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WINDOWS

Legendary actor Soumitra Chatterjee passes away at 85

NEW DELHI: Soumitra Chatterjee, the legendary Indian actor with more than 200 movies to his name and famed for his work with Oscar-winning director Satyajit Ray, died on Sunday of complications from the coronavirus. He was 85. Chatterjee's daughter, Poulami Bose, said her father died at a hospital in the city of Kolkata in West Bengal state where he had been staying since testing positive for the virus in early October. He is also survived by his wife and a son. Chatterjee had a career in Bengali-language films that spanned six decades and was best known for his work with Ray, one of the world's most influential Indian directors, whose films garnered critical acclaim and won multiple awards worldwide, putting India on the global cinema map.

Draft rules under new Code on Social Security notified

NEW DELHI: The Central government has notified the draft rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020 and invited objections and suggestions, if any, from the stakeholders. While notifying the Code rules on Saturday, the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment sought objections and suggestions, making it mandatory to submit all details within a period of 45 days from the date of notification of the draft rules.

Parliamentary panel to mull int'l water treaties next week

NEW DELHI: A parliamentary committee will consider India's international water treaties with neighbouring countries next week, including with China amid less-than cordial relations between the two countries in the wake of deadly clash between the two armies in Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh in June. The committee will discuss issues related to similar treaties with Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan regarding water resource management as well as flood management in India. ►P3

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairing a meeting to review Covid surge in Delhi on Sunday

Doubling RT-PCR tests : Shah ANNOUNCES STEPS TO CURB COVID SURGE IN DELHI

NEW DELHI

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday announced a slew of measures to bring Delhi's coronavirus situation under control. The measures announced by Shah include, among others, doubling of RT-PCR tests and deployment of mobile testing vans belonging to the Union health ministry and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in vulnerable places in the national capital.

"Chaired a meeting to review the surge in Delhi's Covid-19 cases and take stock of medical infrastructure here. In May, the Modi government took a series of steps with the Delhi government to save

the people from the virus. We all witnessed the positive results," Shah tweeted on Sunday.

The various measures announced by the home minister are as follows:

- RT-PCR testing to be doubled in Delhi
- Mobile testing vans of the Union health ministry and ICMR to be deployed at vulnerable places
- Capacity of hospitals in Delhi and availability of medical infrastructure to be improved. With regards to this, 250-300 more beds to be provided at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Covid-19 facility in Dhaula Kuan

- To increase the availability of beds with oxygen facilities, 10,000-bed Chhatrapur Covid centre to be further strengthened
- For treatment of patients showing mild Covid-19 symptoms, some hospitals of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will be converted into dedicated Covid-19 hospitals
- A dedicated multi-department team will visit every private hospital in Delhi to give clear information on the availability of hospital beds.



Day after Diwali, Delhi's air quality dips to 'severe'

NEW DELHI

A DAY after Diwali, the air quality in Delhi remained in the 'severe' category on Sunday, as bursting of firecrackers worsened the situation, data from the Central Pollution Control Board showed. According to the agency's air quality index or AQI, any reading above 100 on a scale of 500 is progressively unsafe for health. At 8 am, the AQI in Delhi was at 467, indicating "severe" conditions that pose a risk of respiratory problems. Cont'd on Page 5



A woman wearing gloves offer prayers during 'Diwali' in New Delhi on Saturday

Violence erupts as thousands rally behind Trump in US

WASHINGTON

SUPPORTERS of US President Donald Trump fought on the streets of Washington, DC with counter-demonstrators early on Sunday with several fistfights, at least one stabbing and 20 people arrested.

Several other cities on Saturday also saw gatherings of Trump supporters unwilling to accept Democrat Joe Biden's Electoral College and popular vote victory as legitimate. Cries of "Stop the Steal" and "Count Every Vote" continued despite a

lack of evidence of voter fraud or other problems that could reverse the result. After night fell, the relatively peaceful demonstrations in Washington turned from tense to violent. Videos posted on social media showed fistfights, projectiles thrown and club-swinging as Trump supporters clashed with those demanding they leave.

A variety of charges, including assault and weapons possession, were filed against those arrested, officials said. Two police officers were injured and several firearms were recovered by police.

One person was stabbed and rushed to a trauma centre, a spokeswoman for the city fire and emergency medical services department said. The Washington Post newspaper reported the stabbing occurred amid a melee between Trump supporters – some carrying batons – and counter-protesters that broke out about 8pm.

Trump himself had given an approving nod to the gathering on Saturday morning by dispatching his motorcade through streets lined with supporters before rolling on to his Virginia golf club.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Multiple launches of BrahMos missile soon

NEW DELHI

AMID the ongoing tensions with China, India is all set to showcase the massive firepower of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile by the month-end.

The three defence forces would carry out multiple firings of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed missile system in the Indian Ocean Region in the last week of this



month. The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile is the world's

fastest operational system in its class and recently DRDO has ex-

tended the range of the missile system from the existing 298 km to

around 450 km.

The defence services are scheduled to carry out multiple test-firings of the BrahMos in the last week of November against different targets in the Indian Ocean Region. The tests would help the defence services to further improve the performance of the missile system.

In the last two months, DRDO has been successful in testing both new and existing missile systems includ-

ing the Shaurya missile system which can hit targets at over 800 km and technology demonstration vehicles for hypersonic missile technology.

The BrahMos-equipped aircraft from the squadron were also deployed close to the Northern borders soon after the conflict with China had started and 20 Indian soldiers lost their lives in the Galwan valley in a clash with the Chinese Army.

NITISH BACK AS BIHAR CM

Becomes CM for record fourth straight term, to take oath today

PATNA

THE NDA in Bihar unanimously elected Nitish Kumar as its leader in the state legislature on Sunday, paving the way for his return as the chief minister for the fourth consecutive term.

Senior BJP leader and Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, who had flown down as an observer of the BJP, announced this after a meeting of legislators.

Nitish, accompanied by senior NDA leaders, also met Governor Phagu Chauhan at Raj Bhavan and staked claim to form the next government in the state.

Talking to reporters outside his residence upon returning from the Raj Bhavan, Kumar said the swearing-in will take place on Monday evening and parried questions about details like whether BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi would be returning as his deputy.

"The Governor was handed over the letter of support from all four constituents of the NDA. As per his direction, we shall be taking oath at the Raj Bhavan, on Monday, around 4-4.30pm", said Kumar, who is on course to become the longest serving Chief Minister of Bihar.

Meanwhile, Tarkishore Prasad, BJP MLA from Katihar, has been elected as the party's leader in the state Assembly.



2 Dy CMs for Bihar? Sushil Modi to step down

NEW DELHI

WITH Janata Dal United (JDU) president Nitish Kumar all set to take oath as Bihar Chief Minister on Monday, reports now have it that Tarkishore

Prasad will become the Deputy CM, while Sushil Modi, who carried the position earlier, will be given a role in the Union Cabinet. Reports also said that Nitish will have two deputies this time, both from BJP. Reports indicate that BJP MLAs Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi will be given new Deputy CMs. Earlier Tarkishore Prasad was unanimously elected as leader of the state BJP



Tarkishore Prasad



Renu Devi

legislature party. "I've been given this responsibility & I'll carry out the duty to the best of my ability," Tarkishore Prasad said. When asked about the post of Deputy CM, he remained tight-lipped. "I can't comment on it as of now."

Further, a tweet by Sushil Modi also sparked speculation that the role of Bihar Deputy CM is likely to be bestowed upon a new face. Modi also asserted that he would take on whatever position he will be bestowed with. A report had it that he would be given a role in the Union Cabinet.

Russia Covid vaccine may reach Kanpur next wk for trials

KANPUR

THE first batch of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine for COVID-19 is likely to reach Kanpur's Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Medical College by next week wherein the vaccine's Phase 2 and Phase 3 human clinical trials will be conducted.

The decision to conduct the human clinical trials of the vaccine was taken after Dr Reddy's Laboratories got approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) in this regard, an official said.

Medical College principal RB Kamal said the human clinical trials of the vaccine will start from next week. "As many as 180 volunteers have registered for the trials. Head of the research Saurabh Agarwal will determine the dosage of the vaccine to be administered. One dose will be administered and the condition of volunteers will be monitored to determine whether they need further doses or not," he said. Kamal said the volunteers' vitals and condition will be checked periodically and the data will be analysed to determine whether the vaccine is a success or not. He said the effect of the vaccine on the volunteers will be studied for seven months after the same is administered once, twice or thrice within an interval of 21 days.

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This years Diwali celebration was simple yet very special as we are all together as a family. Hope you are also enjoying this festive season with your loved ones. May you all have a prosperous new year



Fargo So4 to premiere on November 21

KELSEY ASBILLE, WHO PLAYS THE ROLE OF SWANEE CAPPS IN 'FARGO S04', SHARES SOME INSIGHTS

ASKARI JAFFER

As an anthology, each ' Fargo' season possesses its own self-contained narrative, following a disparate set of characters in various settings and eras, albeit in a connected shared universe centered on the Midwestern United States and the titular city of ' Fargo', North Dakota.

Created and primarily written by Noah Hawley (Bones), the show is inspired by the eponymous 1996 film, which was written and directed by the Coen brothers (' The Big Lebowski', ' No Country For Old Men'). The fourth season is set in 1950 in Kansas City and the story follows two crime syndicates as they vie for control. Catch the Indian Television Premiere of the fourth season of ' Fargo' starting 21st November, every Saturday at 10 PM only on Colors Infinity.

Sharing about the character, Kelsey shares, "Swanee Capps is an outlaw, maybe not a very good one? But she's committed. Her family is her partner in crime, Zelmare Roulette, played by the great Karen Aldridge."

For Kelsey being on the show is like a dream come true as she is a huge fan of ' Fargo'.

"The tone and feel of the series is unlike anything I've ever done before. Noah creates such an inviting atmosphere for actors to dive in and try to do their best work. He wrote Swanee with this almost childlike innocence and fearlessness, and that gave me a profound sense of freedom on set. This installment of ' Fargo' is a deconstruction of the American dream, and about the experiences of those who are placed outside of that dream. The systematic nature of oppression, and how people survive it," adds Kelsey.

It was Kelsey's first time in Chicago, and she fell in love with the city. Karen lived there for many years, so she was her guide and took her to Steppenwolf to see a play that Carrie Coon actually starred in. Meanwhile sharing about the cast Kelsey shares, "This cast is one for the books. When I wasn't quietly starstruck, I was just trying to earn my keep! There really was a sweeping sense of gratitude and enthusiasm to be there telling this story."



New fashion show on Netflix

SUJATA ASSOMULL

Now that there are no more red carpet occasions, extravaganzas and fashion weeks, award nights or other star studded events, where do we turn to for fashion inspiration? The television of course.

Between OTT platforms like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hotstar we are just spoilt for choice when it comes to what show to watch in many of them fashion plays a major role. In fact in some of the shows, the clothes are what make the show binge worthy. Instead of turning to your favourite fashion magazine for fashion inspiration or cues on what to wear for a special occasion or the zoom call meeting why not turn to one of these beautifully dressed televisions series for style tips.

Festive season

It may have received mixed reviews but ' A Suitable Boy' to me was a visual delight. The fact the casting was weak did not matter--- because the fashion was the real star of this show. New York based Oscar academy member Arjun Bhasin was behind the costumes for this Mira Nair adaptation on Netflix of the highly acclaimed book. The main character Lata (played by Tanya Maniktala) has 64 costume changes. There were about 3,000 costumes made for extras and 1,100 handloom saris featured in the film, which were sourced from all over India. The play of colour, textile and even silhouettes is a lesson in Indian fashion; from cotton mul-mul, beautiful Banarasis, floral organza, dazzling badla chiffons to a metallic trouser sari --- there is a drape for every occasion. Bhasin's eye for detail adds a feel of effortless layering, be it the scoop necked blouses, contrast dupattas or the subtle use of jewellery.

The fall season

For those of you lucky enough to be travelling abroad, or who live in a part of the country that does see a winter--- ' Emily in Paris' should be your new style manual. With its eclectic



tic yet elegant style, a clever mix of high fashion and High Street labels, this is how to shop for the season. Emily even manages to make a pair of wellington boots look like an accessory of desire. But then the costume designer behind this Netflix show is Patricia Field--- (of ' Sex and the City' fame). With Paris as a backdrop, Field could really go all out in the show. The Kenzo fuchsia coat is likely to be my next investment style buy. Though the green Chanel Cruise comes a close second. And while I might now have the brazen to wear some of the bold patterns Emily carries off with such flair, the Ganni (a sustainable contemporary fashion label that should be on everyone's radar) yellow printed camisole top and skirt is very much on my " lust list". Not all the bags she carries are Chanel --- Kate Spade and Aldo make some very fashionable special appearances.

Zoom call dresscode

One of the most delightful shows I have watched this year was the 26-minute ' Father of the Bride Part 3 (ish)' on Netflix or on You Tube. There was something so comforting about seeing the characters of these films again, 25 years later, even if it was over a family zoom call. Diane Keaton aka Nina Banks, as usual sets the style bar. Now this how to look chic yet casual for a zoom call---in an open collar white shirt with pin tucks at the front, accessorised with silk chiffon polka dot glasses, hair all in place---but not looking coiffed, steals the show. Kimberly Williams Paisley who plays the original bride, Annie (who would now be in her 40s) wears a beige and white sweatshirt and remarks that perhaps it would look better on her younger college going sister- Megan and well, I can't help but agree!

