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De-stressing thru musical therapy

Nithya Rajendran known for her concert demonstrations with a single artist performing two distinct forms of Hindustani and Carnatic music has been healing several individuals through music

ASKARI JAFFER

Mumbai-based Nithya Rajendran, trained in dual forms of Indian Classical music (Carnatic and Hindustani vocal), is an em-pelled artist with All India Radio for Carnatic classical music and is an erstwhile distinction and scholarship holder from the University of Mumbai for Hindustani Classical music.

Nithya Rajendran raised in Chennai, born into a musically rich family and went to a school that laid huge emphasis on the fine arts. Growing up in an environment where music and the fine arts were heavily encouraged, played a very important role in making music central to life.

She shares, "Born into a Tamilian household meant that learning Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam was imperative from a young age. So, my tryst with Carnatic music

started at the age of five. Already having a strong base in one form of Classical music, it was then very easy to commence learning Hindustani Classical music which had been fascinating me from early on. I then went on to graduate with a rank, scholarship and distinction in Hindustani Classical music from the University of Mumbai. Many stage performances followed, and my interest specifically developed in presenting common ragas between the two forms on the same stage. This was a deviation from the earlier norm of having one artist from each form presenting a jugalbandi."

As she grew up and got exposed to other forms of music, she began to realise how similar and yet how different Hindustani music was to Carnatic music. This fascinated her so much that she began to explore and delve deep into Hindustani music. She has spent over three decades performing Carnatic



MUSIC THERAPY

- With children, one needs to make Indian classical music fun, relatable and easy to understand.
- The working women or young mothers need to emphasis on using music to de-stress and lighten up
- To the stressed-out professional, music can be an aid to perform better at work by calming and controlling the mind
- To the spiritual seeker it can be an aid to his or her spiritual practice.

and over two decades performing Hindustani. Since many life challenges drove her to be interested in spirituality, an uncanny correlation between classical music and spirituality began to emerge in her mind. It gave an easy impetus to spiritual pursuit and laid a pleasant backdrop for self reflection and compassion.

"Indian Classical music in my opinion can be therapeutic in two ways. One, transformation of a mood through transcendence and the other through cathartic identification. Meaning that you can ei-

ther feel sad and hear something happy that transforms your feeling to happiness or hear something sad that validates your feeling and allows you to cathartically cry. Through both ways one can achieve greater levels of peace."

The pandemic and ensuing social isolation provided a ripe internal environment for reflection and contemplation.

She shares, "Indian Classical music should be accessible to children from early on so that they can tap into its meditative and creative potential from a young age."

STYLING YOUR BELL BOTTOMS

We may have thought the flared style had come and gone the first time around, but some of our favorite fashion girls have been sporting the retro trend, giving it a fresh new take for the season. There's no time like summer to channel the good vibes of the '70s, so why not let these pants be your seasonal pick?

Let girls inspire your next bell-bottom ensemble whether you wear a classic denim pair or want something a little dressier, even for a formal event, these will be a fresh alternative to your go-to pants. So, here's a few tips on how to wear bell bottoms.

Casual

A cropped cozy sweater and mules is a more casual and boho-inspired way to style bell bottoms. Since these are high waisted, I prefer the crop sweater so it's more balanced.



Business casual

When going business casual with your wide-leg jeans, go dark and add a third piece. Darker wash jeans almost feel like a trouser when done right. Adding a third piece like a blazer or jacket of some sort completes the look and makes it feel more polished.

White bell bottoms

White bell-bottoms feel SO fun and 70s inspired to me. Pair them with a graphic tee or a blousy tank. Add a denim jacket for color or a long thin cardigan.

For spring

Whenever I'm styling something for spring I reach for lightweight utility jackets and open-toed shoes. Love this combination for dresses, shorts or jeans. And it obviously works perfect with wide leg jeans too.

Perfect layers

Layers can be tough with wide-leg jeans as you want to make sure you aren't adding too much volume. Keeping things long and lean is smart! Loving this long vest paired with a simple turtleneck.

Home remedies for dry skin in winter

Well, if you think that a moisturising cream can do the job, you need to check out some home remedies too. Moisturising creams can do good if you already have them with you, but in times when you do not have any, then you need to know some simple steps that will ensure that you can stop the itching. Here is a list of some home remedies that will help you treat your dry itchy skin.

- Wipe some olive oil on your skin and then wipe it away with a damp cloth. You will witness that your skin begins to glow and have a shining tone to it. Creating a homemade avocado facial mask will smoothen your skin and prevent you from getting dry skin. All you need to do is to take half avocado and add a teaspoon of honey. Once this is done, apply the mix to your face and let it dry for 20 minutes. This will moisturise your skin and keep it glowing. Another homemade

remedy to get rid of dry skin is to apply coconut oil on your skin before you sleep. Coconut oil becomes solid under room temperature, so this will make it the perfect moisturising cream to use.

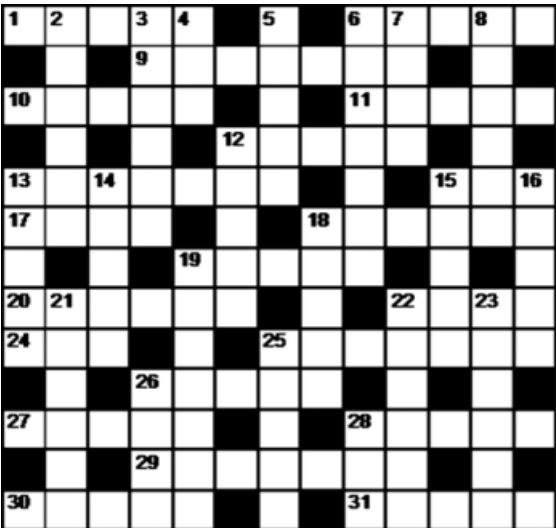
- You can add milk to your face as it is said to have lactic acid and anti-inflammatory properties that can cure itchy skin including skin cracks.
- In case you are suffering from a sunburn, skin cracks and dry skin, then you need aloe vera gel. Wash your face with lukewarm water and not hot water. Drink a lot of water and keep yourself hydrated. Drinking more water will help you sweat a lot and this will keep your skin nourished. Eat fish at least twice a week as this will help cure dry skin. Fish contains omega-3 fatty acids that help your skin healthy. Change your soap if you are using a deodorant one. Deodor-

ant soaps cause irritants to your skin.

- Make it a point to wash your face with cold water. This will open up your skin pores and remove all toxins and dirt and then closes it back. You need to do this every night before you go to bed.
- Cinnamon powder and honey make it a good mix to be added onto your face. Once this is done, you need to wash it off after 15 minutes. This home remedy will help treat dry skin. Mix honey with lemon juice and apply it on your face. Wash it away after 15 minutes and you will witness your dry skin healing.
- Heat some cocoa butter and place them on your palms. Then, rub it gently on your face and leave it to dry overnight. This will instantly cure dry skin. You can also make a chocolate pack by mixing 5 tablespoons of honey with 5 tablespoons of powder and 2 tablespoons of

flour. Apply the mix onto the dry skin and wash it off after 15 minutes. If you have green tea at home, then you can use it and make a mix of green tea along with some cream and mix it together. Apply the paste on your face and let it dry for 15 minutes after which you can rinse it with water.

- If you do have a Neem plant in your garden, then you can make it into powder and mix it with some turmeric and honey. Once this is done, you can add some water to make it into a smooth paste. Apply this paste onto your face and let it dry for 10 minutes after which you can wash it off with some water. Ginger can also help you get rid of dry skin. All you need to do is to add ginger juice to honey and rose water and stir well. Use your fingertips and apply it on your face. Once this is done leave it dry for 15 minutes and then wash it away.



SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 23

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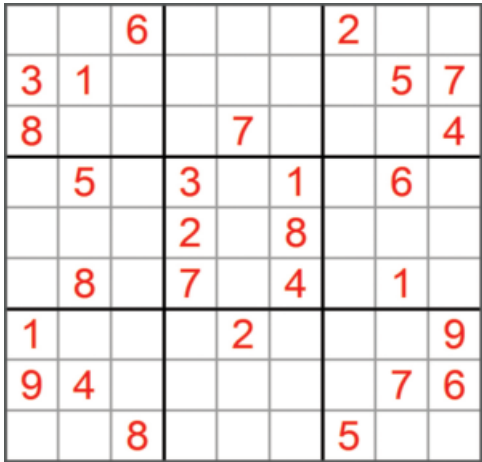
Across

- Flashy, ostentatious jewellery (5)
- Sacred song (5)
- Set aside for a purpose (7)
- Fear greatly (5)
- Anointed (5)
- Base of felled tree (5)
- Admire servilely (7)
- Attach by stitches (3)
- Group of people (4)
- Lover of Tristan (6)
- Man of the world? Not! (5)
- Swerved (6)
- Equal (4)
- Hearing organ (3)
- Cut off (7)
- Check growth (5)
- Pond covering (5)
- Cabs (5)
- Vivid (7)
- Soul in Hinduism (5)

Down

- Attractiveness (5)
- City on the Rio Grande (6)
- Almost (6)
- Goat for driving cattle (3)
- Ham it up (5)
- Oath or pledge (7)
- Jump lightly (4)
- Looked lasciviously at (6)
- Lieu (5)
- Over, on top of (5)
- The organ that holds the milk of cows and goats (5)
- More cunning (5)
- Strange, unearthly (5)
- Bay (5)
- Horse opera (7)
- Young raptor (6)
- Passover (6)
- Weirder (6)
- Shoot from cover (5)
- Chronicle (4)
- Facial twitch (3)

SUDOKU



NEWS ROUNDUP

Natasa Stankovic talks of weight loss post pregnancy

Serbian dancer-acstress Natasa Stankovic has opened up about her weight loss journey after pregnancy.

Natasa, who is married to cricketer Hardik Pandya, posted a boomerang video on Instagram flaunting her toned body dressed in a black lycra pants and sports bra.

Alongside the clip, she wrote: "Some of you have asked me how have a lost weight after pregnancy. As I'm not someone who does gym or any heavy training I guess I can only thank to my good genes and a healthy food."

The couple welcomed their baby boy on July 30. Pandya had announced the news on Twitter with this post: "We are blessed with our baby boy." It was posted with the picture of the baby's hand.

The delivery happened in Vadodara.

Earlier this year, Hardik had announced his engagement to Natasa on social media. On January 1, Hardik had shared an image of him proposing to Natasa and had captioned it: "Mai tera, Tu meri jaane, saara Hindustan. 01.01.2020 #engaged."





MIM MLA objects to ‘Hindustan’ in oath, creates row in Bihar Assembly

PATNA

THE first day of the newly elected Bihar Legislative Assembly witnessed a controversy when AIMIM MLA Akhtarul Imam raised objection over the word ‘Hindustan’ while he was being administered the oath of office by pro-tem Speaker Jitan Ram Manjhi on Monday.

