

SHORT TAKES



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

GUDUR DONATES ₹1 CRORE FOR RAM MANDIR

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

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

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

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

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

SCARE AFTER FAKE BOMB THREAT CALL

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

UNFORTUNATE TO HAVE KCR AS CM: PONNALA

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

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

TOP COP ANJANI KUMAR TAKES COVID VACCINE

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Around 41 per cent of beneficiaries were vaccinated on Monday with police commissioner of Hyderabad Anjani Kumar and director of public health Dr Srinivas Rao among those participating in the drive.

It is for the first time that Covaxin has been used in the state, according to sources.

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

KCR keeps ministers, TRS MLAs on their toes

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

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

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

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

single largest party in the GHMC, besides its highest strength of ex-officio members, comprising party MLAs, MLCs and MPs, who can vote in the GHMC Mayoral election.

The Mayor post has been reserved for a woman in the general category for this time, making aspirants from all castes vie for the post. With this, ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs have all stepped up lobbying to bag the Mayor post for their kith and kin. Some ministers even stepped in to bag the Mayor post for their supporters.

The incumbent Mayor Bonthu Rammohan is lobbying hard to secure the post for his wife Bonthu Sridevi, who won from Cherlapally division, a ward vacated by him. Since she won for the first time, his opponents are opposing her candidature on this ground.

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

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

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

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

Chintala Vijayashanthi is daughter-in-law of former TRS MLA Chintala Kanaka Reddy,

who died in May 2019, Manne Kavitha Reddy is wife of city TRS leader Manne Govardhan Reddy and Mothe Sri Latha Reddy is married to city TRS leader Mothe Shobhan Reddy.

Though no party could secure the magic figure of 75 seats out of 150 to bag the Mayoral post on its own, TRS emerged as the single largest party by winning 56 seats while the BJP stood second with 48 seats (now 47, after one of its corporator-elect died), AIMIM third was with 44 seats while the decimated Congress is fourth with two seats. Only 44 out of the total 52 ex-officio members were found to be eligible to vote in the election. Of them, 32 belong to TRS, 10 to AIMIM and two to BJP.

The remaining eight ex-officio members (six from TRS and two from Congress) have exercised their votes in other municipal corporations and hence their names were deleted from the GHMC election.

RESUME MMTS TRAINS, KISHAN TELLS KCR

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Monday wrote a letter to Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to resume MMTS train services which were suspended in March last year due to Covid-19.

The Union minister said that local trains in Maharashtra had resumed after requests by the state government there. He also stated that MMTS trains are being operated in 50-km stretch with 121 daily trips and connected 25 stations. He further added that services are mainly in rush areas like Lingampally and Falaknama.

He appealed to the Chief Minister to write a letter to the Indian Railway to allow MMTS trains services.

BHATTI: WILL RAISE STUDENTS ISSUES IN HOUSE

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Congress Legislature party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday said that he would voice the opinion of unemployed youth in the State during the next Legislative Assembly session.

Cong, BJP cheating tribals, says TRS

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The TRS on Monday came down heavily against Congress and BJP leaders for misguiding people and raising a hue and cry over tribal land issue.

Speaking to reporters, MP Badugula Lingaiah Yadav and MLAs Ravinder Kumar Naik and Saidy Reddy ridiculed the BJP's 'assurance' yatra in Gurrampodu village and said it was nothing but deception and taking tribals for a ride. They said that the BJP was only eyeing the ensuing Nagarjunasagar by-election.

They wondered if the BJP leaders were aware of Survey number 540. They said that in 2014 the then government gave fake patas to tribals in those areas,

at the behest of the incumbent TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy.

Saidy Reddy said "ever since I became an MLA, I am rendering justice to tribals. I ensured suspension of officials, who colluded with the MROs, and issued fake patas."

The TRS leaders said Uttam Kumar Reddy and Bandi Sanjay had come to a mutual understanding. They challenged the two to discuss tribal land issues in an open forum. Saidy Reddy said if Bandi Sanjay can prove charges against him, he would give up his MLA position. Otherwise, the BJP leader has to resign as a Lok Sabha member.

Naik said if BJP was really concerned about tribals then they should strive for ensuring suitable reservation for them.

BJP continues to ridicule KCR

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Be it launch of an indefinite fast, the defining moment in the statehood agitation, bringing in all political parties into the agitation through the formation of a political JAC or assuring Congress chief Sonia Gandhi of merging TRS, a promise that proved later to be a lie, that Rao had his way and the final laugh, all ridicules along the way notwithstanding.

Blow-hot-blow-cold approach is imbibed into his political philosophy, a minister pointed out.

The Telangana state BJP

however continues to ridicule the Chief Minister for what they describe as his futile attempts to keep his partymen under a false belief that the Modi-Shah duo were won over by him.

Maintaining that the BJP was not Congress to have a deep divide between the Central and state leaderships, they say that KCR's rhetoric was a ploy to keep flock together and prevent exodus.

"He lies to people. Now it is proved, he is lying and misleading even his partymen," said a senior BJP leader.

Bravehearts recall 1971 victory against Pak

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The Golden Jubilee anniversary of the iconic victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the Indo-Pak War of 1971 is being celebrated as "Swarnim Vijay Varsh" here this year.

The Telangana and Andhra chapter of this event spread over ten days has commenced on Monday.

The 'Victory Mashaal' was accorded a grand reception at the War Memorial at Artillery Centre. It was received by Lieutenant Colonel Narsinga Rao, Vir Chakra (Retd) Gallantry Awardee of the 1971 War; Lieutenant General KR Rao, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) and Brigadier Jaydeep Yadav, Commandant, Artillery Centre with full military honours.

In a solemn ceremony, the 1971 War Veterans and senior officers laid wreaths in honour of the sacrifice of the gallant warriors. During its last-mile run, the Mashaal was carried by outstanding sports persons — Arjuna/Dronacharya Awardees, recruits as also NCC cadets and school children — to Makhani Singh Stadium for display.



Major General R.K. Singh, GOC, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area along with Brigadier Jaydeep Yadav salute the Mashaal at the curtain raiser for the 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' at the Artillery Centre, Hyderabad, on Monday.

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Tricolour balloons were released, followed by an audio video narration of the 1971 War, a stupendous band display and speeches by Lieutenant Colonel Narsinga Rao, VRC (Retd), Lieutenant General KR Rao, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) and Brigadier Jaydeep Yadav, Commandant, Artillery Centre to commemorate the event.

"The war in December 1971 was fought for upholding the human rights of the people of Bangladesh. It lasted 14 days and it was one of the fastest, swiftest, shortest and

bloodiest war ever fought. Pakistan lost half of its navy and a quarter of its air force," said Major General RK Singh, General Officer Commanding, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area.

He added that the mega state-level function would be held at the Veerula Sainik Smarak, Secunderabad, on Thursday. It would be attended by Governor Dr Tamilsai Soundararajan, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, veterans and other distinguished civil and military dignitaries.

Speculation rife Sharmila to start Telangana YSR party

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

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

Sharmila's meeting strategically coincides with the 50th wedding anniversary of her father Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and mother Vijayamma, an "emotional" event, where several politicians close to YSR will be attending. Sharmila reached her Lotus Pond residence on Monday along with her evangelist husband, who is popularly known as Brother Anil, from Bengaluru, to oversee the preparations.

Sources close to the YSR family told *Deccan Chronicle* that her uncle and TTD chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy



Y.S. Sharmila

made a last-minute effort, apparently on behalf of Jagan Mohan Reddy, to persuade Sharmila to call off the meeting but to no avail. Politicians and people from other walks of life from Nalgonda and neighbouring areas of Hyderabad besides those from Andhra Pradesh were expected to take part in the meeting, which will be held either at Lotus Pond or Brother Anil's church in Gachibowli.

Several theories are being floated on her outfit. According to a section of politicians, it will be a Telangana-based party. While some see it as an attempt to split the anti-incumbency vote in Telangana, others argue that the outfit was designed to take away from the TRS its loyal vote bank of migrants from Andhra Pradesh and win over YSR's loyalists and beneficiaries of his schemes.

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

MLA. Close family members of YSR who are fully aware of the rift between brother and sister were also of the strong opinion that she would eventually land in Andhra Pradesh politics because it is where she traces her roots to. They attribute the differences to both economic and political factors, including denial of some business opportunities to Brother Anil, and a Rajya Sabha seat to her.

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

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

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VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENT, PLANTS HELD

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NIZAMABAD, FEB. 8

Department of Botany in Girraj Government College (A), Nizamabad in collaboration with Council for Green Revolution, Hyderabad and Department of Botany, Telangana University organised an International Conference on 'plants and environment' on Monday through virtual mode. Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Hyderabad Naveen Mittal was the Chief Guest for this conference. Prof. Naseem, Registrar, Telangana University was the Guest of Honor.

Nearly 500 faculty members, research scholars and students from Girraj College and various other colleges participated in the conference.

NDSL WORKERS HOLD PADAYATRA FOR WAGES

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NIZAMABAD, FEB. 8

Nizam Deccan Sugars Limited (NDSL) workers began padayatra from Shakkarnagar to Hyderabad on Monday demanding payment of their wages.

Following the Layoff of Sugar Factory, wages were pending for a long time.

Police accorded permission to the workers for padayatra. Around 10 workers started their padayatra through Nizamabad and Kamareddy towns.

