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COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+9,325)	(+101)
1,08,79,826	1,55,476
STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS	
(+146)	(+0)
TS: 2,96,134	1,613
(+87)	(+0)
AP: 8,88,692	7,161
CASES AROUND THE WORLD	
10,80,29,845	
DEATHS	
23,69,118	
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	219
worldometers.info/coronavirus	

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Uttarayana
Tithi: Magha Shuddha Padyami till 12.32 am (Saturday)
Star: Dhaniista till 2.25 pm
Varjyam: 9.52 pm to 11.31 pm
Durmuhurta: 9.05 am to 9.51 am; 12.53 pm to 1.39 pm
Rahu Kalam: 10.30 am to 12 noon
HIJRI CALENDAR
Jamadi- ul- Akhir 29,1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajr: 5.43 am
Zohar: 12.40 pm
Asar: 4.40 pm
Maghrab: 6.22 pm
Isha: 7.30 pm

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Rift among hunters over culling animals at a cost

Boar shooters snipe at each other

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH and
BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Sarpanchs in Telangana state are authorised to engage shooters from a list of 30 empanelled hunters to cull wild boars destroying crops in their village limits. However, the expensive hunting safaris some of the hunters embark on is likely to come undone.



New mayor promises women's safety in city TRS offered us dy mayor post: MIM

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Banjara Hills corporator Gadwal Vijayalaxmi of the TRS party was elected as Mayor of Hyderabad on Thursday. She defeated BJP nominee and RK Puram corporator Radha Reddy. Mothe Srilatha Reddy, TRS corporator from Tarnaka, was elected the deputy mayor. She defeated the BJP's Shankar Yadav.

Amid the victory celebrations, there was also a pall of gloom elsewhere. While the name of P. Vijaya Reddy was in circulation till Thursday morning for the Mayor post, the mood in her camp has sunk by afternoon when another name cropped up menacingly.

Similarly, the party informed Borabanda corporator Baba Fasiuddin at about 9.30 am that he might be re-elected as deputy mayor. However, this was not to be. The 'top leader' instead assured him of a prominent post in the near

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said on Thursday that the TRS party had offered the deputy mayor post for the Majlis. However, he did not say why it did not accept the offer.

Owaisi congratulated the newly elected Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi and deputy mayor Latha Sobhan Reddy. In a tweet, he said, "Congratulations to the newly elected

future in due recognition of his hard work as deputy.

Cherlapally division corporator Bonthu Sridhavi, wife of former Mayor Bonthu Rammohan, too had disappointment writ

large on her face. She left the council hall in a huff. Notably, the two were so embarrassed that they switched off their mobile.

■ Page 5: Caste arithmetic to help TRS

Graduates' MLC polls on March 14

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Elections for Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) to be elected from graduates' constituency will be held on March 14.

Announcing this in a press release on Thursday, Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Shashank Goel said counting of the votes polled will be on March 17.

The biennial elections are scheduled to be held

for members of the State Legislative Council from M a b a b n a g a r - Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda graduates' constituencies.

The last date for filing nominations is February 23.

Nomination forms will be verified on February 24. Last date for withdrawal of nominations is February 26.

■ Page 4: Enrollment of voters completed

DURGAM SRINIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Ruling Telangana Rashtriya Samithi is dwelling deep on the choice of its candidates for the two graduate MLC constituencies of Khammam-Nalgonda-Warangal and Hyderabad-Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy. The party does not want to take things for granted, like Dubbaka bypoll and GHMC

■ Page 5: Ministers, MLAs tapped for winners

shooters were demanding money for shooting wild boars. We are willing to take part in the culling, spending our own money and on a voluntary basis".

In a signed letter to the PCCF, this group said where possible, they will take up culling within 48 hours of a request from a sarpanch. They informed the department that they "were not party to the decision wherein a certain shooter has requested money for culling of wild pigs in farmer's fields".

This move, according to some hunters, opens up the possibility of 'we will hunt for free' group using its 'voluntary participation' to not to act with the responsibility required for this culling.

■ Page 5: Forest staff dismiss apprehensions

Rajnath: India, China to pull out of LAC in phases

Breakthrough after 9 months, temporary freeze in patrolling

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, FEB. 11

Defence minister Rajnath Singh told Parliament on Thursday India and China had reached an agreement to disengage from the north and south banks of Pangong Tso lake to pre-stanoff status, in a big breakthrough in the nine-month tense military stand-off in eastern Ladakh.

"The agreement that we have been able to reach with the Chinese side for disengagement in the area between Finger 4 to 8 on the northern bank of Pangong Tso till both sides reach an agreement in diplomatic and military talks. The Chinese Army will dismantle all structures built since April 2020 in the Pangong Tso area. "A similar action will be taken in the south bank area by both sides," said Singh.

The Chinese troops will move east of Finger 8 on the north bank of Pangong Tso and the Indian troops will move to their permanent base at Dhan Singh

The minister later told the Lok Sabha that as per the latest information, the disengagement process which began on

THE DISENGAGEMENT process which began on Wednesday is being acted upon smoothly. All armoured vehicles have gone back to their permanent bases from both sides

RAJNATH SINGH, defence minister

Thapa Post near Finger 3, Mr Singh told Parliament.

There will be a "temporary" freeze in the patrolling by both sides in the area between Finger 4 to 8 on the northern bank of Pangong Tso till both sides reach an agreement in diplomatic and military talks. The Chinese Army will dismantle all structures built since April 2020 in the Pangong Tso area.

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Wednesday is being acted upon "smoothly". All armoured vehicles have gone back to their permanent bases from both sides.

He said that these are mutual and reciprocal steps. "It will substantially restore the situation to that existing prior to commencement of the stand-off last year," he said.

India and China will hold discussions on the other friction points in eastern Ladakh such as the Depsang plains after the completion of the disengagement process in Pangong Tso.

"It has also been agreed to convene the next meet-

ing of the senior commanders within 48 hours after the complete disengagement in the Pangong Lake area so as to address and resolve all other remaining issues," said Mr Singh.

The minister said that he wants to "assure this House that in these talks we have not conceded anything". He said that Parliament should also know that there are still some outstanding issues with regard to deployment and patrolling at some other points along the LAC.

"These will be the focus of further discussions. We have agreed that both sides should achieve complete disengagement soon and abide fully by the bilateral agreements and protocols," said Mr Singh.

He said that by now the Chinese side is also fully aware of India's resolve. "It is therefore our expectation that the Chinese will work with us sincerely to resolve these issues," said the defence minister.



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SHORT TAKES

TSBIE EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR EXAM PAYMENT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education announced the extension of due dates for payment of examination fee for IPE March 2021.

The last date for payment of fee has been extended to February 22, for payment with a late fee of ₹100 is March 1.

Payment of exam fee after March 8 will levy a late fee of ₹500, after March 15 and March 22 will levy late fees of ₹1,000 and ₹2,000, respectively. The decision was taken after requests from students, parents and college managements, said TSBIE.

SPECIAL TEAMS SET UP TO NAB RAPE ACCUSED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The Rachakonda police officials have formed 10 teams including IT Cell staff and Special Operations Teams to trace the men who allegedly kidnapped, attacked and raped a student heading home from college on Wednesday evening.

According to the police, the victim, a student of a private college in Medchal, was heading home from Medchal and deboarded the bus at Nagaram in Keesara to engage an autorickshaw.

"Upon noticing that she was travelling alone, the auto driver asked three men to board the vehicle and proceeded towards Ghatkesar, where they pushed her in a van and took her near the railway tracks in Ghatkesar. Upon reaching the place, the gang attacked her and sexually assaulted before dropping her off on the Outer Ring Road," police said.

The victim was seen asking for help from the nearby locals, following which the police were called. "Police then shifted her to a private hospital for medical attention and booked a case for kidnap and attempt to murder," police said.

However, the investigating officer recorded her detailed statement and based on it, added appropriate sections 376 (D), 324, 354 (B) of the IPC and started an investigation. Efforts are on to trace the offenders and a scientific investigation is in progress for the same and the victim's health is said to be stable.

The DCP of Malkajgiri, Rakshita Murthy, is heading the investigation and monitoring the teams.



Doctors from districts and senior doctors stage hunger strike against Mixopathy at the IMA headquarters in Koti, Hyderabad on Thursday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

Doctors' relay hunger strike enters 10th day

Strongly object to 'mixing of different medical streams'

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Q TRAINING HAS to be given in modern medicine hospitals which is illogical. When surgeries go wrong modern medicine will be blamed and not AYUSH.

DR MOHAN REDDY,
president of IMA, north branch Hyderabad

society," doctors said.

Dr M. Sampath Rao, president-elect of the TS IMA said, "the Central Council of Indian Medicine will harm modern medicine practice and lower the morale of students, who will be left confused about which medical stream they must study."

The mixing of modern medicine with AYUSH is strongly objected by the IMA doctors. Senior doctors say that this policy will harm modern medicine practice and lower the morale of students, who will be left confused about which medical stream they must study."

"People in general are not aware of the consequences but when it is put in practice there will be major confusion in the

be carried out by AYUSH doctors will include general surgery, gynaecology, ophthalmology, ENT, plastic and others.

Dr Krishna Reddy, IMA Building Trust Chairman said, "Modern medicine MBBS graduates are allowed to practice the super speciality in which they are trained. Eye surgeons cannot do an ENT surgery. But the CCIM order is to get trained and carry out surgeries. This is dangerous for people's health. If the order is not withdrawn we are going to intensify our protests."

The biggest problem is that presently modern medicine and AYUSH are different. When it will be mixed people will not know which doctor is treating them.

Dr Dwarakanatha Reddy, past state secretary of IMA says, "Mixing will lead to a lot of confusion and purpose will not be

served. It is better to strengthen AYUSH independently and popularise traditional branches of study."

Terming the order illogical and unscientific Dr Mohan Reddy, president of IMA, north branch Hyderabad, said that bad reputation will be created for modern medicine. Dr Reddy says, "training has to be given in modern medicine hospitals which is illogical. When surgeries go wrong modern medicine will be blamed and not AYUSH."

Doctors from districts and senior doctors from the city have come together and are protesting at the IMA headquarters in Koti. Dr P. R. Saikumar, chairman of medi bulletin of IMA, Dr Lingamurthy, Dr Sai S. Udaker, Dr Jatin, Dr Mukund, Dr Veer Kumar, Dr Raghunandan and others have also participated on the 10th day.

Regular VCs likely for TS universities by next week

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Telangana state universities could get regular Vice-Chancellors by next week, after almost 18 months, sources have told *Deccan Chronicle*.

The state government's search committee has conducted meetings for seven out of the 11 state universities, including JNTU, Osmania University, Kakatiya University, Dr BR Ambedkar Open University, among others.

The search committee scrutinised a total of 984 applications received by the State government, and shortlisted three candidates for each varsity. It will be revealed only after the Chief Minister and then the Governor sign on them.

TEACHERS AND

department heads of several universities raised concerns over the absence of regular Vice-Chancellors for almost two years now.

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ment heads of several universities raised concerns over the absence of regular Vice-Chancellors for almost two years now.

A professor at Osmania University, who wished to remain anonymous, told this correspondent, "Even though the government says that it plans to better the conditions in state-run universities, it all feels like they are only indulging in sweet talk. If they are really concerned at the state-of-affairs in educational institutions across the state, the administration would not have been given into the hands of bureaucrats for so long".

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ment heads of several universities raised concerns over the absence of regular Vice-Chancellors for almost two years now.

A professor at Osmania University, Arvind Kumar, has not visited the campus in the last eight months.

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IIT alumni to hold tech bootcamp for students

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

(AI/ML) with iB Hubs & NxtWave on February 14 from 9 am to 5 pm.

The online bootcamp will be addressed by professionals from colleges like IITs, NITs and experts who have already built successful products in 4.0 technologies.

Hands-on sessions with experts will be held to help participants make career decisions.

The participants in the bootcamp will also receive a 4.0 Tech 101 Certificate.

Those interested can register on <https://bit.ly/3tg1ejP>.

TS ordinance soon to rename Telugu varsity

L. VENKAT RAM
REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The Telangana state government is all set to issue an ordinance soon to rename Potti Seeramulu Telugu University in Hyderabad after Suravaram Pratapa Reddy.

Telugu University located in Lalitha Kala Kshetram in Public Gardens, Nampally, was established during late chief minister N.T. Rama Rao-led Telugu Desam in 1985 through an Act of Legislation (Act No. 27 of 1985) by the State Legislature of the then united Andhra Pradesh with headquarters at Hyderabad and campuses at Srisailam and Rajahmundry.

Following this, the higher education department recently submitted a proposal to Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao to rename Telugu University. The CM is learnt to have approved this and asked officials to draft an ordinance to amend the Telugu University Act for the purpose.

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Suravaram was made by the speakers during these celebrations.

Reacting to this, Rama Rao had said, "We will look into the proposal and bring it to the notice of the Chief Minister about renaming the Telugu University after Suravaram Pratapa Reddy to recognise his contribution to the literature of Telangana."

The proposal was first floated on the dais by S. Niranjan Reddy, agriculture minister, who represents the Wanaparthy Assembly constituency in erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, from which Suravaram hails.

Rama Rao requested the higher education department to take steps accordingly.

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Government of Telangana, Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner GHMC FORM VII (See Sub-Rule(1) of rule-25 and Section-19(1) of the Act-30/2013 DECLARATION													
Gazette No. GHMC-14 No.C/174/SRDP/2019													
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/ Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad that a total of 4111.90 Sq. Yards of land is required in Kothaguda, Kondapur & Gachibowli Villages, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, for public purpose, namely 215 ft. wide road from Narayanaamma College to Gachibowli Flyover.													
Sl. No.	Survey No.	Type of Title	Type of Land	Area in Sq. Yds.	Name & Address of person interested	Boundaries	North	South	East	West	Venue No.	Structures	Open Path area in Sq. Yds.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
KOTHAGUDA VILLAGE													
1	34/2	owner	Patta land	353.61	Sri Rajendra Prasad H.No. 2-15 & 16A	2-17	2-17	2-17	Owners property	Tin shed	..
2	35/2	owner	Patta land	136.79	Sri N. Govardhan H.No. 2-17	2-17	2-17	2-17	Owners property	Tin shed	..
3	35/3	owner	Patta land	211.52	Sri lobal Ali Khan H.No. 2-17/2	2-17	2-17	2-17	Owners property	Tin shed	..
4	36/2	owner	Patta land	70.66	Sri Balaram Sy. No. 36	2-13/G	2-13/G	2-13/G	Owners property	Tin shed	..
5	37/2	owner	Patta land	232.22	Sri Venkata Reddy H.No. 36	2-13/G	2-13/G	2-13/G	Owners property	Tin shed	..
6	37/3	owner	Patta land	21.29	Sri Srinu H.No. 2-13/2	2-13/G	2-13/G	2-13/G	Owners property	Open	..
KONDAPUR VILLAGE													
7	6/3	owner	Patta land	19.13	Sri Balaji H.No. 2-13/15	2-13	2-13	2-13	Owners property	Open	..
8	6/4	owner	Patta land	335.83	Sri N. Venugopal H.No. 2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	Owners property	Tin shed	..
9	6/5	owner	Patta land	346.78	Sri Chaitanya Raju P.No. 04	2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	Owners property	Tin shed	..
10	6/6	owner	Patta land	422.74	Sri Anil Patta land	2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	Owners property	Open	..
11	6/7	owner	Patta land	211.47	Sri Meher Patta land	2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	Owners property	Tin shed	..
12	6/8	owner	Patta land	211.88	Sri Rajendra Prasad Patta land	2-9/11	2-9/11	2-9/11	Owners property	Tin shed	..
GACHIBOWLI VILLAGE													
13	134/2	owner	Sarkari	662.91	Smt. Balaji Loni H.No. 1-6/30/90/162/34/2	1-6/30/90/162/34/2	1-6/30/90/162/34/2	1-6/30/90/162/34/2	Road	Tin shed	..
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SHORT TAKES
LECTURER WHO TRIED TO END LIFE BY SUICIDE SAVED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A lecturer of a private college attempted to end his life by suicide in front of the institution on Thursday morning, alleging salary issues with his management. According to the police, the lecturer, Harinath, a resident of LB Nagar, alleged that the management was neither allowing classes to run nor paying salaries to lecturers for the last several months. "When questioned about the salaries, the management was resorting to harassment," he allegedly told the cops.

SIGH OF RELIEF FOR UNANI DOCS AS MLA ASSURES HELP

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Yakutpura MLA Ahmed Pasha Quadri assured Unani doctors their issued will be resolved and asked the government to start a 120-bedded Unani hospital in Narayanaguda, where the building is ready for occupation. He was addressing Unani Day organised by All India Unani Tibbi Congress.

Ahmed Pasha Quadri said, "Our party will raise the issues related to the Unani system of medicine in the Assembly and emphasize the government to promote Unani which is again gaining popularity amongst the new generation as it has no side effects. He remembered the services of Hakim Ajmal Khan for the promotion of Unani and struggle for independence.

Vice-Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University Prof. S Rahmatullah said Hakim Ajmal Khan was not only a renowned practitioner of Unani medicines but he had played a vital role in the independence movement.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED LITERATURE IN URDU IS MUST: MANUU VC

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Prof. M. Shafey Kidwai, Head, Department of Mass Communication, Aligarh Muslim University, said promotion of knowledge-based literature is inevitable to empower the Urdu community.

"Technology has empowered us and made all humans equal," he said. He was delivering the keynote address on Wednesday at the inaugural session of two-day online national seminar on 'Urdu Mein Maloomati Adab' (knowledge-based literature in Urdu) organised by the Directorate of Translation & Publications (DTP), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU). Muzaffar Shahmiri, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Abdul Haq Urdu University, Kurnool, while comparing creative and informative literature advised to use the terminology as it is during translation.

Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, Vice-Chancellor, MANUU, said that knowledge-based literature in Urdu is mandatory and its promotion will develop language. He appreciated the efforts of the DTP in the preparation of informative literature. Prof. Mohammed Zafaruddin, Director, DTP spoke about the aims and objectives of the seminar. Dr. Aslam Parvez, seminar convenor proposed vote of thanks.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Let it be known to the entire general public through this notice that my client Dr. Heshang Dinshaw Merchant S/o Late Mrs. Dina Dinshaw Merchant, Ro Flat No. 702, Garden Towers, Masab Tank, Hyderabad- 500028 do hereby announce that all the powers and authorities assigned by me in favour of CFO Sir India Private Limited Regd/o Lower Ground Floor, Plot no.65 Sector 12A, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110078 Through its Authorised Signatory Ms. Renu R/o A-45, Kunji Vihar Apartment, Sector 12 Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 by virtue of Power of Attorney dated 29th August, 2020, in favour of Dr. Himanshu Ajwani R/o A5, Sukhwan Park, North Main Rd, Next to Axis Bank, Koregaon Park, Pune- 411019, or any others in concern with Mr. Surya Grover and Mr. Tarun Khanduri of CFO Sir Private Limited, and Ms. Mahakar Merchant claim revoked because the aforesaid Power of Attorney has been used fraudulently in the matter relating to my client's assets, who is legal heir of Late Mr. and Mrs. Dinshaw Ardesher Merchant who were holding multiple shares in various companies. My client through me declares publicly that all the powers given via aforesaid Power of Attorney, Letter of Authorisation, Letter of Authority or any other kind of authorisation given to above mentioned company stands revoked and cancelled and now no one shall henceforth represent my client in the matter of his shares and assets.

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Revanth backs farmers, slams three new laws

Cong wants TRS to pass a resolution in Assembly against farm laws

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Congress party working president and Lok Sabha MP from Malkajgiri A. Revanth Reddy demanded the TRS government pass a resolution in the Assembly against the three contentious farm laws introduced by the Narendra Modi government.

These three farm laws will destroy the future and livelihood of small-scale farmers while corporations will rule the national agriculture sector, he said.

Mr Revanth Reddy, who is on a Padayatra from Achampet to Hyderabad, questioned Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, saying, "why did KCR take a U-turn on the farm bills after touring Delhi, though he participated in a 'Bharat Bandh' on January 8?"

Mr Reddy interacted with farmers while on padayatra, dubbed 'Rajiv Rythu Bharosa padayatra' and explained about the three farm bills. He reminded that because of the Minimum Support Price Act, introduced by the Congress party, farmers are getting MSP for their crop produce.

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chases a crop produced below MSP, he will be punished according to law, but due to PM Modi's new farm laws, MSP act got scrapped. Along with this, the Modi government removed IKP centers, market yards, Cooperative Society, FCI and CCI", he said.

Mr Reddy was critical

of the Prime Minister, with the Parliamentarian, farmers appraised him of their problems, saying, "the loan waiver promised the TRS government has been implemented. There is no MSP and no input subsidy also."

Former union minister Balram Naik, former minister Sudharshan Reddy, MLA Seethakka, former MLAs Ven narendar Reddy, Mallu Ravi, Eravath Anil, GHMC corporators, Nizamabad DCC president Mohan Reddy, OU JAC leaders and others participated in the padayatra.

In their interaction



Visitors get the feel of weapons at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the victory of Indian Armed Forces in the Indo-Pak war of 1971 being held at Parade Grounds on Thursday in Hyderabad.

Governor pays tributes to 1971 martyrs at Golden Jubilee fete

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The Golden Jubilee of the iconic victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the Indo-Pak War of 1971 is being celebrated as 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' in 2021 in Hyderabad. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan paid tributes to the martyrs of the war on Thursday.

Participating as the chief guest at the Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations organised by the Telangana and Andhra Sub-Area military unit at Parade Grounds, she said that our war

heroes showed bravery, valour, courage and sacrifice of the highest form during the 1971 war.

"We have registered an iconic victory over the enemy. We could register a decisive victory in just 13 days and the war has witnessed the surrender of more than 90,000 enemy soldiers. It was a

landmark victory in the history of Indian armed forces. I salute our war heroes' valour and sacrifices," said the governor, adding that it was our duty not to let go their sacrifices in vain and continue to build a strong, secure, and prosperous India as a real tribute to the 1971 war heroes.

"India is marching towards self-reliance in the defence sector by developing its own fighter aircraft and missiles and our scientists are making India self-reliant in the defence sector," she said.

Referring to the servic-

EC's schedule of MLC polls delays TS staff PRC talks

DC CORRESPONDENT
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The schedule issued by the Election Commission of India on Thursday for holding MLC elections in graduates' constituencies for two seats in Telangana came as a big shock to various Telangana employees and pensioners associations.

The schedule came at a time when the unions were expecting a call from Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inviting them for talks at Pragathi Bhavan on February 12 or 13 to discuss on PRC report and finalise the quantum of fitment (hike on basic salary).

The EC which released the schedule on Thursday announced that the model code of conduct has come into force with immediate effect. With this, the government cannot take any decisions on salary hikes till the election code ends.

The employees unions are left with no option but to wait until March-end for getting new PRC pay scales.

The unions are already angry at the state government for delaying new PRC by over two-and-a-half years now.

As per the EC schedule,

polling will be held on March 14 and the results will be declared on March 17. The election code will be in force till March 22.

Employees are due for new PRC scales from July 2018.

But the state government delayed it citing Assembly polls in December 2018, Lok Sabha polls in 2019 and corona pandemic in 2020.

Though the new PRC was

Enrolment of voters completed

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Enrolment of voters for the election has already been completed. Graduates numbering 5,17,883 will exercise their vote in the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad constituency.

This number has doubled compared to last council elections when 2.3 lakh people had enrolled as voters.

The highest number of 88,358 voters is from Rangareddy district, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri 77,349 and Hyderabad 64,224 voters. Elections for Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad constituency will be held in the nine districts of Mahabubnagar, Nagarjuna, Wanaparthy, Jogulambada, Gadwal, Narayanpet, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Hyderabad.

headed by Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar to hold consultations with unions. The CS committee held talks with unions for four days from January 27 and submitted a report to the CM.

The CM held discussions on the financial implications of new PRC if higher fitment is given as demanded by unions against 7.5% fitment recommended by PRC. Finance officials told him that 7.5% fitment alone will burden state government by over 2,500 crores.

The CM had decided to invite unions for talks on February 12 or 13 to Pragathi Bhavan and take a final decision on quantum of fitment. However, the EC poll notification issued exactly a day before has dashed all the hopes of unions to secure new PRC pay scales at the earliest.

PIL ON ENGLISH AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The Telangana High Court on Thursday issued notices to the State government following a petition urging it to direct the education department to ensure that the medium of instruction for classes 1-8 must only be in the mother-tongue or regional language (Telugu or Urdu in Telangana State). The petitioner insisted that even in private schools, the medium of instruction must be in the mother-tongue, instead of English.

He cited Section 7 (4) (b) of the State Education Act and Section 29 of the Right to Education Act, which states that the general education so imparted shall include the development of linguistic skills and literary appreciation in the mother-tongue or regional language, as the case maybe; and the medium of instruction shall, as far as practicable, be in a child's mother-tongue.

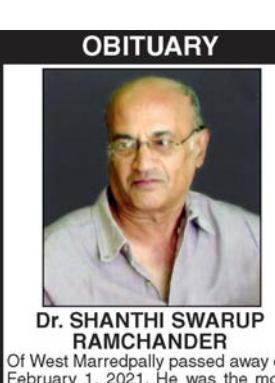
The petitioner complained that such statutory provisions were not being implemented in the State. His counsel interpreted that all private schools must teach in Telugu or Urdu medium, right up to the eighth standard.

17th Death Anniversary

"And many of them that sleep in the dust shall awake." Dan 12:2



Late Mr. ALLWYN RAJENDRA DAVID
D.O.B: 24-11-1958 D.O.D: 12-02-2004
Inserted by:
Family Members



Dr. SHANTHI SWARUP RAMCHANDRA
Of West Marredpally passed away on February 1, 2021. He was the most beloved father of Dr. Shruti Swarup and Dr. Sharani Swarup, most beloved grandfather of Milan. We are lost without him. He is deeply missed and grieved for by Nandita and Jordan, Kailash, Ramani and Vijayan, Praveena and Francois, Kishori and many other loving family members, friends and patients.

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AN ETERNAL MEMORY OF YOUR BIRTHDAY

"Whether we live or whether we die we are the LORD'S". Romans 14:8



Rev. M. SULOCHANA BRUCE
W/o. Rev. M.P. Bruce
Founder and Principal, St. Christopher's School
Faith Fellowship Church
DOB: 12-02-1951 DOD: 30-04-2020
You always had a smile to share, love to give and time to care which fills us with phenomenal memories of your precious life
Happy Heavenly Birthday From:

Husband, Son, Daughter, Son-in-law, Daughter-in-law & Grand Children
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Smt. SANKARI SUBRAHMANYAM
DOB: 02-04-1931 DOD: 22-01-2021
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Sankari, our beloved mother and grandmother. She is deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

May she attain the lotus feet of Lord Venkateswara, whom she was devoted to.
Rest in Peace Amma.

FOND REMEMBRANCE



Late Shri. K.V.R. NAIDU
D.O.B: 12-2-2013. Ex-Indian Airlines
Late Smt. K.VIMALA NAIDU
D.O.B: 5-4-2014
Dr. Jayanthi - Ramakrishna, Preethi - Govindarajan
Grand Children: Hemant, Vijaya, Aishwarya, Ananya and Relatives.

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Steps were taken by the officials from today, till the next date of hearing, in removing the unauthorised illegal encroachments on the roads and reviving the lost spaces.

Responding to a submission that street vendors are occupying the footpaths, the Chief Justice asked the state government and the GHMC whether

the provisions of the street vendors act were not being followed here, and whether the registration process for street vendors was initiated or not.

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Twitter's snub of Centre's selective outrage timely

The fundamental issue with freedom of expression is either you have it or you don't. While there is no arguing against the fact that such freedom may be subject to reasonable restrictions, particularly with reference to communal harmony and public safety being threatened by inciters of violence and disorder, government action cannot be selective in acting only on the basis of its sensitivities being outraged by criticism. The spat with social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp may have been caused by suspicions over their neutrality when it comes to issues cropping up in India. But the government is seen to be acting like a bully in its plaintive calls for action to be taken against all critics in a blanket manner that is reminiscent of a totalitarian approach that had led to democratic disasters in India.

The government's fear of its image abroad being hammered by celebrities with a large following on the social media has led to it calling for Twitter to take down nearly 1,200 accounts following tweets on farmer protests. Some of those accounts may be backed by Pakistan or Khalistan sympathisers, and sported ridiculously hateful hashtags like "farmers' genocide".

To insist on a virtual blanket ban on one side of the arguments in support of the farmers is what makes government action suspicious

Orders to take them down are legitimate and may have already been acted upon. To insist on a virtual blanket ban on one side of the arguments in support of the farmers, which might be more universal among Indians than the government may imagine, is what makes government action suspicious in the eyes of the votaries of free speech and expression. In a free world, Indian developers are free, too, to set up microblogging platforms like Koo.

There was widespread praise for Twitter when it chose to act against Donald Trump for actively encouraging his acolytes to attempt an armed insurrection on Capitol Hill. It must also do so when inspired actions of vicious users and automated bots aimed at disruption are brought to its attention. Behind Twitter's espousal of the foundational principle of free expression may lie social media's monetisation of hate but free expressions of hate are a sign of the times which have armed individuals with handles and megaphones on media platforms to rant on. India is beset by the same phenomenon and may have no extraordinary case for protection or idealistic treatment. It has chosen the Internet as a right of the people even if it has been known to act selectively as on the borders of Delhi hosting the farmers' protests and in Kashmir, which went without 4G connectivity for more than a year.

It is in the modern war between perception and reality that issues like differential treatment of violence on Capitol Hill and the storming of the Red Fort crop up. Again, these are part of the perils of living in an interconnected age in which opinion is free and, perhaps, even overrated as billions enjoy the freedom of presenting their personal thoughts to the world. The threat to jail Twitter's Indian employees is, however, part of a worrisome pattern of the current regime, which has contemplated similar repressive action against a politician and several journalists with only the top court standing between them and arrests. It is in this context that Twitter's disinclination to take down handles of politicians and journalists must be viewed and praised as supporting essential freedom of expression.

PM's red herring

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday of those who "abuse the private sector" sounded more like being in a dark room and looking for a black cat that isn't there than raising a point for the nation to discuss. His advice of caution against "returning the nation to the babus" was equally intriguing.

This country has long scrapped the licence-permit-babu raj and ushered in an era where the private sector has been viewed as creators of employment and wealth. No government in the last three decades has chosen to ignore them; they did everything possible to promote them instead in the form of policy frameworks and easing of regulatory mechanisms. Even state governments run by political thoughts of all hues vied with one another offering freebies and sops to "unleash the entrepreneurial spirit of the youth". Mr Modi took special care to ensure that India made a quantum jump in its position on the Index of Ease of Doing Business within a couple of years of his assuming power even when the country's positions in terms of indices on hunger or freedom of thought suffered.

The public sector units were hardly a choice of any government during the liberalisation period. Even brilliant performers were put on the auction block while several others were bled dry by the governments; many have been put on their deathbed by governmental interventions that stopped them from competing with the private sector. Mr Modi's fears of the nation going back to the babus, thus, sound rather misplaced.

The Prime Minister has spoken in the backdrop of the farming community agitating against new laws which, it fears, would make them captive players of the private corporates with deep pockets. The government should rather address their fears than demonising those who raise them.

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Simultaneous polls to be a blow to smaller parties



Sanjay Kumar

A few months ago, in a meeting with returning officers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi once again advocated the holding of simultaneous elections both for the Lok Sabha and the state Assemblies in India. He had expressed the desire for holding simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and state Assemblies even in his first term as the Prime Minister. It is important to note that this time he not only reiterated his view but also made a more aggressive advocacy for holding simultaneous elections. He stated "this is not an issue of debate; this is a necessity for India". It is important to recall that when this was advocated a few years ago, there were lots of debates on this issue amongst journalists, analysts and stakeholders. The arguments put forward both for and against this proposal were on grounds of feasibility, legality and polity related to the large issue of possible impact on Party system in India. The arguments put forward in favour of holding simultaneous election are minimising expenses for holding elections and expediting the developmental work of the government. There is merit in these two arguments, and hardly any disagreement — but should these be the only considerations for pushing for a case of holding simultaneous elections? Is there a need for careful thinking about its impact on the larger issue of the party system in India? There is also the question of feasibility, how this can even be implemented in a federal country like India with

states having elected governments and enjoying constitutional powers. There is also issue about what would happen if there is a premature fall of the government in any state; will the state be put under governor's rule and elections held only when the next cycle of elections is due? At the moment every state is under its own cycle of election, what happens to state governments elected by popular vote only a couple of years ago when the simultaneous election system is being implemented? Will putting a state under the governor's rule for a very long time by making provisions for that after amending the Constitution not be against democratic principles?

But beyond those issues, there is the larger issue of its impact on the nature of the party system; there is a possibility of a few political parties, especially the national parties, dominating both the national as well as state politics. Some stronger regional parties may still be able to survive in the state, but slowly and gradually, many smaller parties would disappear from the political map of India. Simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the state Assemblies will be of great disadvantage to the regional parties.

Evidences suggest that a very large number of voters tend to vote for the same party when elections to both the state Assembly and the Lok Sabha are held simultaneously or within a gap with six months of holding the latter election. Voters tend to vote for the same party in the Assembly election for which they had voted during the Lok Sabha

election, though there are a few exceptions. The national parties are in an advantageous position. The dominant regional parties also enjoy this advantage but smaller regional parties are at the receiving end. If simultaneous elections are held, Indian politics will come to be dominated by the national parties. A few regional parties and many smaller regional parties will disappear, as the people's voting choices would largely be influenced by how parties are likely to play a role in national politics. Holding simultaneous elections would mean the expansion of the dominance of national parties and slow and gradual shrinking of the political space for regional parties.

Evidence suggests that till now there have been 111 instances of the state Assembly election in various states being held along with the Lok Sabha election. In these elections held in different years, a total of 387 national parties contested elections. Of these, in the case of 263 national parties (69 per cent), the difference in their vote share for the Lok Sabha and Assembly election was less than three per cent, in case of another 19 per cent national parties, the vote share difference for the two elections was between three and six per cent. Evidences also suggest, even when the state Assembly elections were held within six months of holding the Lok Sabha election, voters overwhelmingly tended to vote for the same party both for the Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections. Of

smaller regional parties in a disadvantageous position, ultimately leading to overwhelming dominance of the political parties that are already predominant.

Will putting a state under the governor's rule for a very long time by making provisions to that end by amending the Constitution not be against democratic principles?

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LETTERS

COVID SENSITIVITY

People are now taking the Covid-19 pandemic lightly. Many are walking around holding hands and not wearing a mask. Not too long ago, there was lockdown to enable disinfection every night and social distancing was strictly followed. The government must ensure to disinfect all localities at nights now.

Jerusha Samuel
Hyderabad

RIDICULOUS FIRE GO

Even as the threat of fire looms over the students in schools and colleges, the Secretary, Intermediate Education Board, quoted a GO issued in September 2020 by State Home Department that junior colleges up to 50 metres height are exempted from producing NOC for fire safety (*Firemen tells schools to run drill before opening, DC, Feb. 10*). The government should ban this law. It's ridiculous that such exemptions are given. Basic fire extinguishers are a must in all schools and colleges.

Shahbaz Hussain
Hyderabad

RISING FUEL PRICES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is distancing himself from the people and is a mute spectator as prices of fuel is rising daily. The NDA government seems to be more friendly towards the business community and ignoring the rest.

Baru Rajendra Prasad
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN CHRONICLE

More industries alone can solve unemployment

HDYERABAD, February 11
Setting up of a number of small units was the only answer to solve the unemployment problem, Chief Minister Mr. K. Brahmananda Reddi, said here today.

Inaugurating the Hyderabad Packaging Company at Moula Ali, a unit engaged in the production of corrugated fibre board containers, he said that such units would also help rapid industrialisation.

It has been the endeavour of the State to encourage small entrepreneurs and personally he said that he would render all help for small and young industrialists in setting up new units.

Tarun Chugh



A Budget of aspirations, self-reliance

The first Union Budget of this decade comes at a time that our nation is commemorating the 75th year of Indian Independence, 60 years of Goa's accession to India, 50 years of the 1971 India-Pakistani War, eight censuses of Independent India (and also the first digital census), India's turn at the BRICS presidency, the Chandrayaan-3 mission and the celebration of Haridwar Maha Kumbh. Under this scenario, India has a vital role to play as a major Asian economic power in the new world order in the post-Covid era.

The Union Budget 2021-22, along with the myriad mini-budgets, including the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana and the Atma Nirbhar Bharat packages, presented by the finance minister to stabilise the economy during a critical pandemic period, has prepared our country to move in the right direction.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Budget addresses the imperative of resetting priorities and identifies the emergence of opportunities by devoting an "all-inclusive Budget" as a guide to a "self-reliant India".

The development of any nation depends on transportation networks

and the way in which they are maintained. One of the most crucial announcements in the Budget was with regard to infrastructure development projects, across various states and Union territories.

For connecting the areas and maintaining smooth flow of traffic, the construction of new roads is a must. The infrastructure projects are not just connectivity specific, like the proposed highway works and upgrade of the existing 675 km Kolkata-Siliguri highway bisecting the state of West Bengal, but also employment-generating opportunities.

Further, as Union territories receive 100 per cent of their funding from the central government, long-stalled projects are being revived and new welfare projects implemented.

The budget has provisioned ₹30,757 crore for Jammu and Kashmir, the highest among UTs. The announcement of a maiden gas pipeline in J&K has further rekindled hopes for the revival of the project that, due to a paucity of funds and the lack of an administrative push, showed no progress for a decade. This gas pipeline project will create a base for increased beneficiary coverage under the Ujjwala

Yojana as well as decrease carbon footprint by increasing utilisation of clean fuel for cooking purposes.

This connectivity upgrade also envisages the development of modern fishing harbours and fish landing centres along the banks of rivers and waterways. The government has provisioned for developing five major fishing harbours — Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip and Puri — as hubs of economic activity. The development of fishing harbours would help in exploitation of rich fishing grounds, create adequate infrastructure for operation of mechanised fishing vessels, mitigate navigation hazards, save fishermen's lives and fishing vessels from the rough seas, make for the handling of fish and crustaceans in hygienic conditions, and, thereby, enhance export earnings.

The first-ever paperless Budget also gave a major boost to the start-up ecosystem in India, with the objective of encouraging entrepreneurship and fostering growth. Recently, 11 Indian start-ups managed to bag a unicorn tag in a pandemic year when they crossed the US \$1 billion valuation mark.

Prime Minister Modi has averred that start-ups are changing the demo-

graphic characteristics of today's businesses. Further, start-ups played a major role in ensuring availability of sanitizers, PPE kits and related supply chains, and fulfilled a sterling role in meeting local needs like grocery, medicine delivery at doorstep, transportation of frontline workers and online study material.

The Budget provided a boost to start-up investments by extending the eligibility for claiming tax holidays for start-ups along with a capital gains exemption for investment in start-ups till March 31, 2022. Mr Modi has ushered in a wave of behavioural change among people with the *Swaach Bharat Abhiyan*. The pandemic made *swachhta* an integral lifestyle and a practice that has seen increased community participation.

For further *swachhta* of urban India, the government raised the focus on complete faecal sludge management and waste water treatment, source segregation of garbage, reduction in single-use plastic, reduction in air pollution by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and bioremediation of all legacy dump sites. The Urban Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 is being implemented with a total financial allocation of ₹1,41,678 crores over a period of five years.

Amidst a global pandemic, India's overall allocation for health and well-being increased by 137 per cent in the financial year 2021-22, thus boosting the capacity of the healthcare system to detect and cure new diseases.

Underscoring the importance of strengthening healthcare infrastructure, the government launched the PM Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, with an outlay of about ₹64,180 crore over six years. The scheme will concentrate on bridging the health infrastructure gap at the village, block and panchayat levels and integrate them with centralised healthcare facilities.

Today, India has indigenously manufactured a vaccine and has begun medically safeguarding not only its own citizens against Covid-19, but also those of 100 or more countries under its Vaccine Maitri outreach. Our nation has strengthened its ethos of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam* while turning a crisis into an opportunity for developing "self-reliance" and presented a budget with an eye on future growth.

The writer is national general secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party

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SANDHYA 70MM
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SHIVAPARVATHI 70MM
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MEGHA 70-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

VENKATARAMANA/PADAMAVATHI
2.45, 9.15PM (TWO SHOWS)

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BHUJANGA 70	AARADHANA 70
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SRINIVASA 70	LAXMI SHAMSHABAD
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	GPR-10.30, 1.10, 4.10, 7.15, 10.00
	RADHIKA-10.20, 1.05, 4.25, 7.20, 10.35PM
	CINESQUARE-10.30, 1.30, 4.00, 7.30, 10.25PM
	SIVAGANGA-11.15, 6.15, 9.30
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	CENTRAL-11.15, 12.15, 4.45, 2.50, 6.25, 7.25, 10.00PM
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	RK-12.40, 3.00, 7.10, 10.45PM
	INORBIT-11.00, 1.35, 2.35, 6.10, 9.45, 10.45PM
	GALLERIA-11.15, 12.15, 3.50, 6.00, 7.25, 11.00
	IRRUMMANZIL-11.00, 1.25, 2.35, 6.10, 9.45, 10.45
	MUSARMBGH-11.00, 1.35, 2.35, 6.10, 9.45, 10.45
	PRESTON-12.00, 3.35, 7.10, 10.45PM
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	SUDHA-10:15, 2:05, 3:20, 5:55, 10:25PM
	MANTRA-10:45, 12:00, 3:00, 5:20, 6:25, 10:15PM
MIRAJ CINEMAS	
	BALANAGAR-11.30, 3.00, 6.30, 10.00PM
	CHANDANAGAR-12.00, 3.30, 7.00, 10.30PM
	SHALINI-11.30, 3.00, 6.30, 10.00PM
PLATINUM	10.00, 12.30, 4.14, 6.45, 10.30
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BIG Cinemas	10.00, 1.15, 4.30, 7.40, 11.00
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BRAMARAMBA 70MM
11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

ARJUN 70MM-**11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM**

KONARK 70MM-**11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15**

TALLURI 70MM-**11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15**

OAMB 10.30AM, 1.55PM, 4.20PM, 7.55, 10.40PM

4.15, 7.00,	ASIAN CINEMAS	1.45, 7.45	1.40,
9.45PM		10.10PM	10.35PM
GPR-1.50, 7.30PM		DIG Cinemas	
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UPPAL-1.40, 7.45, 10.10PM			
MCUBE-1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM			
INORBIT-1.20, 7.20, 10.15PM			
CENTRAL-2.10, 7.35, 10.30PM			
FORUM-11.00, 1.50, 5.00, 7.55, 10.50PM			
GALLERIA-11.00, 4.15, 8.05, 11.00PM			
IRRUMMANZIL-12.20, 6.20, 9.15PM			
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RELEASING TODAY

SUDARSHAN 35MM
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11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

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ASIAN CINEMAS	11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM
SHA-11.00, 2.15, 6.25, 6.15, 9.30	
GPR-10.20, 10.40, 1.35, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20PM	
RADHIKA-10.30, 1.20, 4.15, 4.30, 7.10, 10.05PM	
SIVAGANGA-11.00, 2.15, 2.45, 6.00, 9.15PM	
MCUBE-10.20, 10.50, 1.15, 1.35, 4.10, 4.50, 7.05, 7.30, 10.00, 10.30PM	
CINE SQUARE-10.20, 10.40, 1.15, 1.35, 1.55, 4.10, 4.40, 7.05, 7.30, 10.00, 10.40PM	
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SANGEETH-11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00	
MAHALAXMI-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM	
RAJADHANI COMPLEX	11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
VISWANATH 70MM	11.45, 2.45, 6.45, 9.45PM
MALLIKARJUNA 70MM	11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30PM
VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI	11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
TARAKARAMA 70MM	11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
SRISAIRAM 70-MALKAJGIRI	11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
SRIRAMULU 70-MOOSAPET	11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

ASIAN CINEMAS

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

ASIAN RADHIKA-KAPRA	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	10.30, 10.45, 1.20, 4.15, 4.30, 7.10, 10.05, 10.35PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL)
	10.00, 1.05, 4.25, 7.20, 10.10PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL)
	1.40, 7.45PM
ASIAN GPR-KUKATPALLY	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	10.20, 10.40, 1.35, 4.25, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20, 10.35PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL)
	10.30, 1.10, 4.10, 7.15, 10.00PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL)
	1.50, 7.30PM
ASIAN MCUBE-ATTAPUR(FULLY RENOVATED)	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	10.20, 10.35, 10.50, 1.15, 1.35, 4.10, 4.35, 4.50, 7.10, 7.20, 10.00, 10.30PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL)
	10.40, 1.40, 4.20, 7.30, 10.40PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL)
	1.50, 7.45, 10.40PM
ASIAN SHA COMPLEX-CHINTHAL	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	11.00, 2.15, 2.45, 6.15, 9.30PM
	FCUK(A)11.15, 6.00, 9.45PM
ASIAN SIVAGANGA-DILSHUKNAGAR	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	11.00, 2.00, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL) 11.15, 6.15, 9.30PM
ASIAN CINESQUARE(FULLY RENOVATED)	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
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	FCUK(A)(TEL) 10.10, 1.25, 4.30, 7.30, 10.25PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL) 1.35, 7.45, 10.10PM
	MYSTERY OF SARIIKA-TELUGU(U/A)(TEL) 10.30PM
ASIAN LAKSHMIKALA-MOOSAPET	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 6.30, 9.15PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL)
	11.00, 2.30, 6.00, 9.30PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL)
	2.45, 9.45PM
MYSTERY OF SARIIKA(U/A)	11.30AM
ASIAN CINEPLANET-KOMPALLY	UPPENA(U/A)(TEL)
	10.00, 10.25, 1.20, 3.00, 4.00, 4.15, 7.10, 7.35, 10.10, 10.40PM
	FCUK(A)(TEL) 10.15, 12.55, 4.25, 7.00, 10.25PM
	ZOMBIE REDDY(U/A)(TEL) 4.35, 1

70 LAKH VACCINATED SO FAR; OVER 12,000 NEW COVID CASES REPORTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, FEB. 11

With over 70 lakh people vaccinated against Covid-19 in less than a month, India's immunization is one of the fastest in the world, Union Health Ministry said on Thursday.

India accomplished this feat in only 26 days, while it took 27 days for the US and 48 days for the UK to reach the same figures.

India had 12,923 fresh cases and 108 deaths in the last 24 hours. However, 17 states and UTs have reported no Covid-19

death in last one day. These are Telangana, Gujarat, Assam, Haryana, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Lakshadweep, Ