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SHORT TAKES

SC moves on
succession law

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought response from the Central government on a public interest litigation seeking to remove anomalies in succession and inheritance laws and make them uniform for all citizens. The petition said gender and religion-neutral laws in succession and inheritance is necessary to secure justice, equality and dignity of women.

229 sedition cases in 5 yrs

New Delhi: As many as 5,128 cases under the stringent anti-terror law UAPA and 229 on charges of sedition have been lodged across the country in a five-year period from 2015, minister of state for home affairs G Kishan Reddy informed Parliament on Wednesday. Manipur topped in the UAPA cases and Bihar in sedition cases.

RIGHT TRACK

Citizens note ebbing Covid fear, fuel prices, summer

Price rise to fuel Metro rush

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Hyderabad Metro Rail's daily passenger load has now built itself back to around 1.86 lakh. Still, this forms only 45 per cent of its pre-Covid figures. This summer will see a further increase for three reasons.

The air-conditioned travel facility usually attracts more people to Metro services during summer season. The steady hike in fuel prices are bound to make many to keep their vehicles

TRS sure PRC, jobs will win over staff, graduates

L. VENKAT
RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10



● TRS leaders engaged in the campaign say that CM Chandrashekhar Rao will make an announcement in the Assembly on March 18 on new sops for employees and students.

● They promise 29 per cent fitment (hike on basic pay) to govt staff as against a meagre 7.5 per cent fitment recommended by the PRC

tion campaign meeting that, "Together we fought and achieved Telangana State. Let us continue to work together for the all-round development of Telangana."

TRS ministers and leaders engaged in the campaign say that Chief Minister Chandrashekhar Rao will make an announcement in the Legislative Assembly on March 18 on new sops for

politics.

employees and students. Following the directions of KCR, the ministers and party MLAs functioning as election in-charges are holding mandal and district-level meetings with various associations of Telangana employees.

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They go on to add, after a pause: "The CM will announce a 29 per cent fitment despite the Covid-induced financial crisis, though the PRC had recommended just 7.5 per cent. He will also announce an increase in retirement age from 58 to 61 years. The retirement age raise will be applicable from this month itself.

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Page 2: KCR strategy weans away unions

Didi says she was attacked by men

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, MARCH 10

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— MAMATA BANERJEE
West Bengal Chief Minister

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KTR backs AP's fight against VSP stake sale

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Hours after filing her nomination in Nandigram, the hot seat of the West Bengal Assembly elections, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in an explosive claim, alleged that she was attacked by a group of men in a "conspiracy" in the absence of police personnel, including the East Midnapore superintendent of police, in the constituency on Wednesday evening, leaving her injured.

The Trinamul Congress supremo, with injuries on her legs and forehead, was later rushed to Kolkata in a "green corridor" and was admitted to the Woodburn Ward of SSKM Hospital after she was wheeled in a stretcher.

The TMC has launched protests across the state. Rattled by Ms Banerjee's complaint, the Election Commission has sought a report on the serious security breach from the district administration.

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CHINA HAS NOT VACATED INDIAN AREAS, SAYS U.S.

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, MARCH 10

China's People's Liberation Army "has not yet withdrawn from several forward positions" at the Line of Actual Control that it had seized after the initial clashes with Indian forces, a top US military commander told the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington on Tuesday.

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He said the standoff was predicated by clashes over construction activity near the disputed border, and that PLA deployed roughly 50,000 soldiers along the LAC, leading to a counter-deployment by the Indian Army.

Faced with dissension in its state unit as the central leadership was busy gearing up for the Assembly polls, due early next year, the BJP top brass decided to go in for a change of guard after sensing that the brewing dissension could spoil its chances of retaining power in the hill state. The BJP top brass took less than a week to defuse the political crisis after initial reports suggested that going to the

polls with Trivendra Rawat as CM will not be favourable for it in polls.

The former CM had failed to pacify his detractors and the BJP leadership was wary that if no action was taken, the

Tirath sworn in as U'khand CM

CM takes oath alone, to pick Cabinet later

BJP-JJP GOVT IN HARYANA BEATS NO-TRUST VOTE

Chandigarh, March 10: The BJP-JJP government in Haryana survived the floor test on Wednesday, comfortably defeating the no-confidence motion moved against it by the Congress. The motion was defeated following division of votes. Speaker Gian Chand Gupta announced in the House that 55 members had voted against the motion while 32 MLAs had backed it.

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SHORT TAKES

SAJJANAR AMONG 3 IPS OFFICERS TO BE PROMOTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Telangana state government on Wednesday issued orders and promoted three IPS officials from the 1996 batch to the rank of Additional Director General of Police.

The officers from the 1996 batch, Charu Sinha IPS, who is on Central Deputation, Anil Kumar IPS, Additional Commissioner of Hyderabad Traffic Police and V.C. Sajjanar, Cyberabad Police Commissioner were empannelled for promotion to the Above Super Time Scale in the rank of Additional Director General of Police, Level 15 in Pay Matrix of IPS (Pay) Rules, 2016, said the order issued by Somesh Kumar, Chief Secretary to Telangana government.

SHOBHA'S POST IN FOREST DEPT FORMALISED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The government on Wednesday formalised the appointment of R. Shobha as the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force). Shobha was holding the post as an in-charge so far.

Also promoted in the forest department were C.P. Vinod Kumar, Field Director of Kaval Tiger Reserve from the position of Conservator of Forests to Chief Conservator of Forests.

AWARENESS RUN ON KIDNEY DISEASES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology will organise a five-kilometre run on March 14 from Necklace Road to raise awareness about kidney diseases. In this context, the institute pointed out that those facing kidney problems or undergoing dialysis and transplants need support from caregivers and family members in fighting the disease.

Preventive measures after 40 years of age and symptom management are essential for tackling kidney problems, the institute underlined. Director General of Police M. Mahender Reddy will flag off the event.

19 RESCUED MINORS ON WAY TO BIHAR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Five months after they were rescued from a bangle-making unit, now the 19 minors are on their way to Bihar to reunite with their families.

After their rescue on October 5, the children were shifted to a government home for boys at Saidabad.

On Wednesday, escorted by Sub-inspector Krishna Reddy, and his colleagues, and in coordination with child welfare officers, the 19 children left for their native state. Working on specific information that children were made to work in a bangle manufacturing unit, Balapur police raided the premises and rescued 20 children in October. The children were made to fix chanki and stones to the bangles in the unit at Errakunta village of Balapur mandal.

The police arrested Mohammad Thoufik, Mohammad Sarfaraj, Mohammad Mujahid, Mohammad Imtiyaz and Mano Devi and sent them to judicial custody.

BEST FRIEND

Cocker Spaniel cleared way for VIPs for 10 years

DURGA PRASAD
SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Cyberabad police bid a tearful adieu to sniffer dog 'Teena' with a guard of honour on Wednesday.

Teena, a Cocker Spaniel (female) served the Cyberabad Police Commissionate for ten years and died due to illness here on Wednesday.

Teena was involved in a number of regular duties and routine checks of all



Teena

Sniffer Teena gets tearful farewell

VIPs, VVIPs, anti-sabotage checks, RGIA helipad

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Where is the lake, GHMC?



Due to lack of maintenance and continuous dumping of garbage the Jalagan Vengal Rao Park lake in Banjara Hills gets completely covered with water hyacinth creating an ugly sight especially for morning walkers. — R. PAVAN

Man poses as banker, rapes woman

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

approached her while she was alone in the house.

She mentioned in her complaint that the doorbell rang twice but nobody was there when she opened the door. "While I was having food, the doorbell rang for the third time and there were two unidentified men wearing masks with files in their hands. They said they had come from the bank

regarding a new policy but refused their offer and closed the door," she told the police, adding that before she could lock the door, one of the men pushed her aside and barged into the house while the other man stood guard outside.

Though she tried to resist and escape, the man overpowered her and raped her, she said, adding that she managed to pull off his mask during the assault and she will be able

to identify him if she sees him again.

She narrated the episode to her parents, after which she summoned courage and approached the police on Tuesday. Based on her complaint, the Punjagutta police have booked a rape case and have taken up investigation. They are verifying footage from surveillance cameras in the area to identify and nab the assailants.

The division bench, comprising the Chief Justice and Justice B. Vijay Sen Reddy was dealing with an appeal by Balagoni Saikiran and three of his family members, challenging the single-judge order, which had upheld the Revenue authorities' contention that they would relinquish their rights over the lands.

Citing the guidelines prescribed in the Mekala Pandu case, in which the court had clearly mentioned that every assigned land owner should be paid compensation as per the existing Land Acquisition Act, the counsel said that without notices, the land was forcibly taken over from the appellants and handed over to a third party. The government explained that the said land was given to a third party on the ground of providing alternative land to third party's land in which double bedroom houses have been built by the government.

The contention of the appellants was that they had never executed such 'Razinama' in the said survey number.

"With fabricated papers, the authorities are saying that we relinquished the

Man spikes drink of relative, rapes her

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Banjara Hills police booked a case against a man for allegedly offering a drink laced with sedatives to his relative and raping her.

According to sources, the accused, Nikhil, a native of Karnataka, was a resident of Film City in the city and had gone to visit his relative's family in Banjara Hills area.

"When the victim, the daughter of his sister-in-law, was alone at home, he mixed sedatives with a soft drink and asked her to have the same. Once she fell unconscious, he allegedly sexually assaulted her and went back to his place," sources said.

Man gets 20 years for raping minor

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

A 47-year-old man was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment with a fine of ₹10,000 for sexually assaulting a minor girl in January 2019.

The First Additional Metropolitan Session Judge of Hyderabad sentenced Mateen Ali Khan, a driver from Chattrinaka, who sexually assaulted a minor, fol-

lowing which he was arrested by the Falaknuma police.

The case was investigated by Mohd Abdul Rasheed, the then ACP Falaknuma, who later filed the charge-sheet in court.

The trial was completed on Wednesday and the court found Khan guilty under Sections 376 (3), 377 of IPC and Section 5 r/w6 of POCSO Act.

Following a complaint from the victim's family, a case was

booked against the man by the Banjara Hills police.

Gang ambushes, kills Old City history-sheeter

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

A gang, yet to be identified, ambushed and murdered a history-sheeter at Rein Bazaar on Tuesday night.

According to the police, the deceased, identified as Mohd Feroz alias Don Farru, was cornered and attacked by the gang members near Chottapul in the Rein Bazaar area late on Tuesday night.

stab wounds, Feroz died on the spot. After the area locals called 100, a team from Rein Bazaar police reached the spot and shifted the body to

the Osmania General Hospital mortuary. A case has been registered and investigation is going on. Efforts are on to nab the assailants," said the police.

Feroz was previously involved in a case of murder and other crimes, after which a history-sheeter was opened against his name at the Rein Bazaar police station.

A case was booked under section 302 (murder) of the IPC.

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Principal

HC grills Siddipet collector on lands

Tells him to file an affidavit on assigned lands

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday expressed apprehensions over the state government taking possession of land from the owners of assigned lands by applying the provision of 'Unconditional Razinama to the lands' (Relinquishment) by farmers or landowners, which is prescribed in Rule 16 of 1951 Act (Telangana Area) Land Revenue Rules, 1951.

Chief Justice Hima Kohli sought a detailed affidavit from the collector of Siddipet on a complaint that Revenue authorities have taken over the land of 6.37 acres in Survey number 692 of Duddeda village, Kondapak mandal, Siddipet district (earlier Medak District), without issuing any notice to the landowners.

land. In fact, we never gave up the properties," the appellants said.

Their counsel H. Venugopal argued that Rule 16 of 1951 Act was no more prevalent and appellants were not in such an economic position that they would relinquish their rights over the lands.

Citing the guidelines pre-

- SUSPECTING THE contentions of Revenue authorities of taking over the said lands, the court directed the collector to file an affidavit with all relevant documents.

COURT PARDONS KHAMMAM COLLECTOR KARNAN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday pardoned Khammam collector R.V. Karnan who recently faced heat after he cast aspersions on a high court judge who had imposed a fine on him in a contempt case.

Karnan personally appeared before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Hima Kohli and Justice B. Vijay Sen Reddy and sought mercy on him for his act of filing an affidavit against the Single Judge.

In the affidavit, the collector had alleged the judge was predetermined about punishing him.

Karnan said he was not aware of the contents of the affidavit drafted by government counsel. He had signed it in due faith but had no malice towards any judicial officer.

After listening to the collector, the bench withdrew the decision to file a suo moto contempt case against Karnan.

A few days ago, the division bench had issued a show-cause notice to the collector, directing him to explain why it should not proceed with the case.

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SHORT TAKES

HC GRANTS BAIL TO AGRIGOLD CHIEF, DIRECTORS

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday granted bail to the chairman of Agrigold Group of Companies Avva Venkata Seshu Narayan Rao and two of his relatives, who are directors in the company. They have been in judicial custody since their arrest in a case registered by Enforcement Directorate for alleged money laundering.

While granting the conditional bail, Justice Gandikota Sridevi directed them to execute a personal bond of Rs five lakh each apart from a local surety.

Kashyap, counsel for one of the petitioners, submitted that investigation into the alleged scam was almost complete and all documents were with the probe team. He said there was no chance of influencing witnesses and causing hindrance to investigation after petitioners are granted bail.

Considering the counsel's contention and following the stand of Supreme Court, while granting bail to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and P. Chidambaram, who were accused in economic offenses cases, Justice Sridevi granted the bail.

JOURNALISTS GET POSTAL BALLOT FACILITY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Hyderabad unit of Indian Journalists Union (IJU) has welcomed Election Commission of India's provision bringing journalists under essential services voter category and providing them postal ballot facility, along with senior citizens above 80 years, people with disabilities, suspected and quarantined Covid-19 patients, and individuals and persons working in essential services.

IJU leaders called on journalist fraternity to utilise this opportunity and cast their vote for participating in the process of democracy.

In a statement, Hyderabad IJU president K. Sreenivas Reddy and its secretary general Balwinder Singh thanked ECI for the gesture. They said postal ballot for journalists had been a long-pending demand of media persons, which has now been accepted.

The postal ballot facility comes ahead of the assembly polls scheduled in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.

PARTIAL HC RELIEF FOR SHARMILA, VIJAYAMMA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

In a relief to Y.S. Sharmila and Y.S. Vijayalaxmi, the Telangana High Court on Wednesday partly quashed the FIR filed against them for alleged violation of election code at Parkal in 2012.

The court heard the petitions filed by the two, who sought quashing of the cases registered against them under Sections 188, 341 of IPC and under Section 127 of Public Representative Act. Their counsel submitted that they were not public representatives and except for some traffic jams, they had not disobeyed the code.

The court quashed charges framed against them under Section 188 of IPC and Section 127 of Public Representatives' Act. However, charges framed under Section 341 of IPC would continue.

TRS leaders seek EC action against Bandi

They say Bandi is provoking people against one religion

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The TRS party state general secretaries Bharath Kumar and Srinivas Reddy on Wednesday complained against BJP state president Bandi Sanjay to the state election commission.

They sought action against him for the "objectionable posts" he put on Facebook, Twitter and other social media, hurting religious harmony.

They said, "We are telling the public as to what our government and TRS party are doing and what we are going to do in relation to the MLC elections. But the BJP is making provocative statements in the name of religion, rather than saying what they would do for the people."

They said Bandi Sanjay has been provoking the people via his postings on Facebook and Twitter against one religion. "We are doing good work, rather. The state government has built the Kaleshwaram project and irrigated lakhs of acres of cultivable area."

"We have pleaded that action be taken against Bandi Sanjay for provoking people of other religions in an obscene manner on Facebook, Twitter, Bandy Sanjay speaks without common sense," the TRS leaders said.

They said the state government completed the construction of the Yadadri temple in three years. "Provocative comments against other religions are not acceptable and we want election commission to take action against those who do so."

BANDI INTERACTS WITH GRADUATES FOR MLC POLLS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Wednesday asked Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao why he was taking salary when he was not even attending office at secretariat. He alleged that in the past, as an MP, K. Chandrashekhar remained absent from parliament. Somebody else signed the attendance register in parliament against his name. In this regard, he stated that BJP will file a complaint against K. Chandrashekhar Rao for cheating parliament.

Sanjay was interacting with graduates of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy and Mahabubnagar as part of his campaign for the MLC elections. He went on to accuse IT minister K.T. Rama Rao for spreading false news about development in the state.

He maintained that employees will not believe in CM saying he was unable to announce fitment in salaries as the election code is in force. The BJP president pointed out that earlier too, the Chief Minister got away by making similar statements. He expressed confidence that BJP will win from both the MLC constituencies.



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy speaks at MLC election campaign meeting with owners and staff of minority educational institutions in Hyderabad on

— P. ANIL KUMAR

Uttam objects to union leaders 'sailing' with KCR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Telangana Pradesh Congress Pradesh (TPCC) president and MP N. Uttam Kumar Reddy wants state government employees to revolt against their union leaders. "K. Chandrashekhar Rao should have organised an on-camera meeting and given a public assurance that a fitment of not less than 43 percent will be given to employees," he pointed out.

The TPCC chief charged that the TRS chief is clearly using union leaders as a tool to betray employees. In this regard, he alleged that K. Chandrashekhar Rao has offered an MLC seat to one of the union leaders in exchange for

employees' support for TRS candidates in the two MLC seats from graduate constituencies.

Uttam Kumar Reddy appealed to employees not to trust their union leaders as they had sold themselves out to ruling TRS for personal gains.

He also accused TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao of threatening managements of private educational institutions that their teachers should vote for the ruling party candidates. "Rama Rao had also shamelessly admitted that TRS government could not help thousands of private teachers due to shortage of funds during Covid-19 pandemic", TPCC chief said.

GHMC faces aged voters resistance

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and police staff on poll duty for the ensuing MLC election for Mahabubnagar-Ranganayakulu-Hyderabad Graduates constituency are confronted with a unique problem.

Citing Covid-19, none of those aged above 80 years is willing to exercise their franchise despite multiple requests on their mobile phones.

The elderly are not even allowing the poll staff to visit their houses. Even Covid-19 patients are not allowing poll staff to enter their premises cautioning them that they could be infected as they were not equipped with face shield or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits.

Addressing public meetings at Ibrahimpatnam and Maheswaram on Wednesday to muster support for BJP in the forthcoming MLC polls from Hyderabad Ranga Reddy Mahabubnagar graduates' constituency, Chugh maintained that Telangana is fed up of K. Chandrashekhar Rao's nepotism in which his family members are indulging in rampant looting of the state.

The BJP leader said K. Chandrashekhar Rao government is plagued with inefficiency due to which people of the state are unable to reap benefits of various welfare schemes and programmes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He alleged that administration has completely collapsed as people of the state do not have even basic facilities of drinking water and power supply.

Roads all over the state are in bad shape. Trade and industry are facing an unprecedented crisis.

postal ballot voters enrolled themselves because of pressure put in by candidates, regardless of their party affiliation.

The aged persons were concerned about their safety because of the spread of Covid-19 in the city. Covid-19 patients were concerned about the poll staff as had no safety gear.

Incidentally, GHMC has not provided either a face shield or face masks to the poll staff and will be busy on Thursday".

The official said that with 48 hours left it would be a tough job for the poll staff to convince postal ballot voters to register their franchise.

The official said the corporation is likely to provide protective gear to the poll staff in the next couple of days.

Meanwhile, in the next two days the teams will carry the required number of Form 13-A (Declaration by Elector), 13-D (Instructions for Guidance of Electors) and 13-D covers to enclose Form 13-A and Postal Ballot paper, to the homes of absentee voters.

They will also bring along a sealed drop box in a special vehicle with police escort, and provide the absentees Form 13-A, Form 13-D and postal ballot papers.

CHUGH RALLIES FOR BJP MLC CANDIDATES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh has accused Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao of deceiving people promising "Bangaru Telangana" but indulging in large-scale corruption and promoting nepotism.

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BJP PANEL CALLS ON DGP OVER BHAINSA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

A delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party called on DGP M. Mahender Reddy at State Police Headquarters here and submitted a memorandum on communal clashes at Bhainsa town in Nirmal district.