Imam argued that he wanted to say the word ‘Bharat’ instead of ‘Hindustan’ during the oath ceremony. It was strongly objected to by the BJP and the JDU MLAs and some of them ‘asked him to go to Pakistan’ if he and other AIMIM MLAs had a problem with the word Hindustan.

As per the procedures, the MLAs can take oath in five languages -- Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Maithili and Urdu. In the first four languages, ‘Bharat’ is mentioned in the oath letters and ‘Hindustan’ is written on the Urdu oath letter.

Imam, who was elected from the Amaur constituency in the Seemanchal region, insisted on using the word Bharat when he chose to take oath in the Urdu language. Following him, the other four MLAs of the AIMIM also took the oath in Urdu.

The BJP and the JD(U) MLAs raised objections to this and criticised the AIMIM MLAs.

Neeraj Kumar Babloo, the BJP MLA said: “It shows the wrong intention of the AIMIM MLAs for not using ‘Hindustan’ word in their oath. If they have objection over Hindustan, they should go to Pakistan or any other country. They have no right to stay in our country.”

Madan Sahani, the JDU MLA said: “Sometimes new MLAs, in a bid to draw the attention of everyone do something different. But the act of the AIMIM MLAs is highly objectionable.

“There is no harm in using ‘Hindustan’ during the swearing-in ceremony. Unfortunately, they didn’t follow the tradition of the Bihar assembly,” said Sahani.

FIVE YEARS JAIL FOR MAKING DEFAMATORY SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Vijayan govt puts on hold Police Act amendment

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

THE CPI(M)-led Left front government in Kerala on Monday decided to put on hold a controversial amendment to the Police Act as the law triggered a political storm across the country with many describing the measure as an assault on freedom of expression and media.

Shortly after CPI-M general secretary Sitaram Yechury announced in New Delhi that the amendment providing for up to five years jail term to those making defamatory social media posts would be reconsidered, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said his government was not “intending” to implement it now.

Further action would be taken after detailed discussions in the assembly and hearing views from various quarters, he said, with the announcement coming amid widespread criticism of the amendment and protests by Congress and threat by BJP to legally challenge it. While the government has said it brought the amendment through an ordinance to check cyberbullying, opposition parties and even Left sympathisers have slammed it,



saying it was against the freedom of speech and media.

Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly Ramesh Chennithala dubbed as a “hoax” Vijayan’s statement that his government was not intending to implement the act and demanded that it be repealed at the earliest. The ordinance has become a law when it was signed by the Governor and no one, even the Chief Minister, could say that a law would not be implemented once it comes into force.

“So, Vijayan”’s statement that the amendment would not be enforced is only to deceive people,”

the Congress leader alleged in a statement, adding police can still register cases under the section as long as it remains as a law. Sources in the Chief Minister’s Office (CMO) told PTI that either the state Cabinet will recommend to the Governor withdrawal of the ordinance or the Home Ministry will issue a direction to Police not to take any action under it. Supreme court lawyer and constitutional expert Kaleeswaram Raj said the only way to undo the effect of an ordinance was to withdraw the same by way of another ordinance. “Since the ordinance is notified,

the law has come into being.

The stand of the government that it will not invoke the ordinance does not have any legal foundation... it should be recalled by a method known to law,” he told PTI. The International Press Institute condemned the ordinance, saying it was a “nasty and diabolical” attempt to muzzle the media in Kerala. Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Saturday signed the Kerala Police Act Amendment ordinance envisaging addition of Section 118-A to prevent cyber attacks against women and children.

The section stipulates either imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to Rs 10,000 or both to those who produce, publish or disseminate content through any means of communication with an intention to intimidate, insult or defame any person through social media. Justifying the move to bring in the ordinance, Vijayan said the government decided to amend the Police Act in an effort to curb widespread malicious campaigns through social media and other platforms which pose a threat to individual freedom and dignity, constitutionally ensured to citizens.

Drug peddlers block NCB raiding team in Mumbai

MUMBAI

IN a shocker, some drug peddlers stopped a team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) sleuths when they went to carry out a raid at a location in Goregaon suburb, officials said here on Monday.

The incident occurred late on Sunday when the two-member NCB team was heckled and stymied by a menacing mob of around five-dozen people, including a few drug peddlers, when the sleuths went to conduct a search and narcotics seizure operation in the Jawahar Nagar area of this north-west Mumbai suburb.

In the ensuing drama, unconfirmed reports claimed that the two officials reportedly sustained injuries, though the NCB in New Delhi or Mumbai have not yet commented on the matter so far. Following a complaint, a case has been lodged by Goregaon Police Station in the matter with at least three persons being arrested in connection with the incident and for drug peddling, while further investigations are on.

The development comes barely 36 hours after the NCB made the high-profile arrests of television comedian Bharti Singh and her husband Harsh

Limbachiya on Saturday-Sunday, as part of the ongoing probe into several drug cases

involving prominent personalities in the Bollywood and glamour industry.



BHARTI, HUSBAND GET BAIL IN DRUGS CASE

MUMBAI

BHARTI Singh and her husband Haars Limbachiya granted bail by a Special NDPS court in Mumbai in Drug Case after hearing their bail pleas, reported news agency PTI. On Sunday the court remanded Singh and her husband, arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau following the seizure of drugs from their house, to judicial custody till December 4. The NCB arrested Singh on Saturday and her husband early Sunday

morning following seizure of ganja (cannabis) from their house in suburban Andheri. The couple was produced before a magistrates court here Sunday afternoon. NCB recovered 86.5 gm ganja during the search. This is considered as ‘small quantity’ under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, an official said. Acting on a tip-off, the NCB on Saturday conducted search at Singh’s office and residence as part of its probe into the alleged drug use in the entertainment industry.

Odisha Guv's wife dies of post Covid complications

BHUBANESWAR

SUSHILA Devi, the First Lady of the State and wife of Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, has passed away at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar. She was undergoing treatment at the SUM Ultimate hospital due to post Covid-19 complications and died on Sunday night. “With profound grief and heavy heart, we inform that the First Lady of the State Smt Sushila Devi passed away yesterday night. Let us pray for the departed holy soul. Om Shantii,” the Governor’s office tweeted.

CBSE announces tentative Class 12 practical dates

NEW DELHI

THE Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday released the tentative dates for the Class 12th board practical exams 2020-21 amid the speculation of postponing or cancellation of the exams in the wake of ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The Board will conduct practical exams for Class 12th from January 1 till February 8 as per tentative dates. CBSE has clarified that the exact dates for the exams would be notified later. Though, the final notification regarding the exam schedule for students of Class 10th and 12th has yet to be formally announced by the board. However, the CBSE has made

it clear that there is no proposal to cancel or postpone the board examinations. The board has fixed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting the examinations. All the schools would be sent separate dates for conducting the board practical exams for which the board would appoint an observer. The board observer will oversee the observer, practical and project evaluation.

The Secondary Education Board says that preparations are on for conducting the board exams in early 2021 in which lakhs of students in India would be appearing for. If all goes well these exams would be conducted at the appropriate time.

SC grants 1-week parole to Rajiv assassination convict

NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Monday extended the parole of A.G. Perarivalan, one of the convicts in the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s assassination case.

Perarivalan’s parole was increased by one week for his medical check-up. The top court asked the Tamil Nadu government to provide police protection to him in the hospital.

Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing Perarivalan, submitted before a bench headed by Justice L. Nageswara Rao that the parole was given on November 9, which was later extended by the Madras High Court to November 23. “He also requested for police escort for medical ex-



ams, if the state can grant parole for another week,” Sankaranarayanan submitted.

The bench said it will hear the matter on the next date for final disposal and extended the parole for a week and directed the Tamil Nadu government to provide protection during medical check-up.

The order from the top court came

after the Central Bureau of Investigation submitted it does not oppose his release and the Tamil Nadu Governor can decide on it.

On November 3, the Supreme Court expressed its dissatisfaction over the pendency of pardon-plea of a convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case for over two years with the Tamil Nadu Governor.

The top court had asked Additional Advocate General for Tamil Nadu Balaji Srinivasan, why is the Governor taking so much time?

Justice Rao noted that the larger conspiracy only deals with whether other persons are involved in the case. “What about Constitution bench judgement which allows the Supreme Court to intervene,” said Justice Rao.

Raina to adopt 34 schools to ensure health & hygiene for over 10K kids

NEW DELHI

FORMER India cricketer Suresh Raina, who will turn 34 this Friday, has pledged to build sanitation and drinking water facilities at 34 government schools across Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and the National Capital Region (NCR) to ensure health and hygiene for over 10,000 children studying in these schools.

The year-long initiative will be executed by his NGO, the Gracia Raina Foundation (GRF), in collaboration with Amitabh Shah’s ‘Yuva Unstoppable’. Apart from the hygiene and sanitation facilities, Raina’s endeavour will pay special emphasis to Right AGE, an adolescent reproductive and sexual health program which will be rolled out in all 34 schools.

The foundation will also establish better access to smart classes for the students in these schools, a release from the foundation stated.

“It brings me immense joy to celebrate my 34th birthday with this initiative. Every child deserves quality education and this includes their right to have access to safe and clean drinking water and toilet facilities in schools. I hope we can contribute to this with



Gracia Raina Foundation collaborating with Yuva Unstoppable,” said Raina.

“It is truly humbling to see the upgraded facilities benefiting thousands of kids. This is an excellent start and we look forward to transforming many more schools in the future. There was no better way I could have celebrated my birthday, it was a truly heartwarming experience,” he added.

Through the foundation, Raina and his wife will spearhead the Right Age Program which is targeted at adolescent girls and will also impart scientific knowledge through reproductive

health workshops. The couple will also work with the students in four schools in their hometown Muradnagar, including those which were attended by Priyanka and Suresh themselves.

The former Indian cricketer has been associated with the ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’ and he was nominated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 to be the Swachh Bharat Ambassador in Uttar Pradesh. “We are looking forward to working with Gracia Raina Foundation to upgrade better wash and sanitation facilities in schools,” said Amitabh Shah. (IANS)

'RJD will hit streets if NDA doesn't meet 19L job promise'

PATNA

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said here on Monday that his party will hit the streets if the NDA doesn’t meet its poll promise of providing 19 lakh jobs in the next one month.

Tejashwi, reached the Bihar assembly on day one to take oath as an MLA along with his elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav.

“The assembly election was fought on the issues of unemployment and corruption. We had promised to provide 10 lakh jobs in the first cabinet meeting. The NDA, in the joint Sankalp Patra, also claimed to provide 19 lakh jobs. Now, they have formed the government in Bihar through conspiracy. As real representatives of people of Bihar, we will not let them go scot-free without implementing their poll promise,” said Tejashwi.

