.

SCARE AFTER FAKE BOMB THREAT CALL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Tension prevailed at the Decathlon Sports store near the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad and surrounding areas on Monday afternoon after an unidentified person made a bomb threat call. The caller, who is suspected to be a youngster, said he had planted a bomb inside the store and warned that if the store owner did not pay ₹1 crore, he would detonate the bomb with a remote, police said. "Following the call, the store's staff immediately informed the police via dial 100, who then rushed to the spot and carried out checks," police said.

UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE KCR AS CM: PONNALA

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Reacting to K. Chandrasekhar Rao's 'lowly' comments about the Chief Minister's post, former PCC president Ponnala Lakshmaiah said that it was the misfortune of Telangana people that they have someone like Rao as their CM. He wondered how Rao could make a statement that he would continue in the post for the next 10 years.

Ponnala took severe objection to Rao's contention that he considers the post equivalent to his footwear, which is tantamount to insulting dalits, who once used to make chappals. "The Chief Minister's post is revered in a democracy. How can he come up with such a ridiculous statement when the fact is that he was elected by the people? It is also against the spirit of the constitution", he pointed out. He wanted to know why Rao did not condemn speculations that K.T. Rama Rao would become the Chief Minister within two months. Rao is indulging in cheap tactics only to save his party and posts held by his family members, he alleged.

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What lies inside? TRS eyes on 'mayoral' sealed cover

KCR keeps ministers, TRS MLAs on their toes

L. VENKAT RAM
REDDY I DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

All eyes in the TRS are on the 'sealed cover' after party chief and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao announced on Sunday at the party's state executive that names of TRS nominees for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts in the GHMC will be placed in a sealed cover and revealed at the time of election on February 11.

Mr Rao's announcement has kept ministers, party MLAs and other senior leaders on their toes, especially those who have stepped up their efforts to secure the two coveted posts for their better halves or other relatives, after it is now certain that TRS would bag both these posts comfortably.

Given the present political combinations, although none of the parties have secured magic figure to bag these posts, TRS has the advantage of being the

Prominent names doing the rounds within the TRS for the Mayor post, include the daugh-

ters of former Congress heavyweight leader from Khairatabad late P. Janardhan Reddy, TRS secretary general and Raja Sabha member K. Keshava Rao.

Interestingly, both PJR's daughter P. Vijaya Reddy (Khairatabad ward) and Keshava Rao's daughter Gadwal Vijayalakshmi (Banjara Hills) ward got elected as corporator from the TRS for a second time in a row. Both strongly argue that they deserve the Mayor post for this reason.

This apart, Bharathi Nagar corporator Sindhu Adarsh Reddy, Alwal corporator Chintala Vijayashanti, Manne Kavitha Reddy from Venkateshwara Colony ward and Mothe Sri Latha Reddy from Tarnaka ward are also said to be in the race for Mayor's post. Of them, Sindhu Adarsh Reddy is daughter-in-law of TRS MLC V. Bhoopal Reddy. Chintala Vijayashanti is daughter-in-law of former TRS MLA Chintala Kanaka Reddy.



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy addresses a press conference on Monday.

— P. SURENDRA

Uttam: KCR aide helping land mafia in Huzurnagar

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that people in Huzurnagar are suspecting that a principal aide of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and TRS MP Santosh Kumar was helping the land mafia locally.

"People are wondering why there is such a huge uproar against grabbing of government and tribal lands across the state, why is the district and state administration maintaining complete silence on the issue. TRS councillors and party leaders themselves are saying that government and tribal lands worth hundreds of crores were forcibly being grabbed by unscrupulous elements in Huzurnagar," he said.

However, Mr Reddy said the local administration was expressing its helplessness in controlling the land mafia, citing "pressure from

top" as the reason. He said local people suspect that the land mafia was enjoying backing of TRS MP Santosh Kumar. He said the top TRS leadership was allegedly pressuring local authorities to allow encroachment of tribal lands. He also alleged that gundas from Bihar have been hired to carry out attacks on Telangana's native tribals.

The State government must act against operations of the land mafia to protect tribal lands or else the Congress would launch a serious agitation, he warned.

The TPCC chief condemned Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay for his remarks against him, saying, "I have served India as an Airforce pilot and fought against enemies at the borders in the air. Is this the respect Bandi Sanjay has for those who serve in the armed forces?"

TRS govt in land scam, torturing BJP men: BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay accused TRS government of using third-degree measures against his party workers protesting against the Gurrapadu land grab. He alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and the area's MLA are involved in grabbing lands in the area.

Participated as chief guest of the BC morcha committee meeting at the state office on Monday, Sanjay maintained that BJP leaders are not afraid of police cases being lodged against them. He said the attack on poor people protesting against the land grab appeared as though Nizam's rule is prevailing in the

state.

The BJP state chief accused the Intelligence Department of failing to inform authorities about the land grab. He warned the government that if anything happened to Suryapet BJP president, they would lay a siege to Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad.

Bandi Sanjay expressed confidence that Dubbaka and GHMC results will be repeated in the Nagarjunasagar by-polls. He questioned how Chief Minister could give key responsibilities to retired officers rather than servicing IPS officers.



State BJP president Bandi Sanjay along with party leaders tries his hand at potters wheel after inspecting the Bagayath BC Bhavan land in Uppal on Monday.

— S. SURENDRA REDDY

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IN BRIEF

Zilla parishads to
get funds in budget

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao has said that local bodies would be strengthened and they would be made to play an active role in the rural development. He said zilla parishads and mandal parishads would be given funds on the lines of the gram panchayats and they would be assigned responsibilities. He made it clear that zilla and mandal parishads would be allocated funds in the state's budget for 2021-22.

Rao said the New Panchayat Raj Act had empowered the gram panchayats with the power to utilise their funds.

'Shared Bike', 'Sharing Economy' scam busted

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC

HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The Economic Offences Wing of the Cyberabad Police unearthed a massive investment fraud and arrested three persons on charges of duping about 20,000 investors to the tune of over ₹50 crore on Monday. Officials said two Chinese nationals were absconding in the case.

According to police, the prime accused was Uday Pratap, 41, resident of Gurgaon, Haryana. He is the signatory for an account with a private bank at Kukatpally of Mobicentric Technologies, Hyderabad, which is one of the fraudulent companies. He is also the director of Corpofountain India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon. The other two are Nitesh Kumar

Speculation rife Sharmila to start Telangana YSR party

Close family members aware of rift between Jagan and his sister

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC

HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Y.S. Sharmila, the younger sister of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, has convened an 'Atmaeeyam Sammelanam' (a get-together of well-wishers) here on Tuesday, giving credence to speculations in political circles that she would soon launch a political outfit.

Sharmila's meeting strategically coincides with the 50th wedding anniversary of her father Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy and mother Vijayamma, an "emotional" event, where several politicians close to YSR will be attending. Sharmila reached her Lotus Pond residence on Monday along with her evangelist

husband, who is popularly known as Brother Anil, from Bengaluru, to oversee the preparations.

Sources close to the YSR family told *Deccan Chronicle* that her uncle and TTD chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy made a last-minute effort, apparently on behalf of Jagan Mohan Reddy, to persuade Sharmila to call off the meeting but to no avail.

Politicians and people from other walks of life from Nalgonda and neighbouring areas of Hyderabad besides those from Andhra Pradesh were expected to take part in the meeting, which will be held either at Lotus Pond or Brother Anil's church in Gachibowli.

Several theories are being floated on her outfit.



Y.S. Sharmila

beneficiaries of his schemes.

"I find no meaning to the theory that she would confine herself to Telangana politics to avoid a direct confrontation with Jagan because the very political activity launched by the couple is to irritate him. Secondly, YSR's legacy has strong foundations in protecting Andhra and Rayalseema interests in the combined state and now she has to fight against the same legacy by battling for Telangana," said a veteran politician YSR Congress MLA.

Close family members of YSR who are fully aware of the rift between brother and sister were also of the strong opinion that she would eventually land in Andhra Pradesh politics because it is where

she traces her roots to. They attribute the differences to both economic and political factors, including denial of some business opportunities to Brother Anil, and a Rajya Sabha seat to her.

Sources said Jagan Mohan Reddy did not want to court fresh controversies by involving family members in state projects or mining activities. He is said to have promised the Rajya Sabha seat in due course.

Brother Anil's close friends, on the other hand, drew parallel with K.T. Rama Rao and Kavitha — both of whom are accommodative to each other and pursue politics of co-existence — and Rama Rao never considered Kavitha as an alternative power centre in the party.

KCR badinage on Jagan's sister party

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC

HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

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was of Ale Narendra, Vijayashanti or Devender Goud? They have all gone into the dust within no time," he said.