Love your skin this winter

Yay, it's sweater weather, but is your skin prepared for it? As the humidity drops, the air gets dry and so does your skin. In winters the moisture is drawn from your skin and so it requires additional care. To treat winter skin and to provide rejuvenation during the season, one should opt for natural products, as they offer a variety of effective solutions to protect the skin and keep it moist, soft and smooth.

Ritika Jayaswal, CEO & Founder, Nourish Mantra an Ayurveda-inspired natural skincare brand brings you some tips and tricks to prep up your skin for the coming season.

Choose a cleanser wisely

Winters make your skin quite dry. Opt for a natural mild cleanser which is gentle on your skin. Harsh cleansers might strip off natural oils from your face and the added fragrances and alcohol might irritate your skin, which ultimately makes your skin all the more dry and flaky.

Exfoliation is important

People generally think that winters are not for exfoliation but it's a big myth. Even if you have a dry skin exfoliation is very important because it takes off dry dead skin cells and helps to regenerate new ones.



Use a body lotion right after the shower

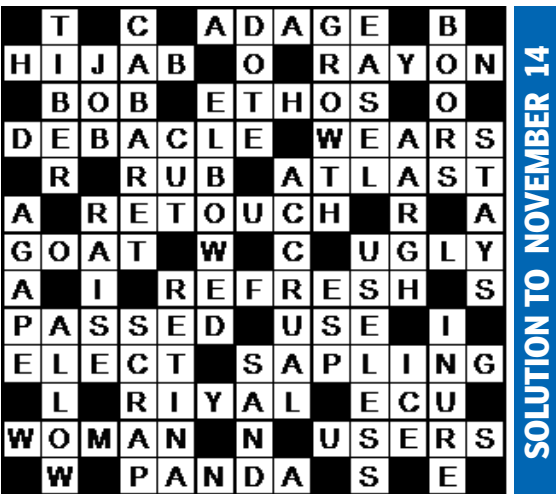
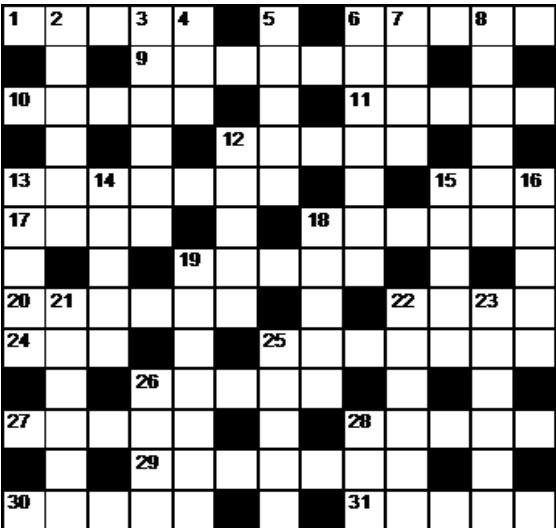
Since its winters always go for a creamy based body lotion and moisturiser to lock in the moisture of the skin. The trick is to apply the lotion right after the shower since your body is still moist and the lotion will get absorbed easily and will stay on for long keeping your skin soft and plump.

Facial oil is the key

Facial oils are really important in winters since they can give your skin an additional dose of nourishment that is required. It helps in removing dryness from the skin and help the skin cells rejuvenate. Facial oils also help in reducing fine lines and wrinkles and give that glow to your face.

Don't forget your hands and feet

Always use a gentle or mild hand wash to wash your hands and a nourishing cream-based lotion for the hands since they are the most exposed and hardworking part of our body. We tend to ignore them sometimes and the skin becomes itchy and flaky.



SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 14

CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 First name in Indian chess (5)
- 6 Protective garment (5)
- 9 Rhetoric (7)
- 10 ___ percent : half (5)
- 11 Norse giant (5)
- 12 Physicist ___ Curie (5)
- 13 Very pleased (7)
- 15 And so on, and so on (3)
- 17 Catch sight of something, in the distance, perhaps (4)
- 18 Be in awe (6)
- 19 Later showing (5)
- 20 Abounded (6)
- 22 Fixed amount (4)
- 24 Put in place (3)
- 25 Feels the need to drink (7)
- 26 "Star Trek" doctor (5)
- 27 A light purple (5)
- 28 As the total (2,3)
- 29 Monetary unit of Paraguay (7)

Down

- 30 Controlled conditions (5)
- 31 Frank Sinatra's daughter (5)
- 2 Equine sounds (6)
- 3 Inform (6)
- 4 Arid or parched (3)
- 5 Lieu (5)
- 6 A craftsperson (7)
- 7 Funeral bonfire (4)
- 8 Recently (2,4)
- 12 Measured (5)
- 13 American coins (5)
- 14 Capsize (5)
- 15 Levels (5)
- 16 Coagulates (5)
- 18 Pulpy (5)
- 19 Happen again (7)
- 21 Weirder (6)
- 22 The Muse of astronomy (6)
- 23 Sloping letter (6)
- 25 Travels for work or as a sight-seer ? (5)
- 26 Magician, wizard (4)
- 28 Place to overnight (3)

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SOLUTION TO NOVEMBER 14

NEWS ROUNDUP



Janhvi's days are incomplete without doing this

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor says the day she does not annoy her sister Khushi are days that are incomplete.

Janhvi posted two pictures on Instagram. In the images, the two sisters are looking stunning in Indian attire as they pose for the camera.

"Days that I don't annoy my sister are days that are incomplete," she wrote as the caption.

Janhvi recently engaged in some sibling revelry with sister Khushi in an Instagram post she had shared. The image she posted had Janhvi hugging Khushi from behind, even as her younger sister looks at the camera and smiles.

Recently, Janhvi posted a string of pictures on Instagram. In the images, she is seen sporting vintage ensembles, make-up, hair and jewellery.

The actress, who was recently seen in "Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl", will next be seen in films such as "RoohiAfza" "Takht" and "Dostana 2".

Parl panel to mull international water treaties next week

RAJNISH SINGH
NEW DELHI

A parliamentary committee will consider India's international water treaties with neighbouring countries next week, including with China amid less-than cordial relations between the two countries in the wake of deadly clash between the two armies in Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh in June.

The committee will discuss issues related to similar treaties with Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan regarding water resource management as well as flood management in India.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources is set to hold its meeting on Tuesday, in which "oral evidence" by the representatives of Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation) and the Ministry of External Affairs will be put forth.

A Parliament source privy to the development told IANS that the committee will take up issues based on the oral submissions by the two Ministries, and move suggestions if new



agreement or some changes are necessary.

As per a parliamentary note circulated by the Committee Secretariat, the matter regarding the "oral evidence by the two Ministries on the subject of 'Flood Management in the country, including international water treaties in the field of water resource management/flood control with particular reference to treaty/agreement entered into with Nepal, China, Pakistan and Bhutan' will be discussed in the meeting. The meeting will be held from 2 pm onwards on Tuesday on Parliament premises.

Formed on September 13 this year, the 31-member Committee will take up the issue for the first time after its formation in

the wake of India-China face-off. A total of 21 Lok Sabha and 10 Rajya Sabha members would discuss the issue and then submit the report to Parliament on which Indian government would take further decisions.

The agenda papers regarding the meeting will be circulated to the parliamentarians in electronic form only on e-portal and the MPs have been requested to make it convenient to attend the sitting of the committee.

Bharatiya Janata Party leader Sanjay Jaiswal, who is an MP from Paschim Champaran in Bihar, will head the meeting as Chair. Narayana Swamy Abbiah, Vijay Baghel, Bhagirath Chaudhary, Nand Kumar Singh Chauhan, Nihal Chand Chauhan, Chandra Prakash Choudhary, Guman Singh

Damor, Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, K Jayakumar, Kaushal Kishore, Dhanush M Kumar, Mohammad Akbar Lone, Kurruva Gorantla Madhav, Shri Hasmukhbhai Somabhai Patel, Dipsinh Shankarsinh Rathod, P Raveendranath Kumar, Nusrat Jahan Ruhi, Agatha K Sangma, Suresh, and Kempegowda Doddaiahalli are among the Lok Sabha members on the committee. The Rajya Sabha members include Balwinder Singh Bhunder, Harshvardhan Singh Durgapur, NR Elango, Mir Mohammad Fayaz, Kirodi Lal Meena, A Mohammedjan, Arun Singh, Rewati Raman Singh, Subhash Chandra Singh, and Pradeep Tamta.

It would be the first such meeting on the issue amid the ongoing crisis, including the stand-off at the Line of Actual Control with China. The move might influence the trajectory of South Asia's transboundary water security.

Water policies on shared rivers have far-reaching consequences for India as well as neighbouring countries because of shared waterways amid growing populations, climate change and expanding demand for water.

Delay in finalising seat sharing hurt Mahagathbandhan, says Tariq Anwar

NEW DELHI

DELAY in finalising seat sharing for the Bihar election adversely impacted the Mahagathbandhan's poll performance, senior Congress leader Tariq Anwar said on Sunday, asserting that the Congress must learn from it and complete alliance formalities well in advance for upcoming assembly polls.

Anwar, party's general secretary and a veteran leader from Bihar, acknowledged that there were shortcomings due to which the party performed worse than other "Mahagathbandhan" constituents and asserted that the high command was serious about an introspection as well as a thorough analysis of the results.

In an interview with PTI, Anwar said the Bihar poll results were "definitely below" the Congress' expectations and it was a setback to bag only 19 out of the 70 seats it contested.

"There was an environment of change with enthusiasm among the common people for it, but we could not exploit that. We had the expectation that with the Congress fighting on 70 seats, it would win at least 50 per cent of the seats," the former Union minister said.

"Our government was not formed and we (the Congress) also have a responsibility in that. Going forward, our efforts will be aimed at strengthening the Congress and the Mahagathbandhan and we will make a strategy for it," he said.

His remarks assume significance as several poll analysts have stated that the Congress dragged the Mahagathbandhan down as it fell short of the majority mark, with the NDA under



Nitish Kumar's leadership emerging victorious in the polls by a narrow margin.

Anwar, who was a member of the party's poll management committee, said there should be an introspection and "we have also demanded that it should happen". He said the high command was ready for an introspection and stressed the top leadership had given all possible support during the polls with former party chief Rahul Gandhi also holding many public meetings in the state.

"But there have been shortcomings on our part otherwise we should have won 35-40 seats. So whether there were shortcomings in organisation or campaign, all of that will be discussed and analysed and it will be ascertained why the Congress' performance was not at par with other Mahagathbandhan partners," he said.

Anwar said the reasons for the below par showing cannot be ascertained immediately, but what was important was to identify the mistakes committed and ensure they are not repeated in the Assembly polls in four states and one Union Territory in the coming months.

"We want that discussions be held with those involved in this

election, our candidates and District Congress Committees in Bihar and only then we can reach a conclusion," the 69-year-old leader, who has won Lok Sabha polls multiple times from Bihar's Katihar, said.

The high command is definitely concerned over the Bihar results, he said.

Asked if delay in firming up the Mahagathbandhan alliance and the seat sharing arrangement hurt the poll performance of the Opposition coalition, Anwar said, "Yes, I remember that Rahul ji had said in July itself that we should finish the process of firming up of the alliance and other formalities."

"Whatever the reason, that did not happen and you are right there was a lot of delay in finalising the alliance and it was sealed when the election was very near," he said.

If the formalities had been completed earlier, then maybe the Mahagathbandhan would have gotten the advantage in the election campaign, Anwar said.

Alliance contradictions need some time to be ironed out and we did not get that time, he said.

On rumblings in the Congress over ticket distribution, Anwar said the party is assessing what shortcomings were there.



Delhi schools to impart lessons on 'responsible social media usage'

NEW DELHI

FROM how much information one should share online to how to deal with cyber threats, Delhi government schools are all set to impart lessons on "responsible use of social media".

The lessons will be conducted during a month-long series of online sessions, starting from November 23. Approximately 1,040 schools, will conduct these classes. The need for such lessons was felt necessary amidst increased usage of gadgets by students and high exposure to social media during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Threat through the unknown and anonymous cyber world is a harsh reality nowadays. Ease of access and unmonitored reach has exposed the children to unscrupulous elements on the internet," Deputy Director of Education Mohinder Pal said.

"The series on 'Responsible use

of Social Media' will create awareness about the various kinds of threats on the internet and also ways to secure oneself from these threats. The children will also be sensitised about responsible use of social media," he said. Pal said students will also be mentored on how to be digitally smart.

As per the plan, a total of 52 sessions will be held online for 7.3 lakh students belonging to classes 9 to 12 of 13 districts (136 clusters) in Delhi. When a nationwide lockdown was announced in March to contain the spread of the coronavirus infection, all teaching and learning activities had to be moved online to avoid disruption of learning. The National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) had in May sent the detailed guidelines to schools, defining the role of teachers as well as parents in promoting safe, legal, and ethical use of the internet by students.

Body of woman judge found hanging, suicide suspected

MUNGELI

IN a suspected suicide case, a 55-year-old woman district judge was found hanging at her official residence in Chhattisgarh's Mungeli district on Sunday, police said.

Mungeli District and Sessions Judge Kanta Martin was found hanging from the ceiling fan with a saree inside a room at her official residence in Karhi area here this morning, Mungeli Superintendent of Police Arvind Kujur said.

As per the preliminary information, after having food early in the evening on Saturday, the judge asked her cook and other staff to leave the house, he said.

"When the cook returned on Sunday morning, he found the door of her residence locked from inside. He saw from the window that the judge was hanging from the ceiling fan, following which, he alerted the police," Kujur said.



Dubai-based Indian couple hosts 'drive-by wedding ceremony'

DUBAI

IN the wake of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, a Dubai-based Indian couple hosted a 'drive-by wedding ceremony' for their loved ones outside their residence, according to a media report.

Hailing from Kerala, Muhammed Jazem and Almas Ahmed first had their 'nikah' ceremony, after which they stood under a flower arch outside their home in Jumeirah for a socially distanced wedding reception, reports Khaleej Times.

Close family members and friends who could not be part of the 'nikah' stopped their cars outside the couple's home for less than two minutes as they wished them well and clicked some photos. "The rules were simple and we communicated them to our guests through a video invitation," Khaleej Times quoted Jazem as saying.

"We asked our guests to stop only for a few moments, give us their best wishes, take a picture and then they could drive away. We instructed them not to step out of the car, to keep moving to avoid traffic, and not pull over," he added.

Jazem, an aeronautical engineer with Emirates Airline, further said their parents and many of their relatives are elderly, which is why they "did not want to have a big event".

Although the Dubai government has given the green signal to host socially distanced ceremonies, the couple decided to stick to their drive-by reception plan.

BJP, Cong MP flay firecracker ban, root for workers of industry

CHENNAI

THE raging debate over the ban on firecrackers in several states continued with BJP national general secretary C T Ravi on Sunday questioning the rationale and flagging concerns about other pollutants. The social media was abuzz with many, including Ravi and Congress MP Manickam Tagore, highlighting the plight of lakhs of workers employed in the fireworks industry's national hub of Sivakasi in southern Tamil Nadu.

Several states had banned sale and use of firecrackers this year citing the COVID-19 pandemic and environment concerns with the decision coming as a blow to the industry. A day after the nation celebrated the festival amid the ban, Ravi, the in-charge of the party for Tamil Nadu, said about ten lakh people were dependent on the cracker industry.

"Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu is where Crackers are manufactured & nearly 10 lakh people are employed. If activist Govts or tribunals want to ban crackers for #Deepavali, they should ban for all purposes now. No pontificating cricketer or actor should celebrate weddings with Crackers," he tweeted.

To a twitter user, who pointed to the



plight of workers and the need for alternative employment for them in view of ban and curbs vis-a-vis firecrackers, the Saffron party leader said he agreed with that view. "I agree. Those in Sivakasi dependent on Crackers industry should be provided with alternate jobs. Only then should crackers be banned across Bharat.

Also, other activities that involve mass killing of animals, cutting trees & causing damage to environment should also be banned," Ravi, who was here days ago to lead a "Vettrivayatra," that was not allowed by the government citing the coronavirus pandemic, said. In another tweet response, Ravi said he was not for banning crackers at all.

"As a Hindu, I don't want anyone interfering or lecturing us about how to celebrate Our Festivals. I am against arbitrary ban on Crackers that affects the livelihood of lakhs of Tamil Makkal (people) dependent on Crackers industry in Sivakasi".

41K new corona cases push India's active cases to 4.79L

NEW DELHI

AS India celebrated the festival of lights, 41,100 new coronavirus cases and 447 more deaths were recorded in the country in the last 24 hours on Sunday, taking the total tally to 88,14,579 and COVID-19 death toll to 1,29,635 respectively. India now has 4,79,216 active cases after a

net decrease of 1,503 cases due to number of discharges and deaths in the last 24 hours, while 42,156 more cured patients took the total recoveries to 82,05,728, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) data shows. The recovery rate stands at 93.09 per cent, and the fatality rate at 1.47 per cent, the Ministry said.

The Indian Council of Medical Re-

search tested 8,05,589 more samples on Saturday, taking the total to 12,48,36,819. Maharashtra continued to be the worst-hit state with 17,44,698 cases till date. There are 86,470 active cases and 45,914 COVID-19 deaths. Delhi's corona tally has reached 4,82,170 cases whereas 96 more fatalities pushed the national capital's death toll to 7,519.





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Saving Tibet from CCP is vital for Asia’s future

BINAY KUMAR SINGH

Xi Jinping, leader-for-life of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), has recently directed his party members to “form an impregnable fortress in maintaining stability” by strengthening the role of the CCP in Tibet. He also stated that “absolute loyalty (to CCP) was necessary to counter major battles (in Tibet) and prevent major risks”. In the same vein, he also remarked that “Tibetan Buddhism had to adapt to socialism and Chinese conditions”.

This missive to the party’s higher leadership during the ongoing border tensions with India along the Line of Actual Control indicates that the CCP is likely to intensify its Sincization programmes in this mountainous region. Strategic, economic, environmental and cultural implications of these actions are significant and could have a telling impact on the future of Asia itself.

Two decades ago, the 21st century was dubbed as Asia’s Century, which the developing economies of the region set to drive global growth. But as it stands today, if countries across Asia do not rally to defeat the CCP’s designs in Tibet, Asia may soon witness a century of loss.

At the very core of this potential crisis is the freshwater reserves of the world ‘Third Pole’. For millennia, the freshwater lakes of Tibet have fed river systems to the East, South-East, South and West, which have nurtured enduring civilisations across the region. Outside China, the main rivers systems fed by these freshwater lakes include the Mekong, Brahmaputra and Sutlej.

However, for some decades, the CCP has been undertaking widespread infrastructure work across Tibet, ostensibly to enhance regional connectivity and mitigate flood risks. However, by combining opacity in water-level data and subterfuge in the reality of these projects, the CCP has strived to tap the majority of the freshwater reserves for themselves, with little regard for the needs of lower riparian countries across the region.

Many recent examples underscore this assertion. Changing river patterns in North Nepal have led to de-facto re-alignment of the Sino-Nepal border (a fait accompli for the people of Nepal).

Zhao Lijian, spokesperson for the CCP Foreign Ministry was quoted stating that the global community is falsely accusing CCP of manipulating the Mekong river. However, there is presently a drought-like situation along the Mekong river while Chinese reservoirs across Tibet are overflowing and causing wide-scale flooding in West and Central China. While there is still hope for a late flood season in the Mekong this year, reservoir levels so far are similar to those in 2019, when the entire region was hit by a severe drought. The economies of Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam could be significantly affected by such diversion of the waters of the Mekong.

Similarly, regular discoloration in the waters of the Brahmaputra has led to concern in India about undisclosed up-river construction, which could hurt both India and Bangladesh. Pertinently, the CCP continues to avoid any water sharing agreements in the region. With a looming ‘food crisis’ in China, Xi Jinping and his CCP are likely to accelerate their efforts to capture Tibet’s freshwater reserves for their use. Urgent, coordinated and persistent international effort will be required to defeat this strategy of the CCP.

Further, ongoing socio-political efforts of the CCP in Tibet also need to be addressed. Ever since the CCP Army’s illegal annexation of Tibet in 1950, the Tibetan people have been forced to change their way of life. They have been forced to abandon their villages, traditional livelihoods and freedom to practice their faith, to survive under the CCP regime. Large-scale relocation of CCP functionaries to Tibet has caused a change in the region’s demography. In recent years, there has also been rapid militarisation of the entire Tibetan region, which has strengthened the CCP’s political hold and increased the vulnerability of the indigenous peoples. This is a travesty given that Tibet is the abode of Buddhism, one of the most peaceful religions in existence.

With His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso already in his 85th year and the current Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima captured by CCP since 1995, the Tibetan Buddhist community may indeed face a leadership void in the times to come. The CCP ‘approved’ Panchen Lama has been visible in China but receives limited support from the Tibetan Buddhist community. This problem is exacerbated by CCP’s insistence that the next Dalai Lama must be ‘approved’ by the party. Simply put, Xi Jinping will decide who will be the ‘living god’ for Tibetan Buddhists!

Moreover, the recent call to reinforce ‘Socialism and Chinese considerations’ in Tibet implies that the re-education camps of Xinjiang, where millions of Uighurs have been ‘indoctrinated’ are likely to be replicated in Tibet. This would have drastic implications for the entire Tibetan Buddhist community, who are already facing an uncertain and vulnerable future.

It is therefore imperative that the global community recognises the threat being posed by the CCP’s nefarious designs in Tibet. A unified global call to counter CCP is vital for the survival of the Tibetan Buddhist Community as well as the continued growth and security of developing economies across Asia. The global response would require three actions by the CCP as a demonstration of good faith and intentions -- meaningful demilitarisation of Tibet to safeguard the local community, comprehensive water-sharing and management arrangements with all lower riparian nations and independent international oversight of infrastructure building activity in Tibet to prevent environmental and economic disasters in Asia.

Xi Jinping and the CCP leadership are at crossroads, where the false narrative of ‘peaceful rise of China’ narrative has finally been discarded. With growing global discontent against CCP, a coordinated global response to save Tibet would demonstrate that the comity of nations can indeed enforce a ‘rules based global order’. In the long run, such action would also ensure that ‘Asia’s Century’ delivers on its immense potential, bringing further prosperity across the globe.

(The writer is a columnist and researcher. The views expressed are personal)

Now, all eyes are on GHMC polls

The elections to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) this time are going to be a real tough fight between the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP). Both the pink party and the saffron party have one main target - marginalise if not decimate the Congress in the elections so that they can have better advantage in the next general elections, which according to political circles, will be held towards end of 2022. The recent victory of the BJP in the Dubbaka by-election has given a new fillip to the party and it has decided to go aggressive during the GHMC polls and has already started deploying its cadre in every ward who would be going to people with the slogan “Mana Hyderabad, Mana BJP (Our Hyderabad, Our BJP). It would promise to provide basic amenities to the public and for that it would tell the people that there should be a Mayor from the BJP. The target for the Telangana BJP is to win maximum seats as it can, retain Hyderabad MLC seat and focus on Khammam and Warangal

municipal elections. It is also trying to make a big issue out of what it alleges suppression of voters’ rights by manipulating voters list by the ruling TRS. The TRS, on the other hand, is making strategic moves to woo the voters and a day after Deepavali, it announced reduction in property tax by 50 percent for the people living under GHMC limits. It also announced to increase operating 50 percent more RTC buses and pay 50 percent salary cut that was imposed on the employees during lockdown period. It has also decided to go to people with the progress report of which ward member had done what during his tenure as corporator. It proposes to showcase how it has been able to create new assets like community halls, basti dawakhana, laid roads and its success in preventing the spread of Covid-19 even in slum areas and the “generous” help of Rs 10,000 per family to the people who were affected by recent massive and unprecedented floods more by sewage water than rainwater as immediate relief. This election gains importance and is likely to turn campaign interesting as the State BJP president Bandi Sanjay and the TRS working president and Minister for Municipal Administration K T Rama Rao have gone into hyperactive mode. The TRS also had a meeting with AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi. While the TRS had won 99 out of 150 divisions, the AIMIM had won 44 divisions in the

last elections. The TRS has prepared an action plan to make the MLAs visit various areas under the GHMC. He has also appointed in-charges for various divisions in the city. The TRS candidates will be going from door to door showing proof of various developmental works they had done during their tenure. KTR has been holding meetings with various caste, religious and social groups and is seeking their support in the upcoming elections. Not just that, the candidates who are to be given another chance to contest have also been decided though no official announcement has been made yet. The candidates who are sure of second term have started their campaign activities. Based on the intensive survey results, KTR is said to have initiated corrective measures in various wards. He has identified the problems in several localities and is trying to address them. Another strategy is to lure grassroots level leaders from other parties into the TRS. ‘Baldia Bali Kaun’, has become important issue because the GHMC is the civic corporation body that is responsible for overseeing the metropolitan city of Hyderabad, the most happening city in the State of Telangana. It is one of the largest municipal corporations in India with a population of 10,004,000 people and an area of 650 km² and as of the year 2019, it had a financial budget of Rs 5,380 crores. In fact, it will be nothing short of a mini general election.

Economic theory responsible for Covid-19

THE WAY AHEAD



Dr Bharat Jhunjhunwala

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services says that opening up ecosystems where the fauna was never before in touch with humans so closely such as by expanding the agricultural, mining and hydropower frontiers into previously unfragmented forests, swamps and rivers has led to the virus “jumping” into humans. Further, it says, the global economy has expanded manifold based on intensive use of ever more distant natural resources. The cliché of “global value chains” hides within itself the rampage of human use of distant resources. This had forced viruses that were so far “hidden” in their isolated habitats to seek greener pastures in the humans.

An article on Forbes.com says that nitrogen dioxide is emitted in large quantities by burning fuels in power stations. It has been linked to both inflammation and viral infection. Healthy individuals exposed to nitrogen dioxide experience an inflammatory response in their lungs. Disease-fighting white blood cells become less efficient in killing viruses when exposed to nitrogen dioxide. Furthermore, the social inequality espoused by the present development model deprives large numbers of poor of nutritious food and proper health care leading to increase in infections. These poor, in turn, infect the richer sections. For example, a housemaid infected a number of flats at one go in a housing society.