“In the last 15 years, Nitish Kumar has turned into the Bhisma Pitamah of corruption. Around a dozen of his cabinet ministers are either involved in corruption or facing criminal charges. As many as 60 scams took place during his government in last 15 years,” alleged Tejashwi.

“These scams are investigated by many IPS and IAS officers and some of them have written letters to the authorities for proper investigation,” said Tejashwi, alluding to letters written by Amitabh Kumar Das, a retired IPS officer, who has written letters against Mewalal Choudhary and Manju Verma.



Former Assam CM Gogoi passes away

GUWAHAT

VETERAN Congress leader and three-time Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi (86) passed away on Monday evening after a protracted illness, Assam Health and Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

The former Union Minister and sitting member of Assam assembly is survived by his wife Dolly Gogoi, son Gaurav Gogoi, a Lok Sabha member, and daughter Chandrima Gogoi who lives in the US.

Announcing Gogoi’s death, Sarma told the media that the former Chief Minister’s body would be kept at the famous Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati on Monday night. The cremation will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday with full state honours after consultation with his family. The longest serving Assam

Chief Minister, Gogoi’s health condition deteriorated since Friday due to post-Covid-19 complications. He also suffered a multi-organ failure.

Following post-Covid-19 complications, the veteran politician, who was on non-in-



vative ventilation (NIV) since he was admitted to the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) on November 2, was put under invasive ventilation.

Doctors at the GMCH said that Gogoi’s health condition deteriorated gradually with problems in breathing following which the doctors put him on intubation ventilator, which is a machine driven ventilation.

Ensuring clean water supply through technology

A multi-disciplinary technical committee in the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has recommended five technologies, specifically, three technologies for drinking water and two technologies for sanitation as innovative technologies out of the ten technologies considered by it and these technologies would now be listed in the innovation portal of the Department. The recommendation by the Committee would help the States/UTs so that they can use these technologies depending on their requirement and suitability. These technologies were appraised at different levels before consideration and recommendation by the technical committee.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti gives primacy to the infusion and deployment of innovative technological solutions to realise the ambitious objective of the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide functional household tap connection to every rural home by 2024 with speed and scale while tackling the diverse challenges encountered during implementation.

Under the Mission, innovative proposals are sought online for assisting the States/UTs to adopt innovative technologies to deliver drinking water services to rural communities of adequate quantity and prescribed quality. Various challenges being faced during implementation of the Mission include variations in regional endowment of water resources & levels of service provision, water quality challenges, convergence with the sanitation sector and dealing with grey water/ sludge issues etc.

To address these challenges and to consider and recommend innovative 'field level solution' technologies, a multi-disciplinary Technical Committee, chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India with members from NITI Aayog, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Bio-Technology, CSIR, DRDO, NEERI, IIT, National Institute of Ocean Technology, States, etc, was constituted. The Committee focused on application of Science and Technology (S&T) for providing field level solutions, which would be helpful to the implementing agencies in the States/UTs.

India is set to be one of the three countries to witness maximum urban growth by 2050, along with China and Nigeria. In India's case, this fast pace of urbanisation at an annual rate of 2.1 per cent coupled with a high growth in economic activities

— if not supported with commensurate sustainable solutions — is bound to compound the water and sanitation challenges in the country's urban areas. Indian cities are currently plagued by multiple challenges to water, sanitation and hygiene. At present, 163 million people do not have access to safe drinking water, while 210 million people lack access to improved basic sanitation in India. India is currently at the bottom of 122 countries in the Water Quality Index (WQI) — at 120 — with nearly 70 per cent of water sources are contaminated.

WQI is an important tool to determine the drinking water quality in urban, rural and industrial areas. Water and sanitation are getting a lot of traction in the world, owing to the current novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. India has to meet the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including Goals 6, 11 and 12 that talk about sanitation, sustainable cities and sustainable consumption and keep pace with the rest of the countries as well. The same is reflected through the union government's programmes and schemes that have captured the world's attention in their efforts to provide safe drinking water and sanitation services. The stage is being set for modernising and expanding services which make quality addition to life.



Nagaland tamarillos a worthy substitute for regular ones

The tree tomato is so popular in Nagaland that the state government got a GI certificate

VIBHA VARSHNEY

Many ingredients quintessential to Indian cuisines have come from the Americas or Europe. Some are well-known — potato, peanut, chickpea and chilli pepper — but there are some that remain relatively obscure. One such ingredient is the tree tomato (tamarillo) or Solanum betaceum, which has its origin in South America.

The tree tomato is so popular in Nagaland that the state government got a certificate for Geographical Indication (GI) for it in 2015. This certificate is provided to products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities innate to that origin. The tree tomato in Nagaland meets these requirements because it has a long history of cultivation and several specific organoleptic characteristics related to taste and colour that evolved over time.

Since the Naga tree tomato is usually grown in kitchen gardens and farmers raise the seedlings from the mature old plants, the purity of the crop in the state has been maintained.

Red landscape

The tamarillo tree is found abundantly in kitchen gardens in all districts of the Naga hills, including Kohima, Wokha, Zunheboto, Kiphire, Tuensang, Mon and Phek. It is a small, evergreen tree with heart-shaped leaves and grows to about 3 metres. The fruits appear when the tree is around three years old and are distinctly egg-shaped. They hang in clusters.

The skin of the fruit varies in colour — from yellow to purple — and is leathery and slightly bitter. The flesh of the fruit is more tart and tangy than the normal tomato. The seeds are flat, circular, larger and harder than those of the regular tomato. The pulp surrounding the seeds is soft, juicy and sweet. It has been observed that the yellow-skinned tomatoes are usually sweeter.

The tree tomato is locally known as sei bangenuo or khwüdi and the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corp Ltd has been actively promoting the tree among farmers and ensuring traceability and quality. Other than the tree tomato, Nagaland also has the GI tag for Naga King Chilli (raja mircha) and both the tomato and the chilli are used to prepare a tangy chutney (see recipe).

The tree tomato has many advantages. It fruits through the year and the tomatoes can be stored for long even at room temperature. In times of scarcity of regular tomato, people easily shift to this perennial crop. This usually happens in winters when the common tomato becomes very expensive as it has to be imported from other states.

Juicy benefits

The tree tomato is high in pectin fibre, a natural preservative that can be used to make jellies, jams and chutney. The pectin level is as high as 5 per cent, which is higher than apples (1.0-1.5 per cent), apricots (1.0 per cent), cherries (0.4 per cent), oranges (0.5-3.5 per cent) and carrots (1.4 per cent). It is also rich in antioxidants, vitamins A and C, and is an excellent source of calcium, iron, potassium, phosphorus and magnesium.

In comparison to regular tomatoes, the tree tomato is richer in carbohydrates, protein, minerals and fibre but contains lesser fat. It is attributed with medicinal properties, too. It helps control high blood pressure and brings down cholesterol levels. Some people believe it helps lose weight and is often recommended for consumption after a workout.

Tomato is a staple in cuisines across India and having a no-fuss, cheap alternative is an attractive option. Researchers are already exploring this as a food option for a climate-risked world. It grows best in well-drained soil and cannot tolerate prolonged drought or waterlogged conditions.

For instance, researchers from Ecuador, Spain and India studied tree tomatoes grown under two different environmental conditions — traditional cultivation in the open field and under greenhouse conditions. They found that though traditional practices in the open field are less productive, treatment with organic fertilisers increases productivity. The team reported the findings in PLoS One in December 2017. This is good news for Nagaland where organic farming is widely prevalent.

As tamarillo is not found in its wild state, its centre of origin is not known. It is considered to be native to the Andes of Peru and Chile, Ecuador and Bolivia. Tamarillos are grown commercially in South and Central America, Australia, Africa and Asia.

In New Zealand, tamarillos were promoted during World War II when import of fruits such as bananas and oranges was not possible. This was to ensure that people got adequate vitamins. Before the kiwifruit boom of the 1960s, more hectareage was devoted to tamarillos than to the kiwifruit.

In the US, it is cultivated in California after US Department of Agriculture imported seeds from Argentina in 1913, but now it is grown mainly as an ornamental. If demand for the tamarillo increases, it would be good news for Nagaland which already has a GI tag for the fruit and is promoting cultivation.

Where personal liberty depends on affordability!



interim order is simply giving out brief facts and concluded with interim bail. His oral observations are staple food for media next day.

At the same time, Justice Chandrachud shared his "deep concern" at the growing trend of states "targeting" those who follow a different ideology than that of the government. He recalled a case from West Bengal where a girl, who tweeted that the coronavirus was not being dealt with, was issued a police notice. "They did this, saying we will show you reality".

Chandrachud says that Arnab Goswami cannot be punished merely because his style of presenting news does not suit the state government. He advised: "Forget the way he screams and yells. I do not watch this news channel, but what concerns me is the value ascribed to human liberty. We are deeply concerned about it. Our democracy is extraordinary resilient and governments must ignore all this. This is not the basis on which elections are fought".

Path of destruction

"If constitutional courts do not interfere today, then we are travelling the path of destruction, undeniably. We must send a message to the High Courts today that please exercise your jurisdiction to uphold personal liberty," Justice Chandrachud said. This is also not part of the interim order. We do not know about final judgment.

Another of his comment widely reported is: "You do not watch a channel if you do not like it. I myself prefer to cuddle with a good book," while responding to Kapil Sibal, the senior advocate who appeared for Maharashtra government and the state's police. He was right when he said judges should ignore the twitter comments on judgments.

Selective listings?

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Dushyant Dave wrote a letter to secretary general of Supreme Court lodging strong protest on selective listing of Arnab's bail appeal. Kapil Sibal pointed out plight of Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan, who was arrested while he was on his way to Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, to report on the alleged gang-rape and murder of a woman. SC did not hear Kappan's petition, and the SC bench asked him to approach the trial court.

Arnab is privileged to get his case listed and secure the interim bail. The case against Arnab is for abetment to suicide under 306 of the Indian Penal Code. Mr. Anvay Naik, managing director of Concorde Designs Private Limited, and his mother Kumud were found dead in their home in Kavir village of Alibaug in May 2018. Naik was found hanging in Alibaug and his mother was found strangled to death.

Later a suicide letter was recovered naming the owners of three companies — Arnab Goswami of Republic TV, Feroz Shaikh of IcastX/Skimedia and Neetish Sarda of Smartworks — saying they owed Naik's firm Rs 83 lakh, Rs 4 crore and Rs 55 lakh respectively. Anvay Naik purportedly wrote in the note that he and his mother decided to take the extreme step as the owners of the three companies did not clear the payments. In April 2019,



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the Raigad Police said there was no evidence in the case and a local court allowed the case to be closed. But the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government comprising the Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress, reopened it. The question again is whether closure and reopening of case against politically biased journalist Arnab are genuine or vitiated by political bias?