Few leaders and peoples organisations extended their solidarity with the workers. Earlier, workers staged protests to reopen the Nizam Sugar Factory in Bodhan.

FARMERS URGED TO IMPROVE MARKETING SKILLS

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WARANGAL, FEB. 8

The Telangana state government has undertaken the construction of rythu vedikas across the state with the intention of having an office of their own in the village for the welfare of the farmers, said Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudharshan Reddy.

Inaugurating rythu vedikas constructed in several villages across Khanapur and Narsampet mandals on Monday, he said that for the first time in the constituency, a rythu vedika in Ashok Nagar village was constructed with the support of the Department of Agriculture.

"There is a lot of difference between farming practices of the past and today. Many changes have taken place in agriculture as part of globalization. Once upon a time humans used to do agriculture, but now we are doing 90 per cent mechanised agriculture with technology. In the future there will be only agriculture with 100 per cent mechanisation," he said.

The MLA said the yields have increased significantly now compared to the past. Even if the crop is harvested with a lot of hard work and investment, the support price for that crop has. The time has come for all farmers to show unity.

Urging farmers to learn marketing skills, he said the agriculture department has given more priority to the farmers. "Telangana is the only state in the country to have allocated the highest budget to the Department of Agriculture," he noted.

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Massive encroachment of forest lands

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NIZAMABAD, FEB. 8

Around 40,000 acres of reserve forest lands have been wantonly encroached upon under the Nizamabad forest circle spread over Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts. Political support to the encroachers, corruption among forest officials and loopholes in the laws are helping in the massive encroachment of forest lands.

In addition, lack of coordination between revenue and forest departments is also a reason.

The forest area is spread over 2,98,490 acres in undivided Nizamabad district. Of these, 27,518 acres in Kamareddy district and 12,889 acres in

Nizamabad district have been encroached upon in the last few years. Tribals and non-tribals grabbed the reserve forest lands and converted them into agricultural lands or residential areas.

Shockingly, forest lands adjacent to the National Highway in Bhiknoor, Sadashivanagar, Dichpally, Jakranpally mandals have also been encroached. In future, these are bound to fetch high prices for those who possess them.

Reserve forest lands are indiscriminately encroached upon in Sirikonda, Bheemgal, Makloor, Nizamabad, Varni, Yellareddy, Lingampet, Nizamsagar, Machareddy and other mandals. Some political leaders have

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Elected representatives regularly highlight the forest lands issues in the assembly and zilla parishad meetings, but without any effect.

To sort out the reserve forest problems, revenue

and forest department officials had been urged in the past to conduct a joint survey. But, they would not. Officials claim there were no proper documents with them to protect the forest lands. Forest lands in Telangana were protected under Hyderabad state forest law before Independence. The AP Forest Act and now the Telangana Forest Act are being invoked to protect the lands.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao directed district collectors to resolve the forest lands issues in their respective districts. At the collectors' conference, the CM said they should conduct a joint survey of forest and revenue departments to set

tle the reserve forest issues. Additional collectors will do coordination for the forest issues soon, he said.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Nizamabad district forest officer Sunil Hiremath said his officials were trying to prevent encroachment. Compared with previous days, encroachments after formation of Telangana state were strictly prohibited, he claimed.

"Purification of the land records process is also of help to prevent the encroachment. Recognition of Forest Rights (RoFR) Act, 2006 is aimed at protecting the interests of primitive tribal groups, but some individuals misused it," he said.

Stock bonds protect chilli farmers from exploitation

Marketing dept issues ₹20 crore as loan on these bonds to 1,300 farmers

DC CORRESPONDENT
KHAMMAM, FEB. 8

Farm produce stock bonds are helping chilli farmers here escape from the exploitation and cheating indulged in by traders and exporters who try lifting the produce at lower prices during the harvest season.

The marketing department issued ₹20 crore as loan on these bonds to 1,300 farmers in the district so far. Under the scheme, the government used to give ₹6,000 to a farmer per quintal of chilli he produced and the limit is ₹2 lakh per farmer. There is no interest for six months. The farmer should pay 9 to 12 per cent interest after six months.

The chilli prices in Guntur market were dictated in the past as per the whims of exporters who shipped the produce to China, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. The chilli price in Khammam market normally influenced the price in Guntur market.

M. Venkat Ramana, chairman of the Khammam agricultural market committee, said chilli prices are fixed in China annually and there will be no fluctuations during the year. The Guntur traders, who signed a contact with traders in China, used to buy up maximum of chilli at cheap price during the harvest season. The same stock will be exported to China at higher prices in later months.

"The government introduced the crop stock bonds to save the chilli farmers from such exploitation. Farmers can keep their produce at cold storages and get ₹2 lakh to meet their urgent money requirements. They can wait a while and sell their produce when the price is good," he said.

Nearly 350 farmers got ₹5.5 crore in interest-free loan by submitting the crop bonds to the marketing department when the price was ₹8,000 per quintal. These farmers benefitted a lot by selling their produce later at a price above ₹12,000 per quintal.

At present, about 8,000 quintals of chilli is coming every day to the Khammam market. The price of chilli ranges from ₹8,000 to ₹12,000 per quintal. The farmers felt the price was lower and preferred to keep it in cold storage to sell it later at a higher price.



Health minister Etela Rajendar along with ZP chairman Putta Madhukar inaugurates Rythu Vedikas in Manthani mandal of Peddapalli district on Monday. — DC

KTR says Modi copied Rythu Bandhu scheme

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SIRCILLA, FEB. 8

Minister for Information technology and municipal and town development department and Sircilla MLA K.T. Rama Rao participated in various developmental activities as part of his tour programme to Rajanna Sircilla district on Monday.

Rama Rao inaugurated Rythu Vedika constructed in the name of his grandparents late Kalvakuntla Venkatamma and Raghava Rao in government land with his own expenditure here in Gambhiraopet mandal.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that by deriving inspiration through the Rythu Bandhu scheme introduced by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao in the state, the Narendra Modi led BJP government had introduced the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

"With the advice given by CM KCR, I have constructed five Rythu Vedikas in the five mandals present in the Sircilla constituency with my own expenditure," he said.

Telangana is the only state which is supplying 24 hours of uninterrupted power for irrigation needs to the farmers and is sanctioning money under Rythu Bandhu as an investment to the farmers unlike any other state in the country.

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As per the ideology of the CM, Rythu Vedikas are constructed in around 5,000 square feet of area and all the Rythu vedikas constructed across the state are dedicated to the farmers of that respective regions.

Farmers should think how their situation was before formation of Telangana and what changes they are noticing in separate Telangana.

In the past, the farmers faced a lot of problems with current. They never got hours of power supply in the past, apart from that the motors are damaged due to low voltage of power supply. Due to the negligent behaviour of previous governments, farmers faced huge loss. Even some of the farmers lost their lives due to snake bites in the night waiting for the power supply, he reminded them.

But today, the farmers are supplied with 24 hours of power supply. In the past 70 years, has any CM thought like KCR for the well being of farmers, he questioned.

After inaugurating the newly constructed build-

ing of Government degree college at a cost of ₹2.25 crore and Zilla Parishad High School at a cost of ₹2.26 crore in the mandal headquarters of Gambhiraopet mandal, Rama Rao said that all the government schools which in worse condition and about to collapse will be replaced with new buildings. Steps will be taken for conducting classes from KG to PG at one premises along with establishing a government degree college in Yellareddypet mandal, he assured.

Under the leadership of KCR, as many as 940 gurukul residential schools were established in the state. By providing quality education in the established schools, students are prepared in such a way so that they can crack any competitive examinations with ease. He informed, Every student is provided meals with a fine quality of rice in the gurukul residential schools and those who want to pursue higher education are given fees reimbursement under Jyotiba Phule and Ambedkar Overseas Education policy.

Inaugurating the Food processing unit in Narmala village of the mandal, Rama Rao said that a food park was established in 260 acres of government land with an intention to provide employment opportunities to the youth of this region.

FILLIP TO FARM SECTOR UNDER TRS RULE: ETELA

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The TRS government is striving hard to make the agriculture sector a guiding light to the nation, said health minister Etela Rajendar on Monday. He was inaugurating the Rhythm Vedikas at Eklaspur and Gopalpur villages of this mandal in Peddapalli district.

The minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of a check dam on River Manair at Gopalpur village.

The minister told a public meeting that after formation of the Telangana state, the TRS government mainly focused attention on irrigation projects and on renovation of the lakes and tanks. "By taking firm steps for all-round development of farmers, the government has completed the projects in record time."

"Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao issued orders for construction of several check dams on the Manair river. A check dam with 0.09tmc capacity will be constructed here at a cost of ₹16.62 crore and this work would be completed in three months," he said.

Rajendar said that as many as 2,601 Rythu vedikas are constructed across the state at a cost of ₹600 crore. Creating such a platform for farmers was an innovative step that was not done anywhere in the world so far, he claimed. "Members of the farmers' coordination committee will play a key role in all agriculture-related schemes. They will act like intermediaries, reaching useful agri-related information from farm officials to farmers so that maximum benefits will be derived from farming for all those engaged in this field," he said. Under the Rythu bandhu scheme, the current year, funds of ₹14,500 crore were deposited into the bank accounts of around 61 lakh farmers. In the first phase, ₹17,000 crore by way of farm loans were waived; and in the second phase, ₹1,200 crore was deposited in the bank account of such farmers who had taken less than ₹25,000 as farm loan.