The BJP leaders included MPs Soyam Bapu Rao and D. Arvind, former MP Vivek Venkateswamy, and ex-MLAs Ch. Ramachandrapuram and N. V. S. S. Prabhakar.

They demanded that the DGP take stringent action against culprits involved in the incident.

They wanted a high-level enquiry into the series of communal incidents going on in the town for identifying habitual offenders who incite riots, so that rowdy sheets could be opened against them.

The delegation sought that permanent police pickets be placed at all sensitive areas and intelligence network improved to identify anti-national elements across the district as well as the state.

WOMAN KILLS 2ND HUSBAND, CONFESSES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

A woman killed her second husband allegedly due to his misbehavior with children from her first marriage. The police, who were investigating a missing case, found that he had died a month back.

Gagandeep Agarwal (38) married Nausheen Begum (32) a divorcee. Through her first marriage Nausheen had five children. They were living in Mansoorabad, LB Nagar. Suddenly, Agarwal went missing on February 9.

Suspecting something fishy, his brother Akash lodged a missing complaint with LB Nagar police station, which was subsequently transferred to Vanasthalipuram police station.

During investigation Vanasthalipuram police took Nausheen into custody from her residence in Yakutpura.

On being questioned about her husband's whereabouts, she spilled the beans and said she had stabbed him to death and buried him in the house.

AL-BERUNI CENTRE ADOPTS ALOOR VILLAGE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU)'s Al-Beruni Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy has adopted Aloor village in Chevella mandal of Ranga Reddy district as part of the centre's Inclusion Advocacy Programme (IAP).

In this regard, Al-Beruni director Prof. Afroz Alam said a team of the centre visited Government Primary School (Telugu Medium) and Government High School (Urdu Medium) at the village to sensitise teachers and students about the need for inclusive education.

Budget session under Covid-19 guidelines

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

The budget session of the Telangana state legislature will be held under Covid-19 safety protocols and restrictions, including strict physical distancing norms that were in place for the monsoon session in September 2020.

The session involving both the houses will commence on March 15. Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy reviewed the arrangements on Wednesday. Special seating arrangements have been made to ensure physical distancing between legislators.

"All the Covid-19 restrictions in force during the September 2020 session will be enforced now. All the MLAs and staff of the assem-

bly have to undergo Covid tests. They will be allowed to attend the budget session only if their test reports are negative," Speaker Srinivas Reddy said.

He said instructions were issued to the security staff to not allow any gathering of people in assembly premises. The restrictions on media will continue. Media personnel will have to undergo Covid tests and only those with negative reports are allowed entry.

Gunmen and the personal staff of MLAs will not be allowed inside the assembly premises. Ministers can bring personal secretaries as they have to assist ministers in providing information on their departments to answer queries raised by the Opposition parties.

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Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints (Psalms. 116:15)



Late Mrs. Athmakoori Indira Shantha Kumari

W/o Late Athmakoori Philip Joshua
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We welcome her Home
With love and respect
By angels and saints and our dear Lord!
Sons Daughters in Law Son in Law
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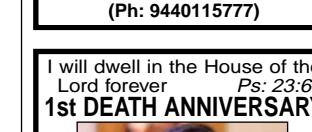


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6th Death Anniversary

SHORT TAKES

PM URGES ALL MPs TO TAKE PART IN 'AMRIT MAHOTSAV'

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MARCH 10

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday requested MPs and all public representatives to take part in 'Amrit Mahotsav' to mark India's 75 years of Independence, which will start from March 12 in Gujarat's Sabarmati Ashram.

While addressing the BJP's parliamentary party meeting, which was held almost after a year, the PM informed that the grand festival to commemorate the 75th year of Independence will be held at 75 locations across the country for 75 weeks.

Parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said the PM also gave a clarion call to the MPs to reach out to people and help in carrying out the Covid vaccination drive by the government.

"Prime Minister told MPs that they should act as a facilitator in the ongoing vaccination drive like by arranging vehicles for citizens to take them to the vaccination centres, helping in making arrangements at the vaccination centres and through other possible means," said the minister while briefing the media.

The BJP's parliamentary party also passed a resolution applauding the Prime Minister for his able and effective leadership during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The resolution was moved by the Parliamentary affairs minister.

Khattar govt wins trust vote

Speaker said 55 members voted against the motion and 32 backed it

Chandigarh, March 10: The BJP-JJP government in Haryana survived the floor test on Wednesday comfortably defeating the no-confidence motion moved against it by the main opposition Congress. The motion was defeated following division of votes.

At the end of a marathon six-hour discussion on the motion, Speaker Gian Chand Gupta announced in the House that 55 members had voted against the motion while 32 legislators had backed it. In place of secret voting, which former chief minister B.S. Hooda had earlier demanded in the House, the Speaker first asked the members favouring the motion to rise from their seats and those against it were asked to stand. A headcount was done later. The 55 members who voted against the motion included 39 from the BJP, 10 of ally Janayak Janta Party, five Independents and Gopal Kanda from Haryana Lokhit Party.

The BJP has 40 members in the Assembly which includes the Speaker. Thirty members of the Congress and two Independents — Balraj Kundu and Sombir Sangwan who had earlier withdrawn support, backed the motion.

The opposition camp



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee holds on to her injured leg after her campaign trial at Nandigram in Purba Medinipur on Wednesday. — PTI

would have needed 45 members to win the no confidence motion. In the 90-member Haryana Assembly, currently having an effective strength of 88 members, the ruling BJP has 40 members, the JJP 10 and the Congress 30.

Seven are Independents, five of whom are supporting the government, while one member is of the Haryana Lokhit Party. While the ruling BJP-JJP was batting on a

comfortable wicket with numbers on their side, moving the motion, the first no-trust vote which 16-month old Khattar government faced, Leader of Opposition Hooda claimed the ruling dispensation has lost people's trust.

He also said it would expose those who were claiming to stand in favour of farmers if they vote against the motion. — PTI

Jolt to Cong. in Kerala as P.C. Chacko resigns

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 10

The Congress on Wednesday received a jolt with its senior leader from the poll-bound state of Kerala P.C. Chacko calling it quits from the party. He sent in his resignation to the party chief Sonia Gandhi.

He said, "I have quit Congress and sent my resignation to the party's interim chief Sonia Gandhi. I had been deliberating upon this decision for the past many days. I come from Kerala where there's no Congress party as such. There are two parties — Congress (I) and Congress (A). It's a coordination committee of two parties functioning as the Kerala Congress unit. The 'A' group was headed by former chief minister Oommen Chandy and the 'I' group by state chief Ramesh Chennithala and these groups had been active for many years."

He further charged the Congress of not having internal democracy. "There is no democracy left in Congress. The list of candidates has not been discussed with the state Congress committee. There are no panels for any discussions on polls,

CPM NAMES 83 CANDIDATES; 33 SITTING MLAs DROPPED

DC CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 10

The ruling CPM in Kerala on Wednesday announced 83 candidates for the forthcoming Assembly polls in the state.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his seven Cabinet colleagues figured in the CPM list. In a bid to introduce fresh faces, the party took a significant decision by dropping 33 sitting MLAs including five senior ministers of the outgoing Pinarayi Vijayan ministry.

The sitting MLAs were dropped complying with the norm of keeping out legislators who had won two consecutive elections.

The five top ministers who have not been given party ticket this time are industries minister and No 2 in the outgoing Cabinet E.P. Jayarajan, finance minister Dr Thomas Isaac, Law Minister A.K. Balan, PWD minister G. Sudhakaran and education minister C. Raveendranath.

Eight members of the CPM secretariat which is the highest party body in the state, will be in the fray including Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, ministers K.K. Shailaja, T.P. Ramakrishnan and D.M.M. Mani, M. Govindan Master, K. Radhakrishnan, P. Rajeev, K.N. Balagopal.

winnability of candidates. There have always been factions in parties, even in the Congress, but there is no point anymore," he said.

The Congress high command is already feeling the pressure from the letter writers group who wanted change in the party and the latest allegation from Chacko has only added to its woes. His exit is a huge embarrassment for the party in the state where its top leader Rahul Gandhi is an MP.

joining the BJP. "The BJP has no future in Kerala. It is not a party that is widely acceptable among the people of Kerala," he said.

The recommendations of the groups being placed at the screening committee were being meekly accepted by the central leadership. Under these circumstances there was no point in continuing in the Congress," he said.

Chacko, however, ruled out possibility of

PRIYANKA GANDHI BROKERS DEAL WITH RJD IN ASSAM

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, MARCH 10

Despite the ongoing rumbling over seat-sharing, the Congress-led grand alliance got a boost with AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi prevailing over her party to include the Rashtriya Janata Dal in the alliance by leaving Tinsukia Assembly seat in Upper Assam. The RJD will contest one seat in the first phase of the upcoming Assembly elections in the state on March 27.

While confirming the development RJD Assam president Shonarul Shah Mustafa told reporters, "Talks are on between central leaders of the RJD and the Congress to finalise seat-sharing agreement for the second and third phase of polling." The main Opposition in Assam has already announced that it will contest 43 of 47 Assembly seats that go to polls in the first phase on March 27.

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Two more TMC MLAs join BJP

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, MARCH 10

Denied tickets in the West Bengal Assembly election this time, two more sitting Trinamul Congress MLAs including a state minister joined the BJP on a day their party supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee filed her nomination as a TMC candidate contesting from Nandigram, the hot seat in East Midnapore, against her nemesis Shuvendu Adhikari in his home turf.

The two sitting Trinamul Congress (TMC) MLAs are minister of state for North Bengal Development Bachchu Hansda, who won from Tapan in South Dinajpur of North Bengal in the last two consecutive terms and Gouri Shankar Dutta of Tehatta in Nadia.

state president Dilip Ghosh on Wednesday.

Their move came barely two days after five sitting TMC MLAs defected to the saffron party for not getting tickets from Banerjee. A day before, TMC Rajya Sabha MP Arpita Ghosh tried to placate Hansda, a popular tribal face, but failed.

Dutta, whose son also joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with him, alleged, "I was with the TMC since it's foundation days. After working for it over the last 23 years, I found on TV my name missing in its candidates' list. This is a humiliation. When TMC could not show courtesy to its old timers, it can not do any good to the mass."

