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Max: 30°C
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RH: 38%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 30/17°C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+24,449)	(+155)
1,05,96,107	1,52,743

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+256)	(+2)
TS: 2,92,128	1,581
(+179)	(+1)
AP: 8,86,245	7,142

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

9,62,22,720	DEATHS
20,55,696	
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	219

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Pushya Shuddha Saptami till 1.16 pm

Star: Revathi till 12.37 pm

Varijyam: Nil

Durmuhurtam: 12.04 pm to 12.49 pm

Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1.30 pm

HIJRI CALENDAR

Jamadi- ul- Akhir 6,1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajr: 5.47 am

Zohar: 12.37 pm

Asar: 4.28 pm

Maghrib: 6.10 pm

Isha: 7.21 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.04 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.49 AM

MORNRISE TOMORROW 11.10 AM

MOONSET TODAY 11.33 PM

COUNTER POINT



SHORT TAKES

Netaji's b'day is Parakram Diwas

New Delhi: The government has decided to observe January 23 as 'Parakram Diwas' every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Union minister Prahlad Singh Patel said on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the first Parakram Diwas programme in Kolkata on January 23.

No subsidised food for MPs now

New Delhi: Food served in Parliament canteens for MPs and others will become costlier as a subsidy given for it has been stopped, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Tuesday. The Lok Sabha Speaker said the Parliament canteens will now be run by ITDC instead of Northern Railways.

Improbable win for India

MOSES KONDETY | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

"We are all overjoyed at the success of the Indian Cricket Team in Australia. Their remarkable energy and passion was visible throughout. So was their stellar intent, remarkable grit and determination. Congratulations to the team! Best wishes for your future endeavours

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Prime Minister


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SACHIN TENDULKAR

day of the four-match series needing an improbable 324 for victory — the

highest target chased here was 236, seven decades ago — a charged-up India

set out to take the Brisbane bull by its horns.

Opener Shubman Gill (91) and Cheteshwar Pujara (56) did the spade-work, before Rishabh Pant strode on to the green Gabba ground and bashed the ball about to drive the side home (329 for 7) in top gear with a stroke-filled 89 not out.

Fuel for the purring Pant engine though was provided by high octane efforts from debutant Washington Sundar (62) and Shardul Thakur (67).

— AP

Page 4: Siraj halted Australia's second innings

AP HC quashes FIR on land deal

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 19

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy met Union home minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday night and discussed various issues related to the state.

According to reports received here, the CM explained the progress of the Polavaram project and reminded the Centre about the pending funds for allocation to Andhra Pradesh.

He also raised issues related to the AP Reorganisation Act and brought up the issue of shifting of the High Court to Kurnool as part of the YSRC government's decentralisation plan.

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Zahara Begum asks Muslims to donate for temple

Muslim lady raises funds for Ram

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 19



Zahara Begum

that all communities, including Muslims, would

pool efforts to support their Hindu brothers and sisters in organising puja for Vinayaka Chavithi, Dasara and Ram Navami by offering donations, in the true spirit and tradition of India, and its rich 'Unity in Diversity'.

She appealed to Muslim community to come forward generously to cooperate in all possible manners, including offering donations, towards the

construction of Ram temple at Ayodhya in the same spirit.

Ms Zahara appealed to fellow Muslims to donate money through Nidhi Samarpiana, during the Nidhi Sekaran programme for building of Ram temple at Ayodhya, purely on a voluntary basis.

— AP

Page 2: Hindus have donated land for Muslims

ELECTION ALERT

Justice prevails atlast!

Jubilee Hills Co-Operative House Building Society

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January 5th 2021



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GREAT | LOSS

CM condoles death of famous author, poet, historian

HSPA seeks Covid-19 testing for school staff

Central, state govt norms are followed, says official

SABITHA ORDERS ACTION PLAN FOR SCHOOLS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

The Hyderabad Schools Parents Association (HSPA) asked education minister Sabitha Indira Reddy on Tuesday to mandate Covid-19 test for all teaching and non-teaching staff in all schools to ensure that only non-infected persons are allowed inside the premises from February 1, when they reopen.

Questions were raised during HSPA's meeting with the minister on the liability of the schools and the government if any student who goes to school with parental consent gets infected. The government did not respond, sources said.

The minister assured the parents body that such a situation was unlikely, and that all safety protocols would be followed, and mandatory Covid-19 testing for staff will be

Speaking with *Deccan Chronicle*, a senior official in the education department said, "We are following all guidelines issued by the Central and state governments. We cannot guarantee who gets infected while at the school or college. We will follow safety protocols. It is up to the parents and students to identify the situation and consent to taking physical classes, which are not mandatory anyway."

The government assured that after the reopening, regular visits of district nodal officers will take place to ensure that all educational institutions were following the safety protocols.

The HSPA raised issues relating to GO 46 violations, and fee regulations in the past few months. They requested the minis-

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IN BRIEF
Medicare facility for govt staff

Hyderabad: State government employees, pensioners and their dependents will be eligible for medical reimbursement if they are admitted to a private hospital in emergency condition due to Covid-19. The ceiling would be limited to ₹1 lakh, S.A.M.

Rizvi, principal secretary, health, said in a memo on Monday. In November last, Dr K. Ramesh Reddy,

Director of Medical Education, had written to the state government to provide clarification on payments for government employees treated in private hospitals for Covid-19. — INN

Online teaching facility at Manuu

Hyderabad: The online teaching facility at the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Polytechnic, Hyderabad was inaugurated by Prof. S.M.

Rahmatullah, Vice-Chancellor, on Monday evening. According to Dr Mohammed Yousuf Khan, Principal, Polytechnic, four units have been set up at the institute's building. Two units have tripods for mobile and writing boards. The other units have a pad with a computer camera where whatever teacher writes on the pad can be seen by the students on the screen.

Prof. Rahmatullah, while congratulating the principal and teachers, advised other departments to facilitate teaching through such innovative measures. Prof. Siddiqui Mohd Mahmood, registrar, also congratulated them.

KTR TO LAY STONE FOR PROJECTS TODAY

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HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao will lay the foundation stone for several projects on Wednesday, starting with the modernised graveyard in Daniyalagutta, Begumpet, at 9.30 am. This would be followed by nala widening at Fathenagar Dhanalakshmi Nagar, KPHB and Allapur. He would also lay the foundation stone for the sports complex at Bhuvana Vijayan Ground, KPHB, Balajinagar, inaugurate a park near Manjeera Mall, JNTU, and lay the foundation stone for an indoor stadium at the IX phase, KPHB Colony.



A modern graveyard to be constructed at Begumpet.

IT MINISTER TO GIVE INDUSTRY AWARDS

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The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry-FICCI Excellence Awards would be presented by minister K.T. Rama Rao along with senior IAS official Jayesh Ranjan. The event would begin at Federation House, Red Hills, at 5 pm.

The event would be attended by FTCCI Ramaknath Inani, vice-president Anil Agarwal, Chair Ravinder Modi, and CEO Khyati Naravane. The awards are given to corporates, institutes, entrepreneurs and individuals for outstanding contribution.

The awards are given in the categories of industrial productivity, all-round performance, agro-based industry, marketing initiatives, export performance, renewable energy, employee welfare, corporate social responsibility, product innovation, research and development, information technology, science and engineering, women entrepreneur and social welfare initiatives for women empowerment.

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New look



Visitors walk on the refurbished footpath on the lake side of Tank Bund where the work has been completed and the barricades removed. Work is still going on the other stretches. — S. SURENDER REDDY

MAN KILLED, SON INJURED IN LORRY MISHAP

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HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

A 60-year-old man who was travelling in a lorry was killed and his son injured when a drunk driver in a mini-lorry rammed into their vehicle on the ORR in Shamshabad on Tuesday evening. The deceased was identified as Chandraiah. The mini-lorry driver, Kumarini Srinu, had a blood alcohol count was noted of 133.

Police said Srinu was heading from Sadashivpet to Chennai with a load of tyres and had entered the ORR at the TS Police Academy. Based on a complaint, cases were booked against the driver.



GHMC WORKERS DIES IN HIT AND RUN MISHAP

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HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Narender, a municipality worker, received a call from the GHMC supervisor saying that Bharathamma had been injured in an accident. "It was revealed during enquiry that an unidentified vehicle dashed her as she was crossing the road and drove away. She succumbed to her injuries," police said.



New flyovers to be straighter

Careless driving forces GHMC to redesign flyovers; additional cost to be ₹2K cr

**MADDY DEEKSHITH
| DC**
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

city flyovers has forced them to take such a decision, which has also been approved by the state government.

Redesigning of curvatures came into focus particularly after multiple accidents on the Bio-Diversity flyover during 2019. The government then constituted a four-member expert committee to study whether there were any design flaws. The committee noted the absence of gantry sign at the entry of the Bio-Diversity flyover.

Officials say careless driving by motorists on

had been found to be acceptable. It recommended providing the barrier for 100 metres from two metres before the apex of the flyover had been staggered, the engineering wing provided additional speed limit markings across all three lanes. The panel noted that the warning sign of rumble strip ahead and go slow sign has not been of prescribed standard. The same has been provided as per the IRC Code.

This apart, officials said, in the 24 page document, the committee suggested change in curvature from 70-metre radius to 120-metre radius, which

would ensure risk-free journey for commuters. Civic authorities redesigned OU Colony (Shaikpet) flyover, Shilpa Layout flyover, Gachibowli flyovers at Owaisi Hospital junction and Bahadurpura junction. As a result, authorities said, the ₹24,000 crore project cost will get enhanced by about another 10 per cent for land acquisition. The second accident, in which a car careened off the flyover and fell on a woman waiting for a bus below the flyover, led to the flyover being shut for 40 days.

ing boards and speed guns. But these hardly make any difference for undisciplined commuters", said a senior official. Meanwhile, Bio-Diversity flyover, aimed at easing traffic in the bustling city IT corridor, had remained closed for vehicles after two separate accidents ended in the death of three persons. The second accident, in which a car careened off the flyover and fell on a woman waiting for a bus below the flyover, led to the flyover being shut for 40 days.

Helmetless to be counselled, not challaned; says DCP

Police: Half-face helmets not valid, will attract fine

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Those caught not wearing helmets on highways will not be challaned but counselled by Cyberabad traffic police. "We want to educate the public about road safety, rather than imposing fines. For the purpose, seven road safety checkposts will be established on national highways," Cyberabad Traffic Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) S. Vijay Kumar told Deccan Chronicle.

The checkposts will be at national highways 44 and 65, Srisailam and Moinabad roads, Bijapur highway, apart from Medchal and Shamshabad routes.

"As commuters from rural areas and villages do not have much knowledge on good helmets and how to use one, we will educate and urge them to wear one. This move is to make the public more responsible," the DCP underlined.