Assault on arresting officers?

One case is alleged assault on woman constable while resisting arrest was booked against Goswami under Indian Penal Code sections related to assault or using criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging duty, intentional insult to provoke breach of peace, and criminal intimidation. FIR named his wife, Samyabrata Goswami, their son and two others. Arnab Goswami has, in turn, alleged that the police assaulted him.

Cases on TV shows

Five other cases concerning reports and his TV shows have been registered against Goswami and Republic TV by the MVA government so far. BJP is leading the mantle of opposition in Maharashtra and championing the cause of personal liberty and press freedom with limited reference to Arnab, who openly voices for their political causes.

- Mumbai Police filed FIR against senior editors and newsroom staff of Republic TV for airing news about a "revolt" within the force against its commissioner Param Bir Singh under sections of the Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act, 1922, and claims the editors and staff "attempted to incite disaffection" among members of the police.
- Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh told media on 8 October a "racket" of private channels allegedly manipulating their Television Rating Points (TRPs) to get more revenue was discovered against the owners of Republic TV, Fakt Marathi and Box Cinema.
- Many filed FIRs against Republic TV's coverage of the Palghar mob lynching incident on 16 April, wherein

ing beds in hospitals. While forgetting politics, the parties and the opposition need to fight a common battle. *Mahesh Kumar, Sidhmukh*

II

IT is shocking to see all the political parties are organizing and encouraging huge gatherings, organising road shows for the sake of votes and power in GHMC elections forgetting all the prescribed norms of Covid19 rules and regulations and putting the general people into risk and creating traffic jams. Whom are we to blame? Norms are only for common people not for the political parties. Who will take action? We assume that there will not be any rules and regulations for the political parties. As the second wave has been witnessed in few states, hope the leaders will understand the gravity of the situation.

Kanagiri SN Prasad, Hyderabad

III

The way people took the dip in Tungbhadra Pushkarams indicate the scant concern they have about their own health. Now that, they cannot blame anyone if they get infected. It is as if they are inviting the second wave of Covid with open arms. This type of self-abnegation will result in deleterious consequences to the society in which they move with carefree abandon.

D SP Rao, Kakinada

Boycott uncouth netas

This refers to the editorial to reign in foulmouthed politicians in our midst, who are getting away by uttering sheer rubbish, and assume it to be their gift of the gab — by the I&B Ministry which is forming rules and regulations for Over the Top (OTT) platforms in an effort to help sanitise social media platforms from such uncouth and unparliamentary language users, making room in social medias like YouTube and Facebook.

The political worthies, with their support groups and admirers have come to assume that whatever they say is fair that is meant to be understood by anybody from any political and social cross-section in the country. This is also to cover up their poor and inadequate educational and social background, while they have requisite time and opportunity to acquire new and decent vocabulary to enhance and improve their views and method of presentation without lowering themselves to indecent depths, to be equated to ruffians, and any other sheep or cattle grazers, with little or no erudition.

Such political heavyweights are not averse to show their skills in Parliament and Assembly, by assuming the role of rebels for the common man's cause, but these individuals are ending up as laughing stock, to be unable to mix in a decent and intellectual society. It is surely time to alter this trend.

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LETTERS

None is bothered about coronavirus spread

There are signs of a second corona wave coming from the growing Corona infection in the country. The battle against Corona is slowing down with the slogan 'Two yards distance-mask essential'. Seeing the careless people in the crowd and election rallies in the market, it seems that we have not learned any lesson from the situation. Corona infection is not going to stop by increasing the penalty on people wearing masks, but the administration needs to act quickly on people without masks.

At the same time, the general public also needs to take precaution in festivals, weddings, election programs. Lock down again in many countries, including Israel, at the same time experts warned about the corona infection that the corona is about to spread in the winter, but we seem to have won the war against the corona due to lower corona figures.

In such a situation, there is a need to tighten the people who are negligent towards Corona. If the infection increases in communities, the damage will be even greater. Although it seems that the fight against Corona is going to be difficult, the government should focus on the basic things like checking Corona infection and rais-

People dismiss YSRCP claim on clean water

► MP Vijayasai Reddy says safe drinking water supply by the Jagan govt has resulted in drastic fall in water-borne diseases typhoid and diarrhoea

► But in many parts of the State, residents complain that they are not getting filtered drinking water

► For instance, many villages in West Godavari like Doddanapudi, Kalla, Seesali have no facility of filtered drinking water owing to neglect by successive governments for decades



AMARAVATI

THE YSRCP on Monday claimed the state had witnessed a drastic decline in typhoid and diarrhoea cases after the drinking water supply has been improved. However, people in several parts of the state say that they continue to be deprived of the filtered drinking water.

Senior YSRCP leader and Rajya Sabha Member V Vijayasai Reddy said typhoid and diarrhoea cases in Andhra Pradesh have reduced by more than 60 per cent in 2020 compared to 2019.

He said the state saw 4.6 lakh diarrhoea cases in 2019 which fell to 1.58 lakh in 2020.

Among all the districts, Chittoor accounted for the highest number of diarrhoea cases, 23,013, while West Godavari district saw 3,279. Likewise, from 28,000 cases, typhoid cases fell

to 7,869. These statistics pertain to the period January to September, 2020.

Incidentally, the health department proactively monitored the containment of these diseases in the current year.

“Significant reduction in the number of cases is a result of supply of safe drinking water, proper sanitation and awareness campaign,” claimed the MP.

However, Vijayasai Reddy’s claim of supplying safe drinking water does not hold good across the state as large swathes of Andhra Pradesh are still deprived of filtered drinking water.

“Several villages in West Godavari district do not get filtered tap water. One can count many villages suffering from this scourge since decades,” said Vantabathina Prakash, a resident of Kalla village near Bhimavaram.

Doddanapudi, Kalla, Seesali and many other villages do not have the facility of filtered drinking water due to decades of neglect from successive governments, including the current incumbent YSRCP.

Especially Kalla, a populous village, 12 km from Bhimavaram just has one small water tank which seldom supplies filtered water. The tank was built more than 30 years ago and was never upgraded, resulting in the supply of muddy water.

“This is not a new problem. We have been suffering from the supply of muddied water for more than 30 years already. Kalla village panchayati is of no use,” lamented Kumar.

Even during Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy’s padayatra which touched these villages in May 2018, many villagers showcased him the muddied water in plastic bottles but nothing has changed.

Due to this problem, most villagers are forced to buy filtered drinking water from enterprising people who saw a business potential in lack of filtered drinking water.

A few NGOs, such as Vegesna, Byraju and others, also sell filtered drinking water at subsidised prices.

Residents allege that the local TDP MLA Mantena Ramaraju or Narasapuram MP Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju are not paying any attention to the lack of potable water in their constituencies. (IANS)

HANS NEWS SERVICE RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

IN a heart-wrenching incident, four members of a family including two women and two children committed suicide here on Monday.

They lived in Ambedkar Nagar of Tadithota area on the outskirts of the city.

According to circle inspector T Siva Ganesh, Bhupathi Nagendra Kumar of Vijayawada married Sangiseti Siva Pavani of Rajamahendravaram 12 years ago. The couple was separated due to the differences between them.

Upset over her estranged husband marrying another woman, Siva Pavani, along with her mother ends life after poisoning to death her son and daughter

Nagendra Kumar is living in Vijayawada as he is working in the municipal corporation and his wife Siva Pavani was residing in Rajamahendravaram at her mother’s house along with her two children.

Pavani lodged a complaint in Disha police station and the police conducted counselling to them after which Nagendra Kumar agreed to take them to Vijayawada in November.

With this, Siva Pavani along with her mother and two children went to Vijayawada on Sunday and returned. She was reportedly upset with her



The house where the four members of the family ended their lives

husband after she learnt that he married another woman.

On Monday, Siva Pavani, 29, and her mother Sangiseti Krishnaveni, 55, hanged themselves to the ceiling fan

after administering poison to children Nishant, 9, and Rithika, 7. One town police registered a case and are investigating.

Uma blames YSRCP for delay in Polavaram works

■ Warns of all-party stir for 150-ft dam to store 194 tmc ft water

AMARAVATI

FORMER minister and TDP leader Devineni Uma Maheswara Rao on Monday accused the TSRCP government of pushing the Polavaram irrigation project into uncertainty by pursuing impractical and illogical policies for the execution of the works.

Uma Maheswara Rao said that the Jagan government was now making all efforts to cover up its inefficiency and failures by misusing police force to prevent the opposition leaders from visiting the dam site. Over 72 per cent works were completed under the dynamic leadership of former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu but the YSRCP ministers and MPs were spreading falsehoods that only 30 to 40 per cent works were finished.

Addressing a press conference here, the TDP leader asked the Chief Minister how he had promised to get gates fixed on the dam by this November itself if the previous government did not complete 72 per cent works as per its allegations. “The YSRCP should not think of undermining Polavaram by reducing the dam height. All opposition parties along with the TDP will wage a united battle till the dam is constructed up to the original 150 ft height as planned. Only then, it will be possible to store 194 tmc ft water while at the same time supplying another 350 tmc ft to all the 13 districts through canal systems,” he said.

The former irrigation minister launched a scathing attack on YSRCP MP V Vijayasai Reddy, saying that a multi-purpose, national project like Polavaram can be achieved with commitment and determination but not politically motivated, cheap tricks and tweets. It was only during Naidu’s five rule that Rs 11,537 crore was spent on Polavaram whereas, only Rs 5,135 crore was spent from 1941 to 2014.

CPI agenda is TDP’s: Anil

- Accuses the Left party of dancing to the tune of TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu
- Questions the need for visiting the Polavaram dam site with 200 activists, except to create ruckus there
- Asks why the party did not stage stirs on project during TDP rule

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

CPI leaders are working for TDP’s agenda and mobilising such a big number of people for Polavaram march shows their real intentions, said irrigation minister P Anil Kumar Yadav.

Addressing media at Tadepalli on Monday, the minister said that the communist leaders coming in large numbers only shows that they wanted to create a scene and have no intention to seek clarifications.

Earlier CPI used to fight for public issues, but they lost their credibility over time by joining hands with TDP, he said.

Anil Kumar dared CPI leader K Ramakrishna to answer why they didn’t agitate regarding Polavaram during the TDP regime or question



Minister for Irrigation P Anil Kumar Yadav addressing a press conference at the YSRCP Central office in Tadepalli on Monday

Naidu when they failed to complete the project and sanction R&R package in his five-year term.