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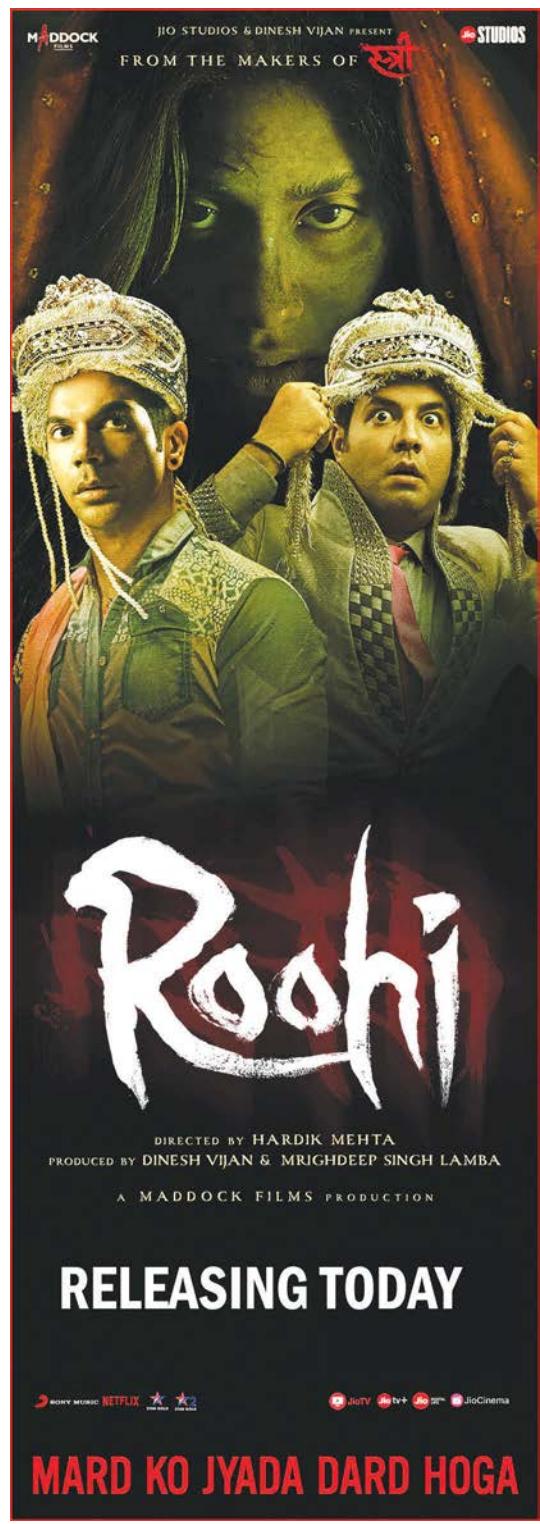
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BIMSTEC MEET: LANKA INVITES MYANMAR FM, TRIGGERS ROW

Colombo, March 10: Sri Lanka has invited the new foreign minister of Myanmar's junta to the BIMSTEC ministerial meeting next month, triggering a controversy that it is endorsing the military coup in that nation. Sri Lanka has neither endorsed or rejected the recognition of the military regime which toppled Myanmar's elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi's government on Feb. 1, just as it was to start its second term. The coup reversed years of slow progress toward democracy after five decades of military rule. —PTI

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Protesters adapt tactics against Myanmar police

Crackdown has failed to slow protests

Mandalay, March 10: Protesters against the military takeover in Myanmar carried homemade shields and moved with more caution and agility Tuesday, adapting their tactics to the escalating violence from security forces not reluctant to use lethal force to break up crowds.

In Mandalay, the nation's second-largest city, about a thousand demonstrators emerged onto the streets, those in the vanguard carrying shields marked with a three-fingered salute, the movement's symbol of defiance. They marched for just a few minutes before dispersing to avoid a possible confrontation with riot police. Another group made a mobile protest, driving through the streets on motorbikes. Security forces trying to stop people from gathering have used water cannons, tear gas and rubber bullets most often, but also have fired live ammunition at crowds. The crackdown has left more than 60 protesters dead but has failed to slow the widespread protests against the Feb. 1 coup that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

A school principal involved in the protest movement died Tuesday from unknown causes after being taken into custody by security forces, according to media reports and an activist who knew him. The death of Zaw Myat Lin in custody was the second in recent days.

He was a member of Suu Kyi's Nat-

ional League for Democracy party. The deaths of Zaw Myat Lin and Khin Maung Latt, a party activist detained on Saturday night whose body was retrieved from a military hospital the next day, have raised questions about whether the government is torturing and killing detainees.

Witnesses said Khin Maung Latt's body had wounds consistent with torture, according to New York-based Human Rights Watch. Zaw Myat Lin was arrested Monday night as he tried to escape from a police raid, the Voice of Myanmar online news service and other media reported. Maung Saungkha, an activist and friend of Zaw Myat Lin, said his family was summoned to retrieve his body on Tuesday and was not told how he died. Nighttime hours have become increasingly dangerous. Police and army units routinely range through neighbourhoods, shooting randomly to intimidate residents and making targeted arrests. —AP

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

JATHI RATNALU
TELUGU U 148 MIN
11:00 AM, 1:50 PM, 4:40 PM,
7:30 PM, 10:20 PM

SRIKAARAM
TELUGU U 132 MIN
11:15 AM, 2:10 PM, 4:45 PM,
10:10 PM

GAALI SAMPATH
TELUGU U 119 MIN
11:20 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:50 PM,
7:20 PM

ROBERT
TELUGU U/A 166 MIN
4:10 PM, 10:00 PM

ROOHI
HINDI U/A 134 MIN
11:30 AM, 7:40 PM, 10:15 PM

FAUJI CALLING
HINDI U 128 MIN
1:45 PM, 7:10 PM

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**CHALLENGING STAR
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RELEASING TODAY**

SHANTI 70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

RAJADHANI COMPLEX-DSNR
11.00, 2.00, 9.00PM

ANJALI 70-11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

LAXMIKALA-11.30, 6.30PM

OAMB AMB-10.45, 4.15, 7.30PM

GPR-4.30PM
Kompally-4.40PM
Radhika-4.30PM|Mcube-4.20PM|
Cinesquare-10.45, 7.45PM

Forum-1.20, 7.35, 11.00pm
Irrummanil-6.35, 10.00pm
Inorbit-1.00, 7.15pm
RK-4.45PM|Central-4.50, 10.50pm
Priston-7.25pm|L&T-6.50, 10.15pm
Moosarambagh-6.35, 10.00pm
Galleria-12.50, 4.00, 7.25pm

INOX GVK-10.30, 7.15PM
MP-10.20, 7.10PM
GSM-11.20, 6.35, 10.20PM
5.10PM

TIVOLI 4.10, 10.00
4.15 PM
4.40 PM

Cinépolis CCPL-3.30, 10.15PM
SUDHA-3.55, 10.20PM
MANTRA-3.30, 9.45|DSL-2.30, 9.25PM

IDPL IDPL-11.00, 7.30PM
GEETH-6.15PM
SHALINI-11.00, 7.00PM
7.25, 10.05

MULTIPLEX 1.40, 10.30
MALLAPUR 11.00, 7.24PM

**GRAND RELEASING
TODAY**

SANDHYA35MM
(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION &
DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM)
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BRAMARAMBA70MM
11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

SHIVAPARVATHI70MM
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

MEGHA70MM-DSNR
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

MANJU70MM-SEC'BAD
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

TARAKARAMA70-KACHIGUDA
11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

SANTOSH70MM
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30

SENSATION
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

VIJETHA70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

AMBA70MM
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30

SRLATHA70
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SRINIVASA70
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

MUKUND70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SRIDEVI70
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

KRISHNA NAGARAM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

LAXMISHAMSHABAD
11.30, 2.30, 6.15, 9.15

SANTOSH70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SV CINESQUARE
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

VENKATESWARA70-GUMMADIDHALA
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

KARTHIKEYA EXHIBITORS RELEASE

RELEASED TODAY

SANDHYA35MM
(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION &
DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM)
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

**INDRA VENKATARAMANA/
PADMAVATHICOMPLEX-2.45, 9.30**

**PRASAD-8.45, 11.00, 1.30, 3.45,
6.15, 8.30, 11.00PM**

AMB 10.30, 1.45, 4.55, 7.00, 10.25

MULTIPLEX 11.00, 1.55, 4.50, 7.50, 10.50

ASIAN CINEMAS SIVAGANGA-11.15, 2.00, 6.15PM
GPR-10.40, 1.25, 7.30, 10.20PM

RADHIKA-10.30, 1.30, 7.00, 9.50PM
MCUBE-10.40, 1.30, 4.30, 7.00, 10.10PM
UPPAL-10.50, 1.30, 4.30, 7.30, 10.20PM
CHINTHAL-11.00, 2.00, 6.30PM

STAR CINEMA 10.40, 1.30, 4.10, 7.20, 10.00PM

MJR-10.50, 1.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.50PM

ASIAN CINEMAS LAXMIKALA-1.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

INOX GSM-11.45, 12.45, 3.00, 4.00,
6.15, 7.15, 9.30, 10.30PM

GVK-10.00, 1.05, 4.15, 7.20, 10.30, 10.50
MP-9.50, 12.50, 4.00, 7.15, 10.30PM

STAR CINEMA MANTRA-10.00, 11.00, 1.55,
4.50, 7.45, 10.30PM

DSL DSL-1.00, 4.10, 6.15, 7.20, 10.30PM

CCPL CCPL-10.00, 11.15, 1.45, 4.30, 7.55, 10.40

SUDHA SUDHA-10.30, 1.25, 4.20, 7.10, 10.05PM

PVR RK-11.20, 1.10, 7.45, 10.25PM
ICON-1.15, 3.10, 7.20, 9.15PM
PRESTONE-1.45, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30PM