The Cyberabad police commissionerate has five national highways passing through it with a length of 172.5 kilometres, two state highways of 41 kilometres, Outer Ring Road of 96 kilometres and

revealed that a major number of deaths of two-wheeler riders/pillion riders are because they are either not wearing a helmet, are wearing a half-face helmet or a low-quality helmet," observed Cyberabad Traffic Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) S. Vijay Kumar. As per law, any individual aged above four years should wear a helmet while travelling on a motorised two wheeler.

According to traffic officials and road safety experts, half-helmets are only useful at building sites and not when driving.

"When an accident occurs, the face and every part of your head below the crown are exposed to potential injury. Half-helmets are also much more likely to fly off the head on impact, even if the chin strap is well-secured," traffic officials maintain.

"Special drives against half-helmets are a welcome move, as these products do not do the job of saving the head in a bike accident. Half helmets or construction headgear will surely not help people escape head injuries," opined a road safety expert.

a helmet or wearing a very poor quality helmet. This move might educate public or give them a free pass to travel on highways without helmets," said a road safety expert.

According to a report by WHO, correct helmet use can lead to 42 per cent reduction in risk of fatal injuries and 69 per cent reduction in risk of head injuries.

MOON, MARS TO APPEAR CLOSE TOMORROW

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

The Moon and Mars will make a close approach to each other on Thursday night. The phenomenon is known as appulse and will be visible in the evening sky, after sunset.

The pair will be too widely separated to fit within the field of view of a telescope or pair of binoculars, but will be visible to the naked eye.

"After sunset one just has to look towards the Moon and near it people will see a reddish object which is not twinkling. That is the planet Mars," Dr B.G. Siddharth, director, Birla Planetarium, told Deccan Chronicle.

While this occurs during the normal movement of celestial bodies in their orbits, the internet is abuzz with things that have to do with Rajayoga, destiny, and horoscopes. "Whenever there is some kind of celestial activity, people try to combine their faith with the position of the stars, planets, or something in the sky. There is no such incident that is going to happen because of the movement," said Dr C.S. Rangarajan, head priest of the Chilkur Balaji temple.

This notification is made under the provision of Section-11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Medak, and Revenue Divisional Officer, Medak on any working day during the working hours.

The Government of Telangana / District Collector, Medak is authorised Revenue Divisional Officer, Medak and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take level of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil and do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section-12 of the said act.

Under section-11(1) of the said act, the person shall make any transfer or cause any transfer of land i.e. sale, exchange etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Medak.

Object of the acquisition if any, may be fixed by the person interested within 60 days from the date of publication of this notification as provided U/s 15 of the Act before the District Collector, Medak / the Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Medak.

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Shankarapet(R)
Mandal

Sd/-
Revenue
Divisional
Officer,
Medak

Sd/-
Adm.
Collector,
Medak(LB)

DIPR Ro.No.1145/LA-PP/Advt/2020-21

ROAD MISHAPS

2019	2020
● Fatal: 273	● Fatal: 211
● Non-fatal: 770	● Non-fatal: 713
● Injuries: 978	● Injuries: 920

(Up to Nov. 2020)

PVNR Expressway of seven kilometres.

"Many bikers opt not to wear a helmet. Among those who wear one, lot of them are of

poor quality. This is because we do not take safety seriously. We often see that fatal accidents are either because of not wearing

a helmet or wearing a very poor quality helmet. This move might educate public or give them a free pass to travel on highways without helmets," said a road safety expert.

According to a report by WHO, correct helmet use can lead to 42 per cent reduction in risk of fatal injuries and 69 per cent reduction in risk of head injuries.

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"Special drives against half-helmets are a welcome move, as these products do not do the job of saving the head in a bike accident. Half helmets or construction headgear will surely not help people escape head injuries," opined a road safety expert.

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SHORT TAKES

GANGAPUTRA MEMBERS DEMAND APOLOGY FROM MIN.

DC CORRESPONDENT
JAGTIAL, JAN. 19

Deshineni Rajesh, district unit president of the Gangaputra Sangham, on Tuesday demanded that the government suspend fisheries minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav from the Cabinet for allegedly making derogatory comments against the people of the Gangaputra community.

Around 1,000 Gangaputra community members took out a protest rally from Vaninagar, Dharamshala, to the Collectorate here, and submitted a memorandum to collector G. Ravi. They demanded that Srinivas Yadav apologise to the people of the Gangaputra community. If he does not do so.

Rajesh alleged that after laying the foundation stone for the construction of Mudiraj Bhavan at Kokapet, Srinivas Yadav had promised the Mudiraj community that all those who cross 18 years of age will be given first preference to catch fish in water bodies.

When Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao had declared that the primary right of catching fish belonged to the people of the Gangaputra community, how can the fisheries minister forget the people of the Gangaputra community and speak against them, he asked adding, "Is it not insulting them."

The members of the association Nachupally Reddy, Jumbbarhi Shankar, Rajini Kanth, Bingi Rajesham, Gummu Anjaiah, Pallikonda Ravi, Gummula Rajesh, Gummula Rajanna and Kalleda Gangadhara were among those who present.

RALLY BY MUDIRAJ COMMUNITY FOR FISHING RIGHTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
NIZAMABAD, JAN. 19

Members of the Mudiraj community took out a huge rally in Nizamabad on Tuesday demanding fishing rights for the community, in response to a call given by the State Maharahja Mahasabha. Community members including women from across the district took part in the agitation.

Speaking at a meeting that followed, Mudiraj Mahasabha leaders Ande Babanna, Palleboyina Ashok Mudiraj, and secretary Gangadhar said that minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav had announced that the Mudiraj community members could earn their livelihood through fishing from January 26. On the lines of the Golla, Kurma and other castes, the Mudirajus had sought livelihood through fishing, they said.

"Unfortunately, other community leaders misunderstood the government decision and are blaming Srinivas Yadav and others," the leaders said. The TRS government is committed to protecting the interests of all communities that depending on caste-based professions, they said. "We will live together with understanding, otherwise we will face problems," they warned.

Mudiraj Mahasabha leaders demanded that the community should be changed from BC-D to BC-A category. The state government should allot two acres of land in each district and sanction ₹2 crore for the community, they said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that one of my client is intending to purchase agricultural land in an extent of Ac.44.01 gunta comprising of Ac.4.21 gts in Sy.No.168, Ac.14.03 gts in Sy.No.169, Ac.10.31 gts in Sy.No.170 & Ac.14.26 gts in Sy.No.171 of Hamrojguda, Hamlet of Nandigamam village, Sangareddy, Medak & District, bounded on North by land in Sy.Nos.155 to 157 & 158, South by Land in Sy.No.175, East by land in Sy.Nos.141, 147 & 148, from its present owners and legal heirs of late Mirza Hassan Ali Khan i.e. (1) Abbasi Begum, (2) Mirza Jaffar Ali Khan, (3) Noorunnisa Begum, (4) Mehdi Begum, (5) Zainab Begum, (6) Hussaini Begum, (7) Sakeena Hassan, (8) Mirza Kaukab Hyder Ali Khan & (9) Ameri Baqith Banu Begum @ Nargis, All R/o H.No.22-7-459, Opp. Ek Khana Masjid, Chalo Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad. In case anyone has got any objection to the above sale transaction or any claim of whatever nature over above mentioned land or any part of it, they may contact me with their objections or claims, if any, with supporting documents within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Otherwise, my client will proceed with the sale transaction treating the said land is free from third party claims. Any objections or claims made thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/- P. RAM REDDY
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TRS Andole legislator Chanti Kranti Kiran sets out in a motorcycle procession to raise funds for Ram temple in Ayodhya, on Tuesday.

TRS MLA joins drive to raise funds to build Ram mandir

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Hindus have donated land for Muslims, says Zahara

From Page 1

She said that Muslims can start contributing to the Ram mandir in Ayodhya.

The participation of the TRS MLA came as a huge surprise. He also donated ₹11,111.

Speaking exclusively with *Deccan Chronicle*, Kiran said that Lord Rama was God for all Hindus and not only for the members of some parties. Therefore, he personally participated in the rally to raise funds for the Ram mandir.

"There is no politics in the programme," Kiran said.

community.

"Non-Muslims have donated a great extent of cultivable land of their volition to Muslims," she said, adding not only giving land, Hindus have also helped construct masjids, idgahs and graveyards.

Ms Zahara further said, "we are blessed to be in a country where Lord Ram was born. We are fortunate that the temple is going to be built during our time. Lord Ram has taught 'Dharma' as a way of life and stands as an exemplar for the entire

world."

"Let us come together and participate in this divine activity and help in construction of a great Ram temple at Ayodhya with an open heart," she added.

She further said India means spirituality, a rich heritage, multi-traditional, multi-cultural, multi-linguistic milieu, unlike any other country in the world.

People of all communities, including Muslims, have freedoms in India unlike in many other countries and share pride in being Indian.



TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, CLP leader Bhatti Vikramarka and others march from the state Assembly to Secretariat as part of Raj Bhavan Gherao programme to express solidarity with the agitating farmers and demanding rollback of petrol and diesel prices, in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

— P. ANIL KUMAR

Congmen Raj Bhavan march foiled by cops

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Tension prevailed at the 'Congress Chalo Raj Bhavan Gherao' march here on Tuesday as police detained scores of party activists and leaders seeking withdrawal of the new farm laws introduced by the BJP-led Union Government.

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee organised the Chalo Raj Bhavan march as per a call from the party central leadership.

Among the detained were TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, MPs A. Revanth Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, AICC secretaries Bosu Raju and Srinivasan, CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikaramarak, MLAs T. Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy, D. Sridhar Babu, MLC T. Jeewan Reddy, former minister Shabbir Ali, former PCC presidents Ponnala Lakshma Rao, V. Hanumatha Rao, AICC secretaries G. Chinna Reddy and S.A. Sampath Kumar. Police said they were put into preventive custody.

The Congressmen set out from the Assembly to Raj Bhavan via NTR Marg. Police blocked their way at Lumbini Park and reminded the leaders that no permis-

having a ₹10 lakh crore budget.

The Congress leader alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and his family pocketed thousands of crores in the name of the Kaleshwaram and Mission Bhagiratha schemes. He demanded that the state government continue procuring farm products via IKP centres introduced by the previous Congress government.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said he was confident the Congress will win the coming MLC and Nagarjunasagar bypolls. "People will teach a lesson to TRS and KCR," Bhatti demanded that the Centre withdraw the new farm laws and give relief to the common people by effecting a cut in the fuel price.

Revanth Reddy alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was doing favours for corporates rather than helping improve the lives of the 80 crore ordinary people. He said the Modi government was taking decisions in ways as to favour the Ambanis and Adanis. "Modi and KCR are running governments the same way, and they are like two sides of a coin."

SIRAJ HALTED AUSTRALIA'S SECOND INNINGS

From Page 1

Tough tailenders put on an incredible seventh-wicket stand of 123 after India were knocked down at 186 for 6 in the first innings, and fast bowler Mohammed Siraj, who took 5 for 73 in Australia's second innings.

It's been a bumpy ride to Brisbane though. The wheels had come off in the first Test in Adelaide last month when Virat Kohli's men were bowled out for a humiliating 36 in the second innings to lose the game by eight wickets. They then lost their captain to paternity leave, and at least six other players to injuries, most of them done in by hostile bowling.

Led by stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane, the battered and bruised boys bounced back by punching big to win the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne, fought out a draw in the following game in Sydney before breaching the home side's fortress in Brisbane after 32 years. No wonder they were grinning from ear-to-ear — see 32 teeth?

Then there is 33, Australia's new Catch-22 perhaps. It was the third time that the Aussies lost to India after taking a 33-run lead — at Kanpur in 1979, Adelaide in 2003 and Brisbane now.

G.H. Vihari and Ravichandran Ashwin were India's other heroes during the thrilling series. With the top half gone, they had hung in for four and three hours to score 23 and 39 respectively while enduring hostile bowling to snatch a draw in Sydney that kept the series alive and India floating like a butterfly before the bee sting in Brisbane.

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'Bangaru Telangana' only for CM and family, alleges Tarun

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

BJP national general secretary in-charge of Telangana affairs Tarun Chugh has charged Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao with deceiving the people in the name of 'Bangaru Telangana', but indulging in large-scale corruption and promoting nepotism.

Addressing an executive meeting of the state BJP Mahila Morcha, along with morcha president Geeta Murthy and senior TS leaders Vijayashanti and D.K. Aruna, Tarun Chugh said it turned out to be "Bangaru Telangana" only for the CM and his family members.

He lambasted KCR government for failing to fulfil any of the promises made in the



BJP MP, Telangana incharge Tarun Chugh, party leader Vijayashanti, Mahila Morcha president Geeta Murthy seen at Mahila Morcha State executive committee meeting in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

TRS election manifesto. "In the corruption-ridden government of KCR, unemployment has been increasing, as the CM has failed to give two lakh jobs promised during el-

ections. He is concerned only about his family. That is why KCR rehabilitated his daughter Kavitha as MLC after she lost the Nizamabad Lok Sabha seat, he pointed out.

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Mr. DINDI KURMANNA
President
Expired On: 19-01-2021

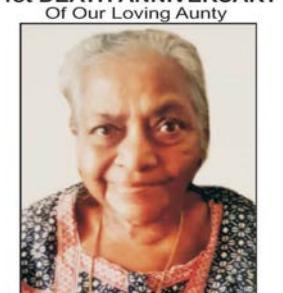
We pay our humble tribute to our dear friend and outstanding leader. May his soul Rest in Peace

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PREMA LATHA YADAV
1954 Jan to 2006 June 25th
W/o P. Madhusudan Yadav
We remember you forever

Inserted by: Madhusudan Yadav & Family Members



DR. SHAMALA GANESHAM
DOB: 6-6-1937 DOD: 20-1-2020
Son : Sri. Shrinivas Ganesham
Nieces : Smt. Shobha Murali & Smt. Sandhya Vasanth Kumar
Mobile: 6281519524



Ms. PEREJI NICOLE
SAATVICA (Twinkle)
DOB: 30-06-1998 DOD: 20-01-2011
Days are passing into years, we remember you in our silent tears your memories will remain forever with us.
Miss you my loving Darling Dada, Mumma & Sparkle



Sri D. KURMANNA
Former President, Chief Patron
Surya Nagar Residential Welfare Association, Ypral, Sainikpuri With Profound Grief.



Mrs. KADARI INDIRA PAUL
Retd. Staff Nurse, CSI Hospital, Medak
W/o Late Mr. C.T.Michael
Called to Glory : 20-01-2015
To remember you is easy, That we do it every day
Meeting you is a heartache That never goes away

Inserted by : Sons, Daughter, Son-in-law, Daughters-in-law & Grand Children

REMEMBERING ON HER BIRTHDAY

She is clothed with strength and dignity



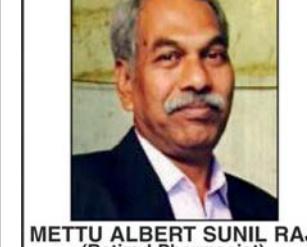
B. DEBORAH ELIAS
We hold you close within our hands

Inserted by:
Husband: B. Elias
Sons: Mintu & Rinku
Father, Sister & Brothers

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1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



METTU ALBERT SUNIL RAJ
(Retired Pharmacist)

DOB: 16.02.1959 DOD: 20.1.2020

Inserted by:

Mother, Sister, Brother-in-law, Brothers, Sisters-in-law, Wife, Son, Daughter, Daughter-in-law, Son-in-law, Grand Children

OBITUARY



Sri D. KURMANNA
S/o. Late D. Satyam

DOB: 06-09-1954 DOD: 19-01-2021

Managing Director, Ms.NBK RUBBER Pvt.Ltd

Cremation: 10AM at Ammuguda

Burial Grounds, Valuvur Nagar, Yaaprala.

Inserted By: Wife, Sons, Daughters-in-Law, Grand Children

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OBITUARY



Narendra Luther

23 March 1932 - 19 January 2021

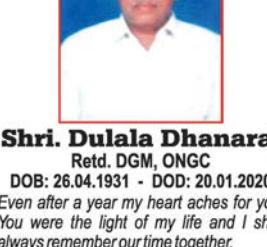
Due to Covid restrictions, we request you to pray for the departed soul at home

Bindi, Sandhya, Rajeshwari, Rahul, Raisa, Kashish, Rishabh

Mail: nlcondolences@gmail.com

(S/2021/D0035)

1st Death Anniversary



Shri. Dulala Dhanaraj

SHORT TAKES

BIRD FLU: RED FORT SHUT TILL REPUBLIC DAY

New Delhi, Jan. 19: A sample of a dead crow from Red Fort has tested positive for bird flu and orders have been issued to restrict the entry of public into the monument, officials said on Tuesday.

Around 15 crows were found dead in the premises of Red Fort a few days ago. A sample from a dead bird was sent to a Jalandhar-based laboratory for testing, Rakesh Singh, the director of the Delhi government's animal husbandry department said.

Entry of public into monument has been restricted till January 26 as a precautionary measure, he said.

On Saturday, samples from a dead owl in the Delhi zoo had tested positive for avian influenza.

Last week, the Delhi government had banned the sale of processed and packaged chicken brought from outside the city and ordered the closure of the Ghazipur poultry market in east Delhi for 10 days after samples taken from crows and ducks at parks and lakes in the national capital tested positive for avian influenza.

Municipal corporations of the city had also imposed a temporary ban on sale and storage of poultry or processed chicken meat in view of the bird flu situation.

However, the ban was lifted on Thursday after all the 100 samples taken from Ghazipur, Asia's largest poultry market, tested negative.

GUJARAT: 14 GUEST WORKERS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Surat, Jan. 19: Thirteen guest workers and a year-old girl from Rajasthan who were sleeping by the roadside in Surat district were among 15 dead after a dumper truck ran over them on Tuesday, police said.

Those killed include eight women and a guest worker from Madhya Pradesh, police said. While 12 of them died on the spot, three died during treatment at a hospital, police added.

Except for the 19-year-old worker from Madhya Pradesh, all the other deceased were from villages in Banswara district in south Rajasthan, police said.

The tragedy took place near Kosambra village, around 60 km from Surat, police said. The truck driver, who apparently lost control over the vehicle after hitting a sugarcane laden tractor, has been booked under sections of the IPC and Motor Vehicles Act, police said.

The truck driver and the vehicle's 'cleaner' were also injured in the accident and are being treated at a hospital.

The truck ran over the migrant construction workers on the Kim-Mandvi road shortly after midnight, Surat SP Usha Rada said.

S-400 TRAINING TO BEGIN SOON IN RUSSIA

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC
NEW DELHI, JAN. 19

Indian Military personnel will soon be leaving for Moscow for training courses for the Russian S-400 air defence systems that India is acquiring. Russia announced on Tuesday. India had already inked the US\$ 5.4 billion deal with Russia way back in October, 2018, for acquisition of the S-400 Long Range Surface to Air Missile System despite the threat of US sanctions and will receive the missile systems in due course.

New Delhi is hoping that it will get a sanctions-waiver from the United States. China, meanwhile, has already acquired the S-400 missile systems from Russia. The Russian Embassy on Tuesday said it had "hosted a protocol event in honour of the first group of the Indian military specialists heading to Moscow for the S-400 air defence systems training courses".

Speaking on the occasion, Russian Ambassador Nikolay R. Kudashev said that the "agreement on the S-400 supplies is one of the flagship initiatives of bilateral military and military-technical cooperation, which constitutes the main pillar of the special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India". He also said, "Very soon the first group of the Indian military specialists will depart to Russia for the S-400 air defence systems training courses."



Narendra Modi

AASU THREATENS TO RESUME ANTI-CAA STIR

RABINDRA NATH CHAUDHURY | DC
Bhopal, Jan. 19

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, JAN. 19

The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) here on Tuesday announced to resume anti-CAA movement by staging demonstrations across the state during the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah to express their resentment against the BJP-led government.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit Jerenga Pathar in Upper Assam's Sivasagar district on January 23, where he is likely to distribute land pattas to over 1 lakh beneficiaries in a public function. He is also slated to address a public rally.

AASU president Dipankar Kumar Nath told reporters that the BJP-led government ignored the Assam Accord by imposing the Citizenship Amendment Act on the people of Assam. "Both the Centre and the state government have no interest in implementing the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord that pledges safeguards for the protection and promotion of Assamese identity and heritage. The BJP-led government at the Centre instead of taking steps to deport illegal foreigners are seeking to provide citizenship to the illegal Bangladeshi in the name of 'Hindu' religion," he said.

Accusing Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal of failing to take steps for implementing the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, the AASU president said, "They have also not fulfilled their promise to seal the porous border with Bangladesh as yet."

He announced that the AASU will hold mass torch rallies on January 22 across the state. On January 23, the day Prime Minister is scheduled to visit Jerenga Pathar in Sivasagar, all district and regional units of AASU will wear black badges and stage demonstrations.

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In a major move, France on Tuesday announced that there would be a "strategic triangle" along with India and Japan "committed to a rules-based Indo-Pacific" region. The announcement made by French ambassador Emmanuel Lenain in New Delhi during an "India-France-Japan Workshop on the Indo-Pacific" organised by thinktank Observer Research Foundation is being seen by foreign policy watchers as significant, given the increasing Chinese military and economic assertiveness in the

region.

France, though essentially a European nation, has territories in the Pacific Ocean and Southern Indian Ocean and so is also an Indo-Pacific nation. France is also a major strategic partner of India. It may be recalled that India, along with the United States, Japan and Australia, is already a member of the four nation Quad, an arrangement that aims to preserve a "rules-based order" in the Indo-Pacific region.

"We are building a strategic triangle between Paris, Tokyo and New Delhi, committed to a rules-based Indo-Pacific and in keeping with our

values. Our joint work focuses on maritime security and digital connectivity," Lenain tweeted.

Participating in the workshop, Japanese ambassador Satoshi Suzuki said, "This vision of a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific cannot be achieved by a single country alone. It requires collective efforts of like-minded countries like India and France. At the heart of this shared vision are uni-

versal values such as freedom, openness, and inclusiveness... It goes without saying that India is the indispensable partner in Japan's endeavor to achieve our vision. A free and open Indo-Pacific is a natural shared goal for the two Asian maritime powers: Japan in the Pacific and India in the Indian Ocean."

Speaking at the workshop, Indian foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said, "An Indo-Pacific guided by norms and governed by rules, with freedom of navigation, open connectivity, and respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states, is an article of faith for India."

Abdullah's residence along Srinagar's Gupkar Road on August 4, 2019, a day before the state was stripped of its special status and split up into two Union Territories.

The alliance performed well in J&K's maiden DDC elections by winning 110 out of the 278 seats last month.

However, Lone who was the official spokesman of the PAGD has complained that many of the alliance's official nominees had to face serious issues due to the presence of proxy candidates in the fray.

"I am writing to you in reference to the recently

Shivraj's cabinet meet signals phase out of Covid rules in MP

Restrictions on transfer of employees due to pandemic to be withdrawn



A medic vaccinates a healthworker with Covishield vaccine during a countrywide inoculation drive against Coronavirus, at Rajawadi Municipal Hospital in Mumbai on Tuesday.

- PTI

INDIA TO SUPPLY VACCINES TO 6 COUNTRIES

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 19

India on Tuesday announced that it will begin supplies of Indian-manufactured Covid vaccines under grant assistance to Bhutan, the Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles from Wednesday.

New Delhi further said that regarding supply of these vaccines to Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius, it is awaiting the "confirmation of necessary regulatory clearances" from these three countries.

So far as vaccine supply to Bhutan is concerned, it is understood that a consignment containing 1.5 lakh doses of Covishield vaccines will reach Thimphu on Wednesday. It is also understood that a consignment containing one lakh doses of Covishield vaccines will reach the Maldivian Capital Male on Wednesday. Bhutan and the Maldives will therefore be the first two foreign countries to receive the Covishield vaccines, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India. This is being seen as India's "gift" to these two neighbouring countries, highlighting their close strategic proximity to India.

Meanwhile, in a statement, the MEA said, "The Government of India has received several requests for the supply of Indian manufactured vaccines from neighbouring and key partner countries. In response to these requests, and in keeping with India's stated commitment to use India's vaccine production and delivery capacity to help all of humanity fight the Covid pandemic, supplies under grant assistance to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles will begin from Wednesday. In respect of Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius, we are awaiting their confirmation of necessary regulatory clearances."

Meanwhile, India's vaccination drive against Covid-19 picked up pace on Tuesday with more than 6.31 lakh healthcare and frontline workers getting the jab.

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Odisha: Health workers refusing vaccination may miss free shots

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● MANY HEALTH workers have informed in writing that they will not take vaccines as a mark of protest to non-fulfillment of their certain demands.

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the vaccination, will be considered subsequently but those who refuse to take the vaccine may not get the same free of cost later," said state health director Bijay Panigrahy.

Panigrahi said that the second day of the first phase was successful. As many as 32,526 health workers were immunised in 375 sessions against the government target of 31,902. The government achieved a 102 per cent target by vaccinating more health workers on Monday, he added.

As many as 192 sessions

were conducted on Tuesday, vaccinating 16,261 health professionals, he pointed out.

Similarly, 92 sessions will be held on January 20, 436 sessions on January 21, 141 sessions on January 22, 178 sessions on January 23 and 279 sessions on January 25.

On Saturday, Covid vaccines were administered at 161 session sites across the state after the roll out of the vaccination initiative while the government stalled the inoculation drive on Sunday.

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pose health workers have refused to take Covid-19 vaccine in protest against the state government's alleged callousness in cadre restructuring and designation change.

The health workers, under the banner of Odisha state male and female multipurpose health workers'/health supervisors' united association, wore black badges on Friday as a symbolic protest and refused to take the vaccination if their demands are not met.

In a related development, the phase-II Covishield vaccines were administered at 161 session sites across the state after the roll out of the vaccination initiative while the government stalled the inoculation drive on Sunday.

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Under sharp attack from the protesting farmers' unions for their "pro-government" public stand on the three contentious agricultural reform laws, members of a panel set up by the Supreme Court to resolve the crisis said on Tuesday they will "keep aside their own ideology and views" while consulting various stakeholders, even as they indicated a complete repeal won't augur well for the much-needed agriculture reforms.

After their first meeting at Delhi's Pusa Agriculture University on Tuesday, a key panel member and president of the

Noting their "biggest challenge" was to convince the protesting farmers to appear before the panel, Ghanwat said the first meeting with the stakeholders had been scheduled for Thursday.

So far, nine rounds of talks have also taken place

between the government and the agitating unions without any concrete resolution.

The next round of talks between the farmers' representatives and the Centre are now scheduled for 2 pm on Wednesday at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhavan.

Ghanwat said the court-appointed committee had decided to listen to the views of the protesting unions on a priority basis, as it wants them to end their two-month agitation at Delhi's borders at the earliest.

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Amid turbulence, Biden's US will re-engage world

It is at a particularly tense moment in American history that Joseph Robinette Biden Jr will take the oath of office on Wednesday. He will be tasked with reuniting a nation fractured by the misrule of Donald Trump, who has disdained even the normal decorum of transfer of power rituals that exemplify the elegance of democracy. Mr Biden and his deputy Kamala Harris inherit a fractured nation ravaged by the Covid-19 pandemic, economic turbulence and cultural fissures caused by deep racial divisions. Between them, Mr Biden and Ms Harris represent vividly the true state of the United States of today of a mixed racial and cultural milieu but they will be up against a white supremacist cult living in a world of alternate reality that Mr Trump cultivated with his lies and converted into a bankable core of a dangerous vote bank.

The taut atmosphere in fortress Washington as it prepares to deal with violent threats to national security after the Capitol Hill invasion of January 6 is illustrative of what the new presidential team is up against. However distracting and divisive the prospect of convicting Mr Trump in the Senate trial and disbarring him from holding high office in the future may be, Team Biden will have to address the more immediate and impressive actions he has lined up like the \$1.9 trillion pandemic response that would need bipartisan legislative support and overhaul of health care, education and criminal justice systems with executive decisiveness. And all of that has to be done while attempting to "restore the soul of the nation" that he has promised. There will not be much place for the middle ground when it comes to dealing with facts like institutionalised racism and xenophobic anti-immigration.

Major reversal of policies are anticipated on the mix of sources for the energy grid with greater emphasis on alternative energy sources to keep in line with the Democrats' belief that climate change is real. A greater impact on the people will, however, depend on impetus the US jobs scene but many nations will be pleased that the country will be rejoicing the collective effort to try and bring down global warming. Putting a full stop to the beliefs of Trump Republicans that climate change does not pose a threat would in itself be a great contribution to protecting science and advancing solutions based on it. Leadership from the US in this fight for humanity would be even more welcome.

Sweeping American foreign policy changes can be expected and India, as a more trusted ally of the US in recent history, can hope to do much better than at a time when Mr Trump's empty promises came to nought and India is paying a price in not being able to pick up Iranian oil just as its techies faced hurdles in the H-1B visa program. As a driver of the India-US nuclear deal, Mr Biden is an old hand in dealing with India and his White House administration will have, besides vice-president Kamala Harris, as many as 20 persons of Indian origin with a majority of them in key positions. Pinpricks there may be in US views on J&K, CAA and other matters, but the chances of more meaningful country-to-country ties just got brighter.

Handle Nepal with sensitivity

The inability of Nepal foreign minister Pradeep Gyawali — who was on a three-day visit to New Delhi last week to attend the sixth meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Commission — to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in spite of his request for a meeting is an indicator that India does not regard bilateral relations as being normal until Kathmandu restores status quo ante on the sensitive border issue.

In May last year, Nepal — without warning — incorporated Indian territories of Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura, into its maps. Prime minister K.P. Sharma Oli — raising a nationalist chorus to attract the support of other parties for the move — even had the Constitution changed to show these areas as part of Nepal. More, it placed its military police to demarcate these areas, although these had long been acknowledged as Indian lands by Kathmandu.

The Joint Commission has a development agenda. India stuck to that in talks with the Nepal foreign minister. New Delhi has also promised the Covid vaccine once domestic requirements are met. These steps suggest India's position of maintaining solidarity with the people of Nepal but not necessarily with its government until Kathmandu reverses its unilateral actions on the border issue. Only when that happens is India likely to discuss the boundary question with Kathmandu.

The domestic politics in Nepal is unsettled, and also evidently unstable. PM Oli has dissolved Parliament. National elections are scheduled for April. However, it is to be seen if these can indeed take place in the present atmosphere when the ruling Communist Party of Nepal has, in reality, split. China is taking an unusual interest in the situation and may well engender political impulses to prevent return to status quo ante on the border issue with India. In these circumstances the actions of the various domestic constituencies, including the armed forces and the royalists, besides the Madhesis — the terai people — bear watching. A wobbly Nepal invites undue foreign attention, and the Modi government has not been sensitive enough to this aspect.

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UK HEALTH SECY GOES INTO SELF-ISOLATION

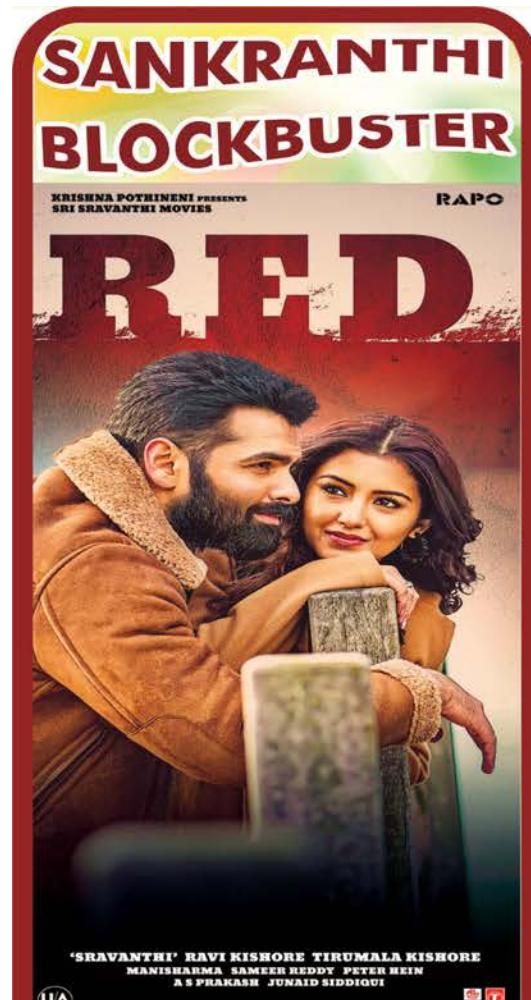
London, Jan. 19: UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock on Tuesday said he is self-isolating after being alerted by the National Health Service (NHS) Covid-19 app overnight.