Jogu terms Soyam 'jumping master'

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ADILABAD, FEB. 8

Adilabad MLA Jogu Ramanna on Monday described the Adilabad MP Soyam Bapurao as a 'jumping master' by saying that Soyam Bapurao keep changing political parties.

Jogu Ramanna found fault with Soyam Bapurao for welcoming himself and Minister Allola Indrakaran Reddy into BJP an said Soyam Bapurao had political stability and till now he joined all most all the political parties except left parties.

"Soyam Bapurao is not suppose to make such cheap comments against him since he began political career with TDP and later joined the TRS on public demand for Telangana cause and held many positions in the two parties," said Jogu Ramanna.

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● **JOGU RAMANNA** said, Soyam Bapurao is holding the state government and the Chief Minister responsible for the central government not allocating the funds for the railway projects in the railway budget which is not correct and such statements motivated with ill intentions.

Jogu Ramanna asked Soyam Bapurao why he failed to get sanctioned central government funds for the construction of building for the Kendreeya Vidyalayam for which the state government has allocated required land long back in the Adilabad town.

Adilabad Market Committee chairman Prahlad and Mavala ZPTC Rajeshwar and others were present.

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1. ECHS Telangana and Andhra Sub Area invites applications to engage following Staff on contractual basis for ECHS Polyclinics and Regional Centre Hyderabad for a period of 11 months for Civilians and 12 months for Ex-servicemen and Widows of Ex-servicemen :-

Sl. No.	Trade	No. of vacancies	Location of ECHS Polyclinics
(a)	Officer-In-Charge	01	Golconda.
(b)	Medical Specialist	04	02 x Secunderabad, 01 x Golconda and 01 x Guntur.
(c)	Gynaecologist	02	Secunderabad & Giddalur.
(d)	Medical Officer	19	03 x Secunderabad, 02 x Guntur, 02 x GPSP (Secunderabad), 02 x Giddalur, 01 x Regional Centre Hyderabad, 01 x Chittoor, 01 x Eluru, 01 x Khammam, 01 x Kurnool, 01 x Khammam, 01 x Anantapur and 01 x Nellore.
(e)	Dental Officer	01	Chittoor.
(f)	Nursing Assistant	01	Chittoor.
(g)	Pharmacist	10	02 x Secunderabad, 02 x Guntur and 01 x Golconda, 01 x Giddalur, 01 x Chittoor, 01 x Vijayawada, 01 x Khammam and 01 x Nellore.
(h)	Lab Technician	05	Golconda, Guntur, Karimnagar, Kadapa and Gulbarga.
(i)	Lab Assistant	NIL	-
(j)	Dental Hyg/Tech/Asst	05	Guntur, Chittoor, Karimnagar, Anantapur and Gulbarga.
(k)	Physiotherapist	02	Giddalur and Chittoor.
(l)	Female Attendant	01	Gulbarga.
(m)	Peon	01	Anantapur.
(n)	Driver	02	Giddalur and Chittoor.
(o)	Clerk	12	Regional Centre Hyderabad, Golconda, Eluru, Karimnagar, Kurnool, Khammam, Kadapa, Anantapur, Mahabubnagar, Gulbarga, Nellore and GPSP (Secunderabad).
(p)	Data Entry Operator	03	Secunderabad, Regional Centre Hyderabad and Golconda.
(q)	IT Network Tech	01	Regional Centre Hyderabad.
(r)	Safaiwala	11	Secunderabad, Golconda, Giddalur, Chittoor, GPSP (Secunderabad), Eluru, Kadapa, Khammam, Anantapur, Mahabubnagar and Gulbarga.
(s)	Chowkidar	07	Secunderabad, Kadapa, Anantapur, Mahabubnagar, GPSP (Secunderabad), Khammam and Guntur.
Total Vacancies			88

2. Interview will be held as per the details given below :-

Sl. No.	Trades	Date of Interview	Time	Place of Interview
(a)	OIC, Med Spl & Gynaecologist	12 Mar 2021	To be present by 08:00 hrs	Golden Palm Sainik Bhawan, Near Secunderabad Railway Station, Monda Market, Secunderabad
(b)	Med Offr & Nursing Assistant	13 Mar 2021		
(c)	Pharmacist & Dental Hyg / Tech / Asst	15 Mar 2021		
(d)	Dentist, Lab Tech & Physio	16 Mar 2021		
(e)	Female Attendant, Peon & Driver	17 Mar 2021		
(f)	Safaiwala & Chowkidar	18 Mar 2021		
(g)	Clerk, Data Entry Operator & IT Net Tech	19 Mar 2021		

3. Applicants to clearly indicate all polyclinics of their choice only in one application.
 (4) No online applications will be accepted. (5) Multi tasking & Computer Knowledge is mandatory. (6) For Terms & Conditions, QR Application Form, Remuneration and Experience visit website www.echs.gov.in. (7) Last date of application is 22 Feb 2021. (8) Place of submission of application: Stn HQ ECHS Cell C/o Bison URC Canteen Complex, Nag Mandir Road, Ward No. 7, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad, Telangana, Pin : 500015. (9) For details contact Tele 040-27792347 (10AM to 2PM) or echshqsechad@gmail.com. (10) All Photocopies of documents attached are to be submitted fully attested by Gazetted Officer. (11) Preference will be given to Ex-servicemen / Vets / Nats / Widows of ESN meeting desired QR. (12) Candidate will bring all original certificates / documents for verification at the time of interview. (13) OIC & MO be well versed with policy guidelines related with ECHS. (14) In the event of any such posts falling vacant due to resignation / illness of present employees between date of publication of this notice and date of interview, the same will also be filled up through this interview of which the advertisement shall be given in all ECHS polyclinics, unit run canteens and Army Placement Node.

HOUSING | SCHEME Party focusing on converting welfare schemes into strong vote bank

TRS MLAs to choose 2BHK beneficiaries

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The TRS government is planning to give powers to MLAs to select 2BHK beneficiaries in their respective constituencies.

Reportedly, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao wants to strengthen the hands of his legislators by giving them such powers for all various welfare schemes, especially

2BHK, to boost their morale ahead of the next elections.

The party high command has already started focusing on converting welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu, crop loan waiver, Rythu Bheema, 6-kg of ₹1 rice to each family member under social security scheme, Kalyana Laxmi, Shaadi Mubarak, pensions into a strong vote bank and has succeeded in its efforts. The latest in the list is the

2BHK scheme. It is learnt that Chandrasekhar Rao opines that it is MLAs who should derive political mileage from the schemes and development works being implemented by the government so to hold them in good stead during elections.

Only MLAs will know the local political equations and the selection of beneficiaries will be done based on the prevailing political

situation in order to catch the attention of voters.

The government is planning to complete construction of 2BHK in all Assembly constituencies and distribute them by an early date.

It is also planning to sanction unit cost for the construction of 2BHK on land owned by the applicant since shortage of government land is also one of the reasons for the delay in taking up the project at vari-

ous places. News doing the political rounds is that the government is to soon issue orders empowering MLAs to select 2BHK scheme beneficiaries.

Adilabad MLA Jogu Ramanna said 'the state government is planning to 'strengthen' the hands of MLAs by giving them such powers'.

Incidentally, MLAs from other parties are less in numbers in the state Assembly.

**Form No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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

Public Notice No. ROC-Hyd/STK-6/Co.Nos. 638/2021.

Date:08-02-2021

Reference:

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

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

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

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

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**(JOSEKUTTY V.E.)
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
TELANGANA, HYDERABAD**