FORUM FORUM-10.10, 11.10, 2.05, 5.00, 7.15, 7.55

INORBIT INORBIT-10.20, 2.05, 5.00, 7.35, 7.55, 10.50

CENTRAL CENTRAL-10.05, 1.25, 4.10, 7.05, 10.30PM

GALLERIA GALLERIA-10.05, 11.10, 2.05, 5.00, 7.55,
10.00, 10.50PM

INOX IRRUMMANZIL-12.40, 2.05, 5.00, 7.55, 10.50
MOOSARAMBAGH-12.40, 2.05, 5.00, 7.55, 10.50

STAR CINEMA CHANDANAGAR-12.00, 4.00, 9.45PM
SHALINI-10.15, 2.00, 4.45, 7.30, 10.45PM
BALANAGAR-10.15, 1.15, 4.15, 7.15, 10.15

STAR CINEMA 11.00, 5.05, 8.00, 10.55
TIVOLI TIVOLI- SEC'BD 11.15, 2.10,
4.45, 10.00PM

STAR CINEMA PLATINUM 10.05, 12.15,
3.15, 8.30, 11.20
MIRAJ MIRAJ CINEMAS 10.35, 1.35,
4.40, 7.40, 10.35

STAR CINEMA KARTHIKEYA EXHIBITORS RELEASE

VENKATARAMANA PADMAVATHI - KACHIGUDA
ONE SHOW 9:15PM

SAPNA 35MM - ABIDS
11:30, 2:30, 6:00, 9:15

SRISAIRAJA 70MM - MUSHEERABAD
11:30, 2:30, 6:00, 9:15

METRO - BAHDURPURA YAKUT MAHAL - YAKUTPURA
11:30, 2:30, 6:00, 9:00 12:30, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30

PRASADS LARGE SCREEN - NTR GARDENS
2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

AMB CINEMAS - GACHIBOWLI - 10:20, 1:10, 7:50, 10:45

Cinépolis DSL - UPPAL - 12:30, 3:30, 6:55, 10:20

SUDHA - SHALIBANDA - 10:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
MANTRA MALL - ATTAPUR - 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

CCPL - MALKAJGIRI - 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

CENTRAL MALL - PANJAGUTTA - 10:50, 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 11:00

RK COMPLEX - BANJARAHILLS - 1:45, 10:55PM

ICON - HITECH - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

INORBIT MALL - MADHUPUR 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

FORUM MALL - KUKATPALLY 10:15, 11:00, 1:05, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00

PRESTON PRIME - GACHIBOWLI - 1:25, 7:50, 10:50

IRRUM MANZIL - KHAITABAD 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:40

HYD-BAD NEXT GALLERIA - MOOSARUMBAGH 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:40

HYD - BAD NEXT GALLERIA - PUNJAGUTTA 10:40, 1:10, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

INOX GVK MALL - BANJARAHILLS - 10:10, 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:35

MP MALL - KACHIGUDA - 10:00, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

GSM MALL - MADEENAGUDA - 1:30, 4:35, 7:40, 10:45

MIRAJ - BALANAGAR - 2:00, 4:50, 10:50
GEETHA - CHANDANAGAR - 3:00, 9:30

SHALINI SHIVANI - DILSUKHNAGAR - 1:15, 4:00, 10:15

RADHIKA - KAPRA - 4:00PM

OASIAN CINESQUARE - UPPAL - 1:45, 4:35, 10:40

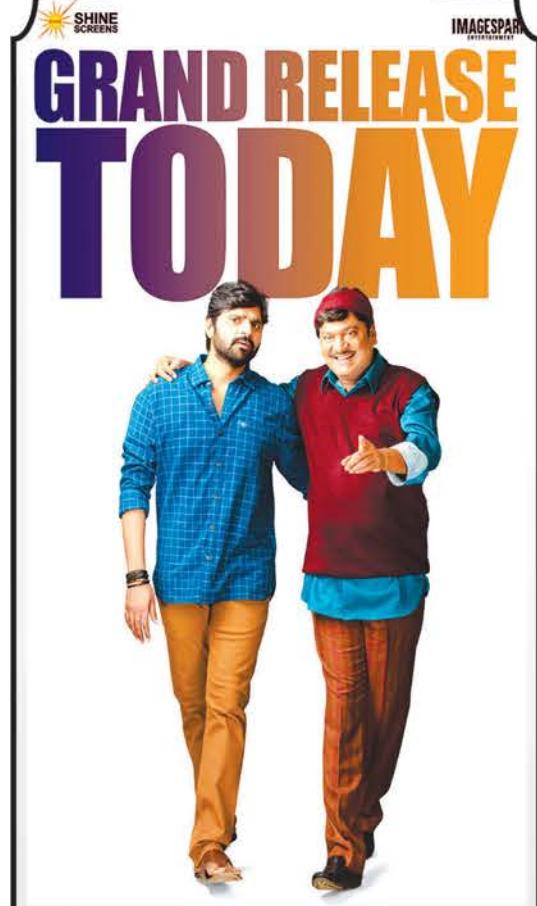
MUKTHA AZ MUR SQUARE - NARAPALLY . 11:00, 1:40, 10:25

M CUBE MALL - ATTAPUR - 10:55, 1:50, 4:45, 10:35

TIVOLI TIVOLI - SEC'BD 11:30, 7:40, 10:15PM
CINEPLANET - KOMPALLY 11:00, 4:00, 5:00, 10:30

INRA MOVIE TIME - GACHIBOWLI - 10:30
S2 NOMA - MALLAPUR 11:00, 4:00, 5:00, 10:30

INDRA CINEMA SAPNA (BIDAR) - ASIAN SRIDEVI MALL (HANMAKONDA) - PVR S2 CINEMA (WARANGAL) - SRIKRISHNA (MEHABOOBNAGAR) - MUKTA A SRINIVAS (KARIMNAGAR) SHETTY MULTIPLEX (GULBERGA) - MIRAJ CINEMAS (RAICHUR) SANGAMESH (BHALKI) - MOHINUDDIN (GANGAVATH)



SUDARSHAN 35MM
[4K & DOLBY ATMOS]
11.00am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15pm
VISHWANATH 70MM
11.45am, 2.45, 6.45, 9.45pm
RAJADHANI DELUXE
11.00am, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00pm
MUKTA A2 RAMAKRISHNA
11.30am, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15pm

EESHWAR, Attapur
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00
MAHALAXMI, Kothapet
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00
SRILAXMI 70MM
12.00pm, 3.00pm
PRASADS MULTIPLEX - 8.45am, 11.15, 1.30,
4.00, 6.15, 8.45, 11.00pm
AMB - 11.00am, 1.55, 4.25, 7.50, 10.35pm
TIVOLI CINEMAS - 2.00pm, 4.50, 7.20pm
MJR SQUARE - 10.40, 1.10, 4.30, 7.30, 10.10
CINESQUARE - 10.55, 1.20, 4.40, 7.00, 10.10
RADHIKA - 10.50, 1.10, 7.40, 10.20 I
M CUBE - 10.50, 1.50, 7.30, 10.20 I
CINEPLANET - 10.50, 1.50, 7.50, 10.40 I
SHIVAGANGA - 11.00am, 6.00, 9.00 I
GPR - 10.50, 1.35, 7.40 I **SHA** - 2.30, 9.45

PVR CINEMAS
FORUM - 10.35, 11.20, 1.45, 2.05, 4.50, 7.35, 7.55,
10.20pm | **RK** - 11.00am, 2.15, 5.00, 8.10pm
INORBIT - 10.15, 11.20, 2.05, 4.50, 7.35, 10.20pm
L&T - 10.05, 11.20, 2.05, 4.50, 7.15, 7.35, 10.20 I
MOOSARAMBAGH - 1.45, 3.35, 4.30, 7.15, 10.00 I
IRRUM MANZIL - 1.45, 3.35, 4.30, 7.15, 10.00pm I
CENTRAL - 11.35, 2.20, 5.05, 8.15, 10.50pm I
ICON - 2.15, 5.00, 7.45, 10.30pm I
Cinépolis
DSL - 11.45am, 1.30, 4.30, 7.30, 10.20pm
MANTRA - 10.20am, 12.55, 4.20, 7.45, 10.20pm
CCPL - 10.30am, 12.45, 4.55, 7.40, 10.25pm I
SUDHA - 11.15am, 2.00, 4.45, 7.40, 10.25pm I

INOX
GVK - 10.35am, 1.25, 4.30, 5.10, 7.50, 10.40pm I
GSM - 12.00pm, 1.10, 3.00, 4.10, 6.00, 7.10, 9.00,
10.10pm | **MP** - 9.50, 12.35, 4.50, 7.45, 10.40pm

MIRAJ CINEMAS
SHALINI - 11.00, 1.15, 5.15, 8.00, 10.30pm
BALANAGAR - 11.45, 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 10.45pm
CHANDANAGAR - 12.15, 3.30, 6.30pm
PLATINUM - 9.00am, 2.45, 7.30pm
S2 CINEMAS - 11.20, 2.05, 8.15, 11.00pm

TALLURI THEATRES - 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15
AMEERPET - 1.15pm, 4.25, 10.45pm

SREERAMULU 70 | **VENKATARAMANA**
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30 | 11.45am & 6.15pm

RAJYALAXMI 70 | **SREERAMANA COMPLEX**
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00 | 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SUSHMA 70MM
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15 | **SRIDEVI 70MM**
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SENSATION SUNSHINE
11.00am & 2.00pm | **RANGA 70MM**
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

BR HITECH 70
2.15pm & 9.15pm | **ARADAHANA 70**
11.15am & 2.30pm

SHARADA 70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00 | **SHIVRANJANI 70**
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

ASIAN SWAPNA
11.15am & 2.30pm | **SRI SAIRAM 70**
11.15am & 2.30pm



GRAND RELEASE TODAY



Royal remarks raise race issue in C'wealth

Cape Town, March 10: In countries with historic ties to Britain, allegations by Prince Harry and Meghan that an unnamed member of the royal family had "concerns" over how dark their unborn baby's skin might be have raised a thorny question: Do those nations really want to be so closely connected to Britain and its royal family anymore? It was expected the interview would expose more rifts in the royal family. Now it seems to be risking divisions within the "family" of the Commonwealth — an association of 54 countries, most of them former British colonies, held together by historic ties.

For decades, Queen Elizabeth II has been the driving force behind the Commonwealth. After the TV interview, shown in the US on the eve of Commonwealth Day, former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull cited it as another reason for the country to sever its constitutional ties to the British monarchy.