He criticised CPI leaders’ visit to Polavaram, saying that 10 people can go to check Polavaram works and there was no need to go with 200 members, while over 3,000 people were working at the site. All this is to create chaos at the construction site and the government doesn’t tolerate such cheap politics, he added.

He said the project would be ready by 2021, dam works would start in February, and assured that there would be no deviations.

The minister also stated that an invitation will be sent to all party leaders for the inauguration and those having any objections were free to measure the dam height

with tape. He said TDP leaders were making false accusations with regard to the Polavaram project and communist leaders are playing to the tunes of TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu.

He challenged the CPI leaders to talk about the December 2017 Union Cabinet meeting which was attended by former TDP ministers and secret pacts of Naidu.

Anil Kumar Yadav said that neither TDP nor CPI leaders have the right to talk about R&R package as they had neglected it and agreed to compromise Polavaram for commissions.

The finance minister is in talks with the Centre regarding the project and the state will definitely complete Polavaram by 2021.

Alternative to BJP, Cong

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Rao said China had overcome all its problems and moved forward in terms of growth but India has not been able to do so because of the approach by the two national parties and the policies adopted by them. “I am not criticising any individual. We need political leadership that creates wealth and distributes it to the people,” the Chief Minister said. He questioned the rationale behind selling stakes in Public Sector Undertakings and national organisations such as LIC and Railways, the Chief Minister said: “For whose benefit are BSNL or LIC or for that matter, the Railways being made a scapegoat?” Wondering why successive Central governments in the past failed to manage the affairs of these PSUs, the Chief Minister assured all support to employees and workers of Central PSUs (CPSU) in the latter’s fight against privatisation.

President Kovind to visit Tirumala today

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As part of the arrangements, armed reserve police were deployed all along the route from Renigunta Airport to Tirumala and rehearsal of convoy movement of all VIPs was conducted on Monday.

Special Protection Group commands arrived in Tirupati one day in advance and collected the details from local police on the President’s security arrangements. Intelligence IG Sasidhar Reddy, Tirupati Urban SP A Ramesh Reddy and other ISW senior officers directly supervising the security arrangements.

‘Worse may happen in Dec’

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After Delhi and Maharashtra, situation in Gujarat has also worsened. What is that you are allowing marriage celebrations during daytime? You file affidavit on the status report on steps taken as on date,” the bench said.

It had also directed the Centre to bring uniformity in charges of testing and other facilities and ordered it to constitute an expert committee of senior doctors of Central government hospitals, GNCTD run hospitals, AI-IMS and responsible officer from the Union health ministry.

It had said that the expert committee shall inspect, supervise and issue necessary directions to all government hospitals, Covid hospitals and other hospitals in NCT of Delhi for taking care of Covid patients and the panel shall ensure that at least one visit in each hospital be done weekly.

Atchannaidu decries attacks on Muslims

- Cites latest incident of ruling party supporters attacking one Haneef in Home Minister Sucharitha’s home district of Guntur
- Alleges that govt is looking the other way as YSRCP cadres go berserk across the State
- Vows to standby with victims of atrocities by ruling party as a responsible opposition



AMARAVATI

TDP AP president K Atchannaidu on Monday deplored that the situation of Muslim minorities was deteriorating under the atrocious rule of Y S Jaganmohan Reddy in the state.

Atchannaidu condemned the latest attack on moizzim Haneef in the home minister’s home district of Guntur itself. The attack by the ruling YSRCP leaders on Haneef was alarming and despotic, he said.

In a statement here, the TDP leader said that hate crimes and murders were increasing by day against the Muslims all over the state in the past 18 months of the Jagan regime. These atrocities raising doubts whether the Muslims had no right to life at all under the present dispensation in the state. The TDP leader demanded the YSRCP government to explain to the minorities as to why it was failing to take deterrent action against those respon-

sible for the atrocities against the Muslims. The Chief Minister made countless promises to the weaker sections and the Minorities to look after their welfare. But after coming to power, the Chief Minister was running an oppressive rule oblivious of its responsibilities towards the BCs, SCs, STs and Muslim minorities.

Stating that the YSRCP leaders everywhere were becoming lawless and oppressive, Atchannaidu alleged that no action was taken in the Abdul Salam family suicide tragedy. Several such atrocities were committed against Muslims but the ruling party sought to protect the accused. As a responsible opposition party, the TDP was extending all its support and agitating on behalf of the oppressed sections, he added.

Atchannaidu accused the government of filing false cases and making false arrests of the TDP leaders who were just going to the rescue of the hapless victims of the YSRCP attacks.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS DELHI

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Delhi had recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 11.5 degrees Celsius last year, 10.5 degrees Celsius in 2018 and 7.6 degrees Celsius in 2017 in the month of November. The all-time record for the lowest minimum temperature in November is 3.9 degrees Celsius recorded on November 28, 1938.

Srivastava said icy cold winds blowing from snow-laden western Himalayas have led to a dip in the mercury. However, the minimum temperature will rise by two to three degrees Celsius in the next four to five days under the influence of a fresh Western Disturbance.

The minimum temperature this month, barring on November 16, has remained 2-3 degrees Celsius below normal in the absence of a cloud cover, according to IMD officials.

HC rejects plea to impose lockdown in Delhi

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It asked the counsel for the petitioner, Dr Kaushal Kant Mishra, whether she will withdraw the petition or should it be dismissed with costs.

Mishra’s lawyer, Pooja Dhar, agreed to withdraw the plea and sought liberty to move a representation before the appropriate authorities. The court, however, declined to grant any such liberty and said “petition is dismissed as withdrawn”.

Delhi government additional standing counsel Gautam Narayan, during the brief hearing, told the bench that there is specific direction from the central government to all states and Union Territories that no lockdown be imposed without its permission. He said the petitioner ought to have made the Central government a party in the matter as without its concurrence the Delhi government cannot impose a lockdown.

AP CM launches Abhayam passenger app for safety of women, girls

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He said that the Government had taken steps to set up special Disha courts and had stood by for women’s safety by launching the Disha app. The Chief Minister explained that women police have also been appointed in each village/ward secretariats across the state. The Abhayam app can be used for women to travel safely in autos and cabs and these devices would be installed in autos and cabs across the state, he said. The app will be monitored by the Transport Department. The total cost of this project is estimated at Rs 138.48 crore, where the Central government has allocated Rs 80.09 crore to the State under the Nirbhaya scheme. The state government has to allocate Rs 55.39 crore as its share. The Department of Transport aims to complete the project by November next year by phasing out tracking devices for luxury vehicles in the state. Initially, Internet of Things (IoT) devices will be set up in a thousand autos in Visakhapatnam. After that it will be implemented in Tirupati. Tracking devices will be installed in commercial vehicles.

The devices will be installed in 5,000 vehicles by February 1; 50,000 vehicles by July 1 and 1 lakh vehicles by November 31 next year. The installation project will be conducted until 2025. Those travelling in autos and cabs need to install the Abhayam mobile application on their mobile. Once they enter the vehicle, they have to scan the QR code affixed to the vehicle before boarding the vehicle. After the scan is done, the driver’s photo and vehicle details will be sent to the mobile. Women, who use smartphones, can find out the current location of their vehicle by GPS by sending the relevant vehicle number from the mobile app if they encounter any difficulties during their journey. Passengers, who do not have a smartphone can notify the Command Control Centre by pressing the panic button on the IoT device attached to the vehicle. Once the message is passed the cab or auto stops immediately. That immediately sends information to nearby police officers who can come for rescue. Radio Frequency Identity Technology (RFID) cards are fitted to drivers’ licences after IoT-based boxes are fitted to autos and cabs. These RFID licence cards can be initiated by swiping them on the IoT box fitted at the engines when the autos start. Home Minister M Sucharitha, Transport Commissioner P S R Anjaneyulu and other police officials were present.

China turns villages near LAC into military infra

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The integrated villages are essentially an extension of cantonments, close to the border areas. The aim of these integrated model villages is to ensure the co-existence of the military and civilian population at the frontier areas of the Tibetan Autonomous Region that is sparsely populated, sources say. These are newly-developed villages meant for settling civilians but that’s hardly happened.

Earlier, there were many reports of the existence of such facilities along the Line of Actual Control region months before the stand-off between the two sides began in May 2020. “Both the army and civilians can use it. The development also strengthens the claim over land in case of an escalation. They are extensions of military cantonments,” an official said. “If these were indeed meant for civilians, people would be residing here. But these integrated villages largely remain unoccupied,” said an official in the security establishment. Usually, these villages also have reconnaissance towers. China has already set up over two dozen of such integrated villages across the LAC, including in the eastern sector opposite Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Some of the earlier established villages are well-connected by newly-made Chinese four-lane roads. India has also adopted a policy of opening some of the places near the LAC for tourists. The new Chinese construction area, seen in the images about 9 kms to the east from the site of the 2017 India-China stand-off in the Doklam plateau, has now established how China - in the guise of the setting of civilians villages - is actually enhancing its military establishments close to the borders.

But the construction of the village is not the only feature of these images. New military storage bunkers, set up on the tactical heights confirm what the Indian agencies have suspected for long. China could be setting up a dual-use integrated village, designed to assist its military operations near the crucial Bhutan border.

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BIZ BRIEFS

Indian CEO to head UFI

AnbuVarathan, Director General & CEO, Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA) and Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) formally assumed office as the President of UFI, the global association of the exhibition industry, for 2020–21 as first Indian ever to occupy the top post of UFI in its 95 years of existence. During his tenure, Anbu would focus on UFI initiatives to revive the exhibition industry and extend all possible support to industry leaders besides urging stakeholders to be resilient to face future contingencies. “I’m extremely happy to assume the presidency of UFI and feel privileged to be the first Indian to get elected to this role in more than nine decades of UFI’s history. I wish to thank the UFI board for giving this opportunity to work with the global exhibition industry.”

BKT Tires partners IFL

Balkrishna Industries Ltd. (BKT Tires), has announced its partnership with four out of the eleven teams in the upcoming edition of the Indian Football League. The teams are ATK Mohun Bagan FC, Hyderabad FC, NorthEast United FC and SC East Bengal. The partnerships mark BKT’s maiden association with professional football in India ahead of Season 2020-2021 and symbolize yet another triumph in the sporting world. “Football is synonymous with bringing people together and inspiring character, something we deeply believe in at BKT. We, as a brand, have always passionately supported leading sports all over the world and it gives us great pleasure to be an integral part of such a grand football event in India.” Said Rajiv Poddar, Joint Managing Director, BKT.

Vahan sees biz growth

Vahan, a digital startup that uses novel WhatsApp-based virtual assistant to automate hiring of blue-collar workforce, saw a rapid surge in uptake of its technology solution by both job seekers and job providers looking to get connected, given its simplicity and speed in closing the entire transaction from prospecting to closure. Madhav Krishna, co-founder and CEO, Vahan, said: “Demand for blue-collar jobs which saw an overall dip during the covid lockdown has witnessed sharp recovery led by the delivery segment which include food as well as grocery delivery. This trend points to growing consumer optimism in India about Covid-19 economic recovery. At Vahan, we are leveraging the power of technology to create India’s employment exchange 2.0 that seamlessly connects employers and job seekers effectively, with speed and at an unprecedented scale.”

Sesame launches YouTube channel

The local arm of Sesame Workshop, non-profit media and educational organization behind the iconic US children’s television show Sesame Street, is launching brand new YouTube channels in Telugu and Hindi to bring educational content featuring the colourful and furry Muppets of Sesame Street to children across India. Sonali Khan, Managing Director of Sesame Workshop India, said: “Now more than ever, young children and families need quality early learning at home and the Sesame Street Muppets are here to help with the playfulness and humour for which the brand is known for around the world. With many children remaining out of school, our new YouTube channels will bring early learning to young children.”

ALLOWING CORPORATE HOUSES TO SET UP BANKS

Rajan-Acharya duo term it as ‘bombshell’

Say proposal is ‘best left on the shelf’

HOW CAN A BANK OWNED BY BORROWERS MAKE GOOD LOANS?

In-house banking system will result in exacerbating the concentration of economic/political power of select business houses

Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and ex-Deputy Governor Viral Acharya jointly wrote against RBI’s decision

Such practice will make it difficult to stop poor lending

It’s better to stick to the tried and tested limits on corporate involvement in banking

NPA problem reflects lack of supervision and sound regulation

Highly indebted and politically connected business houses will have the greatest incentive and ability to push for licenses

NEW DELHI

THE RBI working group’s proposal to allow corporate houses to set up banks is a ‘bombshell’ and at this juncture, it is more important to stick to the tried and tested limits on involvement of business houses in the banking sector, according to an article jointly written by former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and ex-Deputy Governor Viral Acharya.

They also said that the proposal is ‘best left on the shelf’. “The history of connected lending is invariably disastrous – how can the bank make good loans when it is owned by the borrower? Even an independent committed regulator, with all the information in the world, finds it difficult to be in every nook and corner of the financial system to stop poor lending,” the article said. Last week, an Internal Working Group (IWG) set up by the Reserve

Bank of India (RBI) made various recommendations, including that a large corporate may be permitted to promote banks only after necessary amendments to the Banking Regulations Act. The IWG was set up to review extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. Referring to the group’s proposal to allow Indian corporate houses into banking, the article said, “its most important recommendation, couched amidst a number of largely technical regulatory rationalisations, is a bombshell.”

“... it proposes to allow Indian corporate houses into banking. While the proposal is tempered with many caveats, it raises an important question: Why now?,” the article said. The article -- posted on Rajan’s LinkedIn profile on Monday -- noted that the IWG has suggested significant amendments to the Banking Regulation Act

of 1949, aimed at increasing the RBI’s powers, before allowing corporates houses into banking. “Yet if sound regulation and supervision were only a matter of legislation, India would not have an NPA problem. It is hard not to see these proposed amendments as a subtle way for the IWG to undercut a recommendation it may have had little power over. “In sum, many of the technical rationalisations proposed by the IWG are worth adopting, while its main recommendation -- to allow Indian corporate houses into banking -- is best left on the shelf,” they opined.

“Have we learnt something that allows us to override all the prior cautions on allowing industrial houses into banking? We would argue no. Indeed, to the contrary, it is even more important today to stick to the tried and tested limits on corporate involvement in banking,” the article said.

TIF hails KCR’s promise to support industry

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

Industrialists Federation (TIF) on Monday hailed the steps announced by Telangana Chief Minister and TRS president K Chandrasekhkar Rao in the GHMC election manifesto to help in the post-Covid recovery of the industry.

“The local industrial segment, especially SME & MSME, were badly affected by the corona crisis and the resultant harsh lockdown. TIF has on this occasion appealed to the Telangana for relief in the minimum electricity charges for LT & HT power. We are pleased to note this demand is being conceded by the CM and hope this positive step will benefit budding entrepreneurs & MSME industrialists,” K Sudhir Reddy, president, TIF said in a statement.

TIF expresses satisfaction with

K Sudhir Reddy

the abolition of MV Tax for transport vehicles for the period of March-September. Together with the relief of 50 per cent on property tax and 90 per cent reduction in late payment penalty, this should alleviate the burden of the distressed industrial segment, he added. TIF also welcomed the CM’s announcement of elevated ring roads and regional ring roads as connectivity will help improve industrial efficiency and usher in prosperity.

He further said that TIF remained committed to the all-round progress of Telangana State and will continue to work with the State government. TIF is a federation 30 industry associations and has hundreds of industrialists and entrepreneurs as members all over Telangana. TIF has been in the forefront of industrial progress particularly in SME/MSME segments.

Blackstone looks to raise \$5 bn for 2nd Asia fund

CATHY CHAN AND BALJU KALESH

BLACKSTONE Group Inc. is doubling down on Asia, seeking to raise at least \$5 billion for its second private equity fund focused on the region, people familiar with the matter said. The U.S. investment firm has started marketing the new vehicle to potential investors, according to the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private. It’s targeting more than double the size of its first Asia buyout fund, which closed at about \$2.3 billion in 2018.

Blackstone is raising ever-larger pools of capital as dislocations from the coronavirus pandemic offer up more deal opportunities. President Jon Gray has vowed to increase the proportion of Asian investment in its total business, which stood at just under 10 per cent two

years ago. The firm joins KKR & Co., which is in the process of raising at least \$12.5 billion for its next Asia fund. TPG, Warburg Pincus and Baring Private Equity Asia have also in recent years raised large amounts of money earmarked for investment in the region.

Blackstone could increase the size of its latest vehicle depending on the level of demand in the coming months, the people said. A Hong Kong-based spokeswoman at the firm declined to comment.

The buyout giant is betting global managers’ appetite for Asia will continue to increase as the region experiences a faster recovery from the pandemic than rest of the world. Deal flows have started to pick up and could accelerate going into 2021, as a number of transactions halted amid the spread of Covid-19 are expected to come back. China’s economy continued to recover in the third quarter as gross domestic product expanded 4.9 per cent keeping it on track to be the world’s only major growth engine. GDP growth in India is projected to rebound 8.8 per cent next year, after contracting 10.3 per cent in 2020, according to an International Monetary Fund forecast.

RIL, Future Group stocks rally on strong demand

NEW DELHI

SHARES of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) closed nearly 3 per cent higher on Monday after the Competition Commission approved the company’s proposed acquisition of retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing businesses of Future Group. Future Group stocks were also in heavy demand, rising up to 10 per cent. RIL shares rose 2.72 per cent to close at Rs 1,950.80 on the BSE.

During the day, it gained 3.72 per cent to Rs 1,970. On the NSE, it jumped 2.93 per cent to close at Rs 1,955.20. The company’s market valuation rose by Rs 34,892.12 crore to Rs 13,19,138.30 crore on the BSE. In terms of volume, 5.99 lakh shares were traded on the BSE, while over 2 crore shares were traded on the NSE during the day. Future Retail zoomed 9.95 per cent to Rs 79 - its upper circuit limit.

Rupee hits 2-week high

MUMBAI

THE rupee appreciated by 5 paise to settle at more than two-week high of 74.11 against the US dollar on Monday tracking positive domestic equities and weak American currency.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit traded in a narrow range as rising Covid-19 cases offset positive sentiments surrounding the progress on the vaccine front. AstraZeneca on Monday said that late-stage trials of its Covid-19 vaccine were “highly effective” in preventing disease. A vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford prevented 70 per cent of people from developing the coronavirus in late-stage trials.

The rupee opened at 74.12 against the US dollar and touched a high of 74.04 and a low of 74.22 in day trade. The rupee finally settled at 74.11 - the highest closing level since November 6 - with gains of 11 paise. On Friday, the local unit had settled at 74.16 against the greenback.

“Rupee traded in a range after

opening strong on back of weak dollar index. The tight range of 74.00-74.45 remains, on back of awaited stimulus deals from the US. crude prices scaling high give some support to USDINR as it keeps holding 74.00,” said Jateen Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst (Commodity & Currency) at LKP Securities.

Gold marginally up

Gold in the national capital witnessed muted trading and was marginally up by Rs 57 to Rs 49,767 per 10 gram on Monday, according to HDFC Securities.

2 injured in ORR accident

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SHAMSHABAD

TWO people were injured in a road accident that took place on the outer ring road on Monday. The people who sustained injuries were travelling from Gachibowli to Shamshabad in a car. As they reached near Kothwalguda, the car lost control and collided with a divider. RGIA police reached the spot and shifted the injured to a private hospital. Later, they filed a case and the investigation is on.

People will face problems with new Revenue Act in future: BJP

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KARIMNAGAR

THE rulers should lessen the burden of the people and try to solve their problems, but Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao is increasing their burden by introducing new Revenue Act, stated BJP Kisan Morcha national general secretary P Sugunakar Rao.

In a statement released here on Monday, he alleged that people will face a lot of problems and various issues pertaining to their own lands with the new Revenue Act in near future. With Dharani website, the government was trying to collect huge amounts from the people, he criticised. The revenue department was transformed into a corruption centre and instead of mending it, the TRS government introduced the new revenue system to loot the innocent people, he criticised.

Sugunakar Rao observed that there was a possibility of transferring land rights to others on Dharani online portal by some people with the help of their Aadhar card and with software skills. Anyone with technical and computer knowledge can transfer or sell the land and moreover, there is no platform to solve the issues which will arise in later



P Sugunakar Rao

cases, he pointed out.

“Seeking solutions and justice, people will approach courts and have to wait for years spending a lot of money which would be an extra burden to them. For every work like mutation, gift deed, heredit property people should shell extra money. The TRS government is trying to grab money from people and fill its treasure, which is totally unfair for the people, who voted it to come to power for the second time,” he criticised.

Sugunakar said that at least now the State government must rectify its mistakes and must design new Revenue Act properly, keeping in view of the welfare of people and must remove unscientific methods of registration process and must design it scientifically without giving any scope for irregularities, the Kisan Morcha leader demanded.

Anganwadi teachers, ayas to strike work on November 26



Anganwadi teachers and Ayas staging a protest in front of the ICDS office at Madnour mandal headquarters on Monday

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KAMAREDDY

ICDS Madnour Project Anganwadi Teachers and Ayas Union president Champabai and secretary R Anasuya said protests against the anti-labour and anti-employment policies implemented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be launched and his policies should be rolled back. Otherwise, left-wing secular forces will continue to fight until he was ousted from power, they stated.