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE COMPANY	CIN
1	SAVITR LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24297TG2009PTC065001
2	3K INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITED	U45209TG2007PLC056880
3	PELICAN POWER AND INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40100TG2011PTC076958
4	SHIV SHAKTI INN & BOUTIQUES PRIVATE LIMITED	U55209TG2006PTC051754
5	TULJA BHAWANI FLEXO PACK PRIVATE LIMITED	U25206TG2011PTC076968
6	MAAVI DIGITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2013PTC089390
7	PHOENIX GRANITE (INDIA) LIMITED	U14102TG2011PLC076914
8	BIOS DE SANTAL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299TG2012PTC082594
9	RISHABHAM FARMS AND FEEDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2009PTC063461
10	MITRIN CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000TG2008PTC062181
11	BALAPUR DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2008PTC058266
12	S R VANGALA CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74100TG2008PTC057498
13	S R VANGALA INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2008PTC057500
14	VANGALA BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057462
15	VANGALA CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057501
16	S R VANGALA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057499
17	VANGALA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2008PTC057496
18	WINGS OF VOICE BROADCASTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U22130TG2012PTC082917
19	AVATAR GODOWNS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090TG2012PTC080891
20	AVATAR GREEN PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U40107TG2012PTC078723
21	VIRTUOUS TELEPROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45203TG2009PTC064935
22	ARICENT AGRITECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2010PTC070279
23	DREAMSLIDES ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2011PTC074495
24	APPLIED BROADCASTING CORPORATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U22130TG2011PTC077184
25	APPLIED HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65923TG2012PTC078752
26	MOVIEMILLS PRIVATE LIMITED	U22222TG2013PTC091507
27	BRICKWELL INFRA PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2013PTC085612
28	DHARMAVARAPU BIOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U24232TG2010PTC068336
29	ZION GUEST HOUSE PRIVATE LIMITED	U55209TG1998PTC030106
30	MYS CONSULTANT INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U45202TG2008PTC059306
31	I.K. BIO FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01122TG2005PTC045109
32	SIRIGREEN FERTILIZERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24120TG2012PTC079983
33	R V N AGRO FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01400TG2012PTC080623
34	VJPP INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2011PTC076166
35	HITZE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2010PTC070989
36	NANDI ENERGY SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40103TG2010PTC067414
37	NANDIPIEPES BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200TG2008PTC057482
38	LEGEND STRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2008PTC061359
39	LEXICA AVENUES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2013PTC085648
40	LEGEND AVENUES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2013PTC090286
41	VIZON POWER TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U29190TG2012PTC083116
42	VNR FOODS & AQUA PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2012PTC083822
43	INONEO INTERNET VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2012PTC083768
44	H.CHERUKURI REALTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2012PTC078741
45	SHRAYVA ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108TG2010PTC069230
46	VSL CONSTRUCTIONS AND DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200TG2002PTC039405
47	TARGET54 GOLF ACADEMIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U92400TG2010PTC066595
48	RAS NATURAL RESOURCES PRIVATE LIMITED	U10300TG2009PTC063607
49	KOPPAL METALLICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2008PTC058637
50	VISHNUSMRITHI SPINNERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17291TG2014PTC093558
51	PROMOTIVE ENERGY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108TG2013PTC088209
52	ECSTASY PACKAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U63011TG2007PTC052802
53	AGARWAL PACKERS AND MOVERS (SOUTH) PRIVATE LIMITED	U60200TG2012PTC080492
54	VGM SOLAR POWER PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U40102TG2015PTC098017
55	PAVCO INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2010PTC067736
56	VENNELA SRI HEALTH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100TG2013PTC092766
57	RIVERINA OILS AND BIO ENERGY (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U01119TG2010PTC070697
58	SAI KARUNA TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2009PTC063879
59	INCUCLATE ONLINE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC092746
60	MANEESH AVENUES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2012PTC078498
61	RAAVI ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2012PTC083145
62	AVNI INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2007PTC056559
63	RUDRA BIO ENERGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U40101TG2004PTC044456
64	K SESHAGIRI RAO PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2016PTC104081
65	STRAFIL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC101256
66	WINDSON IMPEX PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2012PTC078938
67	KORRAPATI CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2010PTC070018
68	SAVAN ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U31901TG2014PTC094054
69	KONDAVEEDU DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70102TG2006PTC051935
70	SRI KONJETHI REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200TG2014PTC096263
71	CIGNUS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300TG2015PTC100601
72	SUPRADA VEGGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100TG2016PTC109224
73	ELIXIR INTEGRATED LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090TG2015PTC098854
74	ADVANCEDMD INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC101339
75	ICOSAGON TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2015PTC097978
76	KTRON TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC116140
77	IDENTROPY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2015PTC098919
78	CLUSTERON DATA SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2013PTC092041
79	DUCCARE AUTOMOBILE SERVICES AND SPARES PRIVATE LIMITED	U50500TG2016PTC112812
80	MESHAM SHSHEEP PARK PRIVATE LIMITED	U01111TG2017PTC115732
81	SURYA STONE CRUSHERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U14102TG1990PTC011520
82	GEM DAIRY PRIVATE LIMITED	U15200TG2013PTC090034

83	SUNCOM FASHION AND RETAIL PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC118469	193	TICKLE BUG CREATIVE STUDIO PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2008PTC059583	306	CATALYST BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15209TG2017PTC119962
84	NOVATEUR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2012PTC078918	194	JAYALAKSHMI CEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U26941TG2012PTC079113	307	SHREE THIRUMALA AUTO INFN PRIVATE LIMITED	U65910TG1997PTC027393
85	NOVATEUR SOFTECH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2012PTC078924	195	HNEXUS SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300TG2015PTC098726	308	MANA SCRAP PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC115519
86	VEDI IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2007PTC054932	196	SREEK WAY TO STARS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC099517	309	TELCO DYNAMICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC117812
87	MAXIMUMDIAL IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC095098	197	NAGAS ELEVATORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U31909TG2016PTC113568	310	PROABILITY CAREER & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U80301TG2015PTC097298
88	LOUXUR HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85191TG2007PTC052991	198	VISAYA COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC113204	311	MUMBAI CAR PARKING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2012PTC084562
89	TANISHTA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U51223TG2017PTC114180	199	GOWEDLOCK PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC112666	312	EHS APPS DEVELOPER PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2018PTC127009
90	NAVA BHARAT LABORATORIES PRIVATE LTD	U85110TG1994PTC017355	200	SSSR CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC119142	313	BIZZAPP TECH SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2016PTC109825
91	IAM CLOUD INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2016PTC112776	201	SODANI ISPAT PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2017PTC115464	314	BIZZPOS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2016PTC109652
92	JK CHANGE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC100827	202	CS ALPHA SOFTWARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2016PTC109794	315	OUTSO LAUNDRY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000TG2016PTC113778
93	VAISHNAVI DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100TG2009PTC063794	203	BHAVISHYA CONSULTANTS AND SERVICES (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100TG2005PTC046735	316	INTEGRATE IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC093795
94	VS MEMORY WIDE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC096336	204	GKLN PHENIX VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC117683	317	ARAVIND VISUAL CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U85110TG1999PTC031346
95	PVS CONSULTANCY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2011PTC074084	205	NHS METALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U28111TG2014PTC093925	318	HETSYM BIO CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U73100TG2008PTC058109
96	EXPRESS AUTO PARTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U50102TG2011PTC072308	206	OIOW EXPERIENCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030TG2019PTC130661	319	SHIVARAMAKRISHNA STOCKFIN LIMITED	U67200TG1995PLC022114
97	FAIRVIEW IMMIGRATION AND IT CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC117789	207	SWARAAJYA INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2010PTC068861	320	MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U52520TG2006PTC049417
98	RIDENT PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2014PTC095504	208	WILD STONE DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200TG2015PTC098479	321	TRAKX SOFTWARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72901TG2016PTC110725
99	TUMBLEBUM ENTERTAINMENT PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2013PTC090382	209	AKHILA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2018PTC126537	322	VIJAYA VARMA CHITS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992TG1996PTC0204784
100	JWALA SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC100195	210	ABYQU INNOVATION AND DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC117177	323	SAANVISH SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2017PTC117349
101	GOURMET STORES PRIVATE LIMITED	U52100TG2009PTC062480	211	SREE GURUKRUPA MOTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U50200TG2009PTC063891	324	NOWFLOATS WEB SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014FTC095139
102	SITARA CHIT FUNDS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992TG2016PTC103931	212	SURAJ WATER TANKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U25209TG2006PTC051724	325	SRI RAMANJANEYA COTTON PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17121TG2019PTC072771
103	RIGHT SOLAR PROJECTS AND SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74120TG2016PTC102576	213	BRINDAVAN PROJECTS LIMITED	U45200TG1994PLC018506	326	CMNK SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74200TG2005PTC045283
104	VISHAL PRAKRUTHI RESORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U92412TG2016PTC102920	214	KVH CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC116781	327	NATUREPAL ECO PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U20200TG2018PTC122343
105	SMH CLINICAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC117379	215	OSHMINI TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2016PTC102915	328	RENEW SOLAR POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	U40106TG2013PTC089184
106	SREYASKARA ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2016PTC102579	216	GOFORDINE PRIVATE LIMITED (OPC)	U55204TG2016OPC111930	329	PUSHPA TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2013PTC068320
107	VEBLEN CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U67120TG2014PTC095516	217	K&S HOLDINGS & CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2008PTC062334	330	FAIRGATE ADVISORY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2011PTC074413
108	UPGLOBAL EXIM PRIVATE LIMITED	U52190TG2016PTC111642	218	SIVA GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY AND PROJECT PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC101529	331	VISWANATH STOCKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U67120TG1999PTC031699
109	M. Y. T. SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74990TG2016PTC110104	219	9YARDS SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2011PTC075840	332	IVAK TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2017PTC115011
110	TESARA INFRA PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400TG2009PTC062907	220	PARSIN ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED	U24239TG2004PTC042952	333	BIKEME INDIA COMMUTER SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63090TG2018PTC128178
111	ADVENT PUBLICITIES (INDIA) PVT LTD	U74300TG2005PTC048318	221	GOPI SECURITY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2011PTC072291	334	SVMSAN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24239TG1998PTC030063
112	BAY MINERALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U13209TG2005PTC046631	222	VINAMP E-TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U31401TG2014PTC093120	335	KAASYAPA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45309TG2017PTC116624
113	HEXISA LAB PRIVATE LIMITED	U24100TG2015PTC100439	223	PRAANA GLOBAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2012PTC080995	336	APARNA GREEN TOWNSHIPS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2013PTC089700
114	TECHFIN SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2014PTC096109	224	SNAGGERR PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900TG2016PTC111905	337	VICTOR TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED	U29303TG2005PLC045446
115	RENWEG OPPORTUNITYS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65922TG2015PTC101532	225	MASSBAY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC113410	338	DELIVEA KITCHENS (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549TG2017OPC119279
116	PISOTF TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC111721	226	FAST ELECTRICAL SERVICES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40300TG2015PTC102217	339	APARNA CORPORATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2013PTC089032
117	INGRA INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209TG2016PTC110199	227	KALBURGI OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED	U14299TG2017PTC119992	340	ACUVA LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED	U80904TG2018PTC122013
118	YATHIN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300TG2015PTC102367	228	TARA MOBILE LABS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2013PTC090126	341	AKASH SECULOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U60300TG2017PTC115667
119	MAR SOLSTICE POWER INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U40108TG2013PTC087675	229	RAJESHWARA TEXTILE MILLS PRIVATE LIMITED	U17309TG2017PTC113828	342	TEJASHRRI INTERMEDIATES PRIVATE LIMITED	U24230TG1996PTC026019
120	BALAJI THERMOTEC INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U28112TG2010PTC071873	230	SURAJANA JEWELLERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC112632	343	POPOCATEPETL TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2017PTC119139
121	LANDIS INFRA HOLDINGS PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100TG2015PTC099879	231	IMMUNE HOSPITALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2013PTC089866	344	ESTHETIQC FRAMES VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC098537
122	POLARIS MANAGEMENT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140TG1997PTC028087	232	CHEMAD EXIM PVT LTD	U51909TG1993PTC015894	345	MARCOM GATEWAY AGGREGATES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC115058
123	VIBRANT DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200TG2000PTC053525	233	NANDA AGROCHEM PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2018PTC124372	346	TQJ FOOD (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U15490TG2019OPC129406
124	NRG PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC089857	234	NCC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE LIMITED	U74900TG2008PLC062109	347	NISCHAYA INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2018PTC122118
125	PAUROSA FURNITURE FASHION PRIVATE LIMITED	U36997TG2014PTC093217	235	KAKATIYA ELECTRONICS PVT LTD	U29309TG1991PTC012164	348	ROCKCITY REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED	U45500TG2017PTC117117
126	KNR INFRACON PRIVATE LIMITED	U45203TG2010PTC068125	236	SWARNIM AGROTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U01403TG2011PTC070266	349	NLS MEDICARE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U85190TG2017PTC121449
127	SRUTA CONSULTING & IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2016PTC103943	237	MONTAGE15TH ADVERTISING PRIVATE LIMITED	U74120TG2015PTC102227	350	STRABZ MOTO SPORT PRIVATE LIMITED	U82421TG2013PTC0901703
128	I CHOOSE ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED	U52600TG2015PTC100837	238	IPHYSICIAN HUB DIAGNOSTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC097203	351	AGRABANDHU TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909TG2018PTC068303
129	SAM RUFUS MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U93000TG2013PTC087922	239	SABBINENI INVESTMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65923TG2011PTC073835	352	DEF COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900TG2015PTC100826
130	TOKOLOK PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2016PTC110163	240	NOOGRUI ENGINEERING SERVICES & CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74210TG2013PTC091120	353	KCS HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	U55109TG2011PTC077578
131	NZEN SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72909TG2016PTC110774	241	TAJ SORBET PRIVATE LIMITED	U15110TG2018PTC123994	354	SKV AQUA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999TG2017PTC116187
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Survivors recount how a phone call saved lives