"After the end of the queen's reign, that is the time for us to say: OK, we've passed that watershed," Turnbull told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"Do we really want to have whoever happens to be the head of state, the king or queen of the UK, automatically our head of state?" The value of the Commonwealth has been debated before, with critics questioning if countries and people once colonised — and even oppressed — should remain in such an association with a former coloniser.

EU-UK ties dip over 'vaccine ban' comments

Brussels, March 10: Relations between the European Union and recently departed Britain took another diplomatic dip on Wednesday when the EU envoy in London was summoned to explain comments that Britain had issued a vaccine export ban. The United Kingdom was so irate about Tuesday's comments from European Council President Charles Michel that Britain had "imposed an outright ban on the export of vaccines," that it called in the ambassador for a morning meeting.

A British government statement said that it "has not blocked the export of a single Covid-19 vaccine. Any references to a UK export ban or any restrictions on vaccines are completely false." The spat comes against a background that the Covid-19 vaccination drive in Britain is seen as a huge success while that in the 27-nation bloc has been a major failure.

The United Kingdom has given about 35 per cent of its adults a vaccine shot while the EU is further back with 9.5 per cent. Already uneasy bedfellows during Britain's 47 years of EU membership, things got progressively worse since the 2016 referendum when the United Kingdom voted to leave the bloc. After acrimonious departure talks, the split became official last year.

Pak HC rejects plea against Gilani poll win

Islamabad, March 10: The Islamabad High Court on Wednesday rejected a petition by Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party challenging former premier Yusuf Raza Gilani's upset win in the Senate elections, ruling that it was not appropriate to "unnecessarily drag" the judiciary in political matters.

Gilani, who contested the Senate election as a Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) candidate, defeated ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) candidate and Finance Minister Abdul Hafeez Shaikh by securing 169 votes against 164 votes by Shaikh on Wednesday, giving a major blow to Prime Minister Imran Khan who had personally campaigned for his Cabinet colleague.

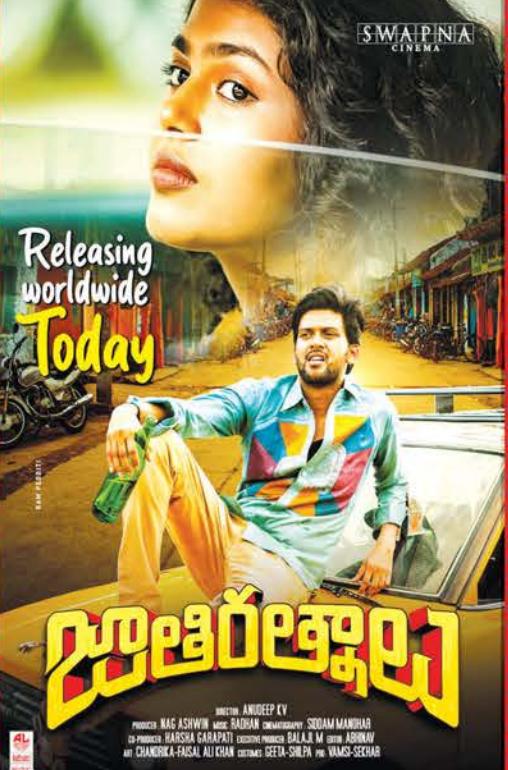
The Opposition had demanded the prime minister's resignation after the debacle following which Khan decided to take a vote of confidence on Saturday which he won comfortably. The Islamabad High Court (IHC) heard a plea by PTI lawmaker Ali Nawaz who alleged that Gilani, 68, was elected through vote-buying. IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah after hearing initial arguments directed the petitioner to use the platform of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) where the case is already under hearing.

The court ruled that "it is not appropriate to unnecessarily drag the judiciary in political matters" and subsequently dismissed the plea.

Pakistan's Opposition parties on Monday nominated Gilani as their joint candidate for the Senate chairman election scheduled for later this week.

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THIS YEAR'S FUNNIEST FILM:
RELEASING TODAY



DEVI 70MM
(4K & Dolby Atmos)
11.00am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00pm

ARJUN 70MM
11.30am, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30pm
MALLIKARJUNA 70
11.15am, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30pm

KONARK 70MM
11.15am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15pm

SANGEETHA 70
11.00am, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00pm
MAHALAXMI 70
11.00am, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00pm

PRASADS MULTIPLEX - 11.30am, 2.15, 5.00, 7.45, 10.30pm **LARGE** : 8.45, 11.45pm
AMB CINEMAS - 10.40am, 11.10, 1.20, 2.10, 2.35, 4.30, 6.30, 7.35, 10.00, 10.25

RK - 10.00, 4.05, 7.15, 10.40pm
CENTRAL - 10.00, 1.10, 4.20, 7.30, 10.40pm
FORUM - 10.00, 10.30, 1.10, 4.20, 7.30, 7.50, 10.40, 11.00 | **ICON** - 12.00, 4.10, 6.05, 10.50

MOOSARAMBAGH - 1.00, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 10.30 | **IRRUM MANZIL** - 1.00, 4.10, 6.20, 7.20, 10.30 | **GALLERIA** - 10.00, 10.20, 1.30, 4.40, 7.20, 7.50 | **PRESTON** - 12.30, 3.40, 6.50, 10.00 | **INORBIT** - 10.05, 11.10, 2.05, 5.00, 7.55, 10.50

GPR - 10.30, 1.15, 4.20, 7.20, 10.10 | **M CUBE** - 10.30, 1.40, 4.10, 7.20, 10.00 | **CINEPLANET** - 10.30, 1.20, 1.45, 4.25, 7.00, 10.20 | **RADHIKA** - 10.40, 4.20, 7.20, 10.10 | **CINESQUARE** - 10.30, 10.40, 1.40, 4.10, 4.45, 7.20, 9.50 | **I MR** - 10.30, 1.20, 4.10, 7.20, 10.30

INOX
GVK - 10.20, 1.40, 4.20, 7.40, 10.20, 11.00
MP MALL - 10.00, 1.25, 3.25, 6.45, 10.10
GSM MALL - 11.30, 12.30, 3.00, 4.00, 6.30, 7.30, 10.00, 11.00pm

DSL MALL - 12.10, 3.40, 7.10, 10.40pm
MANTRA MALL - 10.30, 1.05, 4.30, 7.05, 10.40
CCPL MALL - 10.30, 1.15, 4.40, 7.00, 10.50pm
SUDHA - 12.45, 4.00, 7.20, 10.35pm

MIRAJ CINEMAS
SHALINI - 10.00, 1.30, 4.15, 7.45, 11.00
BALANAGAR - 10.00, 1.00, 4.30, 7.45, 11.00
CHANDANAGAR - 1.00, 7.00, 10.00

TIVOLI - 1.00, 1.50, 4.40, 7.30, 10.20
BVK - 10.45am, 1.45, 4.45, 7.45, 10.45pm
PLATINUM - 9.00, 11.45, 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 10.45
SZ - 10.00, 1.10, 4.20, 7.40, 10.40

LAXMIKALA ASIAN SHA
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00 11.15, 6.00, 9.15
SHIVAGANGA TALLURI
2.15pm & 9.15pm 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

GOKUL 70MM SREERAMANA
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SAI RANGA 70 ALANKAR 70
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JYOTHI 70MM SAI POOJA 70
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SRI KRISHNA 70 LAXMIKALA MANDIR
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VYJAYANTHI GANESH 70MM
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SRI SAI RAM 70 ASIAN SWAPNA
6.15pm & 9.30pm 11.00, 6.15, 9.15

VENKATARAMANA RAMAKRISHNA
11.00, 2.00, 6.00 11.00am & 9.00pm

SENSATION SUNSHINE BR HITECH 70
6.30pm & 9.30pm 11.05am & 2.15pm
SRI LAXMI 70 7.00pm & 10.00pm

BRIDGE FILMS

O ASIAN CINEMAS
SCHEDULE FOR TODAY
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Biden admin won't defend Trump immigration rule

Justice Dept also dropped objections

Chicago, March 10: A Trump-era immigration rule denying green cards to immigrants who use public benefits like food stamps was dealt a fatal blow Tuesday after the Biden administration dropped legal challenges, including before the Supreme Court.

Continuing to defend the rule "is neither in the public interest nor an efficient use of limited government resources," the US Department of Homeland Security said in a statement. The Supreme Court won't weigh in on the legality of the so-called public charge rule after years of complex legal battles in multiple states. While Trump's administration touted the rule first proposed in 2018 as a way to ensure only those who are self-sufficient come to the US, immigrant rights advocates said it amounted to a "wealth test" and public health experts said it would lead to poorer health outcomes.

"After four years of fighting the rule, from the first time it was officially announced, it is officially dead," said the new administration.

Aaron Reichlin-Melick with the American Immigration Council. The high court had in late February agreed to hear a Trump administration appeal, first filed last year, of a lower court ruling against the public charge rule.

It allows the denial of permanent residency status to immigrants because of their use of food stamps, Medicaid, housing vouchers or other public benefits. The justices had agreed to hear Tuesday's court action on the public charge rule after years of complex legal battles in multiple states. While Trump's administration touted the rule first proposed in 2018 as a way to ensure only those who are self-sufficient come to the US, immigrant rights advocates said it amounted to a "wealth test" and public health experts said it would lead to poorer health outcomes.

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FBI video over bombs at RNC, DNC offices

Washington, March 10: The FBI has released new video showing someone placing two pipe bombs outside the offices of the Republican and Democratic national committees the night before the Jan. 6 riot at the US Capitol.

The explosive devices were placed outside the two buildings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 and were located by law enforcement the next day. US Capitol Police and agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to the Republican and Democratic national committee's office around 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 6.

About 30 minutes later, as the agents and bomb technicians were still investigating at the RNC, another call came in for a similar explosive device found at the Democratic National Committee headquarters nearby. The bombs were rendered safe, and no one was hurt.

The video, released Tuesday, shows a person in

black and light grey Nike Air Max Speed Turf sneakers with a yellow logo. It is unclear whether the bombs were related to planning for the insurrection — when thousands of then-President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol as Congress was voting to certify Joe Biden's presidential election win — or whether they were unrelated to the deadly riot. Both buildings are within a few blocks of the Capitol. The pipe bomb suspect carried the explosives in a backpack, according to Steven D'Antonio, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington office. The bombs were made of threaded galvanized pipes, kitchen timers and homemade black powder, he said.