The underlying principle behind these imbalances is “maximisation of utility,” which is the rock bed of modern economics. The principle holds that more consumption spontaneously leads to more welfare or happiness of the society. For example, the target of Indian economy reaching a target of USD 5 trillion is assumed to lead to a proportionate increase in the welfare of our citizens. A student of economics is taught that if the first banana eaten gives a utility of 10 units, the second may give a utility of 8 units, and the third 5 units. It is taught that every person must maximise his consumption until the additional consumption of banana brings forth a utility of zero. For example, a person with the full stomach will obtain negative utility from further consumption of bananas. Nevertheless, a huge amount of consumption has to take place before a person reaches a point of zero utility. Such bounds of consumption are not easily attained in other items. A

person may continue to obtain positive utility by buying the third car and the hundredth dress. We have opened up ecosystems, are using distant natural resources, weakening our lungs due to nitrogen dioxide, and created social inequality to produce more and to consume more with the assumption that such consumption will lead to higher welfare. In the process we have unsuspectingly invited Covid-19.

A number of observers say that adopting healthy lifestyles and using clean energy would prevent these ill-effects of ever-increasing production and consumption. I am not convinced. The State government of California provided huge incentives to the people to transit to fuel-efficient hybrid and electric cars. It did not lead to an observable reduction in pollution because people drove longer distances leading to the same quantity of emissions. The primary objective of humankind is considered to be consumption. Therefore, reduced cost of transport in fuel-efficient vehicles translated into longer distances travelled and resulted in the same levels of emissions rather than same distances travelled and lesser emissions.

There is a need to revisit the principle of utility not only because of Covid-19 but because it does not lead to welfare anyways. Amartya Sen has pointed out that a monk has higher welfare at lower level of consumption. On the other hand, we see richer people living in lavish villas suffering from multiple diseases and having a low level of welfare. Therefore, high welfare goes with low consumption and low welfare goes with high consumption. However, economic theory continues to be driven by maximisation of production and consumption—leading to Covid-19 and ill-fare as explained above.

In distinction to the economic theory of utility, psychologist Carl Jung has said that happiness comes from syncing of one’s conscious mind with one’s own unconscious psyche or unconscious desires. To consider the above example, the monk is happy in less consumption because his unconscious desire is of walking freely in nature or of singing songs in the praise of the Lord. Putting him in an air-conditioned penthouse causes him ill-fare. “Consumption” of closed though “comfortable” spaces is pain for him. The need, therefore, is that economists must discard the theory that consumption begets welfare. They need to make a new definition that welfare is attained by pursuing only such consumption and in such quantities that is in sync with the unconscious desires. If the unconscious desire of a monk is to walk in the nature, then his welfare will be increased not by cutting of the forests for mining of coal. On the contrary, his welfare will be enhanced by preserving the forests. That in turn, will prevent the spread of Covid-like diseases as explained at the head of this article.



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The welfare of Bismillah Khan would be increased by allowing the Ganga in Varanasi to flow uninterrupted and clean even though that will lead to higher price of electricity and higher cost of production for our industries that will have to install pollution treatment plants.

Indeed, the welfare of a number of persons will be increased by cheap electricity made available by hydropower projects on the rivers, and by the availability of cheap paper produced by allowing factories to pollute them. Personally, I think there are only a few people who would prefer cheap electricity and paper above clean rivers. But granted that there are some persons whose welfare will be so enhanced; it is the solemn responsibility of the government to assess the change

in welfare of the total population. I dare say, the welfare of the people of our country will be reduced if we reach a GDP of USD five trillion!

It is simultaneously necessary to make psychology a compulsory subject in our schools. Every student must be exposed to the idea that her welfare is dependent not on the level of consumption but on the direction of the same. This teaching will reduce the wanton pursuit of consumption, reduce the destruction of environment, reduce the level of diseases and increase the capacity of humankind to live with viruses like Covid-19. The task of building a humane society has to start with new economic theory.

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LETTERS



Stop bloodshed on borders

The killing of innocent Army personnel from both sides of the border (India & Pakistan & even China) is heartrending. This is the price these courageous men have to pay for the patriotic zeal exhibited in guarding their borders. Whether it is a case of intrusion by men on either side or unprovoked firing, the loss of lives is irrevocable. Should border disputes remain unresolved for years together? Compensation to the dependent families in cash or kind or jobs to the eligible are all matters which no doubt are granted routinely. But the loss of human lives can never be compensated for, whatsoever. The leaders of the respective governments should take

remedial measures to address contentious issues of border disputes without placing them in cold storage and settle them amicably in a reasonably good time. The much needed will of the political dispensations in these countries backed up by subtle diplomacy and a sense of give and take is a sine-quanon for thrashing out comprehensive settlements. The governments should get their act together in the best interests of themselves and their innocent and patriotic armymen. Let’s all hope and pray that they do so at the earliest.

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Strengthen tax collections

The TRS government reducing property tax interest up to 90%, and now waiving off 50 % up to Rs 15,000 is really encouraging tax evasions in future, as genuine honest taxpayers may feel dejected. The GHMC and HMDA need to build more roads, more bus terminals, more public parks, more footpaths and more MMTS lines, need to fund more city bus services, develop more hospitals, more municipal schools etc. Also the government is not focussing on improving basic amenities like normal city bus services, no new bus stands around ORR as proposed by HMDA to reduce congestion of city roads, no new MMTS lines, many apartments complexes coming adjacent to railway lines in Lingampally-Gopal Nagar, Hitec City-Borabanda, Moulali-Cherlapally routes, closing future options for connectivity of roads along railway track and adjacent areas. The Town Planning department and the GHMC need to seriously look into

these issues and make provisions for 300 ft free area along rail tracks for naalas, slip roads, connectivity roads, new MMTS lines in future. Therefore, instead of waiving off taxes, the government needs to strengthen tax collection to fund developments.

Vijaya Narayana C, Secunderabad

Caste-based quota system should go

In today’s world, the old reservation system has to be amended and should bring in some of the effective changes in the system. When we look at the criteria, half of the seats in colleges or in jobs are reserved for backward castes. The government is providing free education, also students from the backward castes score rank which is not enough for admission to the colleges, yet they are given admission. General category students who score even 99% in JEE are still unsure of getting seat in the IIT’s where backward students get 50% reservation. Leaders are elected and they know all the things related to this reservation system. Then why there is no amendment to the reservation system. When is India going to be a developed country if such system prevails? A forward caste person has to forgo his dreams of studying in JNU, IITs and NITs. If the system is not changed, forward castes students suffer. A small request to the government to change this system.

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Anil denies reduction in Polavaram project height

- Lambasts TDP chief and former ministers for making false propaganda on the project
- Asserts that CM will dedicate the project to the nation in Dec 2021 at any cost
- Says the YSRCP govt is completing all pending projects on priority basis

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NELLORE

WATER resources minister P Anil Kumar Yadav accused former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu of spreading false news that the government had decided to reduce Polavaram irrigation project's height thus drastically reducing its benefits. Addressing the media at YSRCP office here on Sunday, he stressed that there was no such proposal and asked Naidu to visit the project for measuring its height. Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy was going to dedicate the project to the nation in December 2021 at any cost, he said adding the TDP



Water Resources Minister P Anil Kumar Yadav addressing the media YSRCP office in Nellore on Sunday

chief along with his former ministers was making false propaganda regarding the project. Anil Kumar said Naidu had no moral right to speak on the issues of project as he had failed to focus on even rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) package to the farmers who handed over lands to the project during his rule. He dismissed the claims of TDP leaders that they had finished 70 per cent of the project works during their regime. Anil Kumar said that they would shift 20,000 families in the first phase under Polavaram project. He demanded the TDP

chief to reveal their Cabinet resolution submitted to the Centre during 2017. The minister said that state government would complete the irrigation projects on priority basis providing R&R packages to the landowners. He explained that the state government allocated Rs 900 crore to around 7,000 families for R&R for Gandikota and Rs 12,000 crore had been allocated to Veligonda. He also said they would take measures for providing relief to the oustees of Kandaluru project in Nellore district.

Covid tally reaches 8.54 L in AP with, 1,056 new cases

AMARAVATI

STATE added 1,056 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the cumulative to 8.54 lakh on Sunday. In 24 hours ending 9 am on Sunday, 2,140 patients got cured while 14 others succumbed in the state. The latest bulletin said the total recoveries increased to 8.28 lakh and the toll to 6,868, leaving 18,659 active cases. Guntur district reported 206, West Godavari 154, Krishna 153 and East Godavari 139 fresh Covid-19 cases in 24 hours. Nine other districts added

less than 100 each, with Srikakulam accounting for the lowest 24. Incidentally, Srikakulam crossed the 45,000 total cases mark on Sunday but it has only 638 of them active. The bulletin said Anantapur, Chittoor, Krishna and Visakhapatnam districts reported two fresh Covid-19 fatalities each while six other districts added one more death each to their tally. The overall infection positivity rate in the state fell further down to 9.33 per cent after 91.54 lakh sample tests were completed so far.

Naidu condoles death of YT Raja

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AMARAVATI

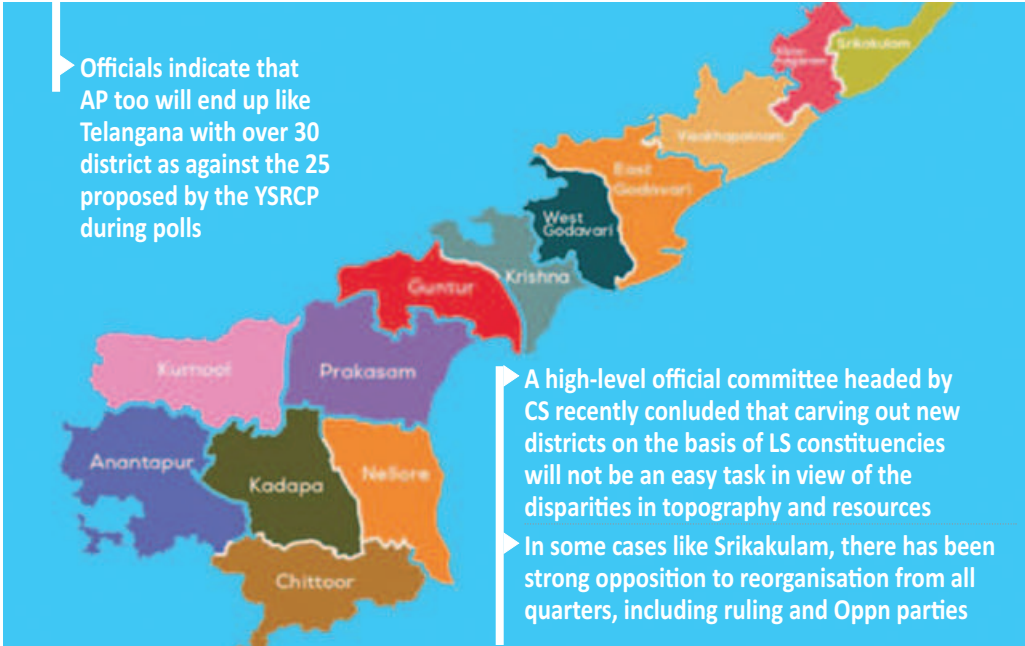
TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday expressed his condolences over the death of Tanuku former MLA YT Raja. Naidu said that the former legislator made untiring efforts for the all-round development of the Tanuku area. His contributions as the MLA were unforgettable. In a statement here, Naidu said that the death of Raja caused an irreparable loss to West Godavari district and also to the TDP. The TDP chief conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the family members and admirers of the departed leader.

Districts' rejig turns a tricky job

AMARAVATI

REORGANISATION of districts in the state, with each Lok Sabha constituency as the base is turning out to be a ticklish job because of many disparities, including geographical. Distribution of resources, mainly natural, too is proving to be a tall task and could influence the eventual formation of new districts. The number of districts in the state is supposed to increase to 25, from the existing 13, in line with the ruling YSRCP's promise on the eve of the general elections in 2019, with each Lok Sabha constituency as the base.

Since the Araku parliamentary constituency is spread over four districts now, the government came up with a proposal to split it into two new districts, thereby taking the total to 26. As the high-level official committee, headed by the state Chief Secretary, was caught in a fix over the reorganisation exercise following several rounds of deliberations, it was said to have decided to leave the ultimate choice to the political leadership. Officials involved in the exercise say that the state may eventually end up with more than the proposed 25-26 districts. "What happened in neighbouring Telangana could repeat in AP as well. They initially wanted to have 20 districts (after the state bifurcation) but ended up creating 31 and later making it 33. We may more or less match that," a top bureaucrat noted. As the exercise was turning out to be ticklish, formation of new districts might get delayed beyond the intended date of March 31, 2021, he added. Reorganisation of districts was intended to ensure ease of administration and accessibility to



people as the present districts were large in size and have become "unwieldy to administer," the government had stated. "The state government is committed in its endeavour to take governance to the doorsteps of the citizens, with the avowed objective of improving their lives and enhancing their satisfaction," it said, elaborating on the need for reorganisation. But, when it got down to business, the high-level official committee headed by Chief Secretary Nilam Sawhney, realised that carving out new districts with each Lok Sabha constituency as the base would not be an easy task, given the disparities in topography and also the resources. The committee, which was supposed to submit its report by November 7, has not yet accomplished its task even after holding five rounds of meetings in the last three months. "The problem is not general but specific to certain (Lok

Sabha) constituencies and districts. Araku is one case but there are many such constituencies where the Assembly constituencies under a Lok Sabha segment are split between districts. Going ahead with the current plan may lead to a new problem as there is a chance of some Assembly segments getting torn between (new) districts," a top official involved in the high-level committee pointed out. While officials are grappling with administrative issues, political heat is also building up over the districts' reorganisation move. YSRCP leaders in many places are raising various demands for formation of new districts, not necessarily with a Lok Sabha constituency as the base. The Srikakulam leaders, including Assembly Speaker Tammimani Sitharam, voiced their opposition to the splitting of their district as it would lose three important Assembly segments. They wanted the government

to work out an alternative plan so that the existing geography of Srikakulam district is not disturbed even after the reorganisation. Here, the main opposition TDP too joined the issue and strongly opposed division of Srikakulam. In the existing Guntur district, there is a demand for a separate Palnadu district though a new one with Narsaraopet as headquarters is guaranteed. Parallel to the efforts of the state administration, the police department too has come out with its own proposals for division of its units, suggesting creation of 22 police districts and seven commissionerates. Director general of police D G Sawang held a high-level meeting with his department officials across the state last week and chalked out plans for the reorganization of the police set up, proposing new units more or less co-terminus with the proposed (new) revenue districts.