Without naming sister of Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Mr Rao said, "It will disappear as soon as it is launched." Though the TRS chief did not refer to which new party he was talking about, all TRS leaders at the meeting seemed to understand instantly what he was alluding to, given the recent widespread speculations that YSR's daughter was planning to launch her own party in Telangana.

"Is it so easy to start a new political party? It requires a lot of effort and strain to run a party. Have we not seen the launch of several regional parties in the past, whether it

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[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the companies [Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies] Rules, 2016]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Office of the Registrar of Companies, Telangana
Corporate Bhawan, 2nd floor, GSI Post,
Thattianaram, Bundlaguda, Nagole, Hyderabad.

Public Notice No. ROC-Hyd/STK-6/C.No.s. 638/2021.

Date:08-02-2021

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of the following companies

- (1) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad had received applications from the below mentioned 638 companies under section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of their names from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the companies are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and have not made any applications within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the companies have obtained the status of dormant company, but they do not wish to continue their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of their names from the register of companies.

- (2) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad proposes to remove or strike off the names of the below mentioned 638 companies from the Register of Companies.

- (3) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned herein above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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83	SUNCON FASHION AND RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC118469	193	TICKLE BUG CREATIVE STUDIO PRIVATE LIMITED	U749907G2008PTC059588	306	CATALYST BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U152097G2017PTC119962
84	NOVATEUR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U452097G2012PTC078918	194	JAYALAKSHMI CEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U26941TG2012PTC079113	307	SHREE THIRUMALA AUTO INFN PRIVATE LIMITED	U65910TG1997PTC027393
85	NOVATEUR SOFTECH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2012PTC078924	195	HNXUS SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U723007G2015PTC098726	308	MANA SCRAP PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC115519
86	VEDIT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2017PTC054932	196	SREEK WAY TO STARS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC099517	309	TELCO DYNAMICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC117812
87	MAXIMUMDIAL IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2014PTC095098	197	NAGAS ELEVATORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U319097G2016PTC113558	310	PROABILITY CAREER & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U80301TG2015PTC097298
88	LOUXUR HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85191TG2007PTC052991	198	VISAYA COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2016PTC113204	311	MUMBAI CAR PARKING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2012PTC084562
89	TANISHA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U51223TG2017PTC114180	199	GOWELOCK PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2016PTC112668	312	EHS APPS DEVELOPER PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2018PTC127009
90	NAVA BHARAT LABORATORIES PRIVATE LTD	U85110TG1994PTC017355	200	SSSR CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC119142	313	BIZZAPP TECH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2016PTC109825
91	IAM CLOUD INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2016PTC112776	201	SODANI ISPAT PRIVATE LIMITED	U519097G2017PTC154546	314	ZIPPOS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2016PTC109652
92	JK CHANGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC100827	202	CS ALPHA SOFTWARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2016PTC109794	315	OUTSO LAUNDRY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000TG2016PTC113778
93	VAISHNAVI DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100TG2009PTC063794	204	GKLN PHENIX VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC117683	316	INTEGRATE IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2014PTC093795
94	VS MEMORY WIDE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2014PTC096336	205	NHS METALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U28111TG2014PTC093925	317	ARAVIND VISUAL CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85107TG1999PTC031346
95	PVS CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2011PTC074084	206	QIOW EXPERIENCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030TG2019PTC130661	318	HETSYM BIO CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100TG2008PTC051089
96	EXPRESS AUTO PARTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U50102TG2011PTC072308	207	SWARAJYA INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U452097G2010PTC068851	319	SHIVARAMAKRISHNA STOCKFIN LIMITED	U672007G1995PLC022114
97	FAIRVIEW IMMIGRATION AND IT CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC117789	208	WILD STONE DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U452007G2015PTC098479	320	MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52502TG2006PTC049417
98	RIDENT PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2014PTC095504	209	AKHILA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2018PTC126537	321	TRAKX SOFTWARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72901TG2016PTC110725
99	TUMBLEBUM ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2013PTC090382	210	ABYOY INNOVATION AND DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC11777	322	VIJAYA VARMA CHITS PRIVATE LIMITED	U659927G1996PTC024784
100	JWALA SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC100195	211	SREE GURUKRUPA MOTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U502007G2009PTC063691	323	SAANVISH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U729007G2017PTC117349
101	GOURMET STORES PRIVATE LIMITED	U82100TG2009PTC062460	212	SURAJ WATER TANKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U252097G2006PTC051724	324	NOONLATS WEB SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2014PTC095193
102	SITARA CHIT FUNDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992TG2016PTC103931	213	BRINDAVAN PROJECTS LIMITED	U452007G1994PLC018566	325	SRI RAMAJANEYA COTTON PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17121TG2011PTC072771
103	FIGHT SOLAR PROJECTS AND SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74120TG2016PTC102576	214	KVH CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC116781	326	CMNK SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U742007G2005PTC045283
104	VISHAR PRAKRUTHI RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2016PTC102920	215	OSHMINI TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2016PTC102915	327	NATUREPAL ECO PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U2020TG2018PTC122343
105	SMH CLINICAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2017PTC117379	216	GOFORDINE PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)	U55204TG2016OPC111930	328	FIENEM SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40106TG2013PTC089184
106	SREYASKARA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2016PTC102579	217	K&S HOLDINGS & CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2008PTC062334	329	PUSHPA TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2010PTC068320
107	VEBLEN CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U67120TG2014PTC095516	218	SIVA GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY AND PROJECT PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC101529	330	FAIRGAME ADVISORY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2011PTC074413
SL. NO.	NAME OF THE COMPANY	CIN	219	9YARDS SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2011PTC075840	331	KIARAH STOCKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U67120TG1999PTC031699
1	SAVITR LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24297TG2009PTC065001	220	PARSN ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U24297TG2004PTC042952	332	IVAK TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U722007G2017PTC150111
2	3K INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITED	U452097G2007PLC056880	221	GOPU SECURITY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2011PTC072291	333	BIKEME INDIA COMMUTER SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090TG2018PTC128178
3	PELICAN POWER AND INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40100TG2011PTC076958	222	VINAMP E-TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U31401TG2014PTC093120	334	SVIMAN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24297TG1998PTC030063
4	SHIV SHAKTI INN & Boutiques PRIVATE LIMITED	U55209TG2006PTC051754	223	PRAANA GLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U151909TG2012PTC080995	335	KAASAYA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U453097TG2017PTC116624
5	TULJA BHAWANI FLEXO PACK PRIVATE LIMITED	U25206TG2011PTC076968	224	SNAGGERR PRIVATE LIMITED	U252097G2016PTC111901	336	APARNA GREEN TOWNSHIPS PRIVATE LIMITED	U452097G2013PTC089700
6	MAAVI DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2013PTC089398	225	MASSBAA INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2016PTC134110	337	VICTOR TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED	U29303TG2005PLC045446
7	PHOENIX GRANITE (INDIA) LIMITED	U14102TG2011PLC076914	226	FAST ELECTRICAL SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40300TG2015PTC102217	338	DELIVEA KITCHENS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U155497TG2017OPC119279
8	BIOS DE SANITAL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299TG2012PTC092594	227	KALBURGI OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED	U14299TG2017PTC119992	339	APARNA CORPORATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U452097G2013PTC089092
9	RISHABHAM FARMS AND FEEDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2009PTC063461	228	TARA MOBILE LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2013PTC090126	340	ACUVA LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U80904TG2018PTC122013
10	MITRIN CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92000TG2008PTC062181	229	RAJESHWARA TEXTILE MILLS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17309TG2017PTC113828	341	AKASH SECULOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U60300TG2017PTC115667
11	BALAPUR DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2008PTC058266	230	RAJESHWARI HOSPITALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2016PTC112632	342	TEJASHRI INTERMEDIATES PRIVATE LIMITED	U24230TG1996PTC026019
12	S R VANGALA CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057498	231	IMMUNE HOSPITALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2013PTC088662	343	POPOCAPEL TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2017PTC119139
13	S R VANGALA INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2008PTC057500	232	TAJ SORBET PRIVATE LIMITED	U15110TG2018PTC123994	344	KINCHAYA INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2018PTC122118
14	VANGALA BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057462	233	NANDA AGROCHEM PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2018PTC124372	345	DEF COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC100826
15	VANGALA CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057501	234	NCC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE LIMITED	U749007G2008PLC062109	346	ROCKCITY REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED	U455007G2017PTC117117
16	S R VANGALA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057499	235	KAKATIYA ELECTRONICS PVT LTD	U29309TG1991PTC012164	347	KCS HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	U55109TG2011PTC077578
17	VANGALA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057496	236	SWARNIM AGROTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2011PTC072684	348	ROCKCITY FRAMES VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U749007G2015PTC098537
18	WINGS OF VOICE BROADCASTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U22130TG2012PTC089217	237	MONTAGE15TH ADVERTISING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74120TG2015PTC102227	349	NLS MEDICARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U85190TG2017PTC121449
19	AVATAR GODOWNS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090TG2012PTC080891	238	PHYSICIAN HUB DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U749997G2018PTC097203	350	STRAYZ MOTO SPORT PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2013PTC0917

Survivors recount how a phone call saved lives

ITBP men rescue 12 power project workers from tunnel



Rescue operations underway at Tapovan Tunnel in Chamoli district on Monday, after a glacier broke off in Joshimath causing a massive flood in Dhauliganga river. — PTI

CM says relief work immediate priority

DRDO TEAM is already studying the cause and we have also sought help of ISRO scientists, CM said.

elaborate plan to avert any potential tragedy going forward," Rawat said.