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NO ROLE OF CHINA GOVT IN SUCCESSION PROCESS OF DALAI: US

Washington, March 10: The Chinese government should have no role in the succession process of Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, the Biden Administration said on Tuesday. "We believe that the Chinese government should have no role in the succession process of the Dalai Lama," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters.

"Beijing's interference in the succession of the Panchen Lama more than 25 years ago, including by 'disappearing' the Panchen Lama as a child and attempting to replace him with a PRC (People's Republic of China) government-chosen successor, it remains an outrageous abuse of religious freedom," Price said.

Previous president Donald Trump in December had signed into law a bill which called for establishing a US consulate in Tibet and building an international coalition to ensure the next Dalai Lama is appointed solely by the Tibetan community.

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Nifty 50	15,174.80	0.51
S&P 500*	3,900.17	0.64
Dollar (\$)	72.91	0.02
Pound Sterling (\$)	101.12	0.22
Euro (\$)	86.63	0.24
Gold (10gm)* (\$)	44,286▲112	0.25
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	67.85	0.49
IN 10-Yr bond yield*	6.247	0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.540	-0.004

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Telecos can instal only govt approved gears

The amended telecom licence norms will enable the government to control the installation of network equipment from non-trusted sources. With effect from June 15, telecom operators will be required to take permission from the National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) for upgradation of existing networks. The NCSC can impose conditions for the procurement of telecom equipment.

Over 1.54 L gram panchayats have high-speed net



Over 1.54 lakh gram panchayats are now ready to provide high-speed broadband services under the BharatNet project, telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad informed Parliament. Out of 5,97,618 inhabited villages in the country, a total of 5,58,537 villages have 3G or 4G mobile wireless coverage. BharatNet project is being implemented to connect all the GPs (about 2.5 lakh) by broadband/high-speed infra, he said.

Easy Trip Planners IPO subscribed 159 times

Easy Trip Planners' initial public offering was subscribed 159.33 times on the last day of subscription. The Rs 510-crore issue received bids for over 240.27 crore shares against more than 1.50 crore shares on offer. The category meant for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) was subscribed 77.53 times, while those for non-institutional investors 382.21 times and retail individual investors 70.40 times.

Joyalukkas, IBM tie up for e-com in 11 countries

Joyalukkas, a leading jewellery retailer, has collaborated with IBM Global Business Services to design, develop and deploy a new cloud native e-commerce platform across 11 countries, including the UAE, USA, UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman. IBM has developed for Joyalukkas a cloud enabled e-commerce platform for the retailer's evolving jewellery business.

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■ Restrictions on bank end after 4 years IDBI Bank out of PCA framework

FALAKNAAZ SYED

MUMBAI, MARCH 10

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday announced that it has decided to take LIC-owned IDBI Bank out of its prompt corrective action (PCA) framework following an improvement in its financial performance.

This follows a review of IDBI Bank by the Board for Financial Supervision in its meeting held on February 18, the RBI said.

IDBI Bank was placed under the PCA framework in 2017 over its high bad loans and negative return on assets.

In the latest quarter, as of December 31, 2020, IDBI Bank's gross bad loans stood at 23.52 per cent of gross advances.

"The performance of IDBI Bank Limited, currently under the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) of RBI, was reviewed by the Board for Financial Supervision (BFS) in its meeting held on February 18, 2021," the apex bank said in a release.

"It was noted that as per published results for the quarter ending December 31, 2020 the bank is not in breach of the PCA parameters on regulatory capital, Net NPA and Leverage ratio," the RBI said.

The central bank said that IDBI Bank has provided a written commitment that it would comply with the norms of minimum regulatory capital, Net NPA and Leverage ratio on an ongoing basis and has



FREEDOM AT LAST

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► The bank has met three out of four key criteria needed to exit the PCA

► Its net NPA has stayed under 6% for 5 quarters

apprised the central bank of the structural and systemic improvements that it has put in place which would help the bank in continuing to meet these commitments.

"Taking all the above into consideration, it has been decided that IDBI Bank Limited be taken out of the PCA framework, subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring," the apex bank said.

The bank has met three out of four key criteria needed to exit the PCA. Its net NPA has remained under 6 per cent for five consecutive quarters, capital adequacy ratio has remained above the regulatory minimum of 11.5 per cent for five quarters with Tier 1 capital ratio above 8

per cent. Its leverage ratio stood at 5.71 per cent at the end of the third quarter, above the 4 per cent threshold under the PCA.

Under the PCA framework, the RBI takes regulatory action if a bank over-shoots the prescribed limits on bad loans or fails to comply with capital adequacy ratios. In simple terms, if the financial and operating indicators of a bank weaken below a prescribed level, the PCA could be triggered where the RBI may require a bank to take mandatory corrective actions such as raising capital levels, restricting dividend payments, and restricting branch expansions or face restrictions on management compensation, among other measures.

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Arunachalam moves NCLT against Murugappa

FC BUREAU

CHENNAI, MARCH 10

Continuing her fight against the Rs 38,000-crore Murugappa Group, Valli Arunachalam, daughter of former Murugappa Group chairman M.V. Murugappan, has approached the NCLT Chennai, seeking a waiver of the minimum shareholding requirement for filing a case against the group for alleged mismanagement and oppression.

Her family owns 8.21 per cent in Ambadi Investments, the flagship company of Murugappa Group. But only a party with at least 10 per cent shareholding can move a case on grounds of oppression and mismanagement.

If the waiver is granted, Arunachalam can sue group holding company Ambadi Investments for alleged oppression and mismanagement. Earlier, she had sent a legal notice to Murugappa family members after she was denied a board seat at Ambadi Investments.

Murugappa Group is a family-run business conglomerate that never had a female member from the family on the board. Arunachalam has been fighting for this for the last three years.

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Malls set to sport Trusted Shopping Centre mark

SANGEETHA G

CHENNAI, MARCH 10

If all goes according to the designs of a shopping centres' body, malls and shopping centres that comply with standard safety and hygiene standards will soon sport a 'Trusted Shopping Centre' tag, which will help customers to step into the complex with confidence.

The Shopping Centres Association of India (SCAI) has launched a certification programme for malls and shopping centres, but all the retailers are very enthusiastic about the proposal fearing high compliance cost.

The association has launched consumer-centric certification under the existing IRF Trusted Centre Mark Certification scheme, which is a third-party certification on cus-



tomer service metrics and benchmarks, and will be audited by National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies under the Quality Council of India.

The certification scheme will incorporate 'new normal' checklists like compliance of safety and hygiene measures by retailers and shopping centres. These checklists will be based on guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and standard operating procedures (SOPs) specifically devel-

oped by respective trade bodies for retailers across all formats, categories and channels.

The Indian market has 650 large and over 1,000 small shopping centres offering organised retail environment to shoppers and this 'Trusted Shopping Centre' mark certification...has been introduced to step ahead in setting global best practices towards customer services," said Amitabh Taneria, chairman, SCAI.

But some retailers don't find value in the certification. "All the retailers in a mall will have to adhere to the standards. There will also be a cost involved in getting the certification. I don't think customers come to a mall on the basis of certification. We don't see much value in it," said a retail chain executive.

NTPC's 217 MW floating solar plants by June

FC BUREAU

HYDERABAD, MARCH 10



State-run power major NTPC's southern region is gearing up to commission about 217 MW floating solar capacity, including floating plants of 100 MW at Ramagundam, this summer, a senior official said on Wednesday.

In a virtual interaction, NTPC regional executive director (south) C. V. Anand said, the capacity involves three projects in the region; "100 MW at Ramagundam, 25 MW at Simhadri, Visakhapat-

nam, 92 MW at Kayankulam, Kerala. So, these are the floating solar we have taken up right now," he said.

A 230 MW ground solar project is also being established at Ettayapuram near Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, according to a com-

pany release.

"Time schedule for floating solar is somewhere this financial year beginning, say May-June; by the time this all will be commissioned," Anand said.

Floating solar, he said, is a new concept and it does not require additional land.

He said the projects utilise existing water reservoirs of the company at its plants.

NTPC said the company has a significant presence in the southern region with a total installed capacity of 9125 MW.

INDIAN TECH STOCKS PLAY CATCH WITH US TECH RALLY



RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

MUMBAI, MARCH 10

Indian tech stocks rallied on Wednesday after mammoth overnight gains of 3.69 per cent in the US tech stock index Nasdaq Composite and 4.03 per cent in Nasdaq 100, as US bond yields trended lower after a well-received US debt auction and the path cleared for a \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill.

IT stocks outperformed Sensex and Nifty's gain of 0.5 per cent. The BSE IT Index gained 1.58 per cent while NSE's Nifty IT Index gained 1.67 per cent.

Mid-cap IT stocks gained more than the large-cap IT names.

The top gainers among Nifty IT Index were L&T Infotech (6.30 per cent), Coforge (earlier NIIT Technologies) (5.82 per cent), Mindtree (5.38 per cent) and Mphasis (3.43 per cent).

The large-cap gainers included Wipro (1.57 per cent), Infosys (1.56 per cent) and HCL Technologies (1.42 per cent).

"With Technology stocks doing well on the Nasdaq stock market, the day clearly belonged to Midcap IT as the street demonstrated increased appetite today for Technology," said S. Ranganathan, head of research, LKP Securities.

"Global cues were positive as bond yields pulled back following a well-received US debt auction, thus easing concerns about rising inflation. The US House of Representatives voted to advance President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill, clearing the way for the measure to be considered on Wednesday when it is expected to pass," said Siddhartha Khemka, head-retail research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

PV sales jump 18% in Feb.; robust FY22 growth seen

MICHAEL GONSALVES

PUNE, MARCH 10



Passenger vehicle sales rose 17.92 per cent to 2,81,380 units in February as compared with same month last year, auto industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, or Siam, said on Wednesday. Despatches of vehicles from factory gates to dealerships are counted as sales in India.

Passenger vehicle wholesales in February last year stood at 2,38,622 units.