7 hurt as rival YSRCP groups clash

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KADAPA

LESS than 48 hours after a YSRCP party activist was murdered in group clashes in P Ananthapuram village of Jammalamadugu mandal in the district on Friday, November 13, seven ruling party supporters were injured in another clash between the rival groups of YSRCP in Idupulapaya of Vempalle mandal on Sunday. Old enmities were the reason behind the clash of two groups in the village. The injured persons were shifted to RIMS in Kadapa where the condition of one person of one Pullaiah group is said to be serious.

When a group of party activists was campaigning on welfare schemes of Jagan govt at Idupulapaya, another group objected, leading to clash

another group led by Chalapati of Idupulapaya obstructed their entry into the village triggering an argument between the two groups. As the argument led to clash, both sides attacked each other with sticks and stones leaving seven persons injured. Police rushed to the spot and restored normalcy by dispersing the mob. Vempalle police registered the case and are investigating. It may be recalled that one person died on Friday following a skirmish between supporters of Jammalamadugu MLA P Sudheer Reddy and former MLA P Ramasubba Reddy in P Anantapuram village.

Day after Diwali, Delhi's air quality dips to 'severe'

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The AQI further deteriorated, standing at 490 at 5 pm. While the pollution control board uses 24-hour average data, the Ministry of Earth Sciences' SAFAR, or System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research, reports real-time figures. The government-run monitoring agency said the overall AQI struck 545 in Delhi at 9 am. The situation was no better in the National Capital Region. At 5 pm, both Noida and Gurugram registered an air quality in the "severe" category. The AQI was 448 at Noida's Sector 62. In Gurugram's Vikas Sadan, the AQI stood at 403. A dense layer of smog shrouded the city. Although the Delhi govern-

ment had imposed a complete ban on firecrackers, violations were reported across the city and the National Capital Region as crackers could be heard going off till early morning. In Noida and Greater Noida, where the National Green Tribunal had imposed a blanket ban on firecrackers, five people were arrested for illegal sale of fireworks, PTI reported. Separate first information reports have been lodged over these incidents under provisions of the Explosive Substances Act, the police said. The PM10 index, which measures the concentration of particulate matter of 10 microns diameter or less in the air, hit 408, SAFAR said. This is coarse particulate matter and mostly dust,

which attaches to toxic material from other emissions. A level of 500 is considered "hazardous" and people are usually advised to remain indoors. Levels of the most dangerous particles, called PM2.5, was 271 micrograms per cubic meter, which is considered hazardous to breathe. Particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns (or about a ten-thousandth of an inch) is particularly dangerous to human health. Such particles are small enough to travel deep into the respiratory system, potentially impairing lung function. To be considered safe, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards require PM2.5 concentration to be less than 60 micrograms per cubic metre of air in any given 24-hour period.

VMRDA takes back restaurant site, owner alleges political vendetta

- Officials say the TDP govt permitted the operation of the restaurant at Siripuram violating regulations
- The owner of the restaurant, Harshavardhan, alleges he is targeted as he belongs to TDP
- Revenue officials resume land which is encroached at Adavivaram

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VISAKHAPATNAM

THE authorities concerned have evicted a restaurant located at Siripuram in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) officials took action against the hotel management for violating the lease regulations. The restaurant was operating on the VMRDA site for years on a lease basis. Even when the lease was meant for three years, sources said the previous government had granted permission to run the restaurant till 2024, violating the regulations.



A restaurant in Siripuram being evicted in Visakhapatnam on Sunday

Since the owner of the restaurant Harshavardhan continued to operate the business from the leased government land, the VMRDA officials took action against the violation. However, Harshavardhan claimed that the YSRCP government's targeting him since he belongs to the TDP. Meanwhile, revenue officials took over government land near Adavivaram village at Simhachalam on Saturday. According to the revenue officials, about 124 acre government land was located at T.D. number 1,180, Vijayarampuram

Agraharam. The revenue officials conducted a comprehensive survey of the land recently. Of the 124-acre, the authorities concerned said over 60 acre is in dispute in the court. The rest of the land was occupied by the various sections of people and association representatives. In connection with this, seven sheds and 20 compound walls constructed earlier in the site were demolished and warning boards were erected at the place. The 124 acre of government land is worth approximately Rs.500 crore.

Micro art opens new vistas to this Tirupati techie

- The engg student's favourite pastime activity gives him joy and fetches him money too
- He is getting orders for his amazing pencil carvings to use them as gift items

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DURBHA Moulesh, an engineering student had an unusual surprise when he started earning with his favourite pastime activity. A native of Tirupati and studying B.Tech 3rd year in Kanchipuram, he has a penchant in arts and crafts from his high school days. His interest in micro art led him to carve small letters and pictures on pieces of chalks

and improved his skills gradually. Moulesh could not settle with his expertise in chalk piece carvings but wanted to do more. He tried with pencil carving during his B.Tech 1st year holidays and never looked back. In fact, pencil carving is an incredible technique which needs the heart and soul of the micro artist. As the pencil would be fragile and tiny, the micro artist has to put in his concentration and creativity on it to complete the task. But, this young boy had no dearth of talent and finds extreme joy in pursuing his passion. "It took some time to get perfection in pencil carving. It requires a lot of focus or else the pencil will easily break out. Once I learnt the techniques,



Moulesh at work. (Inset) The pencil carving made during the 88th anniversary of Indian Air Force this year

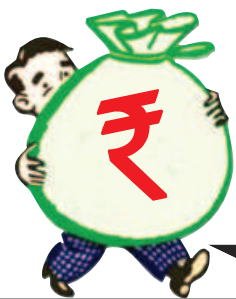
I started carving pictures and names on pencils," said Moulesh. Instagram has provided him a platform to showcase his talent. He maintains an account in it with @moulezzmicro which attracted many. When some people contacted him to get pencil carvings with the names of their friends to gift them, Moulesh found the business opportunity in it. "Presenting such art pieces on important occasions like birthdays and marriage days would be a memorable one which the near and dear can cherish for long. I started accepting requests and so far carved 180 plus art pieces on getting such orders. Each work may take 3-4 hours for me. I charge Rs 500-1,500 depending on the

craftsmanship involved in it," he explained. Based on the orders, he makes the photo frames with the art pieces he carved and even inserts the names in bottles in an attractive way. "I have purchased a second hand car with my own earnings on micro art," said Moulesh with satisfaction. On the occasion of Independence Day this year, he carved the national anthem on rice grains which fetched him Kalam's world record. "I have made several art pieces other than orders I received on various important days and events. My ambition is to carve a human face on a pencil which I may fulfil in the near future," revealed an elated Moulesh.





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Correction more likely amid high valuations

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Sustained by further progress on the vaccine front, the latest stimulus package to revive the manufacturing sector, consistent FII inflows and positive global cues; the markets ended Samvat-2076 on a high note. Samvat-2077 started on a positive note for the equity markets with the Nifty notching gains of 0.47 per cent, to end at 12,770 and the BSE Sensex ended at 43,638, a 0.45 per cent gains during the ceremonial one-hour-long muhurat trading session. It is pertinent to observe that the BSE Midcap index hit a 52-week high of 16,028 in Muhurat trades surpassing its previous high of 15,931 touched on February 12, 2020. Both the Nifty Midcap and Small-cap indices have been forming a higher base above 50 days exponential moving average (EMA), which has been held well since June. Analysts expect midcap and smallcap performance will gather steam on the back of price and valuation comfort.

Given the economic recovery, analysts remain bullish on the mid-cap segment and expect it to do well in Samvat 2077. Samvat-2076 had been a roller-coaster ride, as the benchmarks swung from all-time highs to their March lows. The Nifty touched a three-year low of 7,610.25 on March 23 as panic gripped the markets. Since then markets touched all-time highs in November, crossing the 12,600 mark on November 10. The market has discounted almost all major positive developments like announcement of successful vaccine, US elections outcome, and moderation in number of Covid cases and proportionate improve-

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ments in India's economic parameters. Majority of market participants believe that the markets would witness a correction due to its peak valuations and witness profit taking in the first half of Samvat-2077. Current bullish valuations have been attributed to the better-than-expected results in the September quarter. However, savvy market players feel that the market valuations are ahead of corporate earning potential. Expect a 5-10 per cent correction in the markets. Sectors poised to do better in the coming year are banks, NBFCs, automobiles, oil & gas, telecom, utilities, capital goods, cement and metals. Corporate earnings growth will be the most crucial factor in driving the markets in the next few quarters. Robust bottom-up activity data suggests that the economy may be recovering faster than expectations and the RBI is unlikely to continue the rate easing cycle. Concerns of inflation are back with the average inflation significantly above six per cent in the fourth quarter of the current

fiscal. RBI may hold policy rates in December monetary policy review meeting. Going forward, market direction will be dictated by macroeconomic data, movement of Indian rupee, crude oil prices and global cues. On the back of just 2.06 times subscription, listing of Gland Pharma is expected to be muted. Performance of the stock after listing will have strong bearing on other forthcoming high priced IPOs feel observers.

Quote of the week: 'An investment in knowledge pays the best Interest' - Benjamin Franklin. When it comes to investing, nothing will pay off more than educating yourself. Do the necessary research, study, and analysis before making any investment decisions.

F&O/ sector watch

Riding on momentum in cash markets, the derivatives segment witnessed heightened activity. Nifty gained for the second straight week with gains of more than 3.5 per cent and Bank Nifty outperformed with gains of nearly six per cent. In the options segment,

maximum Open Interest (OI) in Call options is at 13,000 strike and in Put options is at 12,600. The Implied Volatility (IV) of Calls closed at 16.70 per cent, while that for Put options closed at 17.06. Continuous fall in the volatility is giving fillip to the bulls. The Nifty VIX for the week closed at 20.62 per cent. PCR of OI for the week closed at 1.53. With no major events in near term, overall option data indicates that in the coming truncated week the Nifty is likely to oscillate in the range of 12,500-13,000 in the coming week.

Use declines to buy National Aluminium Company Ltd, Punjab National Bank, REC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Stock futures: Looking good are Ashok Leyland, Axis Bank, BEL, Bandhan Bank, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Hero Motocorp and Manappuram Finance. Sell on rallies Bharat Forge, IndusInd Bank, DLF, Lupin and UPL.

Stock picks

Tata Steel BSL LTD is engaged in the steel business. It also offers Galume Coil and Sheet. It manufactures high carbon, low alloy hardened and tempered steel with a combined production capacity of over 2,200 metric ton (MT)/Month. The company has steel production capacity of approximately 5.6 million ton per annum. Its plants are located at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh; Raigad, Maharashtra, and Dhenkanal, Orissa. Turnaround performance in Q2 indicates good visibility of earnings in next few quarters. Buy for medium term target price of Rs75.

DCW LTD is engaged in the manufacture of caustic soda, soda

ash and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resin. Through its SIOF division, DCW also operates in the specialty chemical segment. The company produces Calcium Chloride at its SIOF Plant. The company has manufacturing units at Dhran-gadhra, Surendranagar District, Gujarat, and Sahapuram, Arumuganeri Post, Thoothukudi District, Tamil Nadu. The company produces over 150,000 tons per annum (TPA) of industrial salt for captive consumption. It also runs a 36-megawatts (MW) furnace oil based Captive Power Plant and a 58.3MW coal based Cogeneration Plant. Buy for medium term target of Rs30.

EMAMI LTD is a fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) company. Its brands include Navratna oil, BoroPlus antiseptic cream, Zandu and Mentho Plus balms, Fair and Handsome fairness cream for men, and Kesh King ayurvedic medicinal oil. It also offers Navratna cooling talc, Navratna i-cool talk and Zandu Balm Ultra Power. It has over 2,900 distributors, a direct coverage of approximately 0.64 million retail outlets and indirect reach across over four million retail outlets. Its international business is driven by clusters: the Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan (MENAP); the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations and South East Asia (SSEA); the Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern European nations (CISEE), and rest of the world (RoW). Buy for target price of Rs650.

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Forex reserves hit all-time high, touch \$568.494 bn

The country's foreign exchange reserves jumped by a massive USD 7.779 billion to touch a lifetime high of USD 568.494 billion in the week ended November 6, RBI data showed on Friday. In the previous week ended October 30, the reserves had increased by USD 183 billion to USD 560.715 billion. In the reporting week, the jump in reserves was mainly on account of an increase in foreign current assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves. FCAs increased by USD 6.403 billion to USD 524.742 billion, the central bank's weekly data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose by USD 7 million to USD 1.488 billion during the week. The country's reserve position with the IMF also increased by USD 40 million to USD 4.676 billion.