ITBP men rescue 12 power project workers from tunnel

Joshimath, Feb. 8: They had lost hope of survival when one of them found his mobile phone network working, helping them contact the authorities who rescued them from an underground tunnel at Tapovan in Uttarakhand's Chamoli where flash floods wreaked havoc following a glacier burst.

"We heard people screaming at us to come out of the tunnel but before we could react, a sudden gush of water and heavy silt swamped upon us," rescued Tapovan power project worker Lal Bahadur said. He, along with 11 of his other colleagues, was rescued by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) from an underground tunnel in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district on Monday evening.

According to officials, they remained stuck there for about seven hours, from around 10 am to 5 pm, till the last man was evacuated by rescuers.

The ITBP provided their recorded video accounts to the media.

They are now being treated at an ITBP hospital in Joshimath, about 25 km from the incident spot. This is also the base of the ITBP's Battalion No. 1, tasked with guarding the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China that runs along the state.

"We were 300 metres deep in the tunnel when the water gushed in. We got trapped. The ITBP rescued us," Nepal resident Basant said.

Another unidentified worker who hails from Dhak village in Chamoli and worked at the Tapovan project said as the water gushed in, the only thing they could do was to lunge onto the crown of the tunnel.

"We lost hope...but then we saw some light and felt some air to breathe...suddenly one of us found he had network on his mobile and then he called up our general manager informing him about our situation," the man said from the hospital bed.

Officials said the project GM subsequently informed the local authorities who requisitioned ITBP rescuers to save them.

The ITBP teams, armed with ropes, pulleys and carabiners, rappelled down a steep slope and brought



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

out these men from the narrow snout of the tunnel on Sunday evening.

Vinod Singh Pawar, a resident of Joshimath, said they climbed up half-way inside the tunnel through the rods but got stuck as a gush of water came in.

"We are thankful to the ITBP rescuers for saving us," he said in the video. The border force began air-dropping food packets on Monday in at least nine villages that have been cut off due to the floods.

"Beyond the Rainsi bridge (which was swept away by the floods), there are nine villages and choppers are dropping food packets after picking them up from our base in Joshimath," ITBP spokesperson Vivek Kumar Pandey said in Delhi.

Over 30 people from Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri who worked at a hydro project in Uttarakhand's Tapovan are missing after flash floods triggered by the breaking off a glacier caused extensive damage there. The missing people belong to Nighasan tehsil of Lakhimpur Kheri district.

The glacier burst at Joshimath in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district had triggered an avalanche and a deluge in the Alaknanda river system that washed away hydro-electric stations on Sunday.

The report of them going missing surfaced when some of the rescued workers contacted their family

CM says relief work immediate priority

New Delhi/Dehradun, Feb. 8: As multi-agency relief operations continue in Chamoli and adjoining areas of Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday said a comprehensive analysis of the entire incident is being carried out to avert future tragedies, and asserted the immediate priority was to provide food and other assistance to the affected people.

In an interview, he said the incident appeared to have happened due to the breaking of the glacier and the chief secretary has been instructed to find out the real reasons. "A DRDO team is already studying the cause of this tragedy and we have also sought the help of ISRO scientists and experts for the same," he said. After a comprehensive analysis is undertaken to find the reasons of this incident, "we will build an

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

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

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

"We have made all arrangements needed for the rescue and relief operations along with providing healthcare facilities to the affected people. Most importantly, we are working on re-establishing the connectivity to the affected villages," he said.

Rawat said while the extent of economic loss will be ascertained in due course, the top most priority for now is to save as many lives as possible and to rehabilitate those who have got displaced from their homes. — PTI

members and informed them about the tragedy.

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

Bhairampur; four from Babupurwa; three of Tikonika; and one each from Bhulanpur, Kadiya, Singahi and Mirjapur — are missing. — PTI

Sasikala returns amidst enthusiastic welcome

DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, FEB. 8

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

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

Calling for unity in the AIADMK, by terming the party cadre as children of one mother, she wanted them to be on a single line as her aim was to ensure that their common enemy was prevented from coming to power. "We shall not give in to the divide and rule policy of our enemy. Our great organisation should not be wrecked for the personal likes and dislikes of some individuals," she declared, hitting out at both the DMK and also the present AIADMK leadership.

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

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



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

gathered to accord a grand reception to the former party general secretary, who was expelled by the present leadership.

All through her journey on the Bengaluru-Chennai Highway, flowers, bouquets, garlands, folk dances, *aartis* and *poornakumbham* welcomed her with hordes of supporters, waving both the AIADMK and AMMK flags all along as her convoy inched its way home making stopovers for her receive the people's greetings.

Sasikala, who started from the farmhouse in Bengaluru's suburb, where she has been staying since her release from the Parappana Agrahara jail on January 27, in a car with the AIADMK flag fluttering on the bonnet at 7.40 am was escorted till the Tamil Nadu border by a Karnataka police vehicle. As she entered the state borders around 10 am, the flag was removed from her vehicle. But, Sasikala herself changed vehicles and boarded a Toyota MUV with the AIA-DMK flag on the bonnet.

Though the police had

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

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

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

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

PROTESTS ERUPT AS BJP RATH YATRA DIVERTED IN WB

PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI | DC BAHAMPORE, FEB. 8

Within two days of its flag-off by Bharatiya Janata Party president J.P. Nadda from Nabadwip in Nadia, the first leg of the saffron party's Rath Yatra, calling for 'Parivartan' in poll-bound West Bengal, was allegedly stopped by the police at Beldanga in Murshidabad on Monday morning.

The incident took place a day before Nadda, in his second visit to the state in a span of three days, is expected to flag off the second leg of Rath Yatra from Tarapith in Birbhum.

As the ongoing procession came to a halt on its way, angry BJP workers erupted in protest and squatted on the Beldanga-Nowda state highway, putting up a road blockade for around three hours. They also shouted slogans against his handedness by the police.

Bengali TV actor Kaushik Roy, who participated in the rally, said, "Actually the ruling party is anguished by the spontaneous public welcome irrespective of cast, creed and religion to our event. So it is upto to stop our overwhelmed success."

On Sunday afternoon, Trinamul Congress workers from Mirzapur in Beldanga shouted slogans against the Rath Yatra, objecting its route in the area.

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An ecological tragedy of Himalayan proportions

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

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

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chased, there should be no need for Uttarakhand to spend thousands of crores in building dams to generate electricity. They have been warned about this, including in scientific advice tendered to ruling party politicians. The era of building dams is truly over as man has learnt from experience that Nature is a force that can be overpowering when it is taken on or teased.

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

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

‘Gilt’ option for citizens

The Reserve Bank of India, during its latest monetary policy review, proposed to allow retail investors to park their money in government securities (G-Secs) — also called “gilt bonds” — by opening gilt securities accounts or “retail direct”. This is one of a series of steps that the Reserve Bank has been taking since January 2002 to increase the participation of a larger number of people in the purchase of government securities.

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

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

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

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



Mohan Guruswamy

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

This is interesting, because for the first time India has asked for more than just a mere expansion of the UNSC by accommodating it as a permanent member. India has asked for a greater and comprehensive reform in “the responses, processes and character of the UN”.

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

“It is very critical that any reform proposal enjoy broad consensus among member states”. This position takes it very close to the proposal of nations under the banner “Uniting for Consensus Group”, which is opposed to the UNSC's expansion by adding the G-4 of India, Germany, Japan and Brazil to it.

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

The creation of the United Nations to preserve world peace began in October 30, 1943 when Britain, China, the Soviet Union and the US signed the Moscow Declaration on General Security. The signatories then met continuously from August to October 1944 at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington D.C. and fashioned a basic plan for the UN. The center-

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

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

As an immediate response to a destructive world war, the UN reflected the reality and ethos of that age. Nothing reflected this more than the composition of the permanent members of the Security Council. Four out of the five were “white” nations. Two, China and France, were defeated nations. Two, Britain and France, were colonial powers. The other 10 members of the Security Council are elected members from the various regions. These are members without the veto and with little voice or clout.

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

does not find a place. On the other hand, with two members, Britain and France, Western Europe is clearly over-represented. With Russia added, Europe has three members. Clearly this is not a satisfactory arrangement. The UN Security Council, as it is now, does not reflect the world order or its diversity.

In the Cold War era, veto powers ensured that one bloc could not override the interests of the other one. The veto thus came to be used 252 times since 1946. Since 1996, Russia has not exercised the veto even once whereas the United States has used it six times and China twice. This presumably reflects the settled shape of the world order now.

Clearly, the use of the veto itself must be reviewed. One nation alone must no longer be allowed to block the consensus of the UNSC. It is time that a threshold of members to collectively enforce the veto be discussed.

The times have also changed. The United States is no longer the dominant economic and political power it was in the latter half of the twentieth century. The G-4 nations are all bigger economies than Russia, France and Britain. They possibly have bigger global footprints than the three. How can the power to veto be justified for these three and denied to the G-4?

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

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LETTERS

GLACIER BURST

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

P.R. Vittal Rao
Hyderabad

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

Dr G.V. Kumar
Hyderabad

CM KCR FOR 10 YEARS

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

Mohan
Secunderabad

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

T. Kailash Ditya
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

K.M. Munshi passes away

BOMBAY, February. 8

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

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

Aakar Patel



Democracy Index: Why India's rank now falling

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Economist also ran a story on India in this week's edition headlined “India's government is censoring people before they comment”. It quotes Idi Amin, late Ugandan dictator, who once declared he respected freedom of speech, but could not guarantee freedom after speech. The magazine says “India's government seems to be taking this concept one step further. Despite running what is often hailed as the world's biggest democracy, it has gained a taste for curtailing freedom before speech.” This is what the world made of issues like the jailing of Siddique Kappan by UP and Munaqar Faruqi by MP.

If you were angered, like Sachin Tendulkar, Lata Mangeshkar, Virat Kohli, Ajay Devgan and Akshay Kumar, by six-word tweets from Western celebrities, you should consider what their most respectable and respected voices are also saying.

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IN BRIEF

Armed men kill 19 in Nigeria

Kano, Nigeria: Nineteen people were killed at the weekend when armed men raided two villages in northwest Nigeria's Kaduna state, the government said, in the latest violence to hit the region. Gunmen from kidnapping and cattle rustling gangs — called bandits by locals — often raid villages in northwest Nigeria, stealing cattle, kidnapping for ransom and burning homes after looting supplies.

Aussie journalist held in China

Sydney: An Australian journalist who worked as an anchor for Chinese state television has been formally arrested for “illegally supplying state secrets overseas”, six months after she was detained in China without explanation, Canberra said on Monday. Australia's foreign minister Marise Payne said Chinese authorities informed her that Cheng Lei was formally arrested on February 5, after disappearing from public view last August.

Iran refuse French mediation in N-deal

Tehran: Iran appeared Monday to dismiss an offer by France to mediate between the United States and the Islamic republic in order to revive the 2015 nuclear deal. “The nuclear deal has no need for a mediator,” foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh told reporters without specifically mentioning France, but in response to a question about recent comments by the country's president. Emmanuel Macron said last week he was ready to act as an “honest broker” in talks between the new US administration of President Joe Biden and Tehran after the multilateral deal was torpedoed by ex-president Donald Trump.

Snow in Europe disrupts transport

Berlin: Transport disruption in Germany and the Netherlands persisted into a second day on Monday as heavy snowfall and icy temperatures gripped parts of central and northern Europe. Dutch children's return to school after the Coronavirus lockdown was delayed. Trucks got stuck in snowdrifts overnight on the A4 highway near Gera in eastern Germany, while part of the A7 highway near Goettingen in northern Germany was closed after trucks became stuck on uphill stretches. Railway operator Deutsche Bahn said services remained suspended across parts of central and northern Germany, with no long-distance trains running north-east from Frankfurt, west from Berlin or southwest from Hamburg.

US CAUCUS TO INDIA: MAINTAIN DEMOCRATIC NORMS

Washington, Feb. 8: A powerful India Caucus in the US Congress has urged the Indian government to ensure that the norms of democracy are maintained and protesters allowed to demonstrate peacefully and have access to the Internet as it held a meeting with New Delhi's envoy here. India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who regularly interacts with India Caucus members on a number of issues, had a virtual meeting with the top leadership of the Congressional India Caucus last week. The members included congressmen Brad Sherman and Steve Chabot who are the two Co-Chairs of the Congressional India Caucus along with Indian-American Congressman Ro Khanna, who is the Vice Chair of the Caucus. “During this discussion, the caucus leadership welcomed reforms in the Indian economy including in agriculture,” sources said. During the meeting, the leadership of the India Caucus, which is the largest country-specific caucus in the House of Representatives, condemned the violence on January 26 in Delhi. Among other things “they were appreciative of the government's perspective on the farm reforms,” according to those familiar with the meeting. Sherman tweeted that they urged India to ensure that the norms of democracy are maintained and the protesters allowed to demonstrate peacefully and have access to the Internet.



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

— AFP

Myanmar's junta imposes curfew to stop protesters

Yangon, Feb. 8: Myanmar's military government imposed a curfew and bans on gatherings of more than five people in the country's two biggest cities on Monday as protests against last week's coup showed no sign of abating. The decrees covering Yangon and Mandalay were issued on a township-by-township basis, and those which have become public so far have the same restrictions. At least seven have been issued, and more are expected for other areas. Rallies and gather-

ings of more than five people, along with motorized processions, are banned, and a 8 pm to 4 am curfew is imposed. The measures are effective until further notice. The decrees say they were issued in response to people carrying out unlawful actions that harm the rule of law. The generals issued a stern warning Monday against further protests as an uprising against their coup gathered pace, with hundreds of thousands on the streets demanding the release of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The junta has so far refrained from using deadly force to quell the demonstrations sweeping most of the country, but with pressure building riot police fired water cannon in an attempt to disperse thousands gathered in Naypyidaw. The military last week detained Suu Kyi and dozens of other members of her National League for Democracy party, ending a decade of civilian rule and triggering international condemnation. In the face of an increasingly bold wave of defiance, state

broadcaster MRTV warned that opposition to the junta was unlawful and signalled a potential crackdown. “Action must be taken according to the law with effective steps against offences which disturb, prevent and destroy the state's stability, public safety and the rule of law,” said a statement read by an announcer on the channel. Tens of thousands of people overcame a nationwide internet blockade to rally over the weekend in the first major outpourings of opposition to the coup. — AP/AFP



Benjamin Netanyahu

NETANYAHU'S CORRUPTION TRIAL RESUMES

Jerusalem, Feb. 8: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu briefly appeared in a Jerusalem courtroom on Monday to respond formally to corruption charges just weeks before national elections in which he hopes to extend his 12-year rule. Netanyahu was indicted last year for fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes in three separate cases. In recent months, Israelis have held weekly protests calling on him to resign over the charges and criticising his government's response to the Coronavirus crisis. He stands accused of accepting lavish gifts from wealthy friends and offering to grant favours to powerful media moguls in exchange for favourable coverage of him and his family. The latest hearing was postponed last month due to lockdown restrictions on public gatherings. — AP

S. Africa to try new vaccine after stopping AstraZeneca WHO holds virtual meet over vaccine

Johannesburg, Feb. 8: South Africa is considering giving a Covid-19 vaccine that is still in the testing phase to health workers, after suspending the rollout of another shot that preliminary data indicated may be only minimally effective against the mutated form of the virus dominating the country. The country was scrambling Monday to come up with a new vaccination strategy after it halted use of the AstraZeneca vaccine — which is cheaper and easier to handle than some others and which many had hoped would be crucial to combatting the pandemic in developing countries. Among the possibilities being considered: mixing the AstraZeneca vaccine with another one or giving Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine, which has not yet been authorised for use anywhere, to 100,000 health care workers while monitoring its efficacy against the variant. The abrupt change in strategy was prompted by preliminary results in a small study that showed the AstraZeneca vaccine was only minimally effective against mild to moderate cases of the disease caused by the variant. There is reason to hope the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may fare better in the country. — AP

Geneva, Feb. 8: The World Health Organisation's vaccine experts were deciding on Monday on their usage recommendations for the AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 vaccine — including for older adults. The 15-member Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) was spending the day in a virtual extraordinary meeting discussing the two-shot vaccine. The WHO said the recommendations on who it should and should not be used for would be made public later this week. The regulatory authorities in several European nations have not authorised the vaccine for use among the over-65s — by far the most vulnerable age group for serious Covid-19 disease. — AFP

Tanzanian prayers fail to prevent virus

Dar es Salaam, Feb. 8: Tanzania has spent more than six months trying to convince the world it has been cured of the coronavirus through prayer, while refusing to take measures to curb its spread. However, dissent is mounting, along with deaths attributed to “pneumonia”, with even a politician in semi-autonomous Zanzibar admitting he has the virus. “Covid-19 is killing people and we see a lot of cases but we cannot talk about the disease,” said a doctor in a public hospital in Tanzania's biggest city Dar es Salaam, who like many asked not to be named for fear of reprisals. Tanzanian President John Magufuli has continually played down the seriousness of the virus even as neighbouring countries shut borders and implemented curfews and lockdowns. — AFP

Currently on remand, he is charged with terrorism and inciting secession — two new national security crimes — and faces up to life in prison if convicted. His case is being handled by the High Court's Court of First Instance, where trials are usually heard by a judge alongside seven to nine jurors. According to the legal source, the Secretary for Justice invoked Article 46 of the national security law, which states three instances where juries can be scrapped for national security crimes. They are protecting state secrets, cases involving foreign forces and protecting the personal safety of jurors and their families. Hong Kong's Bar Association had previously raised concerns about that provision. “The right to trial by jury can be taken away by the Secretary for Justice on certain grounds without any residual discretion in this regard being left with the courts,” the association said shortly after the law was published. The legal source said Tong's defence team were considering their next step. “The only possible way to fight is via judicial review,” the source said. Hong Kong's internationally respected legal system has come under sustained pressure in the politically charged wake of 2019's huge pro-democracy protests and Beijing's subsequent crackdown. — AFP

US plans re-entry in UN rights panel

Finds authoritarian rulers leading UNHRC

Washington, Feb. 8: Announcing the new approach from Washington, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the pullout in June 2018 “did nothing to encourage meaningful change, but instead created a vacuum of US leadership, which countries with authoritarian agendas have used to their advantage.” “The Biden administration has recommitted the United States to a foreign policy centered on democracy, human rights, and equality,” he said in a statement. “Effective use of multilateral tools is an important element of that vision.” The decision is likely to draw criticism from conservative lawmakers and many in the pro-Israel community, who have derided the council and echoed Trump administration complaints that it was too quick to overlook abuses by autocratic regimes and governments and even accept them as members. Blinken said President Joe Biden had instructed the State Department to “reengage immediately and robustly” with the council, but he acknowledged it still needs work. “We recognise that the Human Rights Council is a flawed body, in need of reform to its agenda, membership, and focus, including its disproportionate focus on Israel,” he said. Blinken said the council, when it works well, “shines a spotlight on

Impeachment trial of Don from today

Washington, Feb. 8: Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial is opening this week with a sense of urgency — by Democrats who want to hold the former president accountable for the violent US Capitol siege and Republicans who want it over as fast as possible. Scheduled to begin on Tuesday, just over a month since the deadly riot, the proceedings are expected to diverge from the lengthy, complicated trial that resulted in Trump's acquittal a year ago on charges that he privately pressured Ukraine to dig up dirt on a Democratic rival, Joe Biden, now the president. This time, Trump's Jan. 6 rally cry to “fight like hell” and the storming of the Capitol played out for the world to see. While Trump very well could be acquitted again, the trial could be over in half the time.

Details of the proceedings are still being negotiated by the Senate leaders, with the duration of opening arguments, senators' questions and deliberations all up for debate. So far, it appears there will be few witnesses called, as the prosecutors and defense attorneys speak directly to senators who have been sworn to deliver “impartial justice” as jurors. Most are also witnesses to the siege, having fled for safety that day as the rioters broke into the Capitol and temporarily halted the electoral count certifying Biden's victory. Defense attorneys for Trump declined a request for him to testify. Holed up at his Mar-a-Lago club, Florida, the former president was silenced on Twitter without comments since leaving the White House. — AP

No jury in Hong Kong's 1st national security trial

Hong Kong, Feb. 8: Hong Kong has decided against using a jury for the first trial under a sweeping national security law imposed by Beijing, a legal source with direct knowledge of the case said on Monday. Secretary for Justice Teresa Cheng informed the defendant's legal team in early February, citing “the personal safety of jurors and their family members”, the source said. Instead the trial will be heard by three judges who have been appointed to try national security cases. A Department of Justice spokesperson declined to comment when asked because proceedings were ongoing. The spokesperson for the judiciary also declined to comment “on individual cases”.

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CHINA BLOCKS UNCENSORED CLUBHOUSE APP

Beijing, Feb. 8: A rare uncensored app that had attracted Chinese internet users to freely discuss taboo topics, including the mass detention of Uighurs, democracy protests in Hong Kong and the concept of Taiwanese independence appeared to have been blocked on Monday night. Authoritarian China deploys a vast and sophisticated surveillance state to scrub the internet of dissent and prevent citizens from accessing international social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter in what is often known as the “Great Firewall”. But the Clubhouse app had for a brief while sidestepped the censors and drawn crowds of Chinese internet users — but appeared to quickly fall foul of the censors. The American invite-only audio app allows users to listen and participate in loosely moderated live conversations in digital “rooms”. And in recent days, Chinese online users have filled those rooms discussing highly censored subjects — such as Beijing's sweeping incarceration of mostly Muslim minority Uighur communities in the far western Xinjiang region. — AFP

SOCIAL | CONNECTION

Kim Beom-su, worth \$9.4 billion is founder of KakaoTalk

Korean billionaire to donate his wealth

Seoul, Feb. 8: One of South Korea's wealthiest people, the billionaire founder of the country's biggest mobile messenger operator KakaoTalk, promised on Monday to give away more than half his wealth. The decision by self-made Kim Beom-su, worth around \$9.4 billion, is an unusual one for the world's 12th-largest economy, where business is dominated by sprawling family-controlled conglomerates. “I have pledged to donate more than half of my assets throughout my life

to solve social issues,” Kim said in a message sent to all of Kakao's employees. Kakao, founded in 2010, has a range of mobile offerings and its flagship messaging application is installed on more than 90 per cent of phones in South Korea. Forbes described Kim the nation's “biggest gainers” during the Coronavirus pandemic last year. His firm benefited from social distancing measures that saw more use of its messaging app, e-commerce platform, and



Kim Beom-su

online games. The promise to donate more than half of a billion-dollar fortune is at the core of the Giving Pledge, the philanthropic initiative set up by Bill and Melinda Gates, as well as Warren Buffett. More 200 super-wealthy have signed the pledge, according to its website, but it has struggled to make headway in East Asia, listing only a hand-

ful of donors from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan — and none from Japan or South Korea. Kim said he was looking to make his pledge official, adding discussions on the details of his donation were “at the early stage.” “I plan to find and help people that Kakao has difficulty approaching to solve social problems,” he added. Kakao reported 120 billion won in operating profit in the third quarter, up 103 percent from a year earlier, and is expected to report record yearly profits for 2020. — AFP



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

Nandini hurtles to second gold

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



Pranay with the Boys U-16 long jump bronze.

City thrash Reds black and blue

London: Manchester City left Liverpool's title defence in tatters as Ilkay Gundogan's double and two costly mistakes from Alisson Becker inspired the Premier League leaders' dazzling 4-1 win, while Harry Kane starred in Tottenham's 2-0 victory against West Bromwich Albion on Sunday. Inspired by Gundogan's goals and Phil Foden's stylish display, City moved 10 points clear of fourth-placed Liverpool after their first win at Anfield since 2003. The troubled champions were blown away by Pep Guardiola's side, who became the first team to score four times in a league game away to Liverpool in 12 years. City hold a five-point lead over second placed Manchester United and have a game in hand on their local rivals as they eye a third title in four seasons. — *AFP*

Hasan leads Pak to series victory

Rawalpindi, Pakistan: Medium pacer Hasan Ali took a maiden ten-wicket haul to help Pakistan win their first series against South Africa since 2003 with a 95-run victory in the second Test on the fifth and final day here on Monday. Hasan finished with 5/60 to record his best match figures of 11/114 and help dismiss South Africa — who were set a daunting 370 to chase — for 274 before the tea break. — *AFP*
Brief scores (Day 5): Pakistan 272 & 298 beat South Africa 201 & 274 (Markram 108, Bavuma 61, Hasan 5-60, Afridi 4-51).

