

Womenia

DONNING A DIVINE ROLE

RADHIKA RAJAMANI

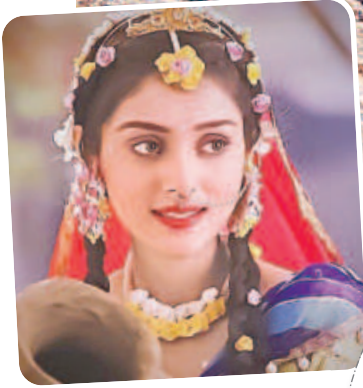
MALLIKA Singh has been playing Radha in the serial “Radhakrishn” with elegance since two years. She was signed for the role when she was still in school. Just out of her teens, Mallika has displayed utmost grace while getting into the skin of the character. Her chemistry with Sumedh Mudgalkar, who plays Krishna, has been the main attraction of the show. While both actors are young to play these ‘divine’ roles they have carried them with maturity and felicity.

While the shoot is on at Umargaon one was able to pin down Mallika to talk about her role and herself. Mallika got into acting while in school and signed the role of Radha.

“My maternal aunt (Sonia Singh) is in the field. She has done a lot of serials. I used to get inspired looking at her as I have been seeing her on television since childhood. When I visited Mumbai during vacations I used to visit her sets. I got interested in acting then,” she says.

Mallika was into dance before she took up acting. “My mother is a classical Kathak dancer and choreographer. I used to follow her from childhood and also learnt a bit from her. I was crazy about hip-hop also. My mother was interested that I pick up classical dance and go ahead but I was not so interested in it. I used to participate in school programmes. I used to go with my mother on tours from childhood and explore new things.”

Although Mallika gave the audition for Radha’s role in “RadhaKrishn” the serial went on the floors in 2018 (it began to be telecast in July 2018). She did not expect getting this role. “It was unexpected. I



Mallika Singh as Radha in Radhakrishn

Mallika made her TV debut in 2018 with a Star Bharat’s serial “Radhakrishn”, she got selected for the role of Radha opposite Sumedh Mudgalkar (playing as Krishna). She talks about her plans and more...

did not know acting and I felt the audition was not good. The production house (Swastik) wanted a certain character and I fitted that. Then the production house trained us on a lot of things.”

Sumedh and Mallika share a crackling chemistry, both are exceptional in their roles. “Lot of work has been done to build this chemistry which people love, particularly by Swastik Productions. The teams have put in double effort more than us. Two years have passed. We all are staying together in Umargaon. The chemistry developed over time.”

Mallika has been donning Radha’s costume for more than 2

years now and she sees the change after wearing the costume. She has picked up positive points in the process from the serial. Mallika has to portray many shades of emotions from calmness, serenity, anger etc. and keep herself mentally and physically fit.

Mallika has been acting day in and day out for the last two years. Whenever she gets some free time she sleeps or goes to the beach in Umargaon with her mother, aunt and sometimes with the co-actors. She feels an actor has to learn everything and be prepared to face challenges. Mallika learnt, gymnastics and taekwondo besides dance.

“My journey so far as an actor has been very good. In any actor’s or human being’s life there are new things, new challenges. I have learnt a lot. After Radha, Mallika would like to do something which is challenging, different and good. I have not thought very deeply about it. I want people to accept me in various roles and not just as Radha,” she ends the interview.

TWEET PATROL

TAAPSEE PANNU @TAAPSEE
YES we all are happy and ‘hopeful’ but what grabs my attention most of all is the ‘record turnout’
This election generated the highest voter turnout rate in 12 decades !!!
Sheer display of the power of democracy, that when the public decides to take control, history is made.

Be a stylish women

BETWEEN balancing career, family, and finding time for ourselves, stepping out the door with style every day can seem impossible—but it’s not! Here are some tips for unlocking the next level of style.

Plan it out

You can’t plan for everything, but don’t let your mornings catch you off-guard. Just like you’d plan a week’s worth of meals on a Sunday if you’re trying to save time, give outfit planning a shot to make way for stress-free mornings and outfit-regret-free days.

Seek out inspiration

Find stylish women to follow—whether it’s your favorite Instagram style star or your sister’s best

friend’s cousin. Discover fashionistas whose style inspires you, then use their photos as inspiration.

Are you in doubt

If you’re ever on the fence about what to wear, consider your destination and who you’ll see. When in doubt, err on the side of being more dressy. If you’re worried about looking too done-up, bring along a casual layer like a jean or cargo jacket to give your look that effortless chic touch.

Step out of your comfort zone

It never hurts to try something new. Whether that includes a bright new hue that stands out from your usual neutral palette, or shifting from skinny jeans to a boyfriend silhouette, great style is built from trying new things. Who knows what trends you might discover you love.

Always accessorize

Try to wear at least one accessory, whether it’s a statement necklace, a pop-color bag or a great pair of earrings. A solid statement piece can take an ensemble from ho-hum to a stand-out in seconds.

Craft a capsule wardrobe

A stylist’s not-so-secret secret weapon is a capsule wardrobe. A closet full of items that can be mixed and matched with ease can take the guesswork out of your morning. Invest in classics that will last a lifetime, like a great pair of jeans, a simple LBD and timeless jewelry.

Get to know your body shape

The golden rule of stylish women? Fit first. With that, getting to know your body shape is key. Consider yourself a petite pear shape and prefer to highlight your shoulders? Build your closet with clothes that put the spotlight on your shape and favorite features.

Age is just a number

When it comes to trying a new trend or rocking a piece that catches your eye, don’t allow that number to prevent you from trying something new. 62 and looking to rock a pair of boyfriend jeans? Try it! 22 and wanting to shift into a buttoned-up, business-first closet? Button it up!



OIL CLEANSING FOR SUPER SMOOTH SKIN

OIL cleansing sounds like a cardinal sin to a sensible skin care regimen. We’ve all heard the warning that only oil-free products will keep our skin clear and gorgeous.

Now, cleansing the face with oil is going mainstream. Even well-known companies like Neutrogena have an oil cleanser in their product lineup. Many women have turned to oil cleansing as a way to gently remove makeup, soothe sensitive skin, and tame unrelenting breakouts.

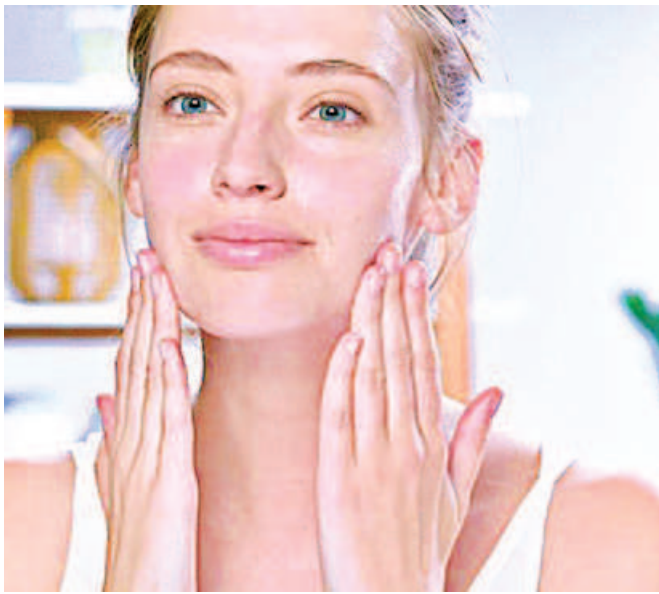
Using oils instead of traditional soap or detergent cleansers can also help protect the natural lipid layer of the skin and the good bacteria that live there.

For many people, cleansing brings to mind foamy lather and rinsing. Oil cleansing can

include both, but for the most part it’s done with pure oils and a washcloth dampened with warm water. Some women, particularly those who adhere to a K-beauty regimen, will also follow their oil cleanse with a gentle face wash to remove any oil residue.

K-beauty is short for Korean beauty, an umbrella term for Korean skin care products and techniques that have become popular in the United States.

Makeup removers often include oil because it’s well-suited for lifting oil-free, oil-based, and waterproof formulas off the skin and lashes. Traditional cleansers can irritate the skin, cause excessive dryness, exacerbate acne trusted source, and ultimately result in the skin over-producing oil after washing. Oil



cleansing, on the other hand, can help balance the skin and

lock in hydration. Oils used for cleansing may also have heal-

ing properties, important nutrients, or other skin-boosting benefits.

Now that so many brands have added an oil cleanser to their line, you have the option of buying a premixed version formulated for your skin type or making your own. Premade oil cleansers are easy to find online and in most drugstores and beauty stores. If you have acne-prone skin, look for products that say they are non-comedogenic to ensure that they won’t clog your pores.

The oils most commonly used in DIY recipes are olive oil and castor oil. Most recipes recommend starting with a 1:1 ratio of these two oils. Then increase the amount of olive oil for dry skin or castor oil for oily, acne-prone skin. Olive oil is rich in vitamins and antioxi-

dants and is important for hydration. Castor oil is antibacterial and acts like an astringent cleaner because of the astringent action, castor oil can cause skin drying.

That said, you can use other oils in the basic recipe above, depending on your skin’s needs. For instance, you may want to use jojoba oil if you have oily or acne-prone skin, instead of olive oil, since it’s been shown to help reduce acne and balance oil production. Or you may add avocado oil for extra moisture if you have dry skin.

Basic oil cleanse

Put 1 to 2 teaspoons of oil in the palm of your hand. For dry skin, start with a 1/2 teaspoon of olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon of castor oil. For acne-prone or

oily skin, start with a 1/2 teaspoon of jojoba and a 1/2 teaspoon of castor oil. Apply the oil to your dry face. Use your fingertips to gently massage the oil into the skin for a minute or two to remove impurities like makeup and dead skin cells, and let it penetrate the skin. Use a damp, warm washcloth to gently wipe away the oil.

Be careful not to press too hard or scrub at your skin, as this can irritate the skin and cause breakouts. A smooth, soft washcloth is best. You can also rinse with warm water if you want some of the oil to stay on your skin. Your face should be hydrated when you’re done, but not greasy or overly irritated from wiping it down. Pat dry with a towel and apply moisturizer if you feel you need it.

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SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 7

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- ___ out : obliterates or obscures ? (6)
- Limp (6)
- Salary (3)
- Well-known (5)
- Midge (4)
- Manservant (5)
- Risky or dubious (5)
- African tongue (5)
- She sheep (4)
- "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric) (5)
- Hint (3)
- Crowd together (6)
- Whalebone (6)
- Atop (4)
- Certify, approve (8)
- Japanese car manufacturer (6)

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- Car safety device (3,3)
- Oman’s capital (6)
- Wiles, skills (4)
- Silly talk (7)
- What Thomas will surely do, idiomatically speaking ? (5)
- Questioned, inquired or invited (5)
- Father (4)
- Outer space as viewed from the earth (3)
- Automated online program (3)
- Let (5)
- Bits and pieces of true information (5)
- First prime minister of India (5)
- Wine (Fr.) (3)
- Monetary unit of Romania (3)
- Spent time in idleness (7)
- Naughty (3)
- Commendation (6)
- Suppose (4)
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SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 7

NEWS ROUNDUP

Kajal Aggarwal gives a sneak peek into her honeymoon

AFTER making headlines with her wedding in October, actress Kajal Aggarwal is now holidaying with her husband, Gautam Kitchlu, in Maldives.

On Sunday, Kajal took to her Instagram and shared a series of pictures from her honeymoon.

From posing against the backdrop of the azure blue waters of the Indian Ocean along with Gautam to flaunting her red dress, Kajal’s pictures are surely a feast for the eyes.

In one of the images, she showed her “beach essentials”.

On October 6, Kajal had updated her fans about her wedding.

“It gives me immense joy to share that I am getting married to Gautam Kitchlu, on October 30, 2020 in Mumbai, in a small, private ceremony surrounded by our immediate families. This pandemic has certainly shed a sobering light on our joy, but we are thrilled to start our lives together and know that all of you will be cheering us on in spirit. I thank you for all the love you have showered upon me over the years and we seek your blessings as we embark upon this incredible new journey. I will still continue doing what I cherish the most - entertaining my audience - now, with a whole new purpose and meaning. Thank you for your unending support,” she had written.



Trump fights to find a graceful exit

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump never admits defeat. But he faces a stark choice now that Democrat Joe Biden has won the White House: Concede gracefully for the sake of the nation or don't — and get evicted anyway.

After nearly four tortured days of counting yielded a victory for Biden on Saturday, Trump was still insisting the race was not over. He threw out baseless allegations of voter fraud, promised a flurry of legal action and fired off all-caps tweets falsely insisting he'd "WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT."

Trump is not expected to ever formally concede, according to people close to him, but is likely to grudgingly vacate the White House at the end of his term. His ongoing efforts to paint the election as unfair are seen both as an effort to soothe a bruised ego and to show his loyal base of supporters that he is still fighting. That could be key to keeping them energised for what comes next. "He intends to fight," Trump economic adviser Larry Kudlow said as it was becoming clear that the president was headed



People carry a banner through Black Lives Matter Plaza while celebrating president-elect Joe Biden's win over President Donald Trump in Washington

for defeat. Would Trump ever concede? "I doubt it," said Trump's longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone, whom the president recently pardoned.

As a result, Stone said, Biden will have "a cloud over his presidency with half the people in the country believing that he was illegitimately elected." Allies suggested that if Trump wants to launch a media empire in coming years, he has an incentive to prolong the drama. So, too, if he intends to keep the door open to a possible 2024 comeback — he would be only a year older

than Biden is now.

There are many in his inner circle egging him on, including his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani. The former New York mayor has been promising to provide the president with evidence of voter fraud but has produced little, including during a press conference he held Saturday in the parking lot of a small Philadelphia landscaping company next to an adult bookstore. Trump's adult sons, Donald Jr. and Eric, have also urged their father to keep fighting and challenged Republicans to stand with them.

Other political allies and White House officials, however, have pressed Trump to change his tone and commit to a smooth transition. They've emphasized to him that history will be a harsh judge of any action he takes that is seen as undermining his successor. And they have advised him to deliver a speech in the coming week pledging to support the transition.

Trump senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner has told others that he has urged the president to accept the outcome of the race — even if Trump won't come to terms with how it was reached.

At Fox News, where prime-time hosts wield enormous influence over Trump, Laura Ingraham gave voice to the President's belief that the election had been unfair, while also pleading with him to keep his legacy in mind — and preserve his status as a GOP kingmaker — by gracefully leaving office. "If and when it's time to accept an unfavorable outcome in this election, and we hope it never comes, President Trump needs to do it with the same grace and composure that he demonstrated at that town hall with Savannah Guthrie," she said.



Artist Jagjit Singh Rubal paints portraits of the 46 US Presidents to mark Joe Biden's victory in US Presidential elections, in Amritsar

CELEBRATIONS ERUPT IN TN VILLAGE

Kamala Harris pays tribute to her Indian mom

CHENNAI

THE ancestral villages of US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris in Tamil Nadu on Sunday erupted in joy over the Democrat senator's elevation and ushered in an early Deepavali with firecrackers and sweets to celebrate her win.

The joy of locals in Thulasenthirapuram and Painganadu villages in the Cauvery delta district of Tiruvallur knew no bounds as they rejoiced the victory of "the woman of our house".

The villagers had earlier held special prayers for Harris's win and celebrated it with much fanfare on Sunday. The locals celebrated 56 year-old Harris's win by bursting crackers and distributing sweets.

A local at Painganadu who drew a large 'kolam' (rangoli) was all smiles when she hailed the victory of the "woman of our house." The colourful 'kolam' hailed Harris as the 'pride' of the village. The villagers had already kept the crackers ready in anticipation of Harris's win, even as the people were proud that their villages happen to be

Biden to back India's bid for UNSC

THE Biden administration will place high priority on strengthening the Indo-US relationship by pushing India to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council, continuing co-operation on terrorism, climate change, health and trade, according to a policy paper released by the Biden campaign during the presidential election.

the native place of the grandparents of Kamala Harris.

Kamala Harris paid tribute to her Indian mother. "I'm grateful to the woman most responsible for my presence here today, my mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris. When she came here from India at the age of 19, she maybe didn't imagine this moment. But she believed so deeply in America where moment like this is possible," Kamala Harris said.

"I am thinking about her and gener-

Had told Kamala she's going to win: Uncle

SOAKING in the moment of glory, Gopalan Balachandran, maternal uncle of Senator Kamala Harris, on Saturday night said he told her niece a day earlier that she was "going to win" to become the next US vice president. Delhi-based Balachandran said he was feeling "proud and happy", describing Harris as a fighter.

ations of women, black women, Asian, White, Latina, Native American women who throughout our nation's history have paved the way for this moment tonight," the 57-year-old said to loud cheering at an outdoor rally in Joe Biden's home city of Wilmington, Delaware.

Kamala Harris is the daughter of an Indian immigrant and a Jamaican-born father. She is a Christian, but also attended Hindu temples with her mother.

Jofra's 6-yr-old tweet on Biden goes viral

NEW DELHI



AS soon as it was announced that Joe Biden has defeated Donald Trump to win the 2020 US Elections and will become the next American president, netizens began searching for 'that' tweet from England cricketer Jofra Archer who has been known to be good with prophecies.

From "predicting" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 21-day curfew amid the Covid-19 pandemic to foretelling the Super Over in 2019 World Cup final, Archer has a knack in that department. And soon after Democrat Biden emerged as the new US President, one of Archer's tweet from 2014 started making rounds on the micro-blogging website. So what was his six-year-old tweet? "Joe" -- it was made on October 4, 2014.

"JOFRA KNOWS. HOW? EVERY DAMN TIME," tweeted one of the users while mentioning the above tweet from the tearaway pacer. "Jofra predicted this 6 years back #PresidentElect #JoeBiden," said another. "Did Jofra Archer call the 2020 US election way back in 2014?" said another Twitter user.

"See I told you!!!! This man is a time traveller!!!" said another.

Ex-Home Secy's resignation

CIC allows govt to withhold info

NEW DELHI

THE Central Information Commission has allowed the Cabinet Secretariat to withhold records of deliberations and file notes leading to the resignation of former Union Home Secretary Anil Goswami, who was asked to put down his papers following allegations of his attempts to stall the arrest of a former minister by the CBI. The panel has based its judgement on a Delhi High Court order in a separate case in which it had held that file notings and deliberations of the Group of Officers or the Disciplinary Authority cannot be disclosed. The court had, however, allowed information on action taken in relation to complaints against an officer to be provided to an applicant.

Chief Information Commissioner Y K Sinha buttressed his argument to withhold the information citing a Supreme Court verdict, which had held "...professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information... Such person's personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied."

Goswami was forced to resign in February 2015 for allegedly trying to stall the arrest of a former Union minister in a case by the CBI. RTI applicant and IPS officer Anurag Thakur had sought to know from the Cabinet Secretariat the details of action taken on a complaint against Goswami, including communication exchanged between various authorities and file notings.

Not getting a satisfactory response, Thakur appealed before the CIC. During the hearing, he argued that he wanted the information, including file notings, in public interest "to know the sequence of events which led to the forced resignation of Anil Goswami". "The subject matter which forms the basis of the instant case is disclosure of note sheets and other correspondence exchanged by various offices in the process of considering the complaint filed against Sri Goswami," Sinha noted.

DJB begins new water supply line in Delhi

NEW DELHI

CONSIDERING the water crisis in some parts of the national capital, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) started a new water supply line for the central district. The move comes after a damaged pipeline had been affecting residents unnecessarily for an extended period of time in Inderpuri area of the national capital.

DJB Vice Chairman Raghav Chadha and Rajinder Nagar MLA inaugurated the water supply line in EA-EG Block, Inderpuri, assuring the residents that they won't have to face any more water supply problems. "It is unfortunate that residents of EA-EG Block, Inderpuri had to face an avoidable issue.

Having said that, I'm pleased the DJB engineers worked relentlessly to sort out this issue. I'm certain the residents will have proper, unhindered access to water," Chadha said. "We can't afford to have damaged water pipes running across the national capital. Every constituency should have a functional and regular supply of water to meet respective purposes.

"The Vice Chairman mentioned how DJB strives to provide safe and adequate drinking water supply to Delhi residents, and collect and treat generated sewage to the permissible standards before disposal or reuse.

"DJB follows a multi-dimensional approach in terms of perspective planning and project implementation with respect to the water and sewerage sector," he added.

India-China to disengage at more friction points

China warns Aus for taking part in Op Malabar

NEW DELHI

AFTER the standoff that lasted more than six months in eastern Ladakh, it seems India and China are close to a breakthrough over disengagement on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The development is in the process after the eight-round of Corps Commander level talks between the two sides held on November 6 in Chushul.

"The two sides are likely to disengage from some of the friction points in next few days and they have been discussing the modalities for doing so in a phased manner," defence sources told ANI.

"However, the Indian side is moving ahead cautiously on this matter as they want the discussions and agreements to be implemented on the ground," they continued.

In June also, the two sides were discussing disengagement when the Galwan incident took place in which 20 India soldiers lost lives while a large number of Chinese troops also lost their lives.

Meanwhile, Australia's decision to take part in Malabar Exercise has outraged China, who has warned Canberra of 'economic



pain' if it continues to be part of United States administration 'roughneck gang'. In an editorial piece, Communist party mouthpiece China Daily chided the Australian government for 'aggressively sending warships to China's doorsteps' as part of Exercise Malabar, UK Daily Mail reported.

The first phase of the Malabar naval exercise has culminated re-

cently in the Bay of Bengal with the participation by Indian Navy, United States Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force, and Royal Australian Navy.

The 24th multinational maritime naval exercise, which started on November 3, was restricted to sea phase and conducted in "zero contact" format considering COVID19 pandemic.

Arnab shifted to Taloja Jail

MUMBAI

THE Raigad police on Sunday shifted Republic TV Managing Director and Chief Editor Arnab Goswami from an Alibaug school, where he was temporarily kept, to the Taloja Central Jail in the district, officials said here. Goswami was lodged in a school premises since his arrest on November 4, as it serves as a Covid-19 isolation centre for prisoners. He has been remanded to judicial custody till November 18 by Alibaug Court Chief Judicial Magistrate Sunaina Pingle.

Slamming the move to shift him, wife Samyabrata Ray Goswami claimed that her husband was "dragged and lugged by the Maharashtra Police in a blacked-out police van to Taloja Jail this morning".

She said that her husband repeatedly said his "life was under threat" and the jailer assaulted him after he demanded access to his lawyers, "which was shockingly denied". "With Arnab publicly disclosing the threat to his life and the atrocities he is facing in custody, the law and order officers and the entire state and national machinery will be held responsible if any harm is inflicted upon my husband," warned Samyabrata. Opposition BJP vice-president Kirit Somaiya rushed to the jail and demanded proper care and security for Goswami. "The jailer assured me of no harassment to Goswami in jail and proper medical treatment will be provided," Somaiya said.

With schools shut in most of NE, Army comes forward to teach

GUWAHATI

Apart from defending the frontiers, fighting terrorists, and undertaking rescue missions in emergencies, the Indian Army has now launched coaching for students in the northeast region as educational institutions remain shut for over seven months now due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Under "Operation Sadbhavana", the Army's Spear Corps has undertaken to conduct coaching classes for students of Classes 9 to 12 in Miao and Kharsang villages of Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district, bordering Myanmar.