Asked about the ongoing relief operations, he said they are continuing in full swing.

"We have made all arrangements needed for the rescues and relief operations along with providing healthcare facilities to the affected people.

In an interview, he said the incident appeared to have happened due to the breaking of the glacier and the chief secretary has been instructed to find out the real reasons.

"A DRDO team is already studying the cause of this tragedy and we have also sought the help of ISRO scientists and experts for the same," he said.

After a comprehensive analysis is undertaken to find the reasons of this incident, "we will build an

members and informed them about the tragedy.

According to the kin of those missing, at least 34 people from various villages — 15 from Ichhanagar; eight from

— PTI

Sasikala returns amidst enthusiastic welcome

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, FEB. 8



Expelled AIADMK leader V.K. Sasikala is welcomed by her supporters as she enters Tamil Nadu via Krishnagiri district. — PTI

Determined to capture the reins of AIADMK and to lead the party to victory in the Assembly elections, V.K. Sasikala, former aide of J. Jayalalithaa, returned to Chennai on Monday after four years of incarceration in Bengaluru with lakhs of supporters lining up to welcome her all along the highway.

Speaking near Vaniyambadi, Sasikala evoked the sentiments of the crowd by quoting an old MGR song to drive home the point that she was a slave to love, a slave to Tamil culture and a slave to her people but would never be cowed down by oppression.

Calling for unity in the AIADMK, by terming the party cadre as children of one mother, she wanted them to be on a single line as her aim was to ensure that their common enemy was prevented from coming to power.

"We shall not give in to the divide and rule policy of our enemy. Our great organisation should not be wrecked for the personal likes and dislikes of some individuals," she declared, hitting out at both the DMK and also the present AIADMK leadership.

Till her last breath she would work for the party and strive for its growth, she said adding that the party was her family and her family was her party. Jayalalithaa's children were her children, she declared to the crowd.

AIADMK had risen like a Phoenix whenever it went through tough times and it would face all odds, she said to the crowds that eagerly

given prior warning that she would not be allowed to use the flag of the party from which she had been expelled, nothing could be done to the flag on the vehicle, which belonged to an AIADMK functionary.

Driving through a sea of supporters who had gathered at various points on the highway, Sasikala, in a shimmering green saree and facemask, accepted the greetings of the people with folded hands. Wherever her vehicle slowed down or stopped, flower petals were showered over it.

The accumulation of flowers on the car's front windshield had to be repeatedly cleared and at one point an AMMK flag was used to clear the petals. Several cars and escort vehicles of private security personnel formed part of the convoy that meandered its way towards Chennai, causing severe traffic snarls at various points.

The lighting of fire crackers to welcome Sasikala near the Krishnagiri toll gate caused a fire that engulfed two vehicles.

₹41L SPENT ON FIVE RAFALE JETS INDUCTION CEREMONY

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, FEB. 8

Government spent ₹41 lakh (including ₹9.18 lakh GST) on the induction ceremony of five Rafale jets in September 2020 at Ambala Air Force Station, Parliament was informed on Monday.

"All new aircraft types in IAF are traditionally inducted through a befitting ceremony," said defence minister Rajnath Singh in a written reply. He said that the arrangements for this event were made mostly through local resources of IAF.

Singh, French minister of armed forces Florence Parly, CDS Gen Bipin Rawat and Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria were also present during the ceremony.

The first five Rafale fighter aircraft were inducted in Squadron No. 17 or Golden Arrows at its first home base Ambala Air Force Station, one of the oldest air bases in the country.

In 2016, India had signed a ₹59,000 crore deal for 36 Rafales which will be based in Ambala and Hasmara (West Bengal) air bases. India has till now received 11 Rafale aircrafts.

The 4.5 generation fighter aircraft, capable of carrying nuclear weapons provides IAF unmatched air superiority in the region with its advanced avionics and deadly weapon package.

426 GAYADI FINANCE AND INVESTMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U65990TG2019PTC136760	535 NARNE PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200TG2014PTC096316
427 ASTACUS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC096810	536 VAHATKE DREAMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55209TG2020PTC138870
428 ZIRCON AQUA PRIVATE LIMITED	U41000TG2009PTC065512	537 FOO BAR SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)	U72200TG2014OPC095009
429 OSH WATER INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U41000TG2009PTC065371	538 NARNE MOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED	U55101TG2011PTC076639
430 RASULA CHEMICALS PVT LTD	U24119TG1984PTC004649	539 FIXDEN SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U32204TG2016PTC103382
431 VEER PHARMA PVT LTD	U24239TG1989PTC002783	540 MARVEL MINING CORPORATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U14200TG2012PTC078593
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433 MINT GADGETS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2018PTC127462	542 KONETI TRADE (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100TG2020OPC138977
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437 TN COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2012PTC004348	546 CATALYST MINDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140TG2013PTC088454
438 MYRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74200TG2004PTC044957	547 FFF RETAIL VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15400TG2017PTC120288
439 INFINITUDE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2020PTC138514	548 VIDEOSENSA SOFTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300TG2018PTC122791
440 RADIX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2012PTC082979	549 SKRYPTORZ PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2018PTC125914
441 RAJA RAJESWARI AMUSEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92490TG2012PTC078840	550 FRANATHI REDDY DESIGNS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017OPC116784
442 SKILLGRAZP INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2019PTC137679	551 BULBINE TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U65999TG2017PTC117646
443 AURA REALTY SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U70200TG2018PTC129050	552 YASKHI MEDIA AND BROADCASTING SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC113654
444 HEALTH VISION FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15490TG2019PTC129602	553 AASHRAY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74399TG2017PTC117386
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An ecological tragedy of Himalayan proportions

A tragedy of gargantuan proportions washed away close to 200 people, destroyed or damaged two hydroelectric dams and five bridges as the Nanda Devi glacier burst in Uttarakhand. The GLOF (glacier lake outburst flood) event that created a deluge of frightening proportions downstream in rivers was said to have been triggered by an avalanche on Sunday morning. The rescue efforts by over 2,000 members of the Army, police and paramilitary forces, and state and national disaster response teams have been heroic as the Himalayan state grappled with yet another tragedy like the 2013 monsoon floods in the wake of cloudbursts that killed nearly 6,000 people, which was the worst ever toll as muddy water poured down the gorges and drowned entire villages.

Ecologically fragile regions around the world are fraught with danger and the pace of development in sustaining a rising population trend, and man's co-existence with nature has been threatened in the most basic ways. The fallout from deforestation is clear even as the more populated stretches of the Himalayas show how precariously man is perched on mountainous terrain. It is obvious that lessons have not been learnt from years of having to deal with floods from the monsoon or melting glaciers. It is against this background that the foolishness of building hydroelectric dams too close to glaciers must be viewed when global warming is seen to create havoc in the icy Himalayan upper reaches.

It is a specious argument that a state which has to purchase power in the region of ₹1,000 crore a year must build dams in ecologically sensitive regions in order to save money. So long as the consumer pays for the power purchased, there should be no need for Uttarakhand to spend thousands of crores in building dams to generate electricity. They have been warned about this, including in scientific advice tendered to ruling party politicians. The era of building dams is truly over as man has learnt from experience that Nature is a force that can be overpowering when it is taken on or teased.

Himalayan efforts by a tiny state like Uttarakhand can't be by themselves reverse global warming but man can learn from the simple principle that Nature cannot be toyed with, particularly in fragile zones. Melting glaciers are the clearest signs of climate change, and since this event took place outside the monsoon period, it is safe to assume human intervention was a causative factor. It will be up to scientists to study the event and render an opinion on what may have caused it and it is entirely up to the administration in hilly areas to enforce laws strictly to ensure that ecological preservation rules are always followed lest such events recur.

Quick communication of the impending water flow may have saved hundreds of lives downstream of the Ganga's several tributaries as many villagers were evacuated in time. The standard announcement of relief to the families of the dead followed a pattern which points to the government's utter helplessness in dealing with calamities and in stopping human contribution to climate change. The bursting of a glacier in the Garhwal Himalayas is a chilling warning of what we may be up against if we continue to recklessly exploit our planet's finite resources.

'Gilt' option for citizens

The Reserve Bank of India, during its latest monetary policy review, proposed to allow retail investors to park their money in government securities (G-Secs) — also called "gilt bonds" — by opening gilt securities accounts or "retail direct". This is one of a series of steps that the Reserve Bank has been taking since January 2020 to increase the participation of a larger number of people in the purchase of government securities.

G-Secs are tradeable investment instruments issued by the Central or state governments and are the most risk-free sovereign-backed bonds available in the country. These securities are available in both short-term and long-term tenures — ranging from three months to 30 years — with an annual yield starting from 3.37 per cent. Though commercial banks and asset management companies dominate the G-Secs market now, the RBI's decision would provide a new risk-free investment option for retail investors.

This decision could also provide elbow room for the Central government to reduce its presence in the banking sector. A couple of years back, former RBI governor Yaga Venugopal Reddy had said that an "average citizen of India is most comfortable banking with PSU banks". Sixty-five per cent of total deposits in the banking sector are with the public sector banks for the mere reason that they are owned by the government. If most risk-averse depositors could be persuaded to shift to the G-Secs, the government could go ahead with the denationalisation of banks at a faster pace.

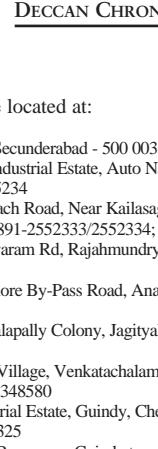
However, there still remain a few challenges. Since G-Secs offer lower yields than fixed deposits, many people might not find it an attractive investment option. Banks' fixed deposits and small saving schemes have become a safety net for vulnerable sections of society and unless the government creates a decent social security net, they cannot be wished away by any government without facing the consequences in election season.

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Akar Patel

Democracy Index: Why India's rank now falling

The Economist is a magazine though it refers to itself as a newspaper. It is over 175 years old and sells about 10 lakh copies a week. Its readers are mostly professionals, highly educated and with higher incomes. It is one of the very few magazines in the world, and possibly the only one of its size, which makes more money from subscriptions than it does from advertising. That means that its readers purchase it for its content. One year's subscription costs ₹15,000 in the United States, meaning that each issue is ₹300.

The magazine promotes free market policies of the sort generally associated with conservative, meaning right-leaning, parties. The Economist Intelligence Unit is its research and analysis division. Each year it compiles a "Democracy Index", which shows the state of democracy around the world. This month, it gave its results for 2020. It would be instructive to see what it has said about India.

We have fallen from a global ranking of 27 in 2015 to 53. This is mainly, the Economist Intelligence Unit says, because "democratic norms have been under pressure since 2015", and

as a result India's "global ranking slipped from 27th to 53rd as a result of democratic backsliding under the leadership of Narendra Modi".

The slippage has not come due to electoral processes and political participation where, as most of us will accept, India continues to do well. The problem is on the side of political culture and civil liberties, where since Narendra Modi took over in 2014 India has declined. In January 2014, in the UPA's last days, the EIU gave India its highest rating of 7.92. This slid to 7.74 in 2015 and then 7.23 in 2017 and then dipped to 6.9 in 2019 and 6.61 in 2020. The EIU classifies India as a "flawed democracy".

It describes flawed democracies as countries that have free and fair elections and, even if there are problems (such as infringements on media freedom), basic civil liberties are respected. "However, there are significant weaknesses in other aspects of democracy, including problems in governance, an underdeveloped political culture and low levels of political participation."

In the last few years, India has seen the increasing influence of religion under the Modi premiership, whose policies have fomented anti-Muslim

feeling and religious strife, has damaged the political fabric of the country". Remember, this is the magazine the world's topmost corporate executives and decision makers read. While our government responded strongly to Rihanna and Greta Thunberg, with the external affairs ministry issuing a statement, it hasn't said anything on this downgrade, which more people will read and take seriously than someone's tweet.

The EIU says that the enactment in December 2019 of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 "continued to fuel riots in 2020, with several left dead following clashes in February in the capital city, New Delhi. The act introduces a religious element to the conceptualisation of Indian citizenship, a step that many critics see as undermining the secular basis of the Indian State".

The magazine does not deny Mr Modi's popularity but says that it comes from the same aspects it finds concerning. It says that he participated in the ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the destroyed Babri Masjid, and notes "the temple's construction will further endear Mr Modi to his Hindu nationalist base". Unfortunately for us, this is not a

popularity contest. The EIU says: "On top of these issues, the authorities' handling of the pandemic has also led to a further erosion of civil liberties in 2020." And finally, it notes "by contrast, the scores for some of India's regional neighbours, such as Bangladesh, Bhutan and Pakistan, improved marginally in 2020".

For those who think India's democracy is just fine and there has been no change in the past few years, perhaps it would be instructive to see what has happened on a few issues. The first is the introduction of electoral bonds. This is a mechanism whereby corporates and even foreign entities can donate money anonymously to political parties. Readers may not know that over 90 per cent of the total value of the bonds donated since the scheme began two years ago are bought in ₹1 crore denominations. Meaning it's not the common man giving money secretly to parties.

Second, that the Modi government has changed the RTI law to make its commissioners dependent on the government for their term and salary. Third, that the Constitution was repeatedly violated through bypassing the Rajya Sabha by illegally calling pieces of legislation

"money bills". The manner of the passing of the farm laws, where the Rajya Sabha was not even allowed to vote despite it not being a money bill, will tell us where things stand today in democratic India.

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Does India want to be a Tier-2 UNSC member?



Mohan Guruswamy

Sometime recently, Mr T.S. Tirumurti, our permanent representative at the United Nations in New York, once again pleaded for the expansion of the UN Security Council permanent membership (P-5) to make it more broad-based. Addressing the UN General Assembly by video on September 26 in the landmark 75th General Debate, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also raised the issue of India's entry into the Security Council as a permanent member. He posed the question: "How long will India, the world's largest democracy and home to 1.3 billion people, be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations?" He also asserted that reform in the responses, processes and very character of the global body was the "need of the hour".

This is interesting, because for the first time India has asked for more than just a mere expansion of the UNSC by accommodating it as a permanent member.

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The United States, Russia and China have already unveiled their visions of an expanded UN Security Council. During his visit to New Delhi as chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2015, then US President Barack Obama categorically said he supported a reformed UNSC with India as a permanent member. But no sooner

Mr Obama had returned to the US after his New Delhi visit, then US ambassador to the UN Samantha Powers said:

piece of this plan was a Security Council in which the US, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China would be permanent members.

Fifty nations then met in San Francisco on April 25, 1945, less than a fortnight before Germany surrendered and four months before Japan was defeated, to consider this plan. After much deliberation the differences, mostly over the veto power demanded by the then Big Three — the US, USSR and Britain — were papered over and on June 26, 1945 the 50 nations present signed the UN Charter and the world body formally came into being.

As an immediate response to a destructive world war, the UN reflected the reality and ethos of that age. Nothing reflected this more than the composition of the permanent members of the Security Council. Four out of the five were "white" nations. Two, China and France, were defeated nations. Two, Britain and France, were colonial powers. The other 10 members of the Security Council were "small and medium-sized countries to take turns to serve on the UNSC".

The Chinese want "small and medium-sized countries to take turns to serve on the UNSC". Russia, while not opposed to any expansion, has taken the position that the powers of the members of present UNSC should remain the same with full veto powers, meaning there could be two or three classes of UNSC members. The G-5 with veto powers, G-4 permanent members without the veto, and whoever else may be elected by the General Assembly.

While it can be argued that a Security Council of a smaller number of countries is desirable to make the UN effective, it must also reflect world realities and be more representative of its diversity. For instance, Africa and Latin America are not represented in the P-5. Likewise, the Islamic world does not find a place. India, which has a fifth of the world's population, does not find a place. The big question then is whether this is what India really wants?

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In the past few years, India's diplomacy has centered around a craving to just become a member of the UN Security Council. It seems a second-class membership is still feasible. The big question then is whether this is what India really wants? Or do we want a greater democratisation of the UNSC to reflect the status and size of the G-4?

LETTERS

GLACIER BURST

This disaster should serve as an eye-opener to global warming (150+ feared dead in glacier burst, DC, Feb. 8). Glaciers melting in winter does pose a big question mark. Various reports say the Himalayas are shrinking every year. Government may reconsider their proposal to lay roads to Char Dham to keep the ecology safe. No more projects in the valleys of Uttarakhand.

P.R. Vittal Rao
Hyderabad

It has been stated that the government had ignored PILs critical of projects warning of disasters. It is time the government pays heed to avert such disasters which leads to a severe loss of life. It must punish those who ignored the warnings and pushed ahead with the projects.

Dr G.V. Kumar
Hyderabad

CM KCR FOR 10 YEARS

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao announcing his intention to rule for a decade is very good. He has to send his ministers all over the state to survey the needs and problems of every area. Later, he has to plan and give the support needed to each district. If he can do it, all the people from TS districts will support him and his party for more than a decade.

Mohan Secunderabad

Happy to know that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao is in good health. He said he will soon visit and solve all problems of people. That is a welcome gesture. We request him to monitor the effective implementation of the New Revenue Act, his brainchild.

T. Kailash Ditya
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

K.M. Munshi passes away

BOMBAY, February 8 Dr. K.M. Munshi, (84), the elder statesman, an acknowledged constitutional authority and "Kulpati" (founder president) of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, the nation's single biggest educational and cultural complex died suddenly today at his residence at the Bhavan headquarters here today.

Dr. Munshi was also former Bombay Presidency's first Home Minister.

"The writer, a policy analyst studying economic and security issues, held senior positions in government and industry. He also specialises in the Chinese economy."

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Myanmar's junta imposes curfew

Yangon, Feb. 8: Myanmar's military government imposed a curfew and bans on gatherings of more than five people in the country's two biggest cities on Monday as protests against last week's coup showed no sign of abating.

The decrees covering Yangon and Mandalay were issued on a township-by-township basis, and those which have become public so far have the same restrictions. At least seven have been issued, and more are expected for other areas. Rallies and gatherings of more than five people, along with motorised processions, are banned, and a 8 pm to 4 am curfew is imposed. The measures are effective until further notice. The decrees say they were issued in response to people carrying out unlawful actions that harm the rule of law.

The generals issued a stern warning on Monday against further protests as an uprising against their coup gathered pace, with hundreds of thousands on the streets demanding the release of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The junta has so far refrained from using deadly force to quell the demonstrations sweeping most of the country, but with pressure building riot police fired water cannon in an attempt to disperse thousands gathered in

Naypyidaw.

The military last week detained Suu Kyi and dozens of other members of her National League for Democracy party, ending a decade of civilian rule and triggering international condemnation. In the face of an increasingly bold wave of defiance, state broadcaster MRTV warned that opposition to the junta was unlawful and signalled a potential crackdown.

"Action must be taken according to the law with effective steps against offences which disturb, prevent and destroy the state's stability, public safety and the rule of law," said a statement read by an announcer on the channel.

Tens of thousands of protesters overcame a nationwide internet blockade to rally over the weekend in the first major outpourings of opposition to the coup. The movement built on Monday, with protests across the country and the start of a nationwide strike.

In Yangon, the nation's commercial capital, crowds spilt onto the city's main roads, immobilising traffic and dwarfing the previous day's rally.

"Down with military dictatorship" and "release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and arrested people", protesters chanted, flashing the three-finger salute



People stage a demonstration against the February 1 military coup along a street in the town of Muse in Shan state, near the China-Myanmar border on Monday. — AFP

that has come to symbolise their movement as car horns were honked in support.

Calls for a nationwide strike gathered momentum over the weekend, with textile workers, civil servants and railway employees walking out of

work in the commercial hub.

"This is a work day, but we aren't going to work even if our salary will be cut," one protester, 28-year-old garment factory worker Hnin Thazin, said.

Construction worker Chit

Min, 18, joined the Yangon rally, saying his loyalty to Suu Kyi outweighed concerns about his financial situation.

"I am jobless now for a week because of the military coup, and I am worried for my survival," he said. — AP/AFP

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US plans re-entry in UN rights panel

Finds authoritarian rulers leading UNHRC

Washington, Feb. 8:

Announcing the new approach from Washington, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the pullout in June 2018 "did nothing to encourage meaningful change, but instead created a vacuum of US leadership, which countries with authoritarian agendas have used to their advantage."

"The Biden administration has recommitted the United States to a foreign policy centered on democracy, human rights, and equality," he said in a statement. "Effective use of multilateral tools is an important element of that vision."

The decision is likely to draw criticism from conservative lawmakers and many in the pro-Israel community, who have derided the council and echoed Trump administration complaints that it was too quick to overlook abuses by autocratic regimes and governments and even accept them as members.

Blinken said President Joe Biden had instructed the State Department to "reengage immediately and robustly" with the council, but he acknowledged it still needs work.

"We recognise that the Human Rights Council is a flawed body, in need of reform to its agenda, membership, and focus, including its disproportionate focus on Israel," he said.

half the time.

Details of the proceedings are still being negotiated by the Senate leaders, with the duration of opening arguments, senators' questions and deliberations all up for debate.

So far, it appears there will be few witnesses called, as the prosecutors and defense attorneys speak directly to senators who have been sworn to deliver "impartial justice" as jurors. Most are also witnesses to the siege, having fled for safety that day as the rioters broke into the Capitol and temporarily halted the electoral count certifying Biden's victory.

Defense attorneys for Trump declined a request for him to testify. Holed up at his Mar-a-Lago club, Florida, the former president was silenced on Twitter without comments since leaving the White House. — AP

Impeachment trial of Don from today

Washington, Feb. 8:

Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial is opening this week with a sense of urgency — by

Democrats who want to hold the former president accountable for the violent US Capitol siege and Republicans who want it over as fast as possible.

Scheduled to begin on Tuesday, just over a month since the deadly riot,

the proceedings are expected to diverge from the lengthy, complicated trial that resulted in Trump's acquittal a year ago on charges that he privately pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on a Democratic rival, Joe Biden, now the president.

This time, Trump's Jan. 6 rally cry to "fight like hell" and the storming of the Capitol played out for the world to see. While Trump very well could be acquitted again, the trial could be over in

"To address the council's deficiencies and ensure it lives up to its mandate, the United States must be at the table using the full weight of our diplomatic leadership," he added. — AP

TANZANIAN PRAYERS FAIL TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS

Dar es Salaam, Feb. 8: Tanzania has spent more than six months trying to convince the world it has been cured of the Coronavirus through prayer, while refusing to take measures to curb its spread.

However, dissent is mounting, along with deaths attributed to "pneumonia", with even a politician in semi-autonomous Zanzibar admitting he has the virus.

"Covid-19 is killing people and we see a lot of cases but we cannot talk about the disease," said a doctor in a public hospital.

The

15-member Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation (SAGE) was spending the day in a virtual extraordinary meeting discussing the two-shot vaccine.

The WHO said the recommendations on who it should and should not be used for would be made public later this week.

The regulatory authorities in several European nations have not yet authorised for use anywhere, to 100,000 health care workers while monitoring its efficacy against the variant.

The abrupt change in strategy was prompted by preliminary results in a small study that showed the AstraZeneca vaccine was only minimally effective against mild to moderate cases of the disease caused by

the variant.

There is reason to hope the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may fare better in the

country. — AP

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business is dominated by sprawling family-controlled conglomerates.

"I have pledged to donate more than half of my assets throughout my life to solve social issues," Kim said in a message sent to all of Kakao's employees.

His firm benefited from social distancing measures that saw more use of its messaging app, e-commerce platform, and online games. — AFP

Korean billionaire to donate half his wealth

Seoul, Feb. 8: One of

South Korea's wealthiest people, the billionaire founder of the country's biggest mobile messenger operator KakaoTalk, promised on Monday to give away more than half his wealth.

The decision by self-made Kim Beom-su, worth around \$9.4 billion, is an unusual one for the world's 12th-largest economy, where

application is installed on more than 90 per cent of phones in South Korea.

Forbes described Kim the nation's "biggest gainer" during the Coronavirus pandemic last year.

His firm benefited from social distancing measures that saw more use of its messaging app, e-commerce platform, and online games. — AFP

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Sensex	51348.77
Nifty 50	15115.80
S&P 500*	3,902.36
Dollar (\$)	72.96
Pound Sterling (\$)	100.04
Euro (\$)	87.71
Gold (10gm)* (\$)	46,877.94
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	60.34
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.040
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.181
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* As of 8:30 PM IST

Hyundai, Kia say Apple car deal now off

Hyundai Motor Co said it is not now in talks with Apple Inc on autonomous electric cars, just a month after it confirmed early-stage talks with the tech giant, sending the automaker's shares skidding. Wiping \$3 billion off its market value, Hyundai's stock slid 6.2 per cent. Shares in its affiliate Kia Corp, which had been tipped to be the likely operational partner for Apple, tumbled 15 per cent—a \$5.5 billion hit.

NH construction pace in Apr-Dec was 28 km/day



The pace of highway construction during April-December 2020, on an average, was 28 km a day. Total highways constructed across India during the period was 7,767 km, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari told Rajya Sabha. Of the total 7,767 km, the highest 1,662 km was constructed in Maharashtra at a cost of Rs 6,858 crore followed by 552 km in UP (Rs 1,351 crore) and 495 km in MP (Rs 1,446 crore).

Indian pharma market may hit \$130 bn by 2030

India's pharma industry has proved to be a dependable supplier of quality drugs and is expected to reach a size of \$130 billion by 2030, chemical and fertiliser minister D. V. Sadananda Gowda said at an industry event. "The total market size of the Indian pharma industry is expected to reach \$130 bn by 2030. The medical devices industry has the potential to grow at 28 per cent per annum to reach \$50 bn by 2025," he said.

NMDC Q3 net profit jumps 53% to ₹2,108 crore

NMDC said its consolidated net profit jumped 53 per cent to ₹2,108 crore for the December quarter against ₹1,375 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total income rose to ₹4,461 crore from ₹3,137 crore. Total expenses during the third quarter stood at ₹1,650 crore against ₹1,491 crore. NMDC, India's largest iron ore miner, is also involved in the exploration of minerals like copper, limestone, dolomite and gypsum.

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HCL Tech celebrates \$10-bn revenue with ₹700-cr bonus to staff

New Delhi, Feb. 8: HCL Technologies on Monday announced a special one-time bonus worth over Rs 700 crore for its employees, as the IT giant marked the \$10-billion (about Rs 72,800 crore) revenue milestone.

The special bonus will be paid to employees this month—amounting to nearly \$90 million-plus

payroll taxes in some countries, the impact of which is excluded from FY21 Ebit (earnings before interest and taxes) guidance provided by the company last month, HCL Tech said in a statement.

HCL Tech said it is "issuing a one-time special bonus to employees around the world" worth over Rs 700 crore in recogni-

tion of its recent milestone of crossing the \$10-billion mark in revenue for 2020.

"In celebration and gratitude all employees with one year of service or greater will receive a bonus, the equivalent of ten days' salary," the statement said.

Despite an unrelenting pandemic, each and every

member of HCL family demonstrated strong commitment and passion, contributing to the growth of the organisation, HCL Technologies' chief human resources officer Apparao V. V. said.

"The \$10 billion revenue milestone is a testament of our remarkable resilience as an organisation and the entrepreneurial spirit of our 1.59,000 plus employees," Apparao added.

HCL Tech said achieving this historic milestone in technology, business and engineering services and software, in just 20 years since its IPO, reflects efforts and consistent achievements of employees, deep relationships with leading compa-

nies across industries and a strong network of partners and stakeholders.

The IT services company had posted a 31.3 per cent rise in its December quarter net profit at Rs 3,982 crore, riding on strong momentum in its digital, products and platform segments. It had exuded confidence of clocking further accelera-

tion in bookings in the coming quarters.

HCL Tech's revenue grew 6.4 per cent to Rs 19,302 crore in the December quarter from Rs 18,135 crore in the year-ago period, as per US GAAP. The company had recorded revenue growth at 3.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter in constant currency.

Bull run takes Sensex above 51000 Nifty crosses 15000-mark

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, FEB. 8

The market continues to make heavy gains post-the Union Budget and closed at new all-time highs on Monday, with the Nifty-50 Index closing above the 15000-mark at 15115.80 with 191 points gain.

The Nifty-50, launched on April 22, 1996, hit the 5000-mark in 2007 and 10000-mark in 2017.

The Sensex also, for the first time, closed above 51000 with a 617-points gain at 51348.77.

Global cues were also positive with US market closing in the positive territory on Friday, as US treasury secretary Janet Yellen pushed for the Congress to pass \$1.9 billion stimulus package, and the Asian markets opening in the green, Japan's Nikkei Index closed 2.12 per cent and China's



Shanghai Composite closed 1.03 per cent up. Investors are taking comfort from the world's biggest-ever vaccination campaign. More than 124 million doses have been administered across 73 countries so far. While the vaccination programme in India has just begun, countries like Israel have already inoculated more than one-third of their population with at least one of the two doses, according to a report.

"Indian equity markets continued their positive streak for the 6th day post Union Budget, amidst positive global cues," said Siddhartha Khemka, head retail research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

IT, metal and auto sector stocks were top gainers, driven by heavy foreign portfolio investors buying after a strong earnings season. FPIs were net buyers of equities worth Rs 1,876.60 crore, as per provisional data.

INDIAMART CEO BOOKED FOR GOVARDHAN HILL ROCK SALES

Mathura (UP), Feb. 8: Three men, including the CEO of e-commerce site Indiamart, were booked on Sunday for allegedly putting up for sale rocks taken from the Govardhan Hill here, at Rs 5,175 apiece, police said.

Govardhan Hill in Mathura is considered a sacred site for Hindus, as it is the setting for many legends relating to the life of Lord Krishna, who is believed to be embodied in the earth of the hill.

SP (rural) Shirish Chandra said an FIR has been filed under Section 265 of the IPC and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act against Indiamart founder-CEO Dinesh Agarwal, co-founder Brajesh Agrawal and Mathura-based supplier Ankur Agrawal.

The FIR was lodged based on a complaint by Mathura-based social worker. —PTI



HC stays status quo order in Future-Reliance deal

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with agency inputs
CHENNAI, FEB. 8

The Delhi High Court on Monday stayed an earlier order by a single judge asking Future Group to maintain status quo with respect to its Rs 24,713-crore deal with Reliance Retail till the pronouncement of its final order.

A bench of chief justice D. N. Patel and justice Jyoti Singh passed the interim direction on Future Retail's appeal challenging the February 2 order of the single judge. In the February 2 order, Future Retail and all the concerned authorities were directed to maintain status quo with respect to all matters in violation of the order dated October 25, 2020.

The single-judge is hearing Amazon's plea seeking enforcement of the October 25, 2020 Emergency Award given by Singapore International Arbitration Centre.

restraining Future Group from going ahead with the deal with Reliance Retail.

"Statutory authorities should not be restrained from proceeding in accordance with law on Future-Reliance deal," said the division bench on Monday, referring to bodies like NCILT, CCI and Sebi. It also turned down Amazon's request to suspend Monday's order for a week.

However, the bench clarified that it will not come in the way of the final order to be pronounced by the single judge. While asking the respondents to

maintain status quo, the single judge also wanted to file the status report within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

The court issued notice to Amazon and sought its stand on FRL's appeal by February 26 when it will commence day-to-day hearing of the matter.

In the interim order, the division said it was staying the single judge order as firstly, FRL was not a party to the share subscription agreement (SSA) between Amazon and Future Coupons Pvt Ltd (FCPL) and the US e-commerce giant was not a party to the deal between FCPL and Reliance Retail.

The bench further said it was of the prima facie view that the share holding agreement (SHA) between FRL and FCPL, the SSA between FCPL and Amazon and the deal between FRL and Reliance Retail "are different" and "therefore, the group of companies doctrine cannot be invoked."

Foreign arrival figures fox tourism industry

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, FEB. 8

these many foreigners would not have come into the country for travel and tourism.

"Except for the Vande Bharat Mission, flights were not operating normally all these months. Monuments and religious places were closed, transportation facilities were not properly available and hotels too were not functioning normally. I don't see any reason to think that these many foreign tourists arrived. Probably, these could be NRIs arriving for religious or family functions like weddings, or foreigners coming for medical or business purposes. Most of these purposes are combined under tourism arrivals," said Iqbal Mulla, chief consul, Global Tourism Council.

The government has also initiated a study to understand the job losses and economic losses of the sector. The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) was engaged by the government in January 2021 to conduct the study. "India and the Coronavirus Pandemic: Economic Losses for

I am glad that the government has initiated an assessment of the industry situation. Whatever measures are being taken to mitigate the losses have to be done on a war footing. Procedural delays have to be avoided," said Mulla.

Though the arrivals are 97.2 per cent less than the figure of 77,50,563 during the same period in 2019, the industry believes that

Upstart Dixon surges 824% as CEO bets on phone-making

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Almost three decades ago, Sunil Vachani borrowed \$35,000 so he could start making 14-inch television sets in a rented shed outside New Delhi. It was an unconventional choice given India, though renowned for software and services, had long lagged behind in manufacturing.

Todays Vachani's startup has grown into a sprawling electronics empire. His Dixon Technologies boasts a market value of more than \$2.5 billion and the capacity to produce about 50 million smartphones this year. It's an early indicator of the country's opportunities in building a sophisticated manufacturing sector, a top priority for PM Narendra Modi.

While Vachani, 52, struggled in his early days, his company's shares have surged 824 per cent since a 2017 initial public offering.

Sales and profits have boomed with domestic demand for smartphones, along with India's ambitious plans to develop its own local industry.

"This is only a start," Vachani said in a telephone interview. "We are



Sunil Vachani

bringing about a mindset change that global manufacturing can happen in India."

The founder and his siblings are now in the league of India's billionaire families. Vachani controls a one-third stake worth about \$900 million.

Dixon is an example of how quickly India is changing. It has ramped up production capacity from about 2 million smartphones a month last year to about 4 million after a government incentive programme began.

"India is well qualified to be the world's alternative to the China supply chain," said PN Sudarshan, partner at Deloitte India. "Once component makers move, vibrant manufacturing clusters will form."

India lags behind China, making about 330 million

smartphones annually compared with 1.5 billion in China, data from the Indian Cellular Association shows.

Vachani comes from an entrepreneurial family. His father and siblings started a business that produced electronics and appliances under the Weston brand. They made the country's first colour televisions and video recorders—and operated a string of video game parlours on the side.

After studying business in London, Sunil opted to go his own way in 1993. He started making colour TVs and later added Sega game consoles, Philips video recorders and push-button mobile phones for Bharti Airtel. Dixon's fortunes began to improve in the 2000s, when a regional political party gave the company a contract to make televisions for free distribution.

Dixon now makes televisions for Xiaomi Corp, washing machines for LG Electronics Inc and lighting products for Philips. It began producing mobile phones in 2016 for brands like Panasonic Corp and Samsung Electronics Co.

—Bloomberg

MADRAS HIGH COURT QUASHES CHARGES AGAINST EX-CFO OF BHARAT FINANCIAL



S. Dilli Raj
HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Five years after his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) during its probe into financial irregularities at First Leasing Company of India, the Madras High Court has quashed the prosecution of S. Dilli Raj, a former chief financial officer of Hyderabad-based micro-lender Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Commenting on the charges levelled against Mr Dilli Raj, a bench of the Madras High Court comprising Justice P.N. Prakash and Justice V. Sivagnanam, opined that, "We are unable to persuade ourselves to agree with the Enforcement Directorate that the salaries and perquisites that were paid to Dilli Raj while he was in employment with FLCI would amount to proceeds of crime and any property purchased with that would stand tainted."

In its charges against Dilli Raj, the ED claimed that "the salaries, performance bonuses and other perquisites paid to S. Dilli Raj, as a vice-president of FLCI during his tenure from 1996-2007, were out of bank borrowings fraudulently obtained by FLCI, which are nothing but proceeds of crime. Accordingly, it is found that the above said property is involved in money laundering."

Dilli Raj had quit Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd, formerly SKS Microfinance, after he was arrested by the ED in 2016. He was a key member of the transition team at SKS Microfinance, which reoriented it away from its founder and microfinance sector's erstwhile poster boy Vikram Akula.

CARBON | NEGATIVE DRIVE

Teams will have to show a method for capturing 1 tonne CO2 per day

Musk offers \$100 mn prize for removing CO2 from air

AKSHAT RATHI
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the largest of its kind, will be backed by a donation from the Musk Foundation, a non-profit founded by the chief executive officer of Tesla Inc and Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

"Carbon negativity, not neutrality," Musk said in a statement. "This is not a theoretical competition... Whatever it takes. Time is of the essence."

Details of the \$100 million prize for innovators who aid the development of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies were released on Monday, following an initial announcement by Musk on Twitter on January 21. Entries for the prize will



open on Earth Day, celebrated on April 22. Three winners will be named for three separate prizes—\$50 million, \$20 million and \$10 million on the same day in 2025.

Conventional carbon capture focuses on removing CO2 from the exhaust of power plants or factories, then burying the greenhouse gas deep underground to eliminate its contribution



Agasara Nandini shows the gold medal won in the 100m hurdles on Monday.

Nandini hurdles to second gold

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Agasara Nandini secured her second gold as Telangana's medal tally swelled to four on the third day of the 36th National Junior Athletics Championships being held in Guwahati, Assam, on Monday. Nandini, who won the Girls Under 18 long jump event on the opening day, finished first in the Girls U-18 100 metres hurdles with a time of 13.83 seconds at the Sarusajai Stadium on Monday. Pooja of Haryana took silver in 15.45 seconds while Akshida S of Tamil Nadu was third with a time of 15.54 seconds. Kothuri Pranay of Telangana leapt a distance of 6.68 metres to bag a bronze in the Boys U-16 long jump event. Chandrashaker of Uttar Pradesh took gold with an effort of 6.84m while Dadan Kumar of Delhi was second in 6.81m.



City thrash Reds black and blue

London: Manchester City left Liverpool's title defence in tatters as Ilkay Gundogan's double and two costly mistakes from Alison Becker inspired the Premier League leaders' dazzling 4-1 win, while Harry Kane starred in Tottenham's 2-0 victory against West Bromwich Albion on Sunday.

Inspired by Gundogan's goals and Phil Foden's stylish display, City moved 10 points clear of fourth-placed Liverpool after their first win at Anfield since 2003. The troubled champions were blown away by Pep Guardiola's side, who became the first team to score four times in a league game away to Liverpool in 12 years.

City hold a five-point lead over second placed Manchester United and have a game in hand on their local rivals as they eye a third title in four seasons. — AFP

Hasan leads Pak to series victory

Rawalpindi, Pakistan: Medium pacer Hasan Ali took a maiden ten-wicket haul to help Pakistan win their first series against South Africa since 2003 with a 95-run victory in the second Test on the fifth and final day here on Monday.

Hasan finished with 5/60 to record his best match figures of 11/114 and help dismiss South Africa — who were set a daunting 370 to chase — for 274 before the tea break. — AFP

Brief scores (Day 5): Pakistan 272 & 298 beat South Africa 201 & 274 (Markram 108, Bavuma 61, Hasan 5-60, Afridi 4-51).

Live on TV

TENNIS
Australian Open: First round matches from 5.30 am on Sony Six, from 1.30 pm on Sony Ten 2, HD

CRICKET
India vs England: First Test, Day 5 from 9.20 am on Star Sports 1, HD

FOOTBALL
Indian Super League: Bengaluru FC vs Mohun Bagan from 7.20 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

FA Cup: Fifth round — Burnley vs Bournemouth from 11 pm on Sony Ten 2, HD; Manchester United vs West Ham United from 1 am (Wednesday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

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ASH-TONISHING

Offie Ashwin takes 6/61 as India stage fight back

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CHENNAI, FEB. 8

The ebbs and flows of Test cricket make it an intriguing spectacle. The fourth day of the opening Test between India and England was high on drama. The hosts who had begun the penultimate morning with the laborious task of saving the Test worked their way into contention. Chasing 420, India now need 381 runs in 90 overs with nine wickets in hand to cap off one of the greatest comeback wins in Test cricket.

It's not going to be as simple as the equation suggests though. The red-soil surface is expected to deteriorate further on day five and Virat Kohli & Co. would also be mindful of the fact that the highest successful chase on Indian soil was 387, incidentally against the same opposition at the same venue. Can India do it again?

Having lost Rohit Sharma (12) early, India, who were 39 for one at stumps, will resume the proceedings with Shubman Gill (15 not out) and Cheteshwar Pujara (12 not out) in the middle. An enthralling day's play is on the cards with fans hoping for yet another incredible chase much like the recent Brisbane heist.

The day, however, belonged to Chennai boys Washington Sundar and R. Ashwin. An elegant left-handed batsman, Washington showed a lot of maturity, scoring an unbeaten 85 that helped India cut down their first innings deficit to 241. The two TN players put on 80 runs for the seventh wicket. For Washington, it was his second successive Test half-century.

Washington's senior state-mate Ashwin then took on the mantle to put England's second innings plans in disarray. Ashwin's 6/61 — his 28th five-wicket haul and third in as many matches at Chepauk — dismantled Joe Root & Co. for 178. England's second essay fizzled out especially after



R. Ashwin celebrates taking the wicket of England's Dom Bess on Day Four of the first Test in Chennai on Monday. — BCCI

going through the motions post-tea.

In the morning session, left-arm spinner Jack Leach and pacer James Anderson grabbed two wickets each as England bowled India out for 337, to take a lead of 241 runs.

India made their intentions clear when Kohli tossed the new ball to Ashwin who struck off the innings' first ball to remove Rory Burns with a beauty. Ishant Sharma again top-scored for

completed his landmark 300th when he trapped Dan Lawrence. As wickets fell at regular intervals, England found it difficult to accelerate.

Ashwin who had to slog for 55 overs to take three wickets in first innings on a flat surface bowled with venom.

All-rounder Ben Stokes came a cropper by edging one to the wicket-keeper off Ashwin. Joe Root again top-scored for

England with a brisk knock of 40 (32 balls) before falling prey to the reverse swing of Jasprit Bumrah.

Ollie Pope's wicket at 130 for six — holed out to Rohit Sharma in a bid to reverse sweep Shahbaz Nadeem — changed England's approach on its head. They were in an attacking mindset until Pope departed. By cleaning up Jofra Archer, Ashwin claimed his fifth.

Set a target of 420, India require 381 runs on final day. Lewis is confident that England would bowl them out. "We are really happy with where we are at and with that many runs on the board, we are ahead of the game. We played some really good cricket and we are confident that we can create enough chances to win the game tomorrow," Lewis said.

When was asked about England's failure to accelerate the run-rate, Lewis said: "I think the guys were positive in the way they played and I do not think it is a straightforward pitch to just go and be reckless... So, in terms of the position in the game, we are really comfortable with where we are at."

Lewis tipped spinner Jack Leach to trouble the Indians and prove to be a match-winner. "He's bowled an absolutely beauty to get Rohit Sharma out. He could walk away with four or five wickets tomorrow and we could win a Test match — I'm pretty sure people won't be talking about Rishabh Pant's first-innings runs if he does that."

The Tamil Nadu spinner said he had plans against Root. "In the first innings, the number of sweeps he played off me was very minimal. He was very careful in how he was going to sweep, because we had plans in place and we had lines in place. When good players play, you can make your plan, sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't," Ashwin added.

PANT VOTED ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTH

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, FEB. 8

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NUMBERS GAME

- Ishant Sharma became the sixth Indian and the 35th bowler overall to pick up 300 Test wickets, when he trapped England batsman Dan Lawrence in the second innings of the First Test in Chennai on Monday.
- Former leg-spinner Anil Kumble heads the list with 619 wickets in 152 Tests ahead of Kapil Dev (434 wickets in 131 Tests), Harbhajan Singh (417 wickets in 103 Tests), Ravichandran Ashwin (386 wickets in 75), Zaheer Khan (311 wickets in 92 Tests) and Ishant Sharma (300 wickets in 98 Tests).

— S. PERVEZ QASIER

innings.

Ashwin, who bowled his heart out for his three-wicket haul in the first and added six in the

second, said he enjoyed his outing. "I see quite a few interesting observations on what people think might happen or not but as a cricketer that's the last thing that you have on your mind," he said.

England skipper Joe Root who swept his way to double hundred was cautious against Ashwin in the first innings.

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Abhirath Tilak Varma Geeta Krishna

spin. First he scalped a fifer to restrict Chakra to a lowly 179 and then followed it up with a brilliant 51 as the Taxmen overhauled the target with seven wickets in hand.

In another match, Secunderabad Nawabs rode on Shashi's fine 5/26 to stop BDL at 189, just one short of their total for a thrilling win.

Geeta was the next best on the show. He belted 106 to help Balaaji CC stifle Zinda Tilismath, who failed to chase down a target of 317. H. K. Simha played second fiddle but fell just one run short of century.

In another match, Budding Star's Yudhvir (50/20) punched big to skittle out Khalsa for a paltry 164 while chasing 286. Akash also contributed a modest 92 for the victorious side.

B. Sandeep of Income Tax had Sri Chakra in

5, Tanay Tyagarajan 3/26

■ Sri Chakra 179 in 44.2 overs (K. Vikas Rao 34, S. Nishant Yadav 32, M. Mukesh 38, B. Sandeep 5/24 — 9.11-24-5)

Lost to Income Tax 185/3 in 31.3 overs (B. Sandeep 51 n.o., D. Harshvardhan 76, Shiv Charan Singh 36)

■ Secunderabad Nawabs 190/9 in 50 overs (Shujan Bandaru 52, Harish Singh 62) bt BDL 189 in 48.2 overs (B. Revant 54, Hima Teja 34, Shashi Shekar Naidu 5/26 — 6.0-26-5)

■ Balaji CC 316 in 48.5 overs (E. Geeta Krishna 106 — 70b, 10x4, 8x6, H. K. Simha 99, G. Ganesh 54, Neel Chakravarthy 3/63) bt Zinda Tilismath 173 in 43.4 overs (Kirian Reddy 30, S. Balaji Reddy 36, Pabba Niles 3/43, Achyut 4/11)

■ Cambridge XI 179 in 40.3 overs (Vinay Yadav 84, C. Hitesh Yadav 4/37, Bhagath Varma 4/38) lost to R. Dayanand 182/8 in 44.5 overs (M. A. Shanmukha 31, Bhagath Varma 54, Nitish Reddy 35 n.o., M. Shashank 3/11)

■ Charminar CC 173 in 44.1 overs (All Diamond Kacchi 62, Ronald R. Rodrigues 4/40) lost to Union Bank of India 174/4 in 33.2 overs (Abhinav Kumar 64 n.o., Amol Shinde 30)

■ A-1 DIVISION ONE-DAY KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

■ Jai Hanuman 215 in 47.5 overs (N. Anirudh Reddy 65, Anurag Vital 63, Rathan Teja 3/45) lost to Gemini Friends 210 — 110b, 12x4, Thakur Tilak Varma 101 n.o. — 116b, 4x6

■ Budding Star 286 in 46.5 overs (Akash 92, Yudhvir Singh 36, Shazaiib 3/57, Abuzar 3/61) bt Khalsa 164 in 38 overs (Sarthak 76, Harishit 47, Yudhvir 5/20 — 9-2-20-

A-2 DIVISION (TWO-DAY)

■ New Star 366/9 in 90 overs (Muddassir 89, Yash Raj 79, Vivek 4/60) vs Superstar.

■ Hyderabad Patriots vs Greenlands (Greenlands did not turn up for the match). **Points:** Hyderabad Patriots 5, Greenlands 0.

SCORECARD

England 1st Innings: 578

India 1st Innings (overnight 257/6): Rohit Sharma c Buttler b Archer 6, Shubman Gill c Anderson 6, Archer 29, Cheteshwar Pujara c Rory Burns b Dom Bess 73, Virat Kohli c Ollie Pope b Dom Bess 11, Ajinkya Rahane c Root b Dom Bess 1, Rishabh Pant c Jack Leach b Dom Bess 91, Washington Sundar not out 85, Ravichandran Ashwin c Buttler b Leach 31, Shahbaz Nadeem c Stokes b Leach 0, Ishant Sharma c Pope b Anderson 4, Jasprit Bumrah c Stokes b Anderson 0. Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1) 6. Total (all out in 95.5 overs) 337

FoW: 1-10, 2-44, 3-71, 4-73, 5-192, 6-225, 7-305, 8-312, 9-323.

Bowling: James Anderson 16.5-5-46-2, Jofra Archer 21-3-75-2, Ben Stokes 6-1-16-0, Jack Leach 24-5-105-2, Dominic Bess 26-5-76-4, Joe Root 2-14-0.

England 2nd Innings: Rory Burns 28, Rehana b Ashwin 0, Dominic Sibley c Pujara 0, Ashwin 16, Daniel Lawrence lbw b Ishant 18, Joe Root lbw b Bumrah 40, Ben Stokes c Pant b Ashwin 7, Ollie Pope c Rohit b Nadeem 24, Dominic Bess lbw b Ashwin 25, Jofra Archer 8, Ashwin 5, Jack Leach not out 8, James Anderson 1 and b Ashwin 0. Extras (nb-7) 7. Total (all out in 46.5 overs) 178

FoW: 1-0, 2-32, 3-58, 4-71, 5-101, 6-130, 7-165, 8-167, 9-178.

Bowling: Ravichandran Ashwin 17.3-2-61-6, Shahbaz Nadeem 15-2-66-2, Ishant Sharma 7-24-1, Jasprit Bumrah 6-26-1, Washington Sundar 0-1-0.

India 2nd Innings: Rohit Sharma c Jack Leach 12, Shubman Gill batting 15, Cheteshwar Pujara batting 12. Total (for 1 wk in 13 overs) 13.

FoW: 1-25.

Bowling: Jofra Archer 3-2-13-0, Jack Leach 6-1-21-1, James Anderson 2-1-2-0, Dominic Bess 2-0-3-0.