Nureca files IPO papers with SEBI

Nureca Ltd, which owns the Dr Trust brand, has filed preliminary papers with capital markets regulator SEBI to raise Rs 100 crore through an initial public offering. The IPO comprises issuance of equity shares worth Rs 100 crore, the draft red herring prospectus filed with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) showed. Proceeds of the issue will be used for funding incremental working capital requirements of the company and general corporate purposes. Further, through listing, the company expects to enhance its visibility and brand image among existing and potential customers and creation of a public market for equity shares in India. ITI Capital is the sole book running lead manager to the issue. The equity shares will be listed on the BSE and NSE. Nureca is engaged in the business of home healthcare and wellness products and enables customers with tools to help them monitor chronic ailments and other diseases, to improve their lifestyle. The company sells its products through online channel partners such as e-commerce players, distributors and retailers. It also sells products through its own website—http://drtrust.in.

SEBI defines uniform structure for imposing fine

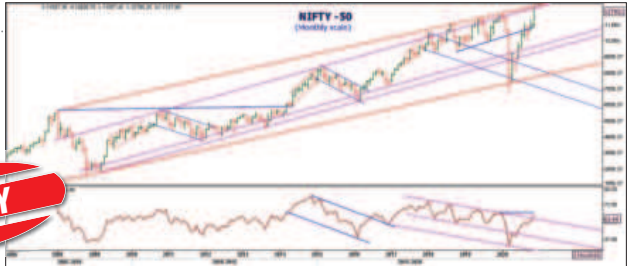
In order to ensure effective enforcement of continuous disclosure obligations by issuers of listed debt securities, SEBI on Friday came out with uniform structure for imposing fines for non-compliance with disclosure requirements. The stock exchanges will levy fine and take action in case of non-compliance with continuous disclosure requirements by issuers of listed non-convertible debt securities (NCDs), non-convertible redeemable preference shares (NCRPS) and commercial papers, SEBI said in a circular. The fine ranging from Rs 1,000-50,000 per day could be levied for non compliance with disclosure norms related to payment obligations, non-submission of deviations in utilization of issue proceeds, and failure to obtain prior approval of the bourses for any structural change in terms of NCDs or NCRPS. SEBI said exchanges may deviate from imposing penalty, if found necessary, only after recording reasons in writing.

Muhurat trading: Markets soars to lifetime high on Samvat-2077

THOVITI BRAHMACHARY

The equity markets across the globe ended with decent gains during the last week. The Nifty continued its rally and advanced by 516.70 points or 4.21 per cent, including Muhurat trading gains. The BSE Sensex gained by 3.8 per cent, and the broader indices also followed the benchmarks. The Nifty Midcap-100 and Smallcap-100 indices inched up by 3.1 per cent and 3.7 per cent. On the sectoral front, the Nifty Metal index up by 7.2 per cent. Barring Nifty IT index, all other indices closed higher during the last week. The overall market advance-decline ratio is positive, and the number of stocks making their 52-week highs is increasing every day, is a good sign of the bull market. The FIIs are aggressively buying the equities, and they bought Rs. 33,232.17 crore worth of equities in the current month.

After breaking of all resistances, the Nifty reached to an uncharted territory during the last week. It formed a bullish candle on the weekly chart. The benchmark index is moving an upward channel consolidating within Wednesday's bar. It closed above the upper Bollinger band, may lead to more consolidation. For the first time, the Nifty formed a full bar above the Bollinger band in the last decade. This shows an extreme over the bought condition in the market. As the general of Bollinger bands, it will not



sustain above the bands not more than two to three bars. So expect the Nifty range could be limited to a very narrow. During the last week, the Nifty moved in 400 points range, after a 700 points haul in the previous week. Overall, the Nifty rose by 9.26 per cent in the last two weeks. Generally, any sharp will lead to consolidation before continuing the trend or reversing. The India VIX suggesting that the risk-reward ratios are not suggesting for an aggressive long position. At the same time as there is no weakness in the market, the FII flow has been the highest level. It better avoids any kind bearish view at the current juncture.

Currently, the Nifty is trading 4.83 per cent above the 20DMA. On a historical chart, the Nifty tries to retrace towards the 20DMA after moving 6 to 7 per cent above to it. After moving 6.15 per cent above to it, the index is in the process of reaching a mean level (20DMA). At the same time, the MACD histogram is also cooling off. These are the indication of the market is going consolidate for some time before resuming the current trend or reversing. The RSI is above the 75 levels, in an extreme overbought condi-

tion. On a monthly chart, there is significant negative divergence since January 2018. The price is making higher highs, but the indicator did not. As the price is at a long-term resistance and the indicators are in an extreme overbought condition, it is time to be cautious on the index.

On a longer-term chart, the Nifty reached a strong resistance level. A move above 13000-13260 will act as a stronger resistance zone. The support zone is at 12478-12298. Below this zone, the Nifty may find support at 20DMA, placed at 12063. There is no distribution day at the moment; the market condition is in a confirmed uptrend. In any case, the Nifty adds distribution days and a fall over 2 per cent with an above-average volume, exit the current long positions and wait for a next confirmed trend signal. As the Nifty PE reached to 34.57, the Valuations of the overall market is not at attractive levels. In this condition, select the stocks which are showing a consistency growth over the period. Look at the price strength and the earnings strength before investing. Stick to stocks which are making higher highs on weekly or monthly charts. (T.Brahmachary-Financial Journalist, Technical Analyst, Trainer, Family Fund Manager)

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The role of luck in investment



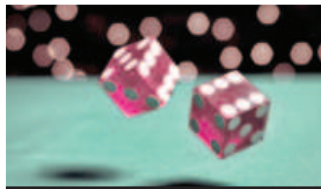
K Naresh Kumar

It's understood that luck plays a huge role in investing to be successful. But most times we either don't acknowledge the randomness (of luck) or discount the event that favored an outcome from a decision. Taleb, the author of the book "foiled by randomness" argues about the 'alternate histories' - the other things that could've happened just as easy as the visible histories (i.e. noteworthy events) that did.

This happens especially in the field of medicine. The other day, my wife was discussing about a patient being treated suspected for covid-19 purely because she has symptoms of pneumonia. Upon further examination my wife felt that instead of loading the patient up with higher medication of the virus treatment, recommended just the normal dose of anti-biotics till the reports arrived. It turned out to be that her initial diagnosis proved right and the patient began to recover while two days later the result came negative for the virus. But then, the whole scenario could've

turned reverse and that could've registered as an alternate history.

Howard Marks finds highly relevant to investing: The fact that a stratagem or action worked - under the circumstances that unfolded - doesn't necessarily prove that the decision behind it was wise. May be what ultimately made the decision a success was a completely unlikely event, something that was just a matter of luck. In that case, that decision - as successful as it turned out



to be - may've been unwise and the many other histories that could have happened would've shown the error of the decision.

So, would that conclude that there is no skill involved in the decision making. Not so, but not all good outcomes are generated out of great skill in decision making and vice versa. Marks talking about decision making mentions his learnings from Wharton that the correctness of the decision can't be judged by the outcome. Nevertheless, that's how people assess it. A good decision is one that is optimal at the time it is made, when the future is by definition unknown, one that's a logical,

intelligent and informed person would've made under the circumstances as they appear at the time, before the outcome was known.

And this is the reason we need to be cautious about comparing a performance of an investment from the past results. We may not be sure if the great performance is out of skill of the fund manager or just a random luck that favored that investment. How could we differentiate luck from skill in an investment decision? I like the

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Michael Mauboussin approach at untangling skill and luck.

Investing is a field where both skill and luck are involved, for instance sometimes (though randomly not by design) either to exit or enter an investment involves luck, but if done after an analysis in identifying that particular investment and the possible action item. So, Michael suggests comparing results with a null model that reflects luck, always. Irrespective of the outcome (of good or bad) the question always should be of what we have expected from chance alone? This idea derives from the assessing the validity of hot-hand in sports.

For example, believers assert that a streak of successful shots in basketball occurs because a player who has made her most recent shot is more likely to make her next shot (she has a hot hand). Yet, streaks are not uncommon and are completely consistent with chance. So the issue is not how many shots our player made in a row, it is how many she made compared to what we should expect due to chance alone. When that standard is applied to the empirical data, the hot hand melts away. The same principle applies in business or investing. Always ask what you would expect by chance.

If we could deconstruct the role of chance or luck in an investment philosophy then we could be able to fairly identify the skill involved in the decision making, though only to that instance. The decision maker could be gifted, at times, but may not turn lucky always. The other way to negate the role of luck is through the consistency in the performance, particularly how a fund or investment decision worked over a period of time. I would be interested more in how the fund/investment delivered returns vis-à-vis the market/benchmark, specifically from the point of risk.

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DERIVATIVES OUTLOOK

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Barring 13,500 strike, there's no significant Call OI build-up at other strikes. After remaining at 12,500 strike for two weeks, the resistance level for NSE Nifty moved up by 500 points to 13,000 points as per the options data available on NSE after Muhurat trading for Samvat 2077 in a special session on account of Diwali on Saturday (November 14). Coming to futures and options (F&O) segment, the NSE Nifty surpassed most of its Call bases last week and tested almost 12,800 levels. For the coming weekly settlement, the index has a highest Put base at ATM 12,700, while highest Call base was seen at 13,000 strike. The noteworthy Call base is also visible at ATM 12,700 Call strike. Hence, derivatives analysts fore-

cast a consolidation with a positive bias more likely for the index in the coming week. However, a move below 12,500 may change the immediate bias for the NSE Nifty.

After scaling over 1,000 points in eight sessions, the NSE Nifty witnessed few signs of consolidation at higher strikes. The news about Covid-19 vaccine triggered an upward move across the globe markets, while risk assets received fresh inflows. Moreover, expectation of India's weight increasing in the emerging market index fuelled significant flows. The domestic markets recorded inflows of over Rs25,000 crore in the last two weeks. Going ahead, analysts forecast that the NSE Nifty will cool off marginally and consolidate for some time before finding a fresh directional trend.

The 13,000 strike has the high-

Derivatives analysts forecast consolidation with positive bias

est concentration of Call OI (32.17 lakh contracts) followed by 12,700 strike with 18.58 lakh contracts, 13200 strike with 15.27 lakh contracts and 12,800 strike with 15.06 lakh contracts. The 13,500 strike recorded the highest addition of Call OI (5.03 lakh contracts). 13,200/13,150 strikes witnessed reasonable Call OI build-up.

12,700 strike has highest Put OI of 24.34 lakh contracts followed by 12,600 strike with 22.12 lakh contracts and 12,000 strike with 21.08 lakh contracts. The ITM 12,800 strike has maximum Put OI build-up of 5.18 lakh contracts, 12,700 strike recorded addition of 5.15 lakh contracts and 12,650 strike witnessed Put OI build up

of 3.64 lakh contracts.

Dhirender Singh Bisht, senior research analyst (derivatives) at SMC Global Securities Ltd, said: "For upcoming week, we believe that bias is likely to remain in favour of bulls as far Nifty is holding above 12,600 levels. However, some volatility will remain in the index with wild swings. It advises traders to use any dip in prices to create fresh longs."

"On the derivatives front, Put writers added hefty Open Interest at 12,600 strike, while Call writers at 13,000 strike hold maximum OI," said Bisht.

"Indian markets gained for the second straight week with Nifty ended with gains of more than

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Product	Contracts	Turnover (₹/cr.)	Premium (₹/cr)
Index Futures	68,229	5,555.30	--
Stock Futures	1,15,380	8,601.45	--
Index Options	29,27,724	2,41,231.61	1,314.46
Stock Options	2,13,563	16,745.31	347.22
F&O Total	33,24,896	2,57,976.92	15,818.43

Source: NSE data on Nov 14, 2020

3.5 per cent, while Bank Nifty witnessed gains of nearly six per cent on back of positive global cues. Index heavyweights like ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance and Eicher Motors remain in the list of top gainers," remarked Bisht.

For the week ended November 15, 2020, BSE Sensex closed at 43,637.98, a net gain of 1,744.98 points or 4.16 per cent, as against 41,893.06 points. Similarly, NSE Nifty too moved up by 516.70

points or 4.21 per cent and closed at 12,780.25 points from 12,263.55 points.

According to ICICI Direct.com, the Put-Call Ratio (PCR) rose significantly recently due to continued closure seen among Call strikes. Analysts expect some cool-off in the PCR ratio to be seen in the coming sessions. Moreover, there was a marginal increase in India VIX due to closure among Call strikes.

"The Implied Volatility of Calls

closed at 16.70 per cent, while that for Put options closed at 17.06. The Nifty VIX for the week closed at 20.62 per cent. Put-Call Ratio of OI for the week closed at 1.53," added Bisht.

Bank Nifty

The NSE's banking index Bank Nifty closed at 28,594.30 points, a net rise of 1,795.35 points or 6.69 per cent from 26,798.95 points. Despite profit booking, Bank Nifty managed to close above 28,000 strike, while OI addition was seen at lower levels indicating positive bias for the banking stocks.