Defence spokesman, Lt. Col P. Khongsai told IANS on Sunday that the coaching classes were started on Friday and based on their response and performance, the Army would likely to consider introducing similar initiatives in other states of the northeast.

The Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected the education of children, with no schools running and

classes shifted to online mode, he said, noting that children in rural areas with poor internet connectivity have suffered the most as online classes are often a distant dream.

"Understanding the concern, the aim of this proposal is to ensure that an important academic year of senior children from these remote areas is not wasted due to pandemic, mitigate the anxiety of parents and finally prevent drop-outs."

He said a solemn opening ceremony was conducted at Miao and Kharsang on Friday and was attended by village Samiti President, the Principal of government higher secondary school, Kharsang and teachers of the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Miao.

Lt. Col Khongsai said that the students were moti-



vated to draw maximum benefit of these coaching classes to cover up the lost syllabus due to the pandemic. The coaching classes are being conducted free of cost and would continue till the end of January.

According to the spokesman, initially around 70

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students have registered themselves for the facility at two centres - at the government school at Kharsang and the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Miao.

Initially, four teachers have been hired at each location for conducting the classes for physics, chemistry and mathematics.

Lt. Col Khongsai said that all Covid-19 protocols are being strictly adhered to during the classes and the necessary arrangements have been made to ensure safety.

"The initiative has evoked very positive response from locals of Miao and Kharsang and have expressed their deep appreciation and gratitude towards the Spear Corps and Indian Army for addressing their serious concerns in the hours of pandemic," he added.

In the northeastern region, except Assam, the other seven states are yet to decide on the resumption of classes in schools on a regular basis.

Educational institutions in Assam reopened on November 2 after more than seven months. The State Education Department said that classes for students from Class 6 to 12 have been resumed in small batches, following all Covid-19 protocols and the standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the department last month.

How does Biden’s win matter to India?

Yes, the hurly-burly is done, and the battle is lost and won. Now that the US is going to have Democrat Joe Biden as its president, people in India seem to be happier than the rest of the world. But why? Will Biden’s rule in the US change the socio-economic-political equations in our country? Why these much of hoo-ha and kerfuffle over the US elections, as if India’s soul lies in the US? If we gave a small amount of thought about who should rule our country during balloting, the country might not be undergoing such a tough time as today with ‘democracy’ and ‘liberty’ confining only on the unread pages of our Constitution. According to Census Bureau’s 2018 American Community Survey (ACS), the number of Indians in US were 17.8 lakh in 2010 which by 2018 had gone up to 26.5 lakh - 49 per cent increase. Newly arrived immigrants from India in 2017 were 1.6 lakh which in 2018 declined to 88,000. On the other

hand, the Chinese population in the US increased from 21.6 lakh to 28.4 lakh between 2010 and 2018 - signifying 32 percent rise, according to the data. So, if our happiness and joy about Joe Biden being the US president is about the welfare of 26.5 lakh Indians living in that country, it blatantly reveals the lack of common sense among the Indian masses who still do not understand the severity of racial abuse they are going through. Or if all the mirth is about Kamala Harris being the second in command of world’s superpower, sorry, she is not Indian Prime Minister! The US administration, whoever is at the helm, is concerned about its own people and its security and of course not Indians’ wellbeing. Of course, comparing to Donald Trump’s rule, Biden’s regime is going to be good to India up to certain extent as the new President-elect seems to have a more genial approach towards India, as is understood from his past records and statements. It may be recalled that even before he became the Vice President in the Barack Obama administration, he had advocated a stronger relationship with India. Once has to admit the fact that even when Barack Obama who was a Senator then was initially hesitant to support the Indo-US nuclear deal,

Biden led the charge and worked with both Democrats and Republicans, to approve the nuclear deal in the US Congress in 2008. But that is all about defence ties and trade alliances and not anything that the poor Indian can relate to. It is true that in August 2016, the two countries signed the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), the first of the three “foundational pacts” for deeper military cooperation. It was meant to refill each other’s military bases, and access supplies, spare parts and services from each other’s land facilities, air bases, and ports, which can then be reimbursed. In fact, Biden’s attitude towards the human rights issues in India, especially since Kamala Harris—his Vice-President—is a fierce advocate for human rights, it comes as a major concern for the Indian government, which has got support from the Trump administration on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. Biden is understood to be unhappy about the measures that Indian government has taken with the implementation and aftermath of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam and the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act into law. Let’s keep our fingers crossed!

Static Islamic versus materialist West

THE WAY AHEAD



Dr Bharat Hunjunhwal

The beheading of a school teacher in France has ignited Islamophobia across the world. That is, however, a one-sided view. There is need for reform of both Islam and western materialist ideology. Both ideologies are fundamentally egalitarian. The sixth century Arab world was hugely unequal with rampant slavery and tribal elitism. At that time, Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) brought a revolutionary message that all human beings were equal. The key words of the French Revolution in 1789, in parallel, were “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.” The two thought processes evolved in different directions in course of time.

The responsibility of explaining the ideology of Islam was taken over by the tradition or the “Sunnah” after the Prophet. The Sunnah consisted of the sayings of the Prophet known as Hadith (as distinct from the Suras of the Holy Quran that were revealed through him) and the interpretation of these texts as done by the elders. According to Leslie Hazleton, author of After the Prophet, the simplicity and equality were maintained during the first two Caliphs following the Prophet namely Abu Bakr and Omar. The situation changed dramatically at the time of the third Caliph Uthman. He got a massive palace made at Medina with marble columns where foreign dishes were served. He granted huge parcels of land along with thousands of horses and slaves to his near ones. This inequality appears to be against the teachings of the Prophet. However, it has been accepted in mainstream Islam because the sole authority of deciphering the meaning of the verses of the Quran has been taken over by the Sunnah to the exclusion of the common man. Thus, the grand inequality seen in Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia have become “acceptable.” It has become impossible to change, or even challenge, this particular interpretation of the Quran. Ayat 2:256 says: “There is no compulsion in religion.” However, the saying of the Prophet as recorded in Bukhari’s Hadith 9:59 says, “Kill one who changes his Islamic religion.” The Sunnah therefore has altered, even reversed, the teaching of the Quran. It has become nearly impossible to repair this alteration because Ayat 3:92 of the Quran says that Mohammad would be

the “last Prophet.” Question is whether the Mohammad was the last Prophet among the Prophets till his time; or would he be the last Prophet for all times to come? The Sunnah had determined that Mohammed was the last Prophet for all times to come. Therefore, the teachings given by Prophet Mohammed and as interpreted by the Sunnah have become “fixed” and unchangeable. Islam has thus become “frozen,” so to say. The march of economic development, the spread of education, the liberation of colonies, the outlawing of slavery is all ignored by Islam.

Similar is the situation of the Western ideology. Europe witnessed huge killings of one Christian sect by another in the first millennium of the Common Era which is known as “Inquisitions.” Non-Christians were considered second-class citizens and decried as “pagans.” The French Revolution in 1789 led to separation of religion and the State and established the idea of equality. However, France itself colonised the entire north-west Africa and acted barbarously towards the natives in the nineteenth century—exactly opposite to its own ideal of equality. French multinational companies continue to exploit the developing countries after the end of colonialism. The ideology of equality and fraternity was limited and continues to be limited within the borders of France. Those living outside France are not entitled to either equality or fraternity. Thus far, Islam and the West are similar. Both have denied equality and fraternity in different ways. However, the West has evolved. At one time colonialism was in vogue. Now it is passe. In comparison, there is no change in Islam because according to Ayat 3:92 Mohammad was the last Prophet and the message delivered by him as interpreted by the Sunnah in unchangeable. The message cannot change ever.

Another difference in the two ideologies is about the exact nature of their all-encompassing character. Islam considers Allah to be all-encompassing. The slogan of “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity” also was all-encompassing. But there is a crucial difference. The all-encompassing character of Islam is external. Allah is separate from the society and He stands outside of mankind though He is all-encompassing. The nature of His all-encompassion is to be determined by the Sunnah. Thus, as Bukhari’s Hadith would say, it is okay to kill who changes his religion from Islam. All-encompassion stops here. This view cannot be discussed or challenged by the affected



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people because the human beings have no role whatsoever and no authority whatsoever to challenge the Sunnah. In comparison, the Western all-encompassing is dynamic and resides within the society. The collective thinking of all mankind is the ideology of the West as seen in the adoption of democracy. The ideology is answerable to mankind, which is sovereign. At the same time, the writ of the same ideology has been limited to people within one’s country and comes with freedom to exploit those outside one’s borders. On the other hand, the ideology of Islam is answerable to Allah Who is outside of mankind. Mankind cannot question the ideology as given by Allah and interpreted by Sunnah. Allah is sovereign, not mankind. For this reason, Western ideology can and has been evolving—which is not seen in Islam. Conclusion is that the ideology of equality runs deep in both the Islamic and western ideologies. However, Sunnah has killed this ideol-

ogy in Islam by adopting internal inequality while crass economic interest has killed the same ideology in the West by limiting equality within one’s borders. There is need to reform both. Islam will have to accept internal equality and West will have to expand equality to the whole mankind. Secondly, the all-encompassing nature of Allah in Islam is entirely compatible with the all-encompassing ideology of equality of the West. However, these have to be synchronised. The Islamic all-encompassing nature of Allah has to be expanded to all human beings as said in Ayat 2:256 and made compatible with other religions. The western all-encompassing nature of equality has to be taken beyond one’s borders. The roots of conflict between Islam and the West lie in these different conceptions which need to be discussed and a common framework arrived at with mutual consultation.

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How they kept away Bernie Sanders from race twice

SAEED NAQVI

It was nice to receive mails from friends who had assembled at Luc-know boy Nusrat Durrani’s Dumbo apartment under the Brooklyn Bridge on November 3, 2016, election night, armed with champagne bottles to be uncorked as soon as Hillary Clinton pipped the post.

In the event, the champagne bottles stood in one straight line on the dining table like a row of brooding bishops. Trump had shocked all the guests. A submarine sandwich hurled as a missile by a despairing guest knocked the lamp over.

I have repeated the above story because that is what history is supposed to be - a continuous repetition of facts. So indelibly etched on my mind is that party in Brooklyn that every US election will bring alive that episode.

There is another reason for that episode to be so etched on my mind. I did not wish to be the only one out of sync with the general mood that evening, but I was in a minority of one who expected Hillary to lose. Having arrived in New York a fortnight ago for a discussion in the various campuses of my book, ‘Being the Other: The Muslim in India’, kept me away from a 24X7 bombardment of punditry on elections.

A clattering of detail tends to push out of focus the simple, plausible outline conditioning of electoral behaviour. Experience from most electoral theatres had taught me a simple lesson: people were tired of two parties, one indistinguishable from the other.

This was happening at local levels too, even in India. The Aam Aadmi Party’s record 67 out of 70 seats in 2015 was one such wave, smothered by the media which is controlled by the corporates whose key projects in New Delhi were threatened by the untried party. It did not have the ideological spine to withstand the assault from the main political parties and the corporate media. Therefore, the bubble burst. AAP is now an ordinary party circling around power.

There are comparisons between Joe Biden scraping through and Hillary Clinton losing in 2016: neither were popular candidates. They were candidates that the Democratic Party “manoeuvred” as front-runners because on both occasions Bernie Sanders was the most popular candidate, but his democratic socialism was anathema to the establishment.

As soon as it became clear that Sanders was leading the field, the establishment came out, all guns blazing. Thomas Friedman, whom the New York Times values as its star columnist, forgot all decades of independent journalism and wrote two full columns rooting for former New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg and a billionaire several times over, as one of the Democratic front-runners. There was no hope in hell that Bloomberg would win (buy) the nomination but, by spending a billion on TV, he would disrupt the game sufficiently for Sanders to advance. “This is a capitalist country,” thundered Bloomberg. To protect his credibility, Friedman admitted in his column, that his wife worked for one of Bloomberg’s charities. This was just one of the umpteen tricks employed to obstruct Sanders.