Anganwadi workers released a wall poster urging the people to go on a nationwide strike on November 26 after staging a protest in front of the ICDS Project Office at Madnour mandal headquarters on Monday.

Champabai and Anasuya

urged workers, employees and teachers to make the nationwide strike against the anti-people policies of the Central government a big success. They alleged that in the past 2,400 people were recruited every year for civil service jobs but now the Modi-led BJP government at the Centre was not recruiting more than 700 new civil servants. They warned the Central government to stop attacking labourer, unorganised workers, farmers, weaker sections of people and the democratic system of constitutional rights. Anganwadi teachers and Ayas from Jukkal, Madnour, Bichkunda and Pedda Kodapagal mandals in large numbers took part in the protest in front of the ICDS project office at Madnour.

‘SHOW A ROAD SANS POTHOLE IN CITIES UNDER BJP RULE’

KTR offers Rs 10 lakh to Kishan in counter to latter’s offer of Rs 1 lakh on the issue

- What has the BJP govt done for TS, Hyd city in the last six years?
- He explains to realty sector what TRS has done to develop the city
- Keshavapuram water will see ensure no water problem in city till 2050
- A water grid along ORR to connect Krishna, Godavari and Manjeera.
- Already 28 km of work was completed and remaining in phases manner
- KTR asks builders to avoid constructions in water bodies, nalas
- Govt will demolish such structures without any notice, he cautions
- Real Estate Federation pledges support to TRS in the ensuing polls

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TRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Monday asked



TRS Working President and MAUD Minister KT Rama Rao speaking at a meeting of Telangana Builders Federation in Hyderabad on Monday

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy to show a road without potholes in any of the cities in the BJP-ruled States and get Rs 10 lakh from him.

The minister was speaking at a meeting of Telangana Builders Federation here on Monday. He continued his attack on Kishan Reddy. “The Union minister has said that the city roads were full of potholes and made a comment that

he would give Rs 1 lakh if there is no road with potholes. You are talking about Hyderabad... I challenge you... show me a road without potholes in any of the cities in the BJP-ruled states, I will give you Rs 10 lakh from my pocket,” said Rama Rao, adding it was easy to talk against people who do work.

The TRS leader questioned what the BJP had done for Hyderabad during the last six

years. “They have given nothing for Telangana and even Andhra Pradesh. When the foundation stone was laid for the capital city, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave mud and water in a pot,” said Rao. He questioned what had happened to the note ban. He said that the note ban had affected the economy. Because of the policies of the Centre, GDP was minus 31 per cent and Indian economy was lower than Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Stating that the voters of the city should come forward to vote as the voting percentage was pathetic in the city in previous elections. The TRS leader asked the builders fraternity to have discussions before voting as to what the government had done during the last six years.

Stating that no tonic would work now and the city needed a surgery, Rao said that the government would bring a stringent GHMC Act in January or February. He said that the new Act would provide the government the right to demolish the houses built on the nalas or lakes. He also asked the realtors to be cautious on the constructions in water bodies.

Rao said that many had

raised doubts about the situation in Telangana, power problems etc. “One said Hyderabad will go to dogs... one said we can’t run the administration. TRS could not get a grip on the Rangareddy district initially because of a campaign that Real Estate will dip down,” said Rao.

Listing out the programmes being taken up in the city, Rao said that the government was bringing a dedicated drinking water reservoir Keshavapuram to cater to the needs of the city people and once it comes there will be no water problem till 2050. There is also a plan to have a water pipeline grid along the Outer Ring Road connecting all the resources like Krishna, Godavari and Manjeera. Already 28 km of work was completed and remaining would be completed in a phased manner. The Real Estate Federation pledged support to the ruling party in the ensuing Greater Hyderabad elections. The minister thanked the gesture by the Telangana Builders Federation. He promised to solve the problems of Builders after the elections by having a meeting with them along with higher officials.

TRS manifesto a bundle of lies: Shabbir

Senior Congress leader Mohammad Ali Shabbir slams TRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for failing to keep the electoral promises which his party made during earlier polls

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HYDERABAD

CONGRESS leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir ridiculed the TRS manifesto for GHMC elections, released by Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and called it a bundle of lies.

Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, Shabbir Ali said that K Chandrashekar Rao has a long history of making false promises during elections and added that the TRS government never fulfilled the electoral promises which it has been making since 2014. He said that the list of unfulfilled promises made by Chandrashekar Rao was too long and people should not trust him or the TRS government.

Citing examples, Shabbir Ali said that the TRS government had promised developing Hyderabad



akin to Dallas and Old City to Istanbul, shifting of Chanchalguda jail and Hyderabad Race Course from Malakpet, execution of ITIR region, transforming Hyderabad into a software hub like Silicon Valley, a hardware hub like Shanghai, establishment of Technology Development Bank, Hyderabad as

Wifi City, shifting of military installations in Secunderabad Cantonment and other parts, cleaning of Hussain Sagar lake, New ‘Vinayak Sagar’ near Indira Park, world’s tallest building at Sanjeevaiah Park, skyscraper zone at 40 locations around Hussain Sagar lake, elevated corridors, skyways and multi-level grade separators, signal-free city, Bangkok traffic model, slum-free city and another airport in the northern part of Hyderabad. Before asking people to trust the new promises, KCR must explain whether all old promises have been fulfilled or not.

He also pointed out that the TRS government, immediately after coming to power in 2014, had promised to spend Rs 30,000 crore for development of Hyderabad. However, not even Rs 10,000 crore were spent in the last seven years, the Congress leader said.

Thunderstorms with lightning to lash State for 3 days

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HYDERABAD

THE Met department on Monday warned of thunderstorms with lightning lashing very likely at isolated places over Telangana on November 25, 26 and 27. It said heavy rain forecast at isolated places in the State. Extremely heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places on November 26, the forecast stated.

According to the bulletin, the rain in likely because of Sunday’s low pressure area over the south-west and adjoining south-east Bay of Bengal concentrated into a depression at 2.30 am on November 23. It moved north-westwards and lay centred At 8.30 am over the SW and adjoining SE Bay, about 550 km east-south-east of Puducherry and 590 km south-east of Chennai. It is very likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm during next 24 hours.

The bulletin said the cyclonic storm is very likely to move north-westwards and cross the Tamil Nadu and

Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and Mamallapuram around November 25 afternoon as a severe cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph.

Meanwhile, the night temperatures registered a marked fall by 4.1 degrees Celsius or less at one or two places across Telangana during the last 24 hours ending at 8.30 am on Monday. They fell appreciably ranging from 2.1 to 4 deg C in some parts of the State.

The bulletin said the minimum temperatures were appreciably above normal by 3.1 to 5 deg C at a few places. They were appreciably above normal by 3.1 to 5 deg C in some parts of the State.

Rainfall of 1 cm occurred at isolated places. The lowest minimum temperature of 13.7 degrees Celsius was recorded in Adilabad. The other recordings elsewhere in the State were: Medak 15.8, Ramagundam 16.4, Dundigal 17.3, Hanamkonda 17.5, Hakeempet 18.2, Hyderabad 18.6, Nizamabad 18.9, Bhadrachalam 19.4, Nalgonda 20.6, Mahbubnagar 21.6, Khammam 22.6.

Kavitha asks BJP MP to know facts & speak

“We Hyderabadis care only and only about development. Tell what you have done for Hyderabad and how much flood relief you have provided to the city of Hyderabad,” she asks Tejasvi Surya

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MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Monday asked BJP MP Tejasvi Surya to be more careful while speaking about Hyderabad and also advised him to be more responsible.

Speaking to reporters during the campaign at Gandhi Nagar, Kavitha slammed Tejasvi Surya

for his remarks on Hyderabad and said the young leader should be more responsible while making the comments. “We belong to the city which respects the culture and lifestyle of everyone. Hyderabad is now a destination for global giants like Amazon, Google. Hyderabad has changed a lot, yes in terms of infrastructure, road connectivity, power supply and drinking water,” she said.

She said that today Amazon was investing Rs 20,000 crore in the city and asked the BJP leader, “Don’t you know why giants prefer Hyderabad? It is because of the efficient leadership of CM K Chandrashekar Rao and Minister KT Rama Rao,” she said.

Kavitha said that the gentleman from Bengaluru should understand that Hyderabad is a city which respects the culture and lifestyle of everyone. “We Hyderabadis

care only and only about development. Tell what you have done for Hyderabad and how much flood relief you have provided to the city of Hyderabad,” she questioned him.

TRS will win 99 seats

Lambasting Union Minister Prakash Javadekar, Kavitha said TRS owes no explanation to the

BJP that always follows the template of leveling allegations against other parties where they are not in force. Javadekar called for a ‘chargesheet’ to be published against the GHMC, which is actually controlled by the TRS. Kavitha further claimed that TRS is a duly elected government and it would mean challenging the mandate of citizens to level such allegations against the group.

When the Centre released over Rs 600 crore for Karnataka, the same was seen during floods and nothing was granted to Hyderabad. Telangana and its people were not helped by the BJP. Hyderabad will not support the BJP in the upcoming GHMC elections, she said.

Kavitha said that with a greater number and passing the 99 seat mark, the people of GHMC would put the TRS back to power.



‘Everyone should be aware of POCSO Act’

ADILABAD

DISTRICT Collector Sikta Patnaik said everyone should be aware of the POCSO Act, which came into force in 2012. After inaugurating orientation programme for hostel welfare officers at BC Study Circle here on Monday, the Collector said not only hostel welfare officers, but every employee working in government hostels, schools and government offices should know the details of POCSO Act. She suggested that every employee and general public must wear mask and follow social distance in view of corona pandemic. Sakhi Centre administrator Yashoda suggested a law should be brought to protect girls and women. She explained that those who sexually assaults, incites and carry out indecent assaults would be sentenced to seven years of imprisonment under the law. Awareness programmes and



District Collector Sikta Patnaik speaking at an orientation programme for hostel welfare officers at BC Study Circle in Adilabad on Monday

publicity campaigns were being conducted to explain the POCSO Act to everyone. A backward welfare officer, Ashanna said that they are conducting awareness programmes on POCSO Act for welfare officers of hostels following the orders of the Welfare Commissioner.

BABU MOHAN EXUDES CONFIDENCE IN BJP WINNING GHMC POLLS

The BJP leader says that recent sensational Dubbaka result will be repeated in GHMC elections, to herald the downfall of TRS in the State

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TIRUPATI

BJP leader from Telangana State Babu Mohan was confident of his party winning the GHMC election, as the voters were disillusioned with the TRS government works. After darshan of Lord Venkateswara, Babu Mohan held a press conference at the residence of Jalli Madhusudan on Monday. While addressing the media, Babu Mohan said that the miserable failure of TRS government coming to the rescue of people during the recent floods due to heavy rains added to the

change in the mood of people, especially the youth keen on teaching a fitting lesson to the family rule of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, will see the BJP capturing GHMC elections. Replying to a question, he said that it is true that the hold of MIM on the members of Muslim community remains intact, but most people including the weaker sections are not ready to vote for TRS in the GHMC elections, he added. He further said that recent sensational Dubbaka result will be repeated in the GHMC election to herald the downfall of TRS in the State.