Live on TV

TENNIS

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

CRICKET

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

FOOTBALL

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

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

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ASH-TONISHING

Offie Ashwin takes 6/61 as India stage fight back

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

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

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

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

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



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

going through the motions post-tea. In the morning session, left-arm spinner Jack Leach and pacer James Anderson grabbed two wickets each as England bowled India out for 337, to take a lead of 241 runs. India made their intentions clear when Kohli tossed the new ball to Ashwin who struck off the innings' first ball to remove Rory Burns with a beauty. Ishant Sharma

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

Ashwin who had to slog for 55 overs to take three wickets in first innings on a flat surface bowled with venom. All-rounder Ben Stokes came a cropper by edging one to the wicket-keeper off Ashwin. Joe Root again top-scored for

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

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

Ashwin believes India can pull off a comeback win

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Off-spinner R. Ashwin who inspired India's fightback on day four of the opening Test against England believes the hosts can pull off a comeback victory.

"If we can have a good fifth day, we will be quite happy to win this Test match. I thought we fought back really well through the course of last two days. Personally when I saw the wicket, I believed it will be a good one to bat but I thought it might go a little more than what happened on the first day. It was really flat and it was like a crucial toss for us, I would say," said Ashwin, who removed England opener Rory Burns off the first ball of the second

NUMBERS GAME

● Ishant Sharma became the sixth Indian and the 35th bowler overall to pick up 300 Test wickets, when he trapped England batsman Dan Lawrence in the second innings of the First Test in Chennai on Monday.

● Former leg-spinner Anil Kumble heads the list with 619 wickets in 132 Tests ahead of Kapil Dev (434 wickets in 131 Tests), Harbhajan Singh (417 wickets in 103 Tests), Ravichandran Ashwin (386 wickets in 75), Zaheer Khan (311 wickets in 92 Tests) and Ishant Sharma (300 wickets in 98 Tests).

— *S. PERVEZ KAISER*

innings.

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

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

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

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

SCORECARD

England 1st Innings: 578
India 1st Innings (overnight 257/6): Rohit Sharma c Buttler b Archer 6, Shubman Gill c Anderson b Archer 29, Cheteshwar Pujara c Rory Burns b Dom Bess 73, Virat Kohli c Ollie Pope b Dom Bess 11, Ajinkya Rahane c Root b Dom Bess 1, Rishabh Pant c Jack Leach b Dom Bess 91, Washington Sundar not out 85, Ravichandran Ashwin c Buttler b Leach 31, Shahbaz Nadeem c Stokes b Leach 0, Ishant Sharma c Pope b Anderson 4, Jasprit Bumrah c Stokes b Anderson 0, Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1) 6. **Total (all out in 95.5 overs) 337.**

India 2nd Innings: Rohit Sharma b Jack Leach 12, Shubman Gill batting 15, Cheteshwar Pujara batting 12. **Total (for 1 wkt in 13 overs) 39.**
Bowling: Ravichandran Ashwin 17.3-2-61-6, Shahbaz Nadeem 15-2-66-2, Ishant Sharma 7-1-24-1, Jasprit Bumrah 6-0-26-1, Washington Sundar 1-0-1-0.

England 2nd Innings: Rory Burns c Rahane b Ashwin 0, Dominic Sibley c Pujara b Ashwin 16, Daniel Lawrence lbw b Ishant 18, Joe Root lbw b Bumrah 40, Ben Stokes c Pant b Ashwin 7, Ollie Pope c Rohit b Nadeem 28, Jos Buttler st Pant b Nadeem 24, Dominic Bess lbw b Ashwin 25, Jofra Archer b Ashwin 5, Jack Leach not out 8, James Anderson c and b Ashwin 0. Extras (nb-7) 7. **Total (all out in 46.3 overs) 178.**
Bowling: Jofra Archer 3-2-13-0, Jack Leach 6-1-21-1, James Anderson 2-1-2-0, Dominic Bess 2-0-3-0.

COACH CONFIDENT ENGLAND WOULD BOWL INDIA OUT

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England have let India crawl back into the game with their inexplicable approach post-tea, but the visiting team's bowling coach Jon Lewis said "they are very much in control of the proceedings."

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

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

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



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady kisses his wife and supermodel Gisele Bundchen after defeating the Kansas City Chiefs in the NFL Super Bowl 55 football game in Tampa, USA, on Sunday. The Buccaneers beat the Chiefs 31-9 to win the Super Bowl. — *AP*

Brady's 'special' 7 in Super Bowl

Tampa (USA), Feb. 8: Tom Brady refused to rank his record seventh Super Bowl crown on Sunday after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' stunning upset of the Kansas City Chiefs.

The 43-year-old Buccaneers quarterback confounded the odds once more by leading Tampa Bay to a 31-9 victory less than a year after ending his two-decade career with the New England Patriots.

The win, which came 19 years after Brady's first Super Bowl triumph with the Patriots in 2002, has been hailed as the quarterback's greatest achievement. But Brady was mere-

ly content to look back on what he called an "amazing" season.

"They're all special in their own way," Brady said of his Super Bowl wins.

"It's been an amazing year. Just really proud of all the guys, all the coaches, the effort we put in. We knew we were playing a great football team tonight and we got the job done. If you get this far you've got to get the job done," he added.

The Bucs' victory capped a remarkable run through the playoffs which saw the team account for three of the game's greatest quarterbacks in consecutive games. — *AFP*

Smooth take off for Djoker in Oz

Melbourne, Feb. 8: Novak Djokovic served a reminder of why he's the greatest Australian Open champion in history as he demolished France's Jeremy Chardy in straight sets on Monday.

The eight-time winner's 6-3, 6-1, 6-2 win showed that normal service had resumed after the year's first Grand Slam was delayed three weeks over the Coronavirus.

Serena Williams, Naomi Osaka and Bianca Andreescu also enjoyed convincing wins as the tournament got underway in front of limited crowds. "It feels great, so great to see people back in the stadium. This is the most I've seen on a tennis court in 12 months," Djokovic said.

Form and fitness are highly unpredictable at the Australian Open after the coronavirus wiped out five months of last season and badly disrupted preparations for the first Grand Slam of 2021.

After the tortuous build-up, third seed Osaka struck the first serve on the centre court against Russia's

SELECTED RESULTS

Men's singles first round:

Stanislav Wawrinka (SUI x17) bt Pedro Sousa (POR) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; Milos Raonic (CAN x14) bt Federico Coria (ARG) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; Emil Ruusuvuori (FIN) bt Gael Monfils (FRA x10) 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Alexander Zverev (GER x6) bt Marcos Giron (USA) 6-7 (8/10), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 6-2; Dominic Thiem (AUT x3) bt Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, 6-3; Grigor Dimitrov (BUL x18) bt Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7/5).

Women's singles first round:

Bianca Andreescu (CAN x8) bt Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROM) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Venus Williams (USA) bt Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) 7-5, 6-2; Naomi Osaka (JPN x3) bt Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) 6-1, 6-2; Serena Williams (USA x10) bt Laura Siegemund (GER) 6-1, 6-1; Simona Halep (ROM x2) bt Lizette Cabrera (AUS) 6-2, 6-1.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and strode just 68 minutes later as a 6-1, 6-2 winner.

Serena started her quest for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam title with a 6-1, 6-1 romp past Germany's Laura Siegemund. Later, Andreescu won her first match after 15 months out, against Mihaela Buzarnescu of Romania 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. — *AFP*

Max Power



Telangana Finance Minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao felicitates Maxwell Trevor, Hyderabad's international cyclist, selector and administrator, at the 5th Inter-district Road Cycling Championship being held at Ranganayaka Sagar in Siddipet, on Monday.

Abhirath, Tilak continue century spree

Geeta, Yudhvir, Sandeep and Shashi also come up with good performances

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M. Abhirath Reddy, Thakur Tilak Varma, E. Geeta Krishna, Yudhvir, B. Sandeep and Shashi Shekar Naidu hogged the limelight with splendid performances in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's A-1 Division one-day knockout tournament on Monday.

Openers Abhirath (109) and Tilak (101) continued their run-scoring spree as they walloped cracking centuries to make light of the 216-run target set by Jai Hanuman and propel Gemini Friends to a thumping 10-wicket victory.

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

In another match, Budding Star's Yudhvir (5/20) punched big to skittle out Khalsa for a paltry 164 while chasing 286. Akash also contributed a modest 92 for the victorious side. B. Sandeep of Income Tax had Sri Chakra in



Abhirath



Tilak Varma



Geeta Krishna

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

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

A-1 DIVISION ONE-DAY KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT
■ Jai Hanuman 215 in 47.5 overs (N. Anirudh Reddy 65, Anurag Vittal 63, Rathana Teja 3/45) lost to Gemini Friends 217 for no loss in 37.3 overs (**M. Abhirath Reddy 109 n.o. — 110b, 12x4, Thakur Tilak Varma 101 n.o. — 116b, 6x4, 4x6**)

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

5, Tanay Tyagarajan 3/26)

■ Sri Chakra 179 in 44.2 overs (K. Vikas Rao 34, S. Nishant Yadav 32, M. Mukesh 38, **B. Sandeep 5/24 — 9.1-1-24-5**) lost to Income Tax 185/3 in 31.3 overs (B. Sandeep 51 n.o., D. Harshavardhan 76, Shiv Charan Singh 36)

■ Secunderabad Nawabs 190/9 in 50 overs (Shujan Bandaru 52, Harish Singh 62) bt BDL 189 in 48.2 overs (B. Revant 54, K. Hima Teja 34, **Shashi Shekar Naidu 5/26 — 6-0-26-5**)

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

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

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

A-2 DIVISION (TWO-DAY)

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

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