There was a straightforward reason why Clinton was the wrong candidate. The velocity given to globalization after the Soviet collapse gave a fillip to rampaging capitalism. Inequalities broke all barriers. It did not require Thomas Piketty to enlighten as that even in India barely one per cent of the rich had cornered 51.53 per cent of the wealth. The picture in the US was worse. Occupy Wall Street became a popular movement. It invited a capitalist riposte - the Tea Party. People were disgusted with Washington, which symbolized the US establishment. A quest began for an anti-establishment candidate. Just one such candidate appeared to be Bernie Sanders. People were looking for social welfare, universal healthcare, education - exactly what the Bloombergs of the US thought would kill the initiative which made America great. Quite unabashedly, the Democratic Party gave the impression that it was preferable to lose the White House than lose corporate support.

One hoped the shock reversal of 2016 would have taught the Democrats a lesson. Across the Atlantic, Jeremy Corbyn was being likewise thwarted by New Labour. One of their leading lights, Lord Peter Mandelson, had sworn to “undermine” Corbyn. The other day they suspended him. Corbyn was to Mandelson what Sanders was to Bloomberg. This in June 2017 when the latest opinion polls projected Corbyn as the possible Prime Minister. Another example that the establishment trumps the popular will. Whither democracy, then?

At this very time, another reality was allowed to go unnoticed. A Fox News poll showed that Sanders has a +28 rating above politicians on both sides of the political spectrum. At that time, the Guardian’s Trevor Timm wrote, “One would think with numbers like that, Democratic politicians would be falling over themselves to be associated with Sanders, especially considering the Party as a whole is more unpopular than the Republicans and even Donald Trump right now. Yet, instead of embracing his message, the establishment of the party continues to resist him at almost every turn, and they seem insistent they don’t have to change their ways to gain back the support of huge swathes of the country.”

Sanders’ popularity is now recognised, but after he spelt out the scenario on October 23 in a talk show on how the drama will unfold when votes are counted in these elections, he is well on his way to being prophetic.

“In States like Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, and elsewhere, Republicans are likely to go to the polling booths to cast their votes. Democrats are likely to mail in their votes. When counting begins, the votes counted first will be Republican votes for that reason. So, by 10 pm on counting day, Trump will thank his voters and announce victory. But next morning when millions of mails will be counted, the trend will change. That is when Trump will scream murder: I told you they’ll cheat.” Mayor Rudi Giuliani has already elaborated the case in Philadelphia.

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LETTERS

Pride goes before a fall

It was a mighty joke when Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao rebuffed a query regarding financial review wherein the concerned Minister was not included. As is his wont, Chandrashekar Rao reviews and takes government decisions only with his family caucus and all other Ministers are rendered dummies. It is time the government conducted administration more transparently including the respective Ministers so as to ensure a federal structure. Even Harish Rao, one of the most efficient functionaries of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi and the government is being side-lined with his talent being wasted. Let Chandrashekar Rao remember ‘pride goes before a fall’.

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Kamala Harris, a perfect inspiration

The election of Kamala Devi Harris as the USA’s Vice-President and the consequent addition of several firsts to her name is very inspiring. A perfect example of practice what you preach can be found in Kamala’s words herself, “What I want young women and girls to know is that you are powerful and your voice matters”. While this is one of the most important necessities on the global scale, it is even more indispensable in the Indian scenario. For Indian women to have a power and voice of their own, their adequate representation in various fields is a must. India has always been underrated in terms of its women representation and this even more visible in the political framework. Willing and interested women need to start taking up political field as their career as it would not just help the ones taking them up but the concept of feminism as a whole.

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Biden rule will be beneficial for India

The victory of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris has filled enthusiasm in lots of Americans. Biden obtaining more than 75 million votes, which is the first time ever by a Presidential candidate shows how much did the people want a change. Biden was almost inconsequential. This vote was more like a referendum on Trump’s four-year governance than support to Biden. Pro-democracy activists have poured into America’s cities to bid farewell to Trump and celebrate the people’s triumphant victory. This feels more like the end of a regime than the end of a democratically elected government. Trump’s actions over past two-three days shows how menacing he will be for the democracy if he gets elected for the second term. In democracy, all over the world, winning or losing elections is a common thing. The cornerstone of democracy is peaceful transfer of power. With Biden winning the elections, India’s relation with the US is expected to be more transparent and more predictable. His plans to reform the H-1B visa system, expanding the number of visas, and to stamp out the limits on employment-based green cards by country, will definitely benefit Indians and Indian families. Biden would be good for Indian immigration to the US. His commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change may also benefit India, as we are hoping for investment from the Green Climate Fund in Indian renewable energy initiatives.

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Banning sale of crackers not right decision

Banning the sale of crackers by some State governments during Diwali is not a good decision. Thousands of years ago, during Lord Krishna’s time, when

people were dying due to some deadly virus every year in October and November months, Lord Krishna asked people to make fire before sunrise and after sunset by burning crackers made up of some chemicals which evolved smoke so that it would kill the virus. Lord Krishna achieved success through this act of burning crackers, fire and smoke. As the virus which was named as ‘Narakasura’, got killed and people were saved from the demon virus. Krishna made it like a tradition to celebrate and practice every year so that the virus gets killed. For cleansing and purifying well water for drinking in olden days, Ganesh puja was introduced so that people make a clay Ganesh idol mixed with chemicals, and after doing puja with many medicinal plants, throw the entire lot of Ganesh idol and medicinal plants in the well water to kill bacterial infections. Similarly, eating pulihora rice on festival days that is prepared with turmeric and tamarind to kill germs and bacteria in our bodies was also introduced as a ritual. On Ugadi Day people prepare and eat Ugadi Pachchadi having Jaggery and neem flowers to kill bacteria in our body. For Sankranti, people sprinkle cow dung mixed water and keep cow dung in front of their houses to prevent viruses from entering their houses. On Holi festival day, people play with water mixed colours sprinkling on the skin, observed like a ritual. The colours containing some chemicals kill bacteria. We must not ban the age-old belief, rituals and traditions which were introduced with purpose for the well-being of people. People celebrate the festivals with a feeling of happiness of victory over evil. While celebrating these festivals, people are fighting a battle against viruses and bacteria without knowing.

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CI, head constable arrested in Abdul Salam family suicide case

► Unable to bear the harassment of police and a gold shop owner, auto-rickshaw driver Abdul Salam (45), his wife Nurjahan (40), son Kalandhar (10) and daughter Salma (14) ended their lives on Nov 4 by jumping before a running goods train



File picture of Abdul Salam and his family members

► In a selfie video released by the family members before taking the extreme step, they said they were not involved in gold theft case but they were ending their lives due to the harassment of local police and a gold shop owner

► CM Jagan directs DGP to probe the case by appointing senior officials

► DGP Gautam Sawang appoints Inspector General of Police Shankha Brata Bagchi and senior officer Arif Hafeez to investigate into the case

HANS NEWS SERVICE
AMARAVATI

WITHIN 24 hours of the intervention of the Chief Minister, the AP police arrested a Circle Inspector and a head constable in the Abdul Salam suicide case in Nandyal in Kurnool district.

Both the police personnel were booked under sections 323,324 & 306 r/w section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

The State police arrested CI Somasekhar Reddy and head constable Gangadhar under sections 323,324 & 306 r/w section 34 of IPC. Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy asked the department to deploy

top officers and ensure speedy justice to Salam's family.

The Chief Minister is personally monitoring the progress of the investigation and assures that justice will be delivered at any cost, according to a communiqué from the DGP office.

Special Officer appointed by the DGP, Inspector General of Police Sankha Brata Bagchi and senior officer Arif Hafeez were deployed to investigate the matter. Within hours after the team to probe the case was appointed, Circle Inspector of Nandyal was suspended from duty pending investigation.

DGP Gautam Sawang said, 'If one is found to be guilty of any

Naidu holds State govt responsible

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AMARAVATI

TDP national president N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday held the YSRCP government responsible for the mindless harassment that eventually led to auto-rickshaw driver Abdul Salam and his family members taking the extreme step in Nandyal in Kurnool district. Naidu demanded the government take moral responsibility for the deaths of Salam, his wife Noorjahan and their children who ended their lives by falling under a moving train. This one incident was enough to say how the ruling YSRCP was persecuting the Muslim minorities with illegal cases, he pointed out.

In a statement here, the TDP chief recalled that the YSRCP members earlier humiliated and insulted AP Legislative Council Chairman Sharif on the floor of the House. He was not allowed to conduct the proceedings of the House in a dignified manner, Naidu pointed out.

Demands stern action against those involved in harassment of Abdul Salam's family

The TDP chief also recalled that a 10-year-old Muslim girl became a victim of molestation attempt in Rajahmundry. When a case was filed, the local YSRCP leaders started bringing pressure on her father.

Naidu termed it as unfortunate that an innocent family in Nandyal fell victim all together just because the erring authorities forced them to admit to committing a crime that they had not committed.

The government, which was boasting of having total control over law and order, should give explanation to the people on the tragic story of mass suicides by members of a Muslim family.

Naidu demanded stern action against the officials who harassed the Muslim family. The government should shed its negligent and indifferent attitude towards the Muslim minorities, he said.

offence, be it anybody, he/she will be acted against irrespective of who the person is'.

Various minority organisations from across the State have expressed their satisfac-

tion over the swift intervention of the Chief Minister and the subsequent action taken by the top brass of the police department, which led to the arrests of the accused.

Only YSRCP striving for BCs' welfare, claims MLC



MLC Janga Krishna Murthy

Minister established 56 BC Corporations and appointed over 600 directors empowering the BCs.

He said that the Chief Minister gave one month's time to those who didn't apply for the welfare schemes like Kapu Nestham, Cheyutha, Vahana Mitra and provided assistance to all the eligible people. As many as 4.39 lakh fresh beneficiaries are being provided with financial assistance spending Rs 737 crore through the welfare schemes.

He said that the government is committed to the welfare of people and ensuring proper implementation of every welfare activity.

Krishnamurthy challenged the Opposition leader to tell what he had done for the BCs during the TDP regime.

He criticised Naidu for betraying BCs and pointed out that former Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy had provided four per cent reservation to Muslims.

ing prominent roles to the BC leaders in his party, Krishna Murthy said.

"Chandrababu Naidu uses BCs only for elections and after coming to power, he abandons them," he alleged.

Krishna Murthy said that Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has been working for the upliftment of backward sections, ensuring that every eligible person is receiving the welfare benefits. Like no other state in the country, the Chief

State logs 2,237 new cases

12 deaths reported and toll rises to 6,791

AMARAVATI

ANDHRA Pradesh logged 2,237 new coronavirus cases, taking the total infection count to 8,42,967, the State government said on Sunday.

Twelve more people succumbed to the virus as the toll mounted to 6,791, a bulletin said.

The State currently has 21,403 active cases after 2,256 patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours end-

ing at 9 am on Sunday.

So far 86,63,975 samples have been tested.

Of the fresh cases, West Godavari district topped the chart with 379 infections followed by Guntur 364 and Chittoor 329.

Three people died in Krishna, two each in Chittoor and Visakhapatnam and one each in East Godavari, West Godavari, Srikakulam and Guntur districts due to the virus, the bulletin said.



MLC D Jagadeesh speaking at a roundtable in Vizianagaram on Sunday

Move by govt to grab assets of MANSAS Trust opposed

VIZIANAGARAM

LEADERS of various political parties along with representatives of civil societies organisations and academicians have unanimously passed a resolution to join hands to save MR Colleges and Maharaja Alakanarayana trust for arts and science (MANSAS) trust from the clutches of the State government.

On Sunday a roundtable meeting was organised here and it was attended by the leaders and representatives of various organisations.

They stated that MR colleges are iconic organisations, which have been in public service for the past 130 years. But the present government is aiming to privatise them and to grab the assets

Leaders of various political parties, civil societies organisations resolve to join hands to see MR College is retained with the Trust

of the Mansas Trust.

MLC G Sandhya Rani said that PVG Raju, the Maharaja of Vizianagaram Samsthanam, had given huge lands, created assets to the colleges and provide quality education to the people but the present government is trying to weaken the institutions.

Bheesetti Babji, Lok Satta leader, urged the Opposition TDP to wage a battle to retain the MR College with MANSAS trust. MLC D Jagadeesh said that people's support should be sought to protect the MR College.

UN best woman police officer awardee all praise for Gautam Sawang

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

DOREEN Malambo, who has been adjudged the best woman police officer by the United Nations Organisation (UNO), is all praise for Director General of Police Gautam D Sawang.

The police officer, native of Zambia, in a Tweet after she was declared the best woman police officer of the year for 2020, described Gautam Sawang as the 'Personification of inspiration' recalling her days when she worked under him in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UN-

MIL) from 2009 to 2012.

She is currently serving as the gender advisor to the police commissioner in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

Thanking the UN for bestowing this honour, she said that she was happy to be selected as the best woman police officer by the UN.

"If I have this prestigious honour, this is because of the inspiration and all support and en-

Says she received guidance, encouragement and support from Sawang when she worked under him in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) from 2009 to 2012

couragement I received from the Indian police officer Mr Gautam Sawang (sic)," she said.

"I began my journey as the UN police officer in 2008. I received all guidance, encouragement and support from Gautam Sawang. I thank him for always encouraging me to do well," she said.

She hoped that Gautam Sawang would watch this video of the interview given to an international media channel.

Army officer among 4 killed in line of duty

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Meanwhile, army reinforcement arrived from the nearby forward posts and a joint operation was further started.

Army PRO Colonel Rajesh Kalia said that the BSF had noticed the suspicious movement near the Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (or LoC fence)

some 3.5 km from the LoC.

He said that the initial firefight between terrorists and the BSF stopped at 4:00 am when more troops were rushed to the area. "Terrorists movement was tracked by surveillance devices. Contact was re-established at 10:20 am when heavy fire was drawn

by our search parties approximately 1.5 km from the LoC. In the ensuing firefight, two more terrorists were killed," Kalia said.

The colonel said that three army soldiers were killed in action and two wounded. "The injured soldiers have been evacuated to a medical facility," he said.

While the army was yet to reveal the details of those personnel who died in the line of duty, sources said, adding that an officer was among the dead.

Kamala embodies American dream with her firsts

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After her parents divorced when she was only seven, Harris was brought up by her mother, who she called "the woman most responsible for my presence here today". She has described her mother as "tough and fierce and protective" yet "generous and loyal and funny", and credits her for her success.

In her memoir, Harris wrote that the lesson she inherited from her mother that "it was service to others that gave life purpose and meaning" came from her grandmother Rajam, who had not completed high school but was a fiery protector of victims of domestic abuse.

Moving from New Delhi to Berkeley for her PhD in the tumultuous era of the 1960s civil rights movements, Shyamala Gopalan joined the protests "with a sense of justice imprinted on her soul", Harris wrote. Her relationship with fellow-activist Donald Harris grew under the clamour of the protests and Kamala Harris recalls: "My parents often brought me in a stroller with them to civil rights marches."

In this environment, she wrote: "My mother understood very well that she was raising two Black daughters. She knew that her adopted homeland would see Maya as Black girls, and she was determined to make sure we would grow into confident, proud black women."

Her sister Maya is also a lawyer.

One of her experiences from her childhood popped up in her memorable con-

frontation with Biden during a debate last year when she was running for president against him -- and almost 20 others -- in the initial phases of the Democratic presidential race. Questioning his credentials on fighting racism, she said that while he opposed efforts to racially integrate schools by transporting children by bus from their racially segregated areas to schools in another place to break down racial barriers, she happened to be one of the children on those buses.

That also brought out the age difference between them. He will be the oldest president to take office next year at 78, when she would be only 55.

One of the criteria for his vice president pick was for her to be younger, but with enough experience and capability to become president if the need arose.

While the African-American identity became the dominant one and, in fact, the one that boosted her chances to get the vice presidential nomination, Harris wrote: "Our classical Indian names harked back to our heritage and we were raised with a strong awareness of and appreciation for Indian culture. "My mother, grandparents, aunts and uncle instilled us with pride in our South Asian roots."

"I was also very close to my mother's brother, Balu, and her two sisters, Sarala and Chinni (whom I called Chittis, which means 'younger mother' (in Tamil)," she recalled. Her uncle, G Balachandran is a retired academic, who has a PhD from the

US. Her aunt Sarala is a retired obstetrician and the other aunt, whose formal name is Mahalaxmi, was an information scientist in Canada. Harris made a humorous video with actor-director Mindy Kaling about making masala dosa that was released during her campaign for presidential nomination.

Shyamala Gopalan's father P V Gopalan was born in Painganadu in Tamil Nadu and joined government service under the British and his work took him and the family to Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and Lusaka, Zambia, before he retired to Chennai after working for the post-Independence Indian government.

Harris claims that her grandfather had also been a "freedom-fighter," although he worked for the British Raj.

She recalls visiting him as a child in Lusaka, where he had been sent by the Indian government in the late 1960s to help that young nation deal with a refugee crisis brought on by a renegade White supremacist government breaking away from Britain in neighbouring Southern Rhodesia, which became Zimbabwe after overthrowing them.

Shyamala Gopalan moved to Canada to teach and research in Montreal when Harris was about 12.

Harris rounded off her international exposure going to high school in Quebec. But she returned to the US to study at Howard University, a historically African-American institution in Washington. She went back to California for her law de-

gree, which she received from University of California Hastings College of Law. She started off as a deputy prosecutor in Alameda County in California and moved on to San Francisco as an assistant prosecutor heading the career criminal division. District attorneys or prosecutors are elected in California and she ran against the San Francisco prosecutor Terence Hallinan pulling an upset victory over him in 2003, and this launched her political career. In 2010, she successfully contested the election for California attorney general and was re-elected 2014.

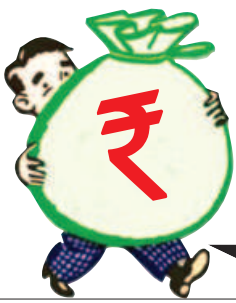
One of her controversial actions was to back criminal penalties for parents of children who are chronically absent from school with critics calling it the criminalisation of the poor.

She ran for the Senate in 2016 and was elected, putting her in the national spotlight. As a member of the judiciary committee, she brought her prosecutorial skills to the questioning of people like Brett Kavanaugh when he was the Supreme Court nominee, attorney general William Barr and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

Harris does not appear to have close ties to her father and has not mentioned him in her speeches. When she was asked the about 1,900 convictions her office obtained for offences relating to marijuana when she was the San Francisco prosecutor, she admitted smoking it and reportedly joked: "Half my family's from Jamaica. Are you kidding me?"



If you don't find a way to make money while you sleep, you will work until you die. -Warren Buffett



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IN SHORT

Sebi's deadline on investor complaints

Markets regulator SEBI on Friday said stock exchanges will have to ensure that investor grievances are resolved within 15 working days after receiving such complaints. The move is aimed at strengthening the investor grievance redressal mechanism, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said in a circular. The regulator also said that Investor Grievance Redressal Committee (IGRC) would not dispose the complaint citing lack of information and complexity of the case. Besides, expenses of IGRC will be borne by the respective stock exchange and no fees would be charged to the complainant, SEBI said. Additional information, if any, required from the complainant, would be sought within seven working days from the date of receipt of the complaint. Further, exchanges will have to maintain a record of all the complaints addressed within 15 working days from the date of receipt of the complaint or additional information.

Cut-off time for MFs to be revived

Markets regulator SEBI restored the cut-off timing for buying and selling of mutual fund units to 3 pm from Monday. The timings were revised during the lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. "It is decided that the cut-off timings for applicability of NAV (Net Asset Value) for both subscription and redemption for all schemes, may be restored to normal cut-off timings on accordance with various circulars issued by SEBI in this regard," the regulator said in a letter to industry body AMFI on Friday. All asset management companies (AMCs) have been asked to issue a public notice highlighting the change in cut-off timings. They need to publish about the timings prominently on their websites. The regulator, last month reinstated the cut-off timing for transactions in equity mutual fund units to 3 pm. However, the existing truncated cut-off time continued for debt and conservative hybrid funds. For liquid and overnight funds, the time was advanced to 12.30 pm from 1.30 pm.

Forex reserves at record high

The country's foreign exchange reserves rose \$183 million to touch a record high of \$560.715 billion in the week ended October 30, RBI data showed on Friday. In the previous week ended October 23, the reserves had jumped \$5.412 billion to \$560.532 billion. In the reporting week, the reserves rose due to an increase in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves. FCA rose by \$815 million to \$518.339 billion, the RBI's weekly data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves declined \$601 million in the reporting week to \$36.259 billion, the RBI data showed. The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) decreased \$6 million to \$1.482 billion during the week. The country's reserve position with the IMF also declined by \$25 million to \$4.636 billion during the reporting week, the data showed.

CHERUKURI KUTUMBA RAO

buoyed by the positive global cues triggered by US election results and encouraging commentary from US Fed, strong FII inflows, improvement on containment of coronavirus, improving macro-economic data and better-than-expected Q2 earnings; the domestic markets staged one of the sharpest rallies in recent months during the week ended. The BSE Sensex rallied 2,279 points or 5.75 percent to close at 41,893.06, and the NSE Nifty climbed 621.15 points or 5.34 percent to 12,263.55. It is pertinent to observe that the Sensex and the Nifty are just 0.9 per cent and 1.4 per cent away from their all-time highs. Among the components of benchmark index Nifty, currently 72 per cent are trading above their 200 days SMA compared to last week's reading of 66 per cent. This structural improvement has been accompanied by significant improvement in the market breadth of broader market, as currently average 71 per cent components of Nifty Midcap and Small cap indices are trading above their 200 days SMA compared to last week's average reading of 65 per cent.

The PM's statements that India has shown remarkable resilience in this pandemic, be it fighting the virus or ensuring economic stability were received positively by the investor community. In the week ahead IIP data for September and inflation numbers for October will be released on November 12, while foreign exchange reserves for week ended November 6, which remained at record high levels,

MARKET KHABREIN



Biden's Presidency may not bring policies that could undermine big tech companies or bring about radical changes in policies

will be announced on November 13. The market will also closely watch results of Bihar Assembly elections. Reports suggest that the Tejashwi Yadav-led Mahagathbandhan could get a majority in the Bihar election. IPO market will witness one of the largest offerings in pharma sector from Gland Pharma.

Heard on the Street: Across the globe, stocks surged last week as investors angled for the outcome of the US Presidential 2020 elections, a blockbuster stretch that led major indexes to their best week since April. Joe Biden has emerged as the winner of US Election 2020.

Analysts and experts are of the view that the Indian market is poised to gain from Biden's Presidency. Biden's victory may not mean a significant policy change or a tax hike which could have happened in the case of a 'Blue Wave'. As Republicans are likely to hold on to Senate, Biden's Presidency may not bring policies that could undermine big tech companies or bring about radical changes in policies.

Market watchers say that the rapid reversal and momentum-fueled rally in the stock market this week has been turbocharged by investors unwinding bearish bets placed ahead of the election. One of the unknowns in the weeks ahead will be the size of a fiscal stimulus package—the subject of much wrangling between both parties in Washington leading up to the election.

F&O / sector watch

Mirroring the undercurrent in the cash market, the derivatives segment witnessed heightened activity. Bank Nifty gained more than 12 per cent. On the option front, maximum Put Open Interest (OI) is at 11,000 and 11,500 strikes, while maximum Call OI is at 12,000 followed by 12,500 strike. Punters were seen buying Calls of 13,000 strike also reflecting the exuberance in the market. Mild Call writing at 12,700 and 12,800 strikes and Put writing at 12,000 and 12,200 strikes was seen. Option data suggests wide trading range in between 11,800 to 12,500 levels.

The Implied Volatility (IV) of calls closed at 18.06 per cent, while that for Put options closed at 20.14. The Nifty VIX for the week closed at 20.97 per cent. PCR OI for the week closed at 1.49 down from the previous week. Bank Nifty futures closed the week with gains of 12.13 per cent with addition in Open interest by 15.14 percent on a weekly basis which suggests longs were being built and buying interest continues in the banking index. Maximum Put OI is at 24,000 followed by 25,000, while maximum Call OI is at 27,000 followed by 26,000. Call writing in 28,500 strike and Put writing at 26,000 define the perimeter of Bank Nifty.

Diwali stock picks

Mahindra Logistics Ltd operates as a third party logistics (3PL) service provider. Mahindra Logistics is a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra. Buy for target price of Rs575.

Polycab India Ltd is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling wires and cables, and fast moving electrical goods (FMFG) under the POLYCAB brand. Buy for target price of Rs1750.

Jindal Steel and Power Ltd is a steel producer. The company's segments include Iron & Steel, Power and other. The other segment consists of aviation services and machinery division. Buy for target price of Rs350.

Sobha Limited is engaged in the construction and development of residential and commercial projects. The company is also engaged in contractual projects. It has completed approximately 390 projects in both

real estate and contracts verticals with a total developed area of over 81.64 million square feet. Buy for target price of Rs500.

Ramco Cements Ltd, formerly Madras Cements Ltd, manufactures cement, ready-mix concrete and dry mortar products. Buy for target price of Rs1500.

Dark horse picks

Kesar Petroproducts Ltd is engaged in the business of manufacturing of Phthalocyanine Blue Crude and its downstream products in India. The company's main products include Petro-products and Chemicals. The company's pigment products include Copper Phthalocyanine (Crude) Blue, CPC Crude Blue Activated, Alpha Blue 15.0, Alpha Blue 15.1, Beta Blue 15.3 and Pigment Green 7. The company has a global presence in over 15 countries. Buy for surprising target price of Rs25.

Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd is an agri-business company. The company is engaged in manufacture of plastic products, and manufacture of fruit or vegetable juices, their concentrates squashes and powder. The Non-conventional Energy segment consists of wind energy, solar and bio-gas. It provides various plastic piping systems that are used in conveyance of fluids, semi-solids, gases and cables. It manufactures a range of precision-irrigation products. The Company has approximately 30 manufacturing plants globally. Buy for target of Rs35.

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WAIT FOR CONSOLIDATION, FRESH BREAKOUT LEVEL

THOVITI BRAHMACHARY

The Indian stock market rallied during the previous all five sessions and closed near to the lifetime closing high. With the global markets support, the domestic markets

are buoyant with the all-round buying support led by the BFSI sector. The improving economic activity across the sectors and bettered tax collections enhanced the sentiments of the market. The NSE Nifty advanced by 621.15 points or 5.34 per cent during the last week. The BSE Sensex inched up by 5.9 per cent and just 59 points away from the lifetime high close. The advance-decline ratio is in favour of gains. The FIIs bought very aggressively by Rs 13,399.41 crore worth of equities during the last week. The DIIs sold Rs6,789.86 cr.

The Nifty closed near to previous lifetime high and just 100 points away from the lifetime closing high. The Nifty's highest close is 12362.3 on January 14. It cleared all the resistances and moved higher with rejuvenated global market support. Technically, it has broken out of a bullish flag with an increased volume. The Flagpole is September 24th low (10790) to October 12th high (12022). It means the pole is 1,232 point high. In a standard classical patterns theory, the Flag breakout will be equal to the flag pole, i.e., 13,162. The current upward channel resistance line



make a higher high and has serious bearish divergence. In the study of divergence, the histogram, which indicates the momentum, has its own specialty. Though the MACD has given a buy signal on Friday by significantly moved above the signal line, the

placed at the 13,000 levels. Interestingly, after trading above the 200DMA for 79 days, the long term moving average finally turned up. This is a fresh positive sign. After testing the 50DMA for two consecutive days, the Nifty moved higher with declined volatility. The India VIX down by 17.19 per cent during last week and closed at 20.50. The price is not showing any weakness or tiredness on the face of it. But the price internals, the indicators are telling a different story.

The leading indicator RSI (68.45) near to the overbought condition and has mild negative divergence. The Nifty is making higher swings, the indicator yet to make a higher swing. On the weekly chart, the RSI is in the squeeze, and any decisive move above 70 will be a positive sign though it is an overbought condition. The price can be in overbought condition for several days until the supply overshadows the demand. Interestingly, the ADX (18.29) indicates the trend strength still below 20 levels. Generally, above 25 levels considered as a strong trend. The +DMI, which shows the positive strength, is yet to

histogram does not form any higher high. Means, any gap up opening on Monday may attract profit booking and leads to consolidation. The last week's 723 points wide range move, may be followed by a counter-trend consolidation by retracing at least 38.2 per cent of the previous week's move. In this background, only the next resistance level placed at the previous closing high of 11,362 and an all-time high of 12,430. Above these levels, it uncharted territory doesn't have any resistance.

As the Nifty ran up very significantly without fundamental support, it may witness an aggressive profit booking at a higher level. Stay cautious as the event result (US presidential election) has come out, it may lead to buy on rumour sell on news kind of situation. Stay cautious at lifetime highs and maintain a strict trailing stop loss for existing positions. But it is not time to build long positions at the current level. Wait for consolidation, and a fresh breakout will give you an advantageous position.

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Focus on building resilient portfolios



K Naresh Kumar

In the recent past, many investors were waiting for the US election results to be finished so that they could begin investing. True, this is a once-in-a-four-year event and could certainly define the market direction. For instance, during the earlier administration, the corporate tax was cut, while the new incoming President has a clear agenda of increasing the overall taxes and pledged commitment towards green energy and clean Earth. That could lead certain sectors, which are being touted as emerging technologies with futuristic possibilities like wind/solar, electric vehicles, etc. The 'new deal' would allow certain sectors to thrive, while some may not attract the market money from the investors.

How does an investor planning for retirement, which is 15, 20 or even 30 years from now, should view these developments? Even in the medium-term timelines of 20 years there would be five Presidential elections and equal possible changes in leadership. Even if the presidents wouldn't change, the pos-

sible pivot towards newer planning or strategies could be mullied during their periods. So, should one be making changes every four years to their portfolios or await the election outcome to make fresh allocations?

At least, the Presidential elections are periodic and are a time-bound exercise, instance of pandemic and recessions are can't be foretold and planned for. How could one envisage these debilitating scenarios into our investment models? As we could see that wouldn't help much for in-



vesting. What needs to be understood is that while investing for one's needs, they've to always, hence, stick to their risk profile and timelines thus making asset allocations which is diversified to reach goals.

The common adage of 'putting eggs in various baskets' is easier said than done. For instance, when equity markets are clocking new peaks each single day and the news is bombarded on us continuously, it's very difficult to remain an outlier and not participate in the rally. Friend of ours or a colleague or neighbour boasts about the rewards

he/she enjoyed being in the market brings regret for not being part of the play. This anxiousness would make one commit mistakes in their judgement in taking a plunge into an investment that doesn't suit despite it being a best performing one.

The pain point of a raging bull rally is that they rarely provide you an exit on the way down. It's here that most are caught and nurse their wounds for a long time. In order to counter such instances, the portfolio should have an exposure across

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the asset classes like debt, cash equivalents and commodities other than equity. Though being overweight on equity, greater balance could be achieved by having diversification by investing in mutual funds.

The economy and thus the businesses move in cycles. When the businesses thrive, they begin to expand and so their balance sheets. The companies in a thrust to capture newer and greater size could many times raise capital, mostly from debt. The growth phase of the business ensures regular cashflows that help them to service the debt.

But, due some external factors, when the demand contracts for their products or services, the very fuel for their expansion would become a huge burden and drag their earning, at times could push them to losses. And when the economic recession takes toll, governments and/or central banks try to incentivize through fiscal and/or monetary policies to revive growth.

Not all businesses contract or perish during economic contractions, there could be some which thrive such conditions. The loose monetary or fiscal policies ignite a fresh expansion by these companies or businesses creating bringing a cascading effect on the rest of the economy. So, that's how the cycles in economy from boom to bust would influence businesses and thus equity. The monetary and fiscal policies also greatly dictate the debt instruments and their performance.

By maintaining a defined exposure to debt and cash equivalents, the portfolio could arrest the loss when the overall equity underperforms. Moreover, please do keep in mind that there have been instances of coincidence of debt yields bottoming along with equity. So, a balanced asset allocation should be that of risk to reward, the higher the ratio, the resilient the portfolio is.

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DERIVATIVES OUTLOOK

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The resistance level for NSE Nifty remained at 12,500 strike for a second week in a row, while support level moved up by 500 points to 12,000 strike indicating narrowing of the trading range.

After recording extreme volatility in the October, November F&O series began with a sharp up move as the NSE Nifty moved towards 12,200 amid ongoing uncertainties prevailing to US elections. With broader market participation, the Nifty moved up over five per cent last week, while mid-cap and small-cap indices also witnessed a significant recovery. Going ahead, analysts forecast the current momentum to continue in the market. Dhirender Singh Bisht, senior research analyst (derivatives) at SMC Global Securities Ltd, said: "Indian

markets ended last week on a positive note with Nifty surging more than five per cent. From the derivatives front, Call writers at 12,000 strike triggered short covering, while Put writers shifted to higher bands."

From the options space, the NSE Nifty Put base moved up over 12,000 strike and it should act as major support for the index. Hence, it's a positive bias for the Nifty and the market benchmark may sustain above these levels. In the last couple of sessions, significant Put writing was seen in ATM Put strikes of 12,000 suggesting expectations of limited downsides in the short-term. On the higher side, the highest Call base of 12,500 seems to be an immediate target for the index.

Highest Call OI of 19.26 lakh contracts was seen at 12,500 strike, which also recorded maximum Call OI build-up of 6.15 lakh con-

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tracts, followed by 12,700 strike with 18.39 lakh contracts, 13000 strike with 18.18 lakh contracts, 12200 strike with 13.50 lakh contracts and 12600 strike with 12.04 lakh contracts. Further, 12,200/12,300/12,450 strikes witnessed reasonable addition of Call OI. Coming to Put side, 12000 strike has highest Put OI of 30.06 lakh contracts followed by 12100 strike with 22.23 lakh contracts, 11500 strike with 19.09 lakh contracts, 11800 strike with 18.12 lakh contracts and 11900 strike with 15.42 lakh contracts. Highest Put OI build-up was seen at 12,200/12,100/12,000 strikes.

For the week, BSE Sensex closed at 41,893.06, a net gain of 2,278.99 points or 5.75 per cent, as against 39,614.07 points. Similarly, NSE Nifty too moved up by 621.15 points or 5.33 per cent and closed at 12,263.55 points from 11,642.40 points. "On the technical front, Nifty has major support in the zone of 12,000-11,900 and any dip into prices should be used to create fresh longs. On the higher side, the 12,500 would be major resistance for Nifty," forecasts Bisht.

During the week, the volatility index (India VIX) moved back towards 20 per cent from highs of 26 per cent seen last week despite

DERIVATIVES TRADING

Product	Contracts	Turnover (₹/cr.)	Premium (₹/cr)
Index Futures	4,90,983	36,720.18	--
Stock Futures	8,63,199	62,018.14	--
Index Options	1,63,95,692	12,48,483.96	9,541.72
Stock Options	13,44,010	1,03,837.74	2,418.28
F&O Total	1,90,93,884	14,51,060.02	11,960.00

Source: NSE/As on Nov 06, 2020

lingering uncertainty over US elections. Even US VIX has declined substantially from highs of 40 per cent to below 30 per cent. Thus, overall positive bias should be maintained till there wouldn't be any change of trend in the volatility index.

"Nevertheless, volatility is likely to grip the market in the coming sessions as well with bias likely to remain in favour of bulls. The Implied Volatility (IV) of Calls closed at 18.06 per cent, while that for

Put options closed at 20.14. The Nifty VIX for the week closed at 20.97 per cent. PCR of OI for the week closed at 1.49 down from the previous week," remarked Bisht.

Bank Nifty

The Bank Nifty concluded the October F&O series with a sizable Put base of 24,000. The NSE's banking index closed at 26,798.95 points, a net rise of 577.4 points or 2.41 per cent from 23,900 points. "Bank Nifty taking the lead with

whopping gains of more than 12 per cent. The up move was supported by a sharp surge in HDFC and Bajaj twins along with positive moves witnessed by Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and IndusInd Bank," said Bisht.

The Bank Nifty rose by over 2,700 points and registered its one of the best weeks since September 2019. The Open Interest in the stock rose almost 18 per cent along with price rise indicating the rally was supported by fresh long accumulation. The derivatives analysts predict that the IVs are likely to stay near 20 per cent, while the ongoing trend of accumulation would continue.

As per the data from ICICI Direct.com, the highest Call base for Bank Nifty is placed at 27,000 level, whereas major OTM Put writing was seen in 26,000 and 25,500 strikes. Positionally, the 25500 remains a very strong bet for the index whereas a close above 27,000 would open the gates for another 1,000 points on the higher side.

2 Collectors transferred; Advisor Anurag Sharma gets extension

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HYDERABAD

TWO Telangana districts got new Collectors on Sunday. Rahul Raj PS, Additional Commissioner, GHMC has been posted as Kumarambheem-Asifabad Collector replacing Sandeep Kumar Jha. Mohammed Abdul Azeem, Collector, Jayashankar-Bhupalapally district has been transferred. Mulugu Collector Krishna Aditya S has been given Full Additional Charge of Bhupalapally district. Also, the tenure of Anurag Sharma, retired IPS, who is the Advisor to Government on Police, Law and Order and Crime Control, has been extended for another three years with effect from November 12. Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar issued government orders to this effect on Sunday.

MP rips into Centre for turning a Nelson's eye to State needs

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CHEVELLA

CHEVELLA MP Ranjith Reddy slammed the Central government for being partial towards the BJP-ruled States in regard to extending financial support during the natural calamity. He alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned a deaf ear to the requests from Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to provide immediate financial support towards relief and rehabilitation measures in flood-hit areas of Hyderabad.

The Prime Minister sanctioned Rs 669 crore within four days after Karnataka witnessed the floods recently. In 2017, he personally visited Gujarat during floods and re-



Chevella MP Ranjith Reddy

leased Rs 500 crore. But, despite KCR writing a letter seeking the release of Rs 1,350 crore as immediate relief

measure, there has been no response from the Prime Minister, the MP alleged. He further pointed out that the

floods were a man-made disaster and blamed the previous governments in the united Andhra Pradesh, for ignoring the encroachment of tanks and nalas as well as the unauthorised constructions. He also ridiculed the allegations of the Opposition parties and demanded an answer from them as to where was the latter when the entire State administration along with TRS-elected representatives were indulged in relief and rehabilitation activities in the flood-affected areas. He then informed that the Chief Minister released Rs 550 crore as an immediate relief measure which was the highest for any State to take up as part of relief measures in any major city.

Ram Charan takes part in Green India Challenge

Plants a sapling on the premises of his house, MP J Santosh Kumar joins him



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HYDERABAD

ACTOR Ram Charan Tej on Sunday planted saplings at his residence along with TRS MP Joganapally Santosh Kumar. He thanked Prabhas for nominating him in Green India Challenge and expressed regret that he was little late in accepting and planting saplings.

Ram Charan also thanked Santosh Kumar for initiating the beautiful concept of Green India Challenge and motivating a lot of people

across the society to take this novel initiative forward. He was amazed to note that the TRS MP not only planted saplings, but also adopted a forest.

He congratulated Green India Challenge organisers for their efforts in taking forward the challenge. It's the need of hour to save earth and it's the duty of every individual to plant saplings, he said, while nominating Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, Director Rajamouli and RRR team and requesting them to continue the chain.

MLCs, MLAs pay tributes to P Rajender Reddy

HANS NEWS SERVICE
RANGA REDDY

MLC, MLAs and TRS leaders paid tribute to Patnam Rajender Reddy on his birth anniversary in Shabad, Chevella and other places across the district on Sunday.

In Shabad, floral tributes to Patnam Rajender Reddy's statue were paid in Patnam Rajender Reddy Engineering College by MLC Patnam Mahender Reddy, Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah, Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy and Shabad ZPTC Patnam Avinash Reddy. Floral tributes were paid to him in other places like Chevella, Muddemguda and Golluruguda.

MPP Prashanti, Chevella MPP Vijaya Laxmi, Chevella ZPTC Malati Krishna Reddy, Sardarnagar market committee chairman Srinivas Goud, leaders Shekar Reddy, Prabhakar Reddy and others were also present.

LEGAL NOTES

All subordinate courts in TS to reopen physical hearings

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THE High Court full bench has decided to extend the physical hearing of matters in all courts in Telangana, except the courts in Hyderabad, by following the standard operating procedure and the instructions will be applicable up to November 30 and thereafter Phase-III instructions up to December end, in consultation with the Administrative Judges.

The unit heads of the City Civil Courts at Hyderabad and city small causes courts at Hyderabad are hereby directed to reopen all the courts in their unit by following the Standard Operating Procedure.

The Presiding Officers of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge at Hyderabad, Special Judge for Trial of Cases against MPs/MLAs at Hyderabad, Prl CBI Judge at Hyderabad, Prl ACS Judge at Hyderabad, Addi-

tional ACB Judge at Hyderabad, and Court of the Special Judge Under the Prevention of Corruption Act for speedy trial of cases of embezzlement of scholarship amounts in Social Welfare department etc., at Hyderabad are directed to continue the present practice of hearing/conducting of trial in respect of pending cases relating to MPs/MLAs. The Presiding Officers of the above courts shall take up the hearing/trial of the cases pending against MPs/MLAs before their courts as expeditiously as possible to the timeline fixed by the High Court.

Moreover, the High Court has decided to extend the present practice of virtual and physical hearing of the matters by the judges from the High Court premises or from respective home offices till December end. It is further decided to dispense with the 48 hours time for scrutiny in respect of matters filed physically.

Vijayashanthi to join BJP after Deepavali

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CONGRESS leader, former MP and popular film actress Vijayashanti is all set to join BJP after Deepavali.

It may be mentioned here that this has gained more credence after the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, G Kishan Reddy called on the former TRS MP and currently in the grand old party.

Speaking to The Hans India, a senior political party leader said that so far, her joining has not been discussed within the internal party meetings. But, "It is possible that the issue

might be under consideration before the national leadership. Besides, State BJP chief and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar is also positive about her joining the party."

The actress known as Lady Amitabh for her roles in the movies had her first political stint joining the BJP, followed by forming her own party of Talli Telangana. But, the same had been merged with TRS after which she contested and



She is likely to join the party at BJP national headquarters in the presence of party national President JP Nadda or Union Home Minister Amit Shah

was elected as the MP when the separate Telangana movement was at its peak. Later, the difference between the veteran actor and the TRS had left her to find her greener pasture in the Congress party. With the Congress, she headed the campaign committee and was also party's star campaigner. After long speculation of her returning to the party for the last two years, the party sources said that her joining is likely to be after Deepavali, at party national headquarters in the presence of BJP national President JP Nadda or in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Kishan Reddy launches GHMC poll campaign with 'Abkibar BJP Mayor'

- The Union Minister holds KCR, KTR responsible for not sending flood damage report to the Centre for political reasons
- Asked BCs to revolt against TRS for cheating and depriving their due of seats in GHMC

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UNION Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy lashed out at the State government for delaying in sending a comprehensive crop damage report to the Centre despite writing three letters to the State government seeking the report.

Addressing a public meeting of



party leaders and cadre in Hockey Grounds at Sikh village in Secunderabad here on Sunday, Kishan Reddy said, "The State government did not send its report in view of Dubbaka bypoll and the ensuing GHMC elections to politically blame the Centre and the BJP for doing nothing for Telangana."

A day after the State executive committee meeting, the Secun-

derabad MP has launched the party campaign calling "Abkibar BJP Mayor," taking on the TRS, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and Minister KT Rama Rao. He said that the State government run by the father-son duo was scared to send the report ahead of the GHMC elections, because, the Centre granting assistance might make the BJP and Centre popular among the voters,

he added.

Stating that the Hyderabad city has been shared between the two families, the BJP MP said, "While Kalvakuntla family has got the new city as its share, the Owaisi family is ruling the Old City."

He said that the city had got Krishna river water during N Chandrababu Naidu's regime with Rs 400 crore granted by late

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy addressing a public meeting of party leaders and cadre in Hockey Grounds at Sikh village in Secunderabad on Sunday

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee government at the Centre. Similarly, the Godavari river water had come during the late YS Rajasekhara Reddy regime. "What Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has brought is only flood and drain water into people's homes," he added.

The BJP MP said the gross negligence on the part of the government for not taking desilting of storm water drains has resulted in the flooding of the city and loss of 40 lives. He asked Minister KT Rama Rao as to where all the money had gone if he had spent Rs 67,000 crore on development of Hyderabad? Why the city was in such a mess of damaged roads, drains? he asked.

He called the TRS a party of "lies, corruption, illegal arrests in which two families are looting the Hyderabad and Telangana."

MANY FACETS OF ARNAB'S ARREST

DR HC UPADHYAY

MAY be it is sheer coincidence that at a time when the Union Home Ministry is busy finding the way out from the inconsistencies, vagueness and procedural jungle in criminal laws which has prompted it to constitute a committee to undertake this important exercise, the latest case of Arnab Goswami, an ace television journalist, should be an eye opener to all the stake holders.

Without going into the truthfulness or otherwise of allegations in Arnab's case, one thing is certain that not only the criminal laws but also civil and other laws too need to be revamped thoroughly. The archaic laws do more harm than good to society. Though it will be altruistic to presume that the old and irrelevant laws alone are responsible for the current sorry state of affairs of the justice delivery system; it is equally true that, other factors including red-tape, corruption and lack of integrity among the judicial and non-judicial personnel as well as the legal fraternity too are no less responsible.

Now that a high profile case of Arnab Goswami has come to the fore, the matter deserves to be pondered over with due seriousness and concern for the common man.

It is unfortunate that the law as it is today does not specify any time limit, leave alone any scientific methodology

for conducting and concluding the investigation of a case. Despite several judicial dictats, the police by and large either due to ignorance, political influence or monetary motive do not register the FIR, after receiving a complaint. Further, it is of the common knowledge that police and other agencies entrusted with the maintenance of law and order become just 'Yesmen' for the parties in power. On the other hand, mighty and powerful persons easily get away with 'clean chits' from the police.

Certainly this is not in consonance with the spirit of the Constitution which guarantees justice, liberty and equality to all citizens of the country.