The Implied Volatility declined to below 20 per cent on the back of writing in OTM Call and Put strikes. Analysts feel that a consolidation is expected after a sharp up move in the past few weeks. As the overall bias for the index remains positive on the back of cash based buying as the index could find support near 27,500 points.

Govt mulls separate wing for lakes preservation in ORR limits

- ▶ The separate wing will be headed by a chief engineer from the Irrigation Department and a special Commissioner from GHMC
- ▶ Government to bring stringent rules for preserving water bodies in the new GHMC Act
- ▶ The Act will have provision for right to demolish houses constructed on water bodies, and other encroachments

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MUNICIPAL Administration Minister KT Rama Rao on Sunday said that the government would set up a separate wing for maintaining and preserving the lakes inside the Outer Ring Road limits.

The Minister held a review meeting with the irrigation, Water Board, HMDA, Revenue officials at GHMC office on Sunday. He said that the government was taking up a special action plan for



Municipal Administration Minister KT Rama Rao holding a review meeting with the Irrigation, Water Board, HMDA, Revenue officials at GHMC office in Hyderabad on Sunday

preserving the nalas, lakes in the GHMC limits. In wake of the heavy damage caused due to incessant rains and flooding, the government was preparing a comprehensive action plan on lakes and nalas. The Minister asked the officials to check the strength of the bunds and stability with the help of irrigation department officials. He said that there was a need to strengthen the bunds and if needed, other repairs works should also be taken up.

The Minister said that the sep-

arate wing would be headed by a chief engineer in the irrigation department and there would be a special commissioner from the GHMC. They would supervise and remove encroachments on the water bodies if there were any. Apart from this, the government also proposed to set up a task force with officials from the Water Board, HMDA, Revenue, Irrigation and some other department officials. The task force would take action whenever there was a need to take action. As the irrigation department offi-

cials monitor the water levels in the dams during the flood situation, the task force officials would also check the water levels in lakes and other water bodies and check the inflows and outflows during the rainy season.

The government would bring stringent rules for preserving the water bodies in the new GHMC Act, which would be brought soon. The Act would have provision which provides right to demolish the houses constructed on the water bodies and other encroachments, he informed.

Uttam seeks relief for Osman Nagar residents

The State Congress chief also demands compensation for the affected families besides a permanent solution to stop inundation of colonies in future by removing encroachments

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TELANGANA State Congress chief N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday urged Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to extend immediate relief to the residents of Osman Nagar, Saif Nagar, Abdullah Yehya Nagar and other localities which are still submerged in flood waters.

Uttam, in an open letter to the Chief Minister, said that the residences of Osman Nagar and other areas were living in miserable conditions as their houses remained inundated for the last two months. He said more than 5,000 people of three colonies were forced to live on streets as they could not return to their houses. He said several areas under Jalpally municipality of Ranga Reddy district under Maheshwaram Assembly constituency were still under water and no efforts have been made by the authorities to remove the flood waters.

Adding that no government official or public representative tried to help the residents of Os-



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man Nagar, he said, despite its proximity to Hyderabad and the constituency being represented by a minister, no steps were taken to help the affected families. He said that the conditions in Osman Nagar and surrounding areas have exposed the inefficiency of the TRS government and also the lack of coordination among Municipal, Irrigation, Revenue, Energy and other relevant departments.

It may be mentioned here that

Uttam had visited Osman Nagar and other affected areas on November 13, and interacted with the affected families. Seeking compensation for the affected families, he said steps should be taken to find a permanent solution to inundation of those areas in future by removing encroachments. He demanded that the State government conduct a medical camp in the area and permanently station a medical team till the situation limps back to normal.

Illegal structures near RGIA pose huge threat

There are several Illegal constructions being taken up in villages in the Rajiv Gandhi International Airports (RGIA) Bio Conservation Zone without obtaining NOC from the Airport Authority of India

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IN blatant violation of rules, a number of illegal structures are coming up in the bio conservation areas along the peripheries of the State capital, while the authorities seem to be sitting pretty closing their eyes towards these unlawful activities. There are several Illegal constructions being taken up in villages in the Rajiv Gandhi International Airports (RGIA) Bio Conservation Zone without obtaining NOC from the Airport Authority of India (AAI), which are likely to cause huge damage to not only for the RGIA, but also for ecosystem in general.

Godowns, commercial establishments and other buildings have been set up in the airport bio conservation limits with civic authorities turning a blind eye. The AAI announced that eight villages will come under the limits of Airport Bio Conservation Zone where any construction activities are prohibited without the NOC of AAI. Only permission for constructing residential houses are only being given in these areas.

Gollapally, Bahadurguda, Rashidguda, Thondupally,



Shankarapur, Chinna Golconda, Hamidulla Nagar and Gansimiya Guda villages come under the limits of Bio Conservation Zone of the RGIA. In this zone, for other than residential constructions, NOC from AAI is mandatory. But the people after obtaining permission for residential houses, are constructing godowns and other commercial establishments. Auto Nagar is set up in the limits of airport bio conservation zone and other commercial activities are being taken up in this zone. Many godowns have been established within the limits of the zone but are being run by residential permission.

According to official sources, the government has appointed a committee to ensure that the rules and regulations of bio conservation zone should be fol-

lowed under the chairmanship of DPO and members like MPDO, MPO, Tahsildar and airport representative. These members have to inspect the areas within the zone and should take actions against the irregular structures. But the committee is allegedly not taking any necessary actions to stop the irregularities. Though illegal godowns have been constructed near the runway in Rashidguda village, the officials are not taking any necessary actions. Several accidents have been reported due to the movements of heavy trucks in this area.

As the airplanes have to fly at a low level while taking off and landing, these illegal structures are posing grave danger to the air passengers. Despite this, commercial buildings, dumping yards, function halls, godowns and other structures are dotting the zone.

According to Shamsabad Mandal Panchayat Officer Suren Reddy, notices were issued to the owners of illegal constructions. The officials will inspect these areas in the zone and will demolish the illegal construction, he said.

LOOKOUT NOTICE NOT EXTENDED

State High Court permits MP Sujana Chowdary to travel abroad

Last Thursday, Chowdary was stopped by immigration authorities at Delhi airport from flying to the United States, who claimed that in some bank cases a lookout circular was issued against Chowdary by CBI

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

MP YS Chowdary, also known as Sujana Chowdary, had a sigh of relief when the High Court granted him permission to go abroad. Considering the fact that no lookout notice was extended by the Central government Authorities for Chowdary, the Telangana High Court granted him permission to travel abroad.

Last Thursday, Chowdary was stopped by immigration authorities at Delhi airport from flying to the United States. The authorities informed him that in some bank cases a lookout circular was issued by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Chowdary, who is residing in Hyderabad, has filed a house

motion petition in the Telangana High Court before the single bench of Justice Challa Kodandaram, challenging the lookout circular, seeking two weeks permission to travel to US to attend to one of his uncles, who was ailing and in serious condition.

Senior Counsel Mathur, representing Chowdary, informed the court that Chowdary was prevented from travelling at the airport stating that a lookout circular issued by the CBI was pending against him.

Mathur informed that there were no criminal cases pending against the petitioner, and the petitioner has already been co-operating with the department as and when summoned in relation to some of the matter.

The petitioner counsel further asserted that the lookout notice was not extended and, as a matter of fact, the petitioner had requested to recall the lookout notice by representation dated 18.12.2019.

Counsel for CBI, Jitender, informed the court that a lookout notice was issued on 18.06.2019 against Chowdary and he had also, by letter dated 18.12.2019, requested to withdraw the same with immediate effect stating that he was planning to travel abroad from 05-01-2020 onwards.

Justice Challa Kodandaram observed that the counsel for the CBI, except stating that as per the instructions that the lookout notice was extended beyond the period of one year, is unable to

confirm the same by placing any material before the court.

The petitioner in his affidavit before the court asserted that as per the information available with him, there was no extension of lookout notice and a lookout notice was valid for one year and the same shall automatically stand lapsed unless the same was extended.

Justice Challa Kodandaram allowed the petitioner to travel abroad considering that the petitioner was still a sitting Member of Parliament, subject to the condition of the petitioner filing an undertaking before the CBI to the effect that he would be returning to India before a specified date and upon his arrival, he would also intimate the same to the CBI officials.

BJP MLA elect Raghunandan Rao to take oath on November 18

HYDERABAD

THE MLA elect of opposition BJP M Raghunandan Rao will take oath as the MLA on November 18. He would take oath in the chamber of the Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivasa Reddy.

The BJP has taken the by-elections at Dubbaka assembly constituency as a challenge and won the elections. It has also shocked the ruling TRS party by wresting its sitting seat. Raghunandan Rao has campaigned widely in the constituency and sought the voters of the constituency to vote for him.

Minister lauds CM for tax exemption

MOINABAD

EDUCATION Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy lauded Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's decision of providing 50 percent waiver on property tax in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area here on Sunday. It may be recalled that earlier the government

has exempted 50 % of property tax to the Covid-19 victims in urban areas. The Minister hailed the decision to provide relief to the people during the difficult time. On the occasion, the Minister said 50% of property tax had been exempted to those who are paying property tax up to Rs 10,000 in all the municipalities in Telangana.

Will defeat TRS-Majlis in GHMC polls: BJP's Laxman

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HYDERABAD

NATIONAL BJP OBC Morcha president Dr K Laxman said that the party was taking the GHMC elections as a prestigious one, and key step in its mission to unseat the TRS-Majlis government in the State Assembly elections in 2024.

He said that people of Dubbaka had shown the way making the democracy win in the recent bypoll, despite the conspiracies hatched, official machinery misused and large-scale purchase of votes by the ruling TRS.

"Hyderabad is not an exception and the BJP will hoist its flag in the ensuing GHMC elections and will defeat the designs of TRS to handover the mayorship and the Hyderabad city to the Majlis," he said.

He said that people have been angry with the TRS especially during the Covid where the poor contracted with Covid had to come back as corpses. The loot of private hospitals for Covid treatment had left the poor, backward, Dalits and other people lives in the dol-



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drums.

However, the "father and son duo" (CM KCR and Minister KTR) did not go out even to provide the much-needed relief to the people. He alleged that the government had miserably failed in addressing the woes of people affected in the recent floods in the city. Laxman said that the floods in Bihar were more severe than those in Hyderabad. Yet, the NDA government headed by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had handled it more effectively.

This was well reflected in the election results of 50 bypolls took place across the country, in which, the BJP had won 40 seats.

Vowing to expose the corruption of the TRS corporators, he said, the Centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi could disburse financial assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in the beneficiaries' accounts directly. But, Rs 300 crore have been siphoned off out of Rs 550 crore flood relief announced by the State government, he added. He said that the party was well prepared to face elections even if they take place tomorrow.

The former BJP state chief dared to prove that the TRS had delivered its electoral promise of constructing one lakh double bedroom houses.

BJP accuses TRS of handing Dharani portal to 'scam-ridden' pvt company

Party MLC N Ramchander Rao says earlier the IL&FS company had executed projects like roads and textile park in Nagaland and Rajasthan and ended up embezzling funds to the tune of Rs 1,700 crore

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THE State BJP on Sunday mounted a blistering attack on ruling TRS raising a stink over Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's dream project of Dharani.

Addressing the media here on Sunday, BJP MLC N Ramchander Rao accused the State government of handing over the project to a private company facing charges of committing several scams in implementing projects in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh running to the tune of hundreds of crores of rupees.

Ramchander Rao said that there were several government-owned companies having huge experience in the field of digitisation of the land records. But, the State government had decided to handover the Dharani project to an inexperienced private com-



BJP MLC N Ramchander Rao addressing the media in Hyderabad on Sunday

pany facing scam charges.

He said that earlier the IL&FS company had executed projects like roads and textile park proj-

ects in Nagaland and Rajasthan and ended up facing scam charges to the tune of Rs 1,700 crore. He alleged that the tens and thousands

of property registrations have come to a grinding halt for the past 15 days or more causing huge revenue loss to the State exchequer. He said this was happening due to handing over of the Dharani portal to an inexperienced IL&FS company. He demanded an answer from the State government the reasons for handing over such a project to IL&FS.

The BJP leader called concessions announced in the property taxes to meant to cover up the injustice done to the residents of GHMC. He reminded how the TRS had fooled people in the same way before the last GHMC elections. KTR had promised a 100-day action plan to improve city infrastructure and to make Hyderabad as another Dallas city. Even after five years, damaged roads, accident-prone bridges and encroached localities still persist, he said.

ATP Finals to feature electronic line-calling & video review for 1st time

LONDON

THE 2020 ATP Finals, for the first time in tournament's history, will feature electronic line-calling and video review.

According to the ATP Tour website, the lines will be called electronically by hawk-eye live - as there won't be line judges this year amid the Covid-19 pandemic -- and a chair umpire will oversee the action. Players will be able

to request video review for suspected not-ups, foul shots, touches and other reviewable calls.

"Innovation and technology have always played a central part in the success of Nitto ATP Finals, and we're pleased to be incorporating electronic line calling and video review in our 12th and final year in London. And for different reasons, this year also provided the right opportunity for us to use it due to the challenges we're facing with Covid-19," ATP Chief Tour Officer Ross Hutchins said.

"We believe it's the right time to use and because of the restrictions that are in place in London, and specifically

to tennis with interaction between players and officials," he added.