The 42-year-old minister, who also spent time in self-isolation after testing positive for Coronavirus at the peak of the pandemic last year, said he learned from the NHS Test and Trace app on Monday night that he had been in close contact with somebody who has tested positive and self-isolating was "how we break the chains of transmission".

"So you must follow these rules like I'm going to. I've got to work from home for the next six days, and together, by doing this, by following this, and all the other panoply of rules that we've had to put in place, we can get through this and beat this virus," Hancock said in a video message on Twitter.

A 10-day self-isolation, which means staying at home without any exception, is a legal requirement in the UK for anybody who has Covid-19 symptoms, has tested positive for the virus, lives with someone who has symptoms, has arrived from abroad or has been contacted by the NHS Test and Trace app. The mobile phone application uses Bluetooth technology to track individuals who may later test positive for the virus.

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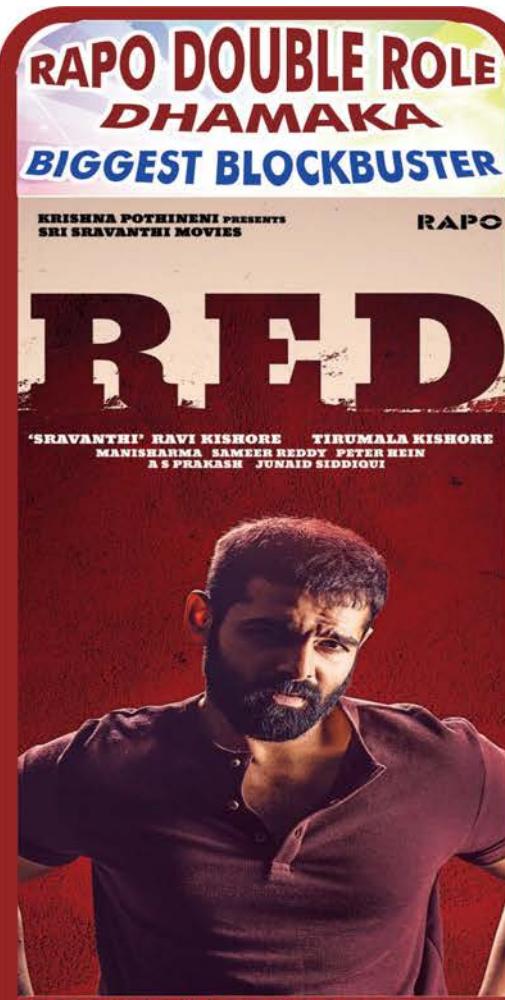
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China rushes to build isolation centre

Small, localised outbreaks prompt Chinese officials to order mass testing, lockdowns

Beijing, Jan. 19: Thousands of prefabricated rooms fill a vast field on the outskirts of China's Shijiazhuang city as construction crews work around the clock to erect a large quarantine facility to curb the city's growing Covid-19 outbreak.

China has largely brought the virus under control even as the rest of the world struggles with mounting deaths and overburdened hospitals.

But a spate of small, localised outbreaks has prompted Chinese officials to order mass testing, strict lockdowns and to prepare to move full villages into the quarantine facility to stamp out a resurgence.

The scenes outside Shijiazhuang, northern China, are reminiscent of Beijing's efforts early last year to build makeshift field hospitals in Wuhan — the central city where Covid-19 cases first emerged — within days.

The quarantines in Shijiazhuang are equipped with bathrooms, Wi-Fi and air conditioning and will house close contacts of confirmed virus patients once completed in the next few days.

State broadcaster CCTV

showed workers in high-visibility vests and hard hats assembling the cabin-like structures in the dark, while flags bearing the names of construction teams and Communist Party units fluttered from the completed buildings.

The facility is expected to have enough rooms to hold more than 4,000 people once it is completed, CCTV said Tuesday.

Work began on January 13 as northern Chinese cities placed millions under lockdown over hundreds of new infections in recent weeks. Over 20,000

residents of villages in the surrounding Hebei province have been sent into quarantine in centralised facilities, state media reported last week.

Meanwhile, millions of local residents have been tested for the virus multiple times. —AFP

California urges stop to 300K jabs

Los Angeles, Jan. 19: California's state epidemiologist is urging a halt to more than 300,000 Coronavirus vaccinations using a Moderna vaccine version because some people received medical treatment for possible severe allergic reactions.

Dr Erica S. Pan on Sunday recommended providers stop using lot 41L20A of the Moderna vaccine pending completion of an investigation by state officials, Moderna, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"Out of an extreme abundance of caution and also recognising the extremely limited supply of vaccine, we are recommending that providers use other available vaccine inventory," Pan said in a statement.

She said more than 330,000 doses from the lot arrived in California between Jan. 5 and Jan. 12 and were distributed to 287 providers. Fewer than 10 people, who

all received the vaccine at the same community site, needed medical attention over a 24-hour period, Pan said.

No other similar clusters were found.

Pan did not specify the number of cases involved or where they occurred. However, six San Diego health care workers had allergic reactions to vaccines they received at a mass vaccination centre on Jan. 14. The site was temporarily closed and is now using other vaccines, KTGTV-TV reported.

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COURT TO HEAR MEGHAN'S CASE OVER PRIVACY

London, Jan. 19: Meghan Markle's high-profile lawsuit against a British newspaper group for privacy and copyright breaches returns to court in London on Tuesday, with the duchess potentially days away from winning the case.

Meghan, who with her husband Prince Harry is waging an increasingly public war with some media outlets, is suing the publishers of *Daily Mail* and *MailOnline*.

The American former television actress claims Associated Newspapers breached her privacy, her data protection rights and copyright by publishing extracts of correspondence with her estranged father, Thomas, before she married Harry.

Judge Mark Warby approved an earlier application by the duchess for the trial to be postponed. Her legal team instead asked for a judgment to be made without the need for a full trial.

If Warby rules in the duchess's favour, then the case is over, bar an appeal. —AFP

DOZENS KILLED IN TALIBAN ATTACKS

Kabul, Jan. 19: A wave of Taliban attacks and violence has killed dozens across Afghanistan, even as talks are underway between the government and the insurgents in Qatar, officials said on Tuesday.

A statement from the defence ministry said four army soldiers were killed late on Monday night in Taliban attacks on checkpoints in Kunduz province.

According to the ministry, 15 Taliban fighters were also killed and 12 were wounded. The details were impossible to independently verify as Kunduz is off limits to journalists and the Taliban hold sway across most of the province's rural areas. However, Ghulam Rabani Rabani, a provincial council member in Kunduz, gave a significantly higher casualty toll. At least 25 members of the security forces were killed by the Taliban in separate attacks in the Dasht-e-Archi district, including 13 soldiers and four policemen, he said.

At least eight other soldiers were killed near Kunduz city, the provincial capital, he said. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, said the insurgents were behind all the attacks. The Taliban were able to seize weapons and ammunition from the checkpoints, he said. —AP

GUATEMALAN COPS BREAK UP MIGRANT CARAVAN

Hondo, Guatemala, Jan. 19: Guatemalan security forces on Monday broke up a caravan of about 4,000 Honduran migrants trying to reach the United States on a journey of thousands

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- BVK - Mallapur - 10.15am, 4.25pm
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GRAND 2nd WEEK THANKS HYDERABAD

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★ SANKRANTI BLOCKBUSTER

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MAHALAXMI - Kothapet
11.00am & 2.30pm

SHIVA PARVATHY 70MM
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Kremlin warns against protests to free Navalny

Navalny accuses Putin of ordering poisoning, Kremlin denies report

Moscow, Jan. 19: The Kremlin on Tuesday dismissed Western demands to release Russia's most prominent opposition leader Alexei Navalny, saying his calls for mass protests over his arrest were "troubling".

Legal pressure is ramping up against President Vladimir Putin's best-known domestic critic, who is due in court on defamation charges on Wednesday, as his allies in Russia call for protests in Moscow this weekend.

Navalny, 44, was arrested on Sunday as he returned to Russia from Germany for the first time since he recovered from a near-fatal poisoning with the Soviet-designed Novichok nerve agent in August.

Russia's prison service said it had detained the opposition politician for violating the terms of a suspended sentence he was given in 2014 on fraud charges he says were politically motivated.

A hastily organised court on Monday ordered Navalny jailed for 30 days, prompting his associates to call on Russians to take to the streets in central Moscow and march towards the Kremlin on Saturday.

Demonstrations in Moscow have been banned due to Coronavirus restrictions, but Navalny's right-hand man Leonid Volkov said on Tuesday the organisers would not seek formal permission from authorities to stage the rally.

Volkov said that, the prospect that the unauthorised rally could result in detentions for Navalny's supporters would not deter them, pointing to what he said were multiplying attacks on the opposition.

"Putin poisoned Navalny and Navalny is now behind bars," he said.

Navalny accuses Putin of ordering his poisoning, a claim the Kremlin has repeatedly denied.

— AFP



Police officers patrol in front of Moscow's penal detention centre Number 1 (known as Matrosskaya Tishina) where opposition leader Alexei Navalny is held after being jailed for 30 days following his arrest at a Moscow airport upon the arrival from Berlin, on Tuesday.

UN 'DEEPLY TROUBLED' BY ARREST OF OPPN ACTIVIST

United Nations, Jan. 19: The UN human rights office has raised alarm over the arrest of Russian opposition activist Alexei Navalny and called for his immediate release. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on Monday tweeted that it was "deeply troubled" by Navalny's arrest and called on the Russian government to respect his right to legal due process.

— AFP

Navalny, 44, was arrested on Sunday upon return to Moscow from Germany, where he had been recovering after allegedly being poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent. In a statement issued later in the day, two independent UN human rights experts saluted the bravery of the anti-corruption activist and called on Russia to release him, while also ensuring that his life and well-being are protected.

Agnes Callamard, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and Special Rapporteur Irene Khan, who covers the right to freedom of opinion and expression, said it was "appalling that Navalny was arrested for breaching parole terms, for a sentence he should not have received in the first place and despite the authorities being fully aware that he had been several months in Germany recovering from an attempt on his life".

OHCHR said in the press release that it was believed Navalny's arrest was related to alleged violations of a suspended sentence for a fraud conviction following proceedings that the European Court of Human Rights said in 2018, were arbitrary and unfair.

— PTI

Navalny urges Russians to take to streets over jailing

Moscow, Jan. 19: Russia's most prominent opposition leader Alexei Navalny called on Monday for his supporters to protest to the streets in central Moscow and march towards the Kremlin on Saturday.

"Do not be silent. Resist. Take to the streets — not for me, but for you," Navalny said. The head of Navalny's regional network Leonid Volkov said preparations were underway for protests to be organised across the country on Saturday.

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Russia's FSIN prison service said that it had detained him for violating the terms of a suspended sentence he was given in 2014, on fraud charges he says were politically motivated.

Navalny's lawyer Olga Mikhailova told reporters outside of the police station Monday that a court hearing on

his team shortly after the ruling, the 44-year-old anti-corruption campaigner urged his supporters to protest.

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Navalny's lawyer Olga Mikhailova told reporters outside of the police station Monday that a court hearing on

turning that sentence into a prison term will take place on February 2. In another video posted by his team from the courtroom before the Monday ruling, Navalny said he did not understand how the session could be taking place.

"I've seen a lot of mockery of justice, but the old man in the bunker (Putin) is so afraid that they have blatantly torn up and thrown away" Russia's criminal code, Navalny said.

With temperatures hovering around -20 degrees Celsius (-4 Fahrenheit), several dozen Navalny supporters gathered outside the police station shouting "Freedom!" and "Let him go!" as police looked on.

One waved a pair of underwear attached to a pole, a reference to claims that the Novichok nerve agent used against Navalny had been placed in a pair of his underpants.

— AFP

Pelosi's laptop was to be sold to Russia: FBI

Washington, Jan. 19: A young woman identified as having taken part in the storming of the U.S. Capitol reportedly stole a laptop from top Democrat Nancy Pelosi's office and hoped to sell it to a Russian spy agency, according to an FBI criminal complaint.

The complaint, filed late Sunday in a U.S. District Court in Washington, seeks the arrest of Riley June Williams of Pennsylvania on grounds including "violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds."

The Washington Post reported on Monday night that federal authorities said they had arrested Williams, but the report included few details.

Relying on several photos and videos of the chaotic January 6 intrusion, an FBI agent said Williams was seen near the office of House speaker Nancy Pelosi.

A witness, identified in the court document only as W1 but who claimed to be the former romantic partner of Riley June Williams, alleged that Williams planned to send the laptop to a friend in Russia to sell it to the SVR foreign intelligence agency.

That sale "fell through for unknown reasons, and Williams still has the computer device or destroyed it," the complaint says.

Scores of those who forced their way into the Capitol have been identified and arrested, usually with the help of photos and videos posted on social media. The Capitol remains on heavy lockdown ahead of the inauguration on Wednesday of Joe Biden as president — an event the rioters had hoped to prevent.

— AFP

Berlin, Jan. 19: A Russian ship tasked with laying pipes to complete construction of the controversial Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline will be placed under sanctions by the US, German officials said Monday.

This is the announcement of a sanction of a Russian ship. We take note of the announcement with regret," a ministry spokesman said, confirming a report in the Handelsblatt newspaper that Washington would make the decision official on Tuesday.

Work on the 10-billion-euro (\$1 billion) pipeline resumed in German waters in December after being suspended for nearly a year because of the threat of US sanctions.

Signed off by US President Donald Trump in late 2019, the measures threatened asset freezes and visa restrictions for companies involved in the construction.

According to the Handelsblatt, the US informed Germany and several European countries that it would centise the pipeline laying vessel "Fortuna", owned by the Russian company KVT-RUS.

The ship helped work to restart on the site in December by laying a short section of pipeline in German waters. The decision comes just ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration as US president on Wednesday.

— AFP

KRACKIFIED BLOCKBUSTER 2nd WEEK

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

RAJADHANI COMP-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

METRO 70MM-11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00

SENSATION SUNSHINE-6.15, 9.15PM

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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	49398.29
Nifty 50	14521.20
S&P 500*	3,788.36
Dollar (₹)	73.16
Pound Sterling (₹)	99.61
Euro (₹)	88.70
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	48,480 ▼198
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	55.90
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.93%
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.116
As of 8:30 PM IST	0.019

* As of 8:30 PM IST

J&K Bank to transfer 8.23% stake to Ladakh

J&K Bank said its board has given in-principle approval to transfer 8.23 per cent stake to the Union Territory of Ladakh. The board decided "to give its 'in-principle approval' for implementation of General Administration Department, Govt. of J&K... in terms of which ownership of 8.23 per cent out of its (J&K Govt.) shareholding in Jammu and Kashmir Bank as on Oct. 31, 2019, shall be transferred to UT of Ladakh," it said.

SBI, ICICI & HDFC systemically important banks



The RBI said state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are 'too big to fail'. SIBs are subjected to higher levels of supervision so as to prevent disruption in financial services in the event of any failure. The Reserve Bank had issued the framework for dealing with D-SIBs in July 2014.

Siddhartha Mohanty named as MD of LIC

Siddhartha Mohanty has been appointed as the managing director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), according to a Personnel Ministry order issued on Tuesday. He is at present the chief executive officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited. His appointment is effective Feb. 1.

Panel for uniform professional indemnity policy

An Irdai panel has suggested standardisation of the professional indemnity policy under which insurance cover can be provided to brokers, corporate agents, web aggregators and insurance marketing firms. A professional indemnity policy is a liability insurance product that protects individuals giving professional advice and professional entities against negligence claims by their clients for errors and omissions.

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Most sectors see employment recovery Jobs move to low productivity fields

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CHENNAI, JAN. 19

Jobs have marked a recovery in most sectors but seen a visible shift in their composition. Jobs have moved from higher productivity sectors like manufacturing and services to lower productivity areas such as agriculture and construction.

In fact, agriculture saw higher job generation than pre-lockdown levels while real estate and construction jobs bounced back almost to the FY20 levels.

However, manufacturing, which accounted for 40 million jobs in 2019-20, saw employment dropping to 24.6 million in the June quarter of 2020, implying a loss of over 15 million jobs, finds a CMIE report. Manufacturing jobs recovered to 27.1 million in the September quarter and then to 28.8 million in the December quarter. "The shortfall is still quite high at 11.4 million. Every major manufacturing industry, except pharmaceuticals, employed less people in all three quarters of 2020-21 compared to the employment in 2019-20," CMIE said.

Similarly, jobs in the services sector fell to 128 million in the quarter of June 2020 from 154 million in March, recovered partially to 146 million in the September quarter and then 148 million in the December quarter. It declined marginally to 154 million in the December quarter, but recovered almost all the 33 million job losses by the December 2020 quarter.



- Employment in agriculture exceeds last year's levels
- Real estate and construction record near-complete recovery
- Manufacturing job shortfall is still high at 11.4 million
- Services jobs are still short of March 2020 levels

tion and personal non-professional services took the biggest hit on employment during the last three quarters.

On the other hand, agriculture saw the number of jobs going up during this period. Agriculture, which accounts for about 36 per cent of total employment in India, was the only sector that did not suffer any job loss during the lockdown. Employment in the agriculture sector hovered between 140 million and 150 million till the quarter ended June 2020. It shot up to a record 158 million during the September quarter, which was 5.5 per cent higher than the number of jobs in the year-ago quarter. It declined marginally to 154 million in the December quarter, but recovered almost all the 33 million job losses by the December 2020 quarter.

Real estate and construction industry saw a near-complete recovery in terms of employment. The industry employed an estimated 61 million persons in 2019-20, which fell to 28 million in the June 2020 quarter but recovered almost all the 33 million job losses by the December 2020 quarter.

PVR predicts return of big-bang releases

ASHUTOSH JOSHI
JAN. 19

PVR Ltd is in talks with Bollywood producers to release their movies in cinema halls rather than on streaming sites of Netflix and Amazon.com, now that the pandemic is easing.

The country's biggest cinema operator, which runs about 835 screens across 71 cities, is operating most theatres at half capacity due to Covid-related restrictions. However, it sees benefits in the "age-old strategy" of movies first coming to the big screen before being monetised on other platforms.

"This applies more to big films, where the yield per eyeball in theatre is still the highest as compared to all the other distribution platforms," Kamal Gianchandani, PVR's chief of strategy, said in an earnings call last week.

A number of Indian films starring top actors such as Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan opted for streaming platform release in 2020 as the theatres were shuttered by shelter-at-home rules. Post-reopening, Christopher Nolan-directed science fic-

tion Tenet and superhero movie Wonder Woman were the only prominent releases before Tamil action thriller Master opened in theatres last week.

"We are hopeful that Master will be a case study based on which you will see—over the next few weeks—the Bollywood film guys and more south Indian regional guys planning the release calendar of the films which are currently ready," PVR's CFO Nitin Sood said.

PVR's shares, which snapped eight years of gains to fall about 30 per cent in 2020, have risen almost 14 per cent this year.

The Gurgaon-based company reported a loss of Rs 49.1 crore in the December quarter. —Bloomberg

"The offer aggregating up to Rs 11,53.71 crore comprises a fresh issue of up to Rs 265 crore and an offer for sale aggregating up to Rs 8,837.1 million by the promoters and private equity investors True North Fund, Bessemer India Capital Holdings and certain individual shareholders," the company said.

Amazon said e-commerce created "huge job opportunities" and is a significant contributor to economic growth.

"Any major alterations" to the policy will adversely impact SMEs.

Now, the government is considering adjusting some provisions to prevent those arrangements, even if the e-commerce firm holds an indirect stake in a seller through its parent, three sources said.

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SHORT TAKES
Sania reveals her Covid story

New Delhi: Indian tennis star Sania Mirza on Tuesday revealed that she had tested positive for Covid-19 earlier this month but has recovered since then. The six-time Grand Slam winner put up an emotional post on her official Twitter account to make the announcement.

"Just a bit of info as to what's been going on since the year began... I had contracted covid 19 - I am healthy and absolutely fine now by grace of the almighty but I just wanted to share my experience," Sania wrote.

She said she didn't experience any severe symptoms of the dreaded virus but it was difficult staying away from her son.

"I was lucky to not have any major symptoms for the most part of it, but I was in isolation and the toughest part was to stay away from my 2 year old and family," she added.

Sania said she had contracted the virus despite taking all precautions and urged everyone to wear masks and continue washing their hands.

"...this virus is no joke, I took all the precautions as I could but still contracted it... we must do everything we can to protect our friends and family... wear your masks, wash your hands and protect yourself and your loved ones... we are in this fight together," she said.

"I can't even imagine what ppl and their families are going through when ppl are sick in hospital all alone and by themselves... it was scary as you aren't very sure what to expect and hear so many different things and stories," she further added. — PTI

Anish, Laxmi advance at SMTA

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HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Anish Jain and Laxmi Siri Dandu sailed into the second rounds of the boys and girls categories respectively in the All India Tennis Association C7 Under 14 tournament being held at the Sania Mirza Tennis Academy in Moinabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad. In matches played on Tuesday, boys top seed Anish continued his winning run and marched past Praneel Eshwar 6-1, 6-3.

In girls section, Laxmi Siri packed too much power for Y. Poojitha, beating her 6-0, 6-1.

THE RESULTS

■ Boys Under 14 singles (second round): Anish Jain bt Praneel Eshwar 6-1, 6-3; Showrya Syamala bt Krishik Valipally 6-1, 6-4; Pratyush Jayaram bt Laksh Tapilyal 6-1, 6-1; Manav Siyal bt K. Sai Simha 6-1, 5-7, 10-8; Shashank Sa Prasad bt Rahul Lokesh 6-4, 6-2; V. Dhiraj Reddy bt M. Srivant Reddy 6-1, 6-2; V. Thirumurugan bt Ahan Shetty 6-2, 7-5; Murali Koushal bt Sivatej Bala Prasad 6-2, 6-2.

■ Girls Under 14 singles (second round):

Laxmi Siri Dandu bt Y. Poojitha 6-0, 6-1; Prisha Nikhil Shinde bt Rithika Daggula 6-1, 6-4;

Rishitha Basu Reddy bt G. Hansika Reddy 6-2; Shanthi Reddy bt Isha Prapurna 6-2, 6-3; M. Princy Reddy 6-3, 7-5; Rithika Kakarlamadil bt Saani Pradeep 7-5, 2-6, 10-6; Malvika Reddy bt Tribhuvani Chennamsetty 6-4, 7-6, 10-8; Ika Raju bt Sai Sahasra 6-0, 6-0.

Shivlal, HCA laud super Team India

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JAN. 19

Former Test cricketer, national selector and BCCI president N. Shivlal Yadav was all praise for the Indian cricket team that beat the odds and Australia to register a historic series win in Brisbane on Tuesday.

"It's a fantastic victory. Hats off to the boys, Rishabh Pant, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj and all the others who played attacking cricket. They simply treated the match as a T20 game and won it for India, doing us so proud," he said.

"Ajinkya Rahane too has led the team admirably. He is calm, composed and backs his players," Shivlal added.

Shivlal attributed the attitude to IPL. "Thanks to Lalit Modi and the IPL, these players play fearlessly, because they have faced them before. It augurs well for India," he said.

"The Apex Council and members of the Hyderabad Cricket Association congratulate Team India on their stupendous performance. The HCA also congratulates speedster Mohd Siraj

for his outstanding performance in his debut series. A special word of appreciation for G. H. Vihari too," HCA secretary R. Vijayaman said in a statement to the press.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy too congratulated the Indian cricket team and hailed the side for its "wonderful performance with limited resources" with senior players unavailable due to injuries.

ARSENAL ON FIRE

Aubameyang nets brace as Gunners crack Newcastle

London, Jan. 19: Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang returned to scoring form with a double as Arsenal's rise up the Premier League table continued with a comfortable 3-0 win over Newcastle on Monday.

The Gunners were facing an unlikely battle for survival less than a month ago, but 13 points from a possible 15 have lifted Mikel Arteta's men into 10th and within seven points of the top four.

Despite Aubameyang doubling his tally of league goals from open play this season, it was again Arsenal's dynamic young duo of Emile Smith Rowe and Bukayo Saka who caught the eye as the latter slotted home the hosts' second goal in between the captain's brace.

"When we are winning they put a smile on my face," said Arteta of Smith Rowe and Saka's impact.

"I know what they are capable of doing. They are developing really well, that's merit to them, to their teammates and everyone who is involved to help them develop and protect them. The performances they are putting in are extraordinary," he added.

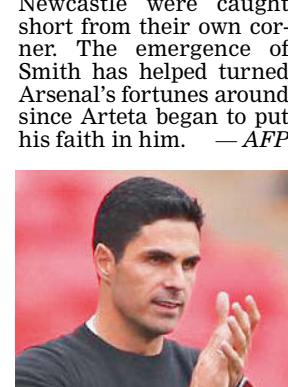
Newcastle do remain firmly in relegation fight after a ninth consecutive game without a win.

Newcastle still enjoy a seven-point cushion above the relegation zone, but those behind them are in better form with still over half the season to play.

Aubameyang's struggles in front of goal have played a major part in Arsenal's difficult start to Arteta's first full season in charge.

Another night to forget seemed in store for the Gabon international when he hit the post with the goal gaping after Karl Darlow had diverted Saka's low effort into his path at the back post midway through the first-half.

But Aubameyang made no mistake with a more difficult chance early in the second-half after Newcastle were caught short from their own corner. The emergence of Smith has helped turned Arsenal's fortunes around since Arteta began to put his faith in him. — AFP



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— MIKEL ARTETA
on Smith Rowe and Saka's impact



Granit Xhaka (left) of Arsenal clears the ball from the path of Newcastle United's Callum Wilson during their English Premier League match at the Emirates Stadium in London on Monday. Arsenal won 3-0. — AFP

Zlatan on song as Milan win

Milan, Jan. 19: Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice on his first start in two months as AC Milan beat Cagliari 2-0 on Monday to pull ahead of city rivals Inter on top of the Italian league table.

Ibrahimovic, 39, got the first from the penalty spot after seven minutes, adding a second just after the break in Sardinia.

Milan, targeting their first league title since 2011 when Ibrahimovic last played in the team, pull three points ahead of Inter who beat champions Juventus 2-0 in the San Siro on Sunday.

"This victory is a sign above all to ourselves more than Inter," said coach Stefano Pioli.

"We all want to bring Milan back to the top. The team will do everything from here to the end," he added.

Ibrahimovic proved he has returned to his best after injury, with the club set to sign former Juventus and Bayern Munich forward Mario Mandzukic to help their title push.

The Swede brought his tally to 12 goals in eight games with five doubles, including a brace on November 22 against Napoli, when he picked up the thigh injury which sidelined him.

The visitors quickly took control of the game after Cagliari defender Charalampos Lykogiannis fouled Ibrahimovic.

Ibrahimovic decided to take the penalty ahead of regular spot kicker Franck Kessie after the Swede had missed twice

Cagliari, just above the



Zlatan Ibrahimovic (left) of AC Milan vies for the ball with Cagliari's Charis Lykogiannis in the penalty area during their Italian league match at the Sardegna Arena in Cagliari on Monday. AC Milan won 2-0. — AFP

from the spot twice before his injury. Cagliari goalkeeper Alessio Cragno cleared a long-range Davide Calabria effort after 24 minutes with the Italy defender hitting the post 10 minutes later.

Back after the break Ibrahimovic connected with Calabria's long-range effort finishing off with the goal confirmed after a VAR review.

Milan held their advantage despite playing the final quarter of an hour a man down after Alexis Saelemaekers was sent off for two bookings, ten minutes after coming off the bench.

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MESSI HANDED TWO-MATCH SUSPENSION

Barcelona, Jan. 19: The Spanish football federation suspended Lionel Messi for two matches on Tuesday after he hit an opponent in an incident away from the ball in the Spanish Super Cup final.

The Barcelona forward was facing a suspension of up to 12 matches for swinging his arm at an Athletic Bilbao player at the end of the team's 3-2 loss on Sunday.

The federation's competition committee did not deem the incident to be severe and applied a less severe penalty against the player.

After passing the ball out to the left flank, Messi swung his right arm at the head of Athletic forward Asier Villalibre as they ran toward the box. Villalibre immediately fell to the ground and after a video review, Messi was given his first red card in 753 appearances for Barcelona.

Referee Gil Manzano said in his match report that Messi hit his opponent with excessive force while the ball was not near him.

The Argentine star footballer will miss Barcelona's match against third-division club Cornell in the Copa del Rey and against Elche in the Spanish league.

— AP

Sindhu shimmers, makes 2nd round

Bangkok, Jan. 19: India's P. V. Sindhu cruised into the second round of the Thailand Open on Tuesday to erase the memory of her surprise first round exit a week earlier.

The Rio Olympics silver medallist, was sheer class as she pummelled Thailand's world number 12 Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-17, 21-13 in 42 minutes in Bangkok.

"It was a good game and I'm very, very happy. This win was very important for me in this tournament because at last week's tournament, I went out in the first round."

— P. V. SINDHU

after defeating Thailand's Busana Ongbamrungphan 21-17, 21-13

thriller.

Verma hung on to claim the decider 18-21, 27-25, 21-19.

"I think from the start I made a lot of mistakes, but luckily I overcame that to claim the first game. It was a tough game for me and the second game was a long one. In the final game, you can see Sameer led the whole way. I tried my best," Lee said.

Sindhu fell to Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt in a shock a week ago in the first of back-to-back Thailand Opens.

Former world number one Saina Nehwal suffered a first round loss to Thai fifth ranked Ratchanon Intanon after fizzling out in the second set 21-17, 21-8.

The result is a blow to the Indian player, who is yet to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

Top seed Tai Tzu Ying from Taiwan bounced back from her final defeat to Spain's Carolina Marin in the first tournament on Sunday, to beat Thailand's Supanida Katethong 21-16, 21-11.

In the men's singles, Lee Zii Jia faced an unexpected defeat against India's Sameer Verma in a marathon 74 minute

— AFP



P. V. Sindhu plays a shot against Thailand's Busana Ongbamrungphan during their women's singles first round match at the Thailand Open badminton tournament in Bangkok on Tuesday. — AFP

Harden stars as Nets snap Bucks

New York, Jan. 19: James Harden scored 34 points and Kevin Durant's 30 included the go-ahead three-pointer in the final minute as the NBA's new-look Brooklyn Nets beat the Milwaukee Bucks 123 on Monday.

Harden, playing his second game for Brooklyn since arriving in a blockbuster trade from the Houston Rockets, added 12

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, the Golden State Warriors rallied from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the reigning champion Los Angeles Lakers 115-113.

Stephen Curry led the Warriors with 26 points, despite struggling from three-point range. Kelly Oubre Jr. added 23 for Golden State, his driving layup with 3:10 remaining knotting the score at 108-108.

Durant added six assists and nine rebounds as the Nets held off two-time defending NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Bucks in a clash of Eastern Conference powers.

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Khris Middleton added 25 points but couldn't get a potential game-winning three-pointer to drop in the final second.

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— AFP

Srikanth, Dhanush crack double centuries in league

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takers were Shyam Reddy (5/34) of Vijay CC, Anu CC's Rehman (5/48) and SN Group's S. Vijay Verma (5/60), who is son of former Test left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju. Vijay

Shinde 59, M. A. Khader 40, Kaneshk Naidu 59 n.o.; Chiranjevi 3/37 vs SCRSA 44 for no loss in 9 overs

Group-A

Jai Hanuman 40 in 89.2 overs (Rohit Rayudu 165 — 182b, 14x4, 10x6, N. Anirudh Reddy 83, UAV Varma 67 n.o.; Md Abdul Adnan 3/71, A. Varun Goud 3/92) vs

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SHORT TAKES

Shastri in tears after 'unreal' win

Brisbane: Ravi Shastri claims to be anything but an emotional person.

As a 22-year-old captain of the India U-25 team back in 1984, he had stopped the team manager from telling rookie

Mohammed Azharuddin about his grandfather's ill health to ensure that the player, who was on the verge of breaking into the Indian team did not leave a match and hamper his chances.

He is a *khaadoos* (resilient in Marathi) Mumbaikar who will hardly get mushy. But that was before Tuesday when he watched Rishabh Pant take a lap of honour with the national flag, hand it over to a proud Mohammed Siraj and then to Shardul Thakur.

"I got emotional. I am not someone who generally has tears in his eyes and even I got emotional," the India head coach, still trying to soak in what his wards had achieved, confessed to a quote-hungry media after his team of mostly greenhorns outfoxed Australia 2-1 in a Test series.

"I had tears because this is unreal. What these guys have pulled off will go down in history as one of the greatest series ever played. When you look at the Covid situation and state of injuries and then to show the stomach for a fight, after being bowled out for 36 is unimaginable," said the veteran of 80 Tests.

Known for his one-liners, Shastri was still gathering his thoughts after what unfolded here. "This is the toughest tour ever. Nothing comes closer to this. This surpasses all," he said.

— PTI

Team to get ₹5cr bonus from BCCI

New Delhi: The BCCI on Tuesday announced a ₹5 crore bonus for the Indian cricket team after the Ajinkya Rahane-led side won the fourth and final Test against Australia to clinch the series 2-1 and retain the Border-Gavaskar trophy. BCCI President Sourav Ganguly and Secretary Jay Shah tweeted within minutes of each other to make the announcement. The Board later issued a formal statement, applauding the team. "It was a series that showcased grit, determination and resilience of the highest quality," the BCCI said.

"The Board applauds the efforts displayed by the team on and off the field... The BCCI is proud of this magnificent feat and has announced a cash reward of 5 crore INR to the team," it added.

Ganguly said the "value of this win is beyond any number."

"We are extremely proud of the series win. Beating Australia in Australia by a young team will remain etched in the history of Indian cricket forever.

"It cannot get better than this. I am so proud of everyone. Congratulations to Ajinkya Rahane and Ravi Shastri and the rest of the touring party for this remarkable feat," he said.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah echoed the sentiment.

"Heartiest congratulations to every member of the Indian cricket team. The team overcame the odds, injuries and a tough opposition and showed great character, resolve and courage to win the historic Test series in Australia for the second time in a row." — PTI

Kohli returns for Eng Test series

New Delhi: Virat Kohli returned to lead India against England in the upcoming home Test series while the selectors also recalled all-rounder Hardik Pandya and pacer Ishant Sharma to bolster the squad, announced by the BCCI on Tuesday. Kohli, who headed back to India on a paternity leave after the Adelaide Test, was named in the 18-man squad along with pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who missed the final Test in Brisbane against Australia due to an abdominal strain. The squad was named only for the first two Tests of the four-match series, starting on February 5 in Chennai.

Ajinkya Rahane was named as the vice-captain. Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur also kept their places along with Mayank Agarwal. The second Test will also be played in Chennai (February 13-17) while Ahmedabad will host the third (February 24-28) and fourth Test (March 4-8). — PTI

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Indian players celebrate with the trophy after defeating Australia by three wickets on the final day of the fourth Test at the Gabba in Brisbane on Tuesday. India won the four-Test series 2-1. — AP

RISHABASH!

Rishabh leads India to series win after rookies demonstrate daredevilry

Brisbane, Jan. 19: An Indian cricket team saddled with broken bones and battered bodies showed a never-seen-before zeal to retain the coveted Border-Gavaskar trophy with a historic three-wicket win over Australia in the fourth and final Test here, successfully chasing a 328-run target to seal the four-match series 2-1. A minefield of talent called Rishabh Pant (89 not out off 138 balls) channelled his inner 'Mad Max' to scare the daylights out of the Australians with his breathtaking stroke-play, ending the home team's 32-year-old unbeaten run at the Fortress Gabba.

The result has the potential to end Tim Paine's reign as Australia captain having lost back-to-back home series against India. The highlights package of Pant's battle with Nathan Lyon can be enjoyed repeatedly in times to come as he demolished the 100-Test man in company of debutant Washington Sundar (22), who hooked the world's best fast bowler, Pat Cummins, for a six.

No one moved from their seats as Pant cut, drove, and paddle-swept to make a statement to his detractors



Mohammed Siraj (centre) celebrates India's win with Rishabh Pant at the Gabba in Brisbane on Tuesday. — PTI

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST LOSS AT GABBA AFTER 1988

■ Australia's defeat was their first at Brisbane in 32 years. Last time they lost was against the West Indies in 1988. In between these two defeats, Australia went unbeaten for 31 Tests. The only other venue to witness a longer streak is Karachi, where Pakistan remained unbeaten for 34 successive Tests between 1955 and 2000.

■ India won the four-Test series 2-1 despite losing the first Test match. This is only the fourth instance in which a team has come back from a Test down or worse to beat Australia in Australia. On all the three previous occasions, it was England — in 1882-83, 1911-12 and 1954-55 — who managed that.

PANT SURPASSES DHONI

■ Rishabh Pant became the 68th Indian batsman to complete 1,000 runs in Test cricket. By completing the same in the 27th innings of 16th Test match, he is the fastest among the seven Indian wicket-keeper to score 1,000 runs in Tests. Mahendra Singh Dhoni who completed 1,000 runs in 32 innings of 20 Test matches, held the previous Indian record.

INDIA'S JOINT 4TH SMALLEST WIN IN TESTS

■ India recorded their joint fourth smallest win in Tests by beating Australia by three wickets in fourth Test at Brisbane. India's one-wicket win over Australia at Mohali in 2010-11 is the smallest win followed by two two-wicket victories against Australia at Mumbai in 1964-65 and at Chennai in 2000-01. India also achieved a three-wicket win over the West Indies at Chennai in 1978-79.

■ India's 329/7 is their third highest fourth innings total to win the match. The highest is 406/4 against the West Indies at Port of Spain in 1975-76. India beat England by six wickets at Chennai in 2008-09 after making 387 which is India's second highest fourth inning total to win in Tests.

■ This is also the fifth-highest successful chase in Australia. In the last 20 years, only South Africa have chased down a higher total in Australia, when they scored 414 at Perth in 2008.

— S. PERVEZ QAISER

BIGGEST MOMENT OF LIFE FOR PANT

Brisbane, Jan. 19: After playing a key role in India's breathtaking and successful run chase in the series-deciding fourth Test against Australia, Rishabh Pant on Tuesday called the historic win as the "biggest moment" of his life.

"This is one of the biggest moments of my life now, and I'm happy that all the support staff and all my teammates supported me even when I wasn't playing," Pant said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

"It's been a dream series. India did not play Pant in

either the preceding ODI or the T20 series. But the young wicketkeeper-batsman made an impression in the Test series, playing a combative 97-run knock in the second innings in Sydney and again here on Tuesday.

"It's been a dream series. The team management

always backs me and tells me, you are a match-winner and you have to go win the match for the team. I keep thinking every day that I want to win matches for India, and I did it today," Pant said.

Asked about the pitch that had cracks all over, Pant said, "It was a fifth-day

pitch and the ball was turning a bit. I thought I have to be disciplined with my shot selection."

India skipper Ajinkya Rahane initially struggled to find words but gathered himself to praise his courageous teammates.

"It means a lot to us. I don't know how to describe this, but our boys showed a lot of character and determination after the Adelaide Test," Rahane, who led India in the absence of Virat Kohli, said.

"I'm really proud of each individual." — PTI

Rahane credits team effort for win

Brisbane, Jan. 19: For someone who led India to one of their greatest ever series wins, Ajinkya Rahane was at his modest best at the end of it all, saying he looked good as a leader because everyone else contributed.

Rahane and Virat Kohli are contrasting personalities but the former did remarkably well in galvanising the squad after the regular skipper headed back home on paternity leave following the debacle in the first Test at Adelaide.

"It's an honour to lead the country. It was not about me but about the team. I looked good because everyone contributed. For us it was about having that character on the field, having the fighting spirit, the attitude," said Rahane in the post-match presser when

this. What we did here is historic and we want to enjoy this win tonight and once we land in India we will think about the England series," said Rahane, who too got emotional after Rishabh Pant hit the winning runs.

Chasing 328 at Australia's fortress was a herculean task but Rahane said they were only focussed on playing their normal game.

"This morning we spoke about playing simple cricket. What we did in this tour was fight very hard. Yes, we were looking to play session by session. During tea time, we sent messages to Rishabh but he was always looking to chase the total.

"Credit to him, he took that risk and took on the Aussies. His and Pujara's innings gave the platform to win the game." — PTI



Indian captain Ajinkya Rahane (left) applauds supporters as the team takes a victory lap carrying the national flag around The Gabba in Brisbane on Tuesday. — AP



TALK

WHAT A WIN!!!

Yessssss. To everyone who doubted us after Adelaide, stand up and take notice. Exemplary performance but the grit and determination was the standout for us the whole way. Well done to all the boys and the management. Enjoy this historic feat lads. Cheers @BCCI. — VIRAT KOHLI India captain

Just a remarkable win... Go to Australia and win a test series in this way... will be remembered in the history of Indian cricket forever. BCCI announces a 5 cr bonus for the team. The value of this win is beyond any number... well done to every member of the touring party. — SOURAV GANGULY India legend and BCCI prez

Great... Great Job India...!! Winning the series after the dismal 36 is simply out of this world.. Congrats @ajinkyaharane88 for breaking the jinx of Gabba... Super... Super team effort... Hail India...!! — BISHAN SINGH BEDI Former India cricketer

Many congratulations Team India for the fabulous show of character and skill. A wonderful test series with the perfect result. Hopefully the end of discussion of 4 day tests for a while. #INDvsAUS. — ANIL KUMBLE Former India player, coach

This win is going in history books! Young team beating a experienced Australian side I don't think I was so proud while I was playing for India Flag of India #Unbelievable stuff #test cricket at its best congratulations boys Man dancing Fisted handFisted hand #IndiansAustralia. — YUVRAJ SINGH Ex-India allrounder

Khushi ke maare pagal. This is the new India. Ghar mein ghuskar maarta hai. From what happened in Adelaide to this, these young guys have given us a joy of a lifetime. There have been World Cup wins but this is special. And yes, there is a reason Pant is extra special. — VIRENDER SEHWAG Ex-India opener

Team India has proved it again by team efforts, great character, courage & max determination! Despite the bruises, the team made it possible for our country. That's why we play for the country's flag to go high every time we perform. #INDvAUS. — ISHANT SHARMA India bowler

No matter what happens, we shall always play like the team called INDIA! You don't get to see such performances everyday. Take a bow champs! — DINESH KARTHIK India wicket-keeper

Congrats to the Indian cricket team @BCCI... That's one of the best series wins I can ever remember on Aust soil & to do it after being bowled out for 36, plus a depleted squad shows tremendous character, resilience, courage & belief. — SHANE WARNE Former Aussie spin wizard