Indeed, revisiting the existing laws particularly the criminal laws is a catch 22 situation. The legal framework of a country should aim at ensuring the rule of law for all including the people in governance and judiciary responsible for the enforcement of laws on the one hand and making it foolproof so as to eliminate the possibility of the abuse of the legal process and also providing for deterrent punishment to the offenders on the other. This is easier said than done. It is like a tight rope walking; because a fine balance has to be maintained to avoid any catastrophe. Today, because a pro-ruling party journalist has been targeted by the opposition-ruled State government using arm-twisting tactics through po-



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lice, a lot of hue and cry has been raised by different lobbies representing different shades of political ideologies. But, it is unfortunate that every day in and out several hundreds of innocent people without any god fathers or money power have been harassed by the men in Khaki throughout the country and their voice goes unheard. No Public Interest Litigations (PIL) are filed, media conferences organized, social, digital platforms are used or shouting from the rooftop is done for these voiceless harassed and persecuted people. No doubt, the Arnab's episode would be discussed in the classrooms, Bar association's seminars and conferences and in all other legal

circles for the years to come. Still it remains to be seen that who would bell the cat.

SC: Mere insult not an offence under SC/ST Act

In an order of far-reaching consequences, the Supreme Court has observed that the offence under Schedule Castes And The Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, is not established merely on the fact that the informant is a member of SC/ST unless it is proved that there was an intention to humiliate that person for the reason that he/she belongs to such a caste.

Dealing with Sec. 3(1)(x) and 3(1)(e)

of the SC/ST Act, the bench comprising Justice L Nageshwar Rao, Justice Hemant Gupta and Justice Ajay Rastogi observed that the basic ingredients of the offence u/s 3(1) are: intentionally insulting or intimidating with an intent to humiliate a member of SC/ST caste and such insult or intimidation should be in any place within public view.

Citing Swaran Singh and others v. state, the court observed that 'if the remark is made inside a building, but some members of the public are there (not merely relatives or friends) then it would not be an offence since it is not in the public view. Referring to the FIR in the instant case, the bench noted that the allegations of abusing the informant were within the four walls of her building and that the informant did not contend that there was any member of the public at the time of the incident in the house, therefore, offence under the Act is not made out.

These observations of the Court were made in Hitesh Verma v. State of Uttarakhand (Crl. Appeal No. 707/2020).

SC on residential rights of an estranged wife

In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court Bench comprising Justice Ashok Bhushan, Justice

R.Subhash Reddy and Justice MR.Shah held that the right to residence available to a married woman under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (DVA), is relevant and can be considered in civil as well as criminal proceedings.

Stating that the progress of any society depends on its ability to protect and promote the rights of its women, the bench interpreted the definition of 'shared household' under the Act and said that definition was quite exhaustive and intended to provide the residence to the victim woman under the law. 'The definition of shared household given in Sec. 2(s) cannot be read to mean that shared household can only be that household which is the household of joint family to which husband is a member or in which husband of the aggrieved person has a share.' The bench clarified that the shared household meant the place where the woman lives or at any stage has lived in a domestic relationship either singly or along with the husband and it includes the house 'owned or tenanted.'

This verdict was delivered on an appeal by Satish Chander Ahuja against a Delhi High Court's judgment. The apex court's verdict will go a long way to help thousands of hapless women who are often thrown out by their merciless and greedy spouses and in-laws.

Paris Masters

Zverev ousts Nadal, to face Medvedev in final



Zverev goes for his fourth Masters title and 14th overall

PARIS

GERMANY'S Alexander Zverev has made it to the finals of the ongoing Paris Masters following a straight-sets victory over 20-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal.

Zverev defeated Nadal 6-4, 7-5 on Saturday to stretch his winning streak to 12 matches in a row courtesy of his second victory over the Spaniard.

"It's never easy to play him. Obviously the record says it, before this match I was one in five, so obviously extremely happy

to be in another final of a Masters series. It's great and tomorrow is going to be another difficult one," Zverev was quoted as saying by the tournament's official website.

Zverev goes for his fourth Masters title and 14th overall, while 2019 U.S. Open runner-up Medvedev is seeking his third Masters crown, eighth career title and first of this year.

"We're not going to give each other anything tomorrow and we'll see who can win. I'm looking forward to it," Zverev said. "I think we are both extremely hun-

gry, it will be our first title here."

Top-seeded Nadal was bidding to reach the Paris final for the first time since 2007, when he finished runner-up to David Nalbandian.

"I think he's playing great. He won two straight tournaments and played well here again. He's in the final serving huge," said the Spaniard of Zverev, who won back-to-back titles in Cologne last month.

The German fourth seed will now meet Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev in what will be his maiden final at Accor Arena.

"I had the right attitude during the whole event, I think, fighting in every match," said Nadal while talking about his efforts in Paris.

The 34-year-old will try to carry his good form to The O2 in London, where he will pursue his first trophy at the season finale. He has qualified for the ATP Finals for the 16th consecutive year.

"I need to adjust a couple of things, but I am doing well on all the important things," Nadal said. "I have one week and a little bit more to keep working, and I hope be ready for it." (IANS)

Very surprising nobody went after Holder in IPL auctions: Gambhir

NEW DELHI

ALL-rounder Jason Holder has turned out to be a game changer for SunRisers Hyderabad (SRH) this season in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and former Kolkata Knight Riders captain Gautam Gambhir expressed surprise that the West Indies Test captain was not picked during the auctions.

"It was very surprising for me that no one actually went after someone like Jason Holder. Jimmy Neesham was picked, Chris Morris was picked, other all-rounders were picked. But Holder, who plays two formats, continues to play international cricket for a team which struggles in a Test and One-Day format. So you're always under the pump, always under pressure to deliver," Gambhir said on ESPN-Cricinfo.

Holder was brought in as a replacement for the injured Mitchell Marsh by the 2016 champions. In the six matches he has played, Holder has scored 55 runs coming on as a lower order batsman and taken 13 wickets. SRH have lost just one of these six matches and they have



gone from being strugglers to a contender for the title due to the dominant wins they have enjoyed in the other five games.

Gambhir said that Holder's position as a senior player in West Indies teams that struggles in Tests and ODIs means that the 29-year-old all-rounder is used to handling pressure.

"When you're in such a situation most of the time in international cricket, obviously you know how to handle that pressure and that is something which we've always spoken about, how important it is for overseas players to handle the pressure of the IPL," said Holder. (IANS)

Pak cruise to 8-wicket win over Zimbabwe, win series

RAWALPINDI

PAKISTAN cruised to an eight-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the second T20I in Rawalpindi on Sunday. Zimbabwe were limited to 134/7 with spinner Usman Qadir and fast bowler Haris Rauf taking three wickets each. Captain Babar Azam and Haider Ali then scored half centuries as the hosts made 137/2 in 15.1 overs.

Pakistan have taken an unsailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Rauf made the early breakthroughs with the wickets of openers Brendan Taylor and Chami Chibhabha in the first four overs. His third wicket would come in the 19th over in the form of Donald Tiripano.

Qadir, meanwhile, kept up the pressure in the middle overs, dismissing Wesley Madhevere, Sikandar Raza and Elton Chigumbura.

Babar opened the batting with Fakhar Zaman, who was dismissed in the third over by Blessing Muzarabani. Haider then joined his captain and the pair put up a partnership of 100 runs. Babar fell to Muzarabani on 51 off 28 balls in the 13th over while Haider remained unbeaten on 66 off 43.

Brief scores: Zimbabwe 134/7 in 20 overs (Ryan Burl 32 not out, Wesley Madhevere 24; Usman Qadir 3/23) vs Pakistan 137/2 in 15.1 overs (Haider Ali 66 not out, Babar Azam 51; Blessing Muzarabani 2/31). (IANS)

'Extraordinary move' by DC to gift Boult to MI, says Moody

DUBAI

FORMER Australia all-rounder Tom Moody believes it was an "extraordinary move" by Delhi Capitals to trade New Zealand fast bowler Trent Boult to Mumbai Indians before the Indian Premier League (2020) edition currently being played in the United Arab Emirates.

Boult has been in great form this season and alongside

Jasprit Bumrah, he has been one of the key reasons why Mumbai Indians are on the cusp of winning their fifth IPL title. He has picked up 22 wickets in 14 matches so far this season.

Against the Shreyas Iyer-led side in Qualifier 1, the left-arm pacer was once again at his menacing best as he picked up two wickets right at the start which rattled Delhi's chase of

201 and helped Mumbai Indians enter the final to be played on Tuesday.

"To me that was an extraordinary move. And I know that at that point at that trade, they didn't know that the tournament was go-



ing to move to the UAE. But even so, Trent Boult would be deadly in Mumbai because that is one venue where the ball would swing," Moody told ESPN-Cricinfo.

"And Boult is one of the best powerplay bowlers in the IPL so to gift him to one of the strongest teams, if not the strongest team of the whole tournament, an ace like that, it's extraordinary. If they were wanting to cash their chips in so to speak with Trent Boult, they should have just done it through the auction and let not only Mumbai but other teams fish around for Trent Boult," he added. (IANS)

Tendulkar reveals how he discovered the upper-cut

NEW DELHI

FORMER Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar has stated that he never practised the upper-cut and neither had he planned for playing the shot specifically.

In a YouTube video for 100MB, Tendulkar revealed that it was in 2002 during India's tour of South Africa when he thought of playing the iconic shot. During a Q & A session, a fan named Anuraj Ande asked - "#AskSachin did you practice upper-cut shot or was it just an instinct when you were playing." In reply, Tendulkar said it was all instinct.

"It happened in 2002 in South Africa, when we were playing a Test match in Bloemfontein. We were batting first and Makhaya Ntini was bowling around the off stump as he normally used to bowl short of a length. He rarely bowled length deliveries. Since he used to run wide of the crease, I could sight the line," Tendulkar said.

"The South African pitches offer



enough bounce. The normal tendency to deal with those bouncers is to go top of the bowl. And if it bounces more than usual for somebody of my height, why not get under it and still be aggressive and attacking," the 47-year-old added.

"That was something I felt. Instead of getting on top of the ball and trying to keep it all along the ground, get under it and play it towards third man boundary, utilising the pace," he further said.

Tendulkar also said that his shot left many of the bowlers of his time "disturbed" as a bouncer was a delivery which they bowled in order to concede

a dot ball.

"That shot disturbed a number of fast bowlers because they bowl bouncers to concede a dot ball. But I converted those into boundaries. I actually didn't plan anything. Sometimes you just have to let your natural instincts take over after getting at the crease. And that's what I did," said Tendulkar. (IANS)

Kohli shouldn't be removed as RCB captain, feels Sehwa

NEW DELHI

VIRENDER Sehwa doesn't agree with his former India teammate Gautam Gambhir that Royal Challengers Bangalore should remove Virat Kohli as captain and appoint someone else.

Following RCB's exit from the ongoing Indian Premier League in the Eliminator, Gambhir said that it is time for Kohli to be held accountable for the results of his franchise as they have not been able to win a single title under the captaincy of the 32-year-old.

However, Sehwa believes RCB management should continue supporting Kohli as their leader and think

on how they can improve their team.


"A captain is only as good as his team. When Virat Kohli captains India, he is able to deliver the results. He wins matches - ODIs, T20Is Tests. But when he captains RCB, his team is not able to perform," Sehwa said on Cricbuzz.

"It is very important for the captain to have a good team. So, I believe the management should not try and think of changing their captain and rather think of how they can improve this team. Who all should be added to the team to make sure their performance improves?" he added. RCB's IPL 2020 came to an end after they suffered a six-wicket defeat at the hands of Sun-



Risers Hyderabad on Friday.

After that, while talking to ESPN-Cricinfo, Gambhir was asked if he would change the captaincy, to which he replied: "100 per cent, because the problem is about accountability. Eight years into the tournament (without a trophy), eight years is a long time. Tell me any other captain...forget about captain, tell me any other player who would have got eight years and wouldn't have won the title and would have still continued with it. So it has to be accountability. A captain needs to take accountability." (IANS)



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