BJP leader Babu Mohan addressing media in Tirupati on Monday

Hyd seal clinical win over Odisha

BAMBOLIM (GOA)

HYDERABAD FC set off their Hero Indian Super League campaign with a 1-0 win over Odisha FC at the GMC Athletic Stadium, here on Monday.

Hyderabad FC exploited the young OFC defences to good advantage, with only a lone goal staring like a mirage. Odisha's skipper handled the ball inadvertently inside his team's box, conceding a penalty kick. Aridane Santana made best use of the penalty to earn the team lead in the 35th minute.

Hyderabad showcased complete control in the first 45. Odisha FC came back fairly strong after the break and it looked like they would equalise. They missed on a couple of close opportunities but Hyderabad later put the plug on any further adventures.

Liston Colaco was exceptional and almost made it two goals for Hyderabad. But they would be happy nonetheless. The first-ever clean sheet for them, along with 3 points.



Aridane Santana celebrates with HFC teammates after scoring against OFC in match 4 of ISL 7 at the GMC Athletic Stadium, Bambolim on Monday

Adil Khan named Hyd FC captain

BAMBOLIM (GOA)

INDIA international Adil Khan was on Monday named captain of Hyderabad FC for the ongoing Indian Super League.

The 32-year-old Khan, who plays as a defender as well as a defensive

mid-fielder, has earned over 10 caps for India since making his debut in 2012. He is known for his equalising header from a corner in India's 1-1 draw against Bangladesh in a 2022 World Cup qualifying round match in front of a packed Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata last year.

Hyderabad FC coach Manolo Marquez also announced former India goalkeeper Subrata Paul, Spanish striker Aridane Santana and Brazilian Joao Victor as his

other captains who will fill in the leadership role in the absence of Khan.

"Adil will be joined by Aridane Santana, Subrata Paul and Joao Victor who form the leadership group and have been announced as the second, third and fourth captains respectively," a release from Hyderabad FC said. On the field, the leadership group will follow the sequence, where in the absence of the first captain from action, the armband will be worn by the next captain in order.

"It's a massive responsibility to be named captain of Hyderabad FC, but it's one I will relish. We have been working hard so far in preseason under our coaches and it's time now for action," said Khan who has been named as a captain of a team for the first time in his career.

"It's going to be a challenging season, but all of us at Hyderabad FC are ready," he added. Adil, who joined Hyderabad FC in the club's debut ISL season, has signed a three-year extension till 2023 back in January. (PTI)

Today's match
Jamshedpur FC vs Chennaiyin FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium 7.30pm

Suryakumar should've made cut in Indian team for Aus tour: Lara

NEW DELHI

WEST Indies legend Brian Lara has termed Suryakumar Yadav "a class player" and feels that the 30-year-old should have been a part of the India squad for the upcoming series against Australia, which begins this Friday.

Yadav was one of the shining stars for Mumbai Indians in their successful campaign at Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020, scoring 480 runs for the five-time champions. However, despite his great form, he failed to find favour with the national selectors and wasn't included in any of the three squads which will be competing against Australia.

"Yeah, definitely. He's a class player. I don't just look at players that score runs, I look at their



technique, capabilities under pressure, positions that they're batting and for me, Suryakumar Yadav has done such a wonderful job for Mumbai," Lara said while speaking on Star Sports show Cricket Connected.

"He comes to bat on the back of Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock and every time, they are under pressure, he comes in at number three. Just remember, your number batsman, other than the openers, the number three batsman in any cricket team is normally your best player, your most reliable player. And for me, he has been that for Mumbai Indians and I see no reason why, looking at the squad, he can't be a part of it," he added.

The Australian tour is scheduled to commence with the three ODIs at the Sydney Cricket Ground (Nov. 27, 29) and Manuka Oval, Canberra (December 2). That will be followed by the three-match T20I series at Manuka Oval, Canberra (December 4) and the SCG (Dec. 6, 8).

After that, India will begin the defence of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with the pink-ball Test in Adelaide from December 17. (IANS)



Want to fulfill my father's dream of making India proud: Siraj

Sydney: Despite losing his "biggest supporter", fast bowler Mohammed Siraj is now focussed to fulfill his late father's wish to represent Team India and perform well in the upcoming series against Australia. Siraj's father passed away on Friday and the Indian pacer decided to stay with the Indian Test team in Australia, even though the Indian cricket board offered him fly back home. "It is a very big loss for me because he was my biggest supporter. My father's wish was to see me play for India and make the nation proud. Now, all I want to do is fulfill my father's dream," Siraj told bcci.tv on Monday. "Even though my father is no more in this world, he is still with me in my heart. I talked to my mother who reminded me of my father's dream and encouraged me to perform well for Team India," he said. (IANS)

When Chappell lost his leg-stump off a 'bouncer'

NEW DELHI

THERE was an element of luck when India drew their first-ever series in Australia in 1981, with the surface playing a key role in helping the team defend 142 and winning the Melbourne Test.

Former India fast bowler Karsan Ghavri, now in his 70th year, recalls the pitch and tells IANS, "Many times you work hard, you don't win. But sometimes the wicket helps, plays tricks and results fall your way."

While Kapil Dev was the hero, Ghavri got the prized wicket of Greg Chappell, who ranks alongside Ricky Ponting as the greatest batsman Australia has produced since Donald Bradman.

"We were all out after tea and had set a target of 143 for them to win. As soon as we entered the field, Sunil Gavaskar, the India captain instructed the bowlers to stick to accuracy. He said ac-

curacy was the key on a wicket that was so bad, with such big cracks that you didn't know where the ball would go after bouncing."

Ghavri got rid of John Dyson but the next man in was Chappell.

"Before Greg came in, Gavaskar asked me to bowl a bouncer the first ball so I tried to dig it in. But somehow the ball must have pitched on one of those cracks and never rose. He was preparing for a short-pitched delivery but that particular delivery never came up, keeping very low. His leg-stump was exposed and the ball took the leg-stump and he was out the first ball," recalls Ghavri.

Aussies ended Day Four at 24 for three.

From thereon, Kapil Dev, who had not taken the field on the fourth day due to injury, took over and ran through the Aussies on the fifth day after taking pain-killing injections. The all-rounder picked five for 28. Ghavri did not bowl a single over on

the final day as Kapil and Dilip Doshi bowled out the hosts for 83.

Ghavri calls Chappell, who later coached the Indian team, as someone who would never get bogged down.

"He was a very aggressive player, not afraid to play his shots. He used to accelerate, get more runs and was not scared to play his shots. He accelerated so quickly, getting bogged down was not in his book, every ball was a single, every loose delivery was a boundary. Initially, he would try to dominate the attack, be the king on the pitch," he added.

"But he was shaky with short deliveries at the start. Once he settled down, he was a compulsive hooker. If he settled down, he would go for a hook shot. And invariably, he'll hit you for a four or a six. But he has also got out many times on that," explained Ghavri.

That is why the Indians thought of attacking him with a short-pitched delivery first up.

"Any batsman in the world, be it Gavaskar, Geoffrey Boycott, Viv Richards or Brian Lara, he will be shaky initially, for the first two-three runs, as they all want to get off the mark. No one wants to get out on zero and that is the best time to attack them."

The idea was right and it paid off even though it came with some help from the surface. (IANS)

ATP Finals

Medvedev battles past Thiem to lift crown

LONDON

RUSSIA'S Daniil Medvedev won the ATP Finals, the biggest title of his career so far, after getting past US Open champion Dominic Thiem in a thrilling three-set summit clash.

On Sunday, the Russian fourth seed defeated Thiem 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-4 after two hours and 43 minutes to become the first player to beat each of the men who were numbered 1-3 in the season-ending championship -- and only the fourth to do it at any tour event in the past 30 years.

"I always said before this tournament that it would be an amazing story if, here in London, where the tournament was for (12) years, that the first champion would be Russian and the last champion would be Russian, too," Medvedev said after the match as per the ATP Tour website.

The 24-year-old is the first player from his country to win the year-end championships since Nikolay Davydenko in 2009.

"A lot of thanks to Nikolay Davydenko for being an inspiration for many kids (like) me (by) winning here. I hope to continue doing his job," said Medvedev.

Thiem, seeded third, did well to save the first eight break points he faced in the match, using his defense and power from

the baseline. However, he flirted with danger way too often and was unable to recover against the Russian.

"I think it was the toughest victory in my life because Dominic is a really tough player to play. I think today he was at his best," Medvedev said. "Maybe it's not the case, but that's

what I felt during the match. He was really close to winning it (in the) second set. I managed to stay there."

Thiem was trying to become the first player from his country to win the ATP Finals in singles or doubles. It is the second consecutive year he has suffered a heartbreaking loss at The O2. Last season, Stefanos Tsitsipas had defeated him in a final-set tie-break for the trophy.

"Of course, I am disappointed, but at the same time I am also proud of the performance of all the week. Daniil really deserved it," Thiem said after the match. (IANS)



Daniil Medvedev of Russia holds up the winners trophy as confetti falls after defeating Dominic Thiem of Austria in the final of the ATP World Finals tennis match at the ATP World Finals tennis tournament at the O2 arena in London

Varatan, Alva, Madesh win National Karting C'ship titles

BENGALURU

COIMBATORE'S Suriya Varatan and Bangalore duo Ruhaan Alva and Ishaan Madesh emerged champions in the Meco-FMSCI National Karting C'ship (X30 Classes).

This is the first national championship to be successfully completed in the country since the

Covid-19 pandemic in March. Suriya, who began the fifth and final round with 138 points, had to be satisfied with the third position in the Senior Category over Saturday-Sunday. But that was good enough to give him a totally tally of 161 points and the coveted championship.

Chennai's Nirmal Umashankar put up a game

fight but had to settle for the second position (142) after managing 31 points and a second place in the last round. Bangalore's Rishon Rajeev was the winner of this round with three wins and one second place.

Ruhaan Alva put up another stellar show among the Juniors to clinch the title with utmost ease. Alva and city mate Ro-

haan Madesh won two races apiece and finished second in two races apiece this weekend to garner 37 points each.

But Alva had sealed the title in the previous round itself and went home with an overall score of 184. Rohaan Madesh finished with 143. Rohaan's brother, Ishaan Madesh, clinched the Cadet title. (IANS)

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