The Federation of Auto-

mobile Dealers' Associa-

tions, or Fada, on Tuesday

said the passenger vehicles sales had showed a double-digit year-on-year growth at 10.59 per cent to 2,54,058 units. This growth was mainly due to the low base of last year as India had started transitioning from BS-4 to BS-6 emission norms, it had said.

The Siam said two-wheeler dispatches to dealers in the country also increased 10.2 per cent to 14,26,855 units, compared to 12,94,787 units in February 2020.

Crisil Research said after two years of slug-

gishness, India's automobile sector is set to post double-digit growth next fiscal, supported by improving economic growth and personal incomes.

Passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and commercial vehicles are expected to see 23.25 per cent, 18.20 per cent and 34.36 per cent volume growth, respectively, next fiscal, compared with contractions of -3.5 per cent, -12.14 per cent and -19.21 per cent, respectively, in the current fiscal, it pointed out.

Says Pushan Sharma, associate director, Crisil Research, "Our analysis of 800 listed companies shows salary cuts made in the first quarter of this fiscal have largely been restored by the manufacturing sector, while the IT sector is continuing to offer raises. Consequently, sentiment among urban consumers, who account for a crucial 65 per cent of passenger vehicle sales and 40 per cent of two-wheeler sales, has improved. This, and buoyancy in rural income, augur well."

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US ban on Chinese cotton opens long-term opportunity for India

SANGEETHA G

CHENNAI, MARCH 10

The US ban on import of cotton from China's Xinjiang has opened up an opportunity for Indian cotton products. However, import duty on cotton and delay in announcing RoDTEP rates is affecting the competitiveness of Indian cotton products in the global market.

The US had announced an import ban on all cotton and tomato products from western China's Xinjiang region in January over allegations that they are made using forced labour of detained Uighur Muslims. Xinjiang accounts for 60 per cent of China's cotton products exports. China has a leading 36 per cent share of global textile exports and the ban will have a major impact on Chinese exports.

"This is a big opportunity for other textile exporters, including India. India being a strong player in cotton, it has to grab this opportunity, else it will lose out to countries like Bangladesh, Cambodia and Vietnam," said Kailash Laluria, executive direc-

tor and CEO, Indo Count. According to Sanjay Jain, an industry veteran, garments and home textiles stand to gain from China's loss. We have a potential to double the exports of value-added cotton products. We will have to invest in world-class manufacturing facilities and increase capacities to grab this opportunity. Increased investments in garment units will help increase production in six months,"

SHORT TAKES

Hyderabad FC
rope in Hitesh

Hyderabad: Young midfielder Hitesh Sharma has signed a two-year contract extension with Indian Super League (ISL) side Hyderabad FC, the club said on Wednesday.

"I am really proud and happy to have signed this contract with Hyderabad FC," said Hitesh. "I believe that we have the best players, the best management and the best coaches we can ask for at the club and I hope to continue the hard work for years to come," he added.

The 23-year-old, who joined Hyderabad FC in January 2020, played a crucial role in the side's fight for a place in the top-4 this league campaign. He made 15 appearances (13 starts) and grew into a regular in the first team under head coach Manolo Marquez this season. — PTI

Indian team set
for Le Mans race

New Delhi: Racing Team India is set to become the first all-Indian driver team to race in the iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans, after having been granted a provisional entry for this year's edition of the twice-round-the-clock classic.

The team, which features an all-Indian driver line up of Narain Karthikeyan, Arjun Maini and Naveen Rao, will compete in the LMP2-AM category of the iconic race. The No. 74 car will be prepared and run by Eurasia Motorsport, making it a true-blue Asian effort.

Padma Shri awardee and India's first Formula One driver Narain

Karthikeyan said, "This is a proud moment not just for our team, but for our nation as a whole."

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Takshith, David best allrounders

Paras, Koushik, Owais, Rohan, Rathan, Sachiet, Harshith, Nayak, Pujish, Jagadeesh and Varun also do well in local cricket league

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 10

A. Takshith Rao and David turned in allround shows to emerge top performers in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's league matches played on Wednesday.

Takshith of Secunderabad Nawabs hit a century (109) and then took six wickets (6 for 44) as his side beat Jai Bhagwathi in a three-day game.

Mahbubnagar's David followed up his century (116) with 5/36 against Yadav Dairy to shape his side's victory in two-day league.

Paras Raj was the next best on show. The wicket-keeper-opener slammed 187 in 185 balls with 30 boundaries in Balaaji CC's big win over Khalsa. An Under 19 player, Paras had pummelled 197 in the previous game, against Apex CC. With the victory, Balaaji CC have won all their nine matches and sit atop the table with 62 points.

Koushik Reddy of Zinda Tilismath also hit a big hundred. His 173 included 22 fours and two sixes.

Owais Abdul Wahed (130) of Combined Districts, Sri Chakra's T. Rohan (129) and Rathan Teja (5/53) of Gemini Friends also did well in the three-day league.

The two-day league too threw up some good shows — Kasaraju's Sachiet Binjrajk (125 n.o.), Classic S. Harshith (106), Jagadeesh Reddy (124) and

NATS AND BOLTS

Varun fails fitness test as injured Natarajan is at NCA

Ahmedabad, March 10: Leg-spinner Varun Chakravarthy's failure to clear fitness tests has ruled him out while pacer T. Natarajan is racing against time to be battle-ready, making him doubtful for at least the early part of India's five-match T20 series against England starting here on Friday.

Chakravarthy has repeatedly failed to clear the fitness test at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru while yorker specialist Natarajan is yet to join the squad here due to an apparent "shoulder niggle".

"Varun Chakravarthy was selected because he recovered from his shoulder injury that ruled him out of the Australia series. He did his rehab at the NCA and started throwing normally. However, he has failed to clear the YoYo test mark stipulated for a 2km run at least twice," a senior BCCI source said.

The question now being asked is why did the Chetan Sharma led committee select such a player, who, after the month of October, hasn't played even one competitive game for his state Tamil Nadu.

"We can understand he was doing his rehab during Mushtaq Ali (T20 Championship). But then again, he didn't play a single Vijay Hazare Trophy game. How do you assess his match fitness based on games that he played five months back? I guess Varun Chakravarthy is a lesson for selectors," said the source.

"If a player is generally not maintaining the standards set by this Indian team, his bowling alone



India pacer T. Natarajan in this file photo.

can't be a criteria for selection," the source added.

It is learnt that Rahul Chahar will be inducted in the squad as he is already in the bio-bubble since the start of the Test series.

In case of Natarajan, the NCA medical staff is trying to get him fit or at least the later part of the series. Rahul Tewatia is training with the Indian

SOUTHAMPTON TO HOST IND VS NZ WTC FINAL

Dubai, March 10: The International Cricket Council on Wednesday formally announced that Southampton will host the inaugural World Test Championship final between India and New Zealand in June and a limited number of fans could be allowed if the easing of lockdown in the UK continues.

The game will be played inside a bio-secure bubble at the Hampshire Bowl in Southampton from June 18-22. The venue was confirmed by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly.

"Should the UK government's phased easing of Covid-19 lockdown measures proceed as planned, it is anticipated that a limited number of fans will be allowed into the Hampshire Bowl to watch the final," the ICC statement read.

Initially, the final was supposed to be held at the Lord's but the ICC Board and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) decided to change the venue to ensure that the fixture could be staged safely with the potential impact of Covid-19 minimised for all involved.

"In selecting the Hampshire Bowl, the ICC drew on ECB's experience of delivering a full summer of bio-safe international cricket in 2020. The venue provides world-class playing and training facilities, giving both teams the best possible environment to prepare," the ICC said. — PTI

England are seven points ahead of India, who were third before the away series against Australia. Australia's 2-3 loss to New Zealand in a recent five-game series pushed the side below India with just one point.

In the T20 batting chart, India batsman KL Rahul lost a place to be at the third spot but skipper Virat Kohli retained his sixth position. — PTI

Bach back as Olympic boss

Lausanne, March 10: International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach promised to deliver a "safe, secure" Tokyo Olympics this year as he was re-elected for a second term on Wednesday.

Bach, 67, received unanimous backing in the election for IOC president in which he was the sole candidate, with 93 of the 94 valid votes from IOC members in favour of his re-election.

As he opened the IOC Session, Bach said it was no longer a question of whether the Olympics, which were postponed last year as the Coronavirus pandemic spread around the globe, would take place but in what conditions they will be held. "Tokyo remains the best prepared Olympic city ever and at this moment, we have no reason to doubt that the opening ceremony will take place on July 23," Bach said.

"The question is not whether, the question is how these Olympic Games will take place. The IOC is working at full speed together with our Japanese partners and friends to make the postponed Olympic Games a safe manifestation of peace, solidarity and resilience of humankind in overcoming the pandemic," he said.



The local Japanese organisers are due to announce by the end of the month whether foreign spectators will be allowed to attend the Games, although it is widely reported that they will be barred due to Covid-19 concerns.

"Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for this overwhelming vote of confidence and trust," said Bach, sending out a 'virtual' hug to his supporters. — AFP

RONALDO'S JUVENTUS CRASH OUT OF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Turin (Italy), March 10: Cristiano Ronaldo's Juventus crashed out of the Champions League in the Last 16 for the second year running on Tuesday, losing to 10-man Porto on away goals despite winning the second leg 3-2 in Turin.

Sergio Oliveira's extra-time free-kick sent twice former winners Porto through to the quarter-finals as the tie finished 4-4 on aggregate.

Leading 2-1 from the first leg in Portugal, Oliveira's first-half penalty increased Porto's advantage but Juventus levelled the tie through two goals from Federico Chiesa, which came either side of Porto striker Mehdi Taremi's red card.

Oliveira then rifled home a low free-kick on 115 minutes, which passed through the legs of Ronaldo, with Adrien Rabiot's header in reply coming in vain for Juventus. — AFP



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The Hyderabad junior boys and senior women's handball teams pose with Hyderabad District Handball Association secretary S. R. Sanjeev Kumar, coaches and other officials after the State Inter-District Championships held at Warangal. While the boys edged out Warangal 22-21 in the final, the women lost 14-18 to Warangal in the title round.