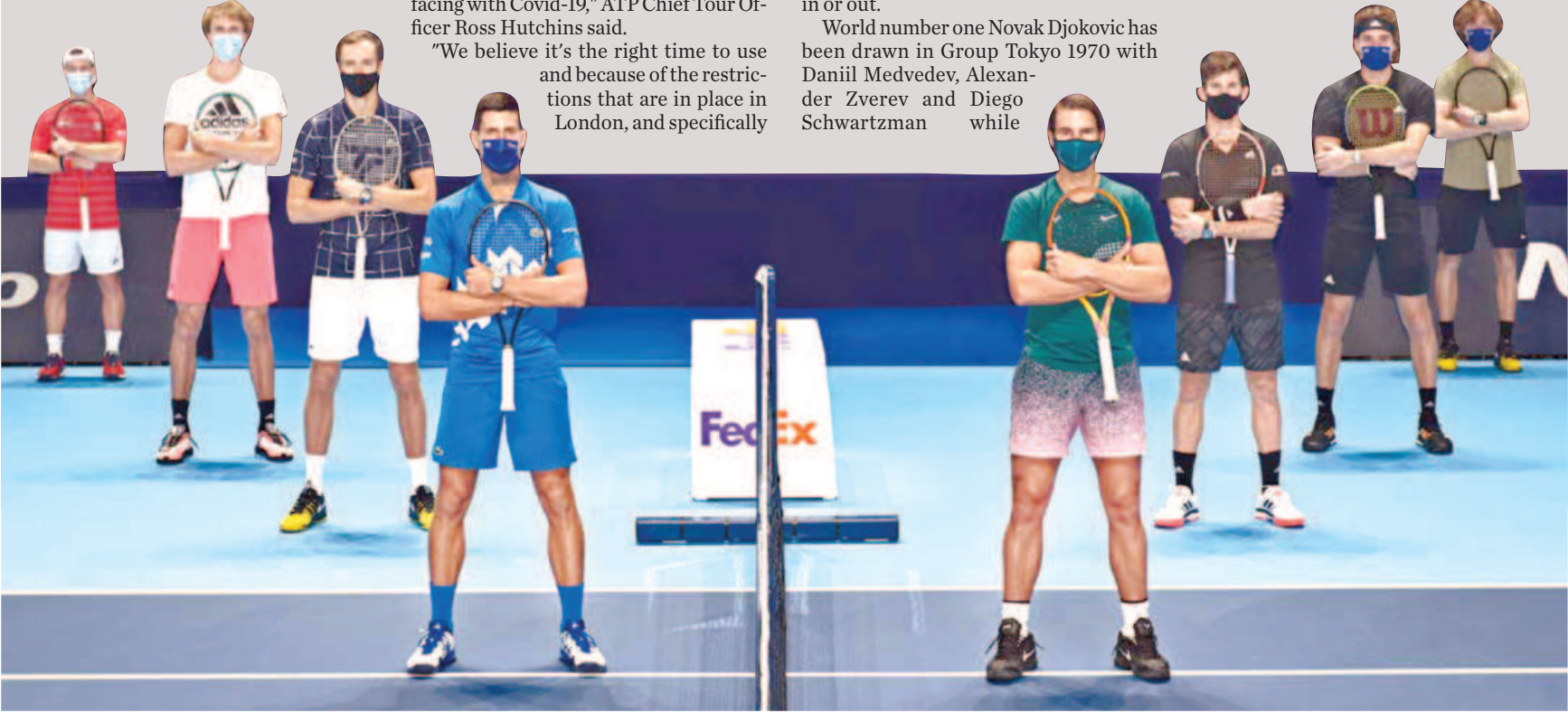
However, there is one difference between video review at the ATP Finals -- to be held between November 15 and 22 -- and the ATP Cup, where it was used in January.

Since there will be no line judges at The O2 due to Covid-19 protocols and electronic line-calling will be in use, video review cannot challenge whether a ball is in or out.

World number one Novak Djokovic has been drawn in Group Tokyo 1970 with Daniil Medvedev, Alexander Zverev and Diego Schwartzman while

world number two Rafael Nadal leads Group London 2020 alongside Austrian Dominic Thiem, defending champion Stefanos Tsitsipas from Greece and Russia's Andrey Rublev for the tournament.

This is the 50th anniversary of the ATP Finals, which was first held in 1970 in Tokyo and it is the tournament's 12th and final edition in London. Next year, it will move to Turin, Italy. (IANS)



AC Milan head coach tests +ve for Covid-19

MILAN

STEFANO Pioli, head coach of Serie A club AC Milan, has tested positive for novel coronavirus, the club has informed. Pioli is asymptomatic and currently at home quarantine.

"AC Milan announces that Stefano Pioli has tested positive following a quick test carried out this morning. The health authorities have been informed, and the coach, who is currently showing no symptoms, has gone into quarantine at home," AC Milan said in a statement.

"All other tests carried out by the squad and staff came back negative. As a result, today's training session has been cancelled. Training ahead of the match with Napoli will resume on Monday, subject to the checks set out in the federal protocol," it added. Earlier, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Daniel Maldini, Matteo Gabbia, and Leo Duarte of AC Milan had also been diagnosed with Covid-19. (IANS)

On this day: Sachin makes intl debut

NEW DELHI

IT was on November 15, 1989, when legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar made his debut in international cricket and went on to "inspire billions" across the globe with his batting skills.

Tendulkar, 16, made his international debut in a Test match between India and Pakistan that was played at the National Stadium in Karachi. Along with Tendulkar, Salil Ankola also made his Test debut for India.

The right-handed batsman managed just 15 runs in his debut innings before he was castled by Waqar Younis, who was also making his international debut. Tendulkar, however, did not get to bat again in the Test match which ended in a draw.

Coincidentally, on November 15, 2013, Tendulkar went out to bat for the last time in international cricket during a Test match against

the West Indies at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

In his last international innings, Tendulkar managed 74 runs before he became the priced scalp of Narsingh Deonarine. India, under MS Dhoni's leadership, went on to win the match by an innings and 126 runs.

"On This Day 1989 - Sachin Tendulkar made his debut in international cricket. 2013 - The legend walked out to bat for Team India one final time. Thank you for inspiring billions across the globe," BCCI said in a tweet.

The 'Master Blaster' went on to play 200 Tests for India, scoring 100 centuries across Tests and ODIs. In 463 ODIs, Tendulkar scored 18,426 runs including 49 tons and in Tests, he has 15,921 runs to his name, including 51 centuries. He also played one T20I match against South Africa in 2006 in which he scored 10 runs. (IANS)



Gunneswaran reaches Cary Challenger final

146th ranked Indian to face America's Kudla

CARY (US)

INDIAN tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran will take on America's Denis Kudla in the summit clash of the Atlantic Tire Champi-



onships, an ATP Challenger event.

On Saturday, Gunneswaran entered the finals after getting a walkover against Denmark's marathon man Mikael Torpegaard.

Before that, the 146th ranked Indian had defeated Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci 3-6, 7-5, 7-6(5) in a very back and forth match among the two left-handers to make it to the semi-finals.

Earlier, the 31-year-old had beaten America's Jack Sock 6-7 (3), 6-2, 7-6(5) in the second-round contest which lasted almost three hours to enter the quarterfinals of the \$52,080 Challenger tennis tournament.

Another Indian participating in the event, Ramkumar Ramanathan, had already made an exit. In singles, Ramkumar lost 6-3, 4-6, 1-6 to Russia's Teymuraz Gabashvili while in doubles, he along with Andre Goransson, lost 1-6, 4-6 to the duo of Hunter Reese and Sem Verbeek. (IANS)



SOFIA

ITALIAN teenager Jannik Sinner has become the youngest man to capture an ATP Tour title in more than 12 years after his title win at the Sofia Open.

On Saturday, Sinner defeated Vasek Pospisil of Canada 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3) in the summit clash to win his first ATP title. Pospisil was also attempting to capture his first ATP Tour crown.

"It is a great feeling ending the year with a tournament win," said Sinner as per the ATP Tour website. "Now I think the hard work is going to start once more... I hope I am

going to start even better next year than I did this year," he added.

The last player to have lifted a tour-level trophy at a younger age than Sinner was Kei Nishikori who had earned his maiden ATP Tour title as an 18-year-old at the 2008 Delray Beach Open.

Sinner's title run in Sofia completes a memorable 2020 campaign in which he claimed three top 10 wins and finished the year with a 19-11 record. As a result of his title run in the Bulgarian capital, he will crack the top 40 of the ATP Rankings for the first time on Monday at number 37. (IANS)

Takahashi smashes world best for 10,000m race walk

INZAI (JAPAN)

JAPAN'S Eiki Takahashi won the 10,000m race walk event at the Juntendo University Long Distance meeting by completing in a record time 37:25.21.

Takahashi managed to hold off a strong challenge from 2018 World Race Walking Team Championships 20km winner Koki Ikeda, who finished second in 37:25.90 on Saturday, according to World Athletics.

"Given the quality of the opposition, it's of course one of our best performances of recent times," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "We deserved the win and we've fulfilled our objective of finishing top. I'm very proud of the players. They proved tonight that France are still a great team." (AP)

Ikeda had clocked a Japanese 5,000m race walk record of 18:20.14 - the fastest time in the world for 12 years - just three weeks ago on the same track.

Yuta Koga, the World University Games bronze medallist, was at the third spot with timing of 37:35.00.

Earlier in 2014 and 2015, Takahashi had set Asian records for the 10,000m race but both were relatively short-lived, as was his 1:18:03 Japanese record for the 20km race walk in 2015. (IANS)



Hamilton equals Schumacher's record of championship wins

ISTANBUL

MERCEDES driver Lewis Hamilton won the Turkish Grand Prix, his 10th victory of the season, to secure the seventh drivers' title of his career and equal the record of Michael Schumacher.

Racing Point's Sergio Perez and Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari finished second and third, respectively.

The Briton had started the race sixth, risen to third midway through the first lap and then dropped back to sixth by the end of Lap 1. However, a decision to change his intermediate tyres

just once saw Hamilton drive through to a victory by over 25 seconds over Perez.

Hamilton, who now has clinched 94 Formula One races, won his first championship in 2008 and followed it up with championship wins in 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Finland's Valtteri Bottas, Hamilton's fellow Mercedes driver, and the only man who could have stopped Hamilton from winning the title on Sunday, spun four times and ended with a 14th-place finish.

Hamilton now has 307 points while his nearest competitor Valtteri Bottas is way behind in second place with 197 points. (IANS)



HYDERABAD

THE 174th Brilliant trophy Chess Tournament saw Sreevara Darbha clinch the crown in the Juniors category by scoring 10.5 points out of 12 rounds, while SK Taj Abdul and Aahlad Karthik bagged the second and third places respectively with 9.5 points each. The tourney was conducted online on www.lichess.org due to Covid-19 pandemic.

In Open category Dhruva Thota and M. Niranjan tied for first place with 10.5 points each out of 12 rounds and in the ensuing tie-break Dhruva Thota of Maestro Chess Academy won the event. Niranjan had to settle for the second place while Ritobroto Sen fetched third place with 10 points.

Open category top ten places: 1. Dhruva Thota, 2. Niranjan, 3. Ritobroto sen, 4. Sk. Sumer Arsh, 5. Tulasiramkumar, 6. A. Sai Mahathi, 7. A. Vikas, 8. Siddarth Ramanand, 9. Chidvilas sai and 10. Abdul Sattar.

Boys Category: Under 15: 1. Aahlad Karthik 2.



Pradyumna Under 13: 1. Hemanth, 2. Akshith Mattupalli Under 11: 1. SK. Taj Abdul, 2. Aryan . T Under 9: 1. Vihaan Saikrishna, 2. Vineel R Karthik Under 7: 1. Havish Kovidh, 2. Hariram Perecharla

Girls Category: Under 15: 1. Swaralakshmi S Nair, 2. Sara Kausar Under 13: 1. Naannya, 2. Sahasra Samudrala Under 11: 1. P. Sravani, 2. Amulya Bhagavathula Under 9: 1. Hritika Thota, 2. L. Laasya Under 7: 1. SriLakshmi, 2. Bhavishya

France beat Portugal, bag finals spot

LISBON

THE winner-takes-all showdown between Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal and world champion France was decided by one of the least likely scorers on the quality-packed pitch at Lisbon's Stadium of Light.

Midfielder N'Golo Kanté, whose prowess is tackling, not scoring, notched the only goal of a 1-0 win that ended Portugal's bid to defend its Nations League title and sent the French into the final-of-four.

Joining the fray in a crowded

UEFA Nations League

area in search of a loose ball or rebound, Kanté was rewarded when goalkeeper Rui Patricio fumbled a ball into his path for him to finish off in the 54th minute. It was Kanté's second international goal in his 44th appearance for France. His other strike came in 2016 in a friendly against Russia.

France clinched a first-place finish in Group 3 with three more points than Portugal and the

tiebreaker on head-to-head goals with one game to play. Portugal won last year's inaugural Nations League. France outplayed European champion Portugal and was denied a lead by halftime thanks only to Patricio.

"Given the quality of the opposition, it's of course one of our best performances of recent times," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "We deserved the win and we've fulfilled our objective of finishing top. I'm very proud of the players. They proved tonight that France are still a great team." (AP)



France's Marcus Thuram (left) shields the ball from Portugal's Trincão during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Portugal and France at the Luz stadium in Lisbon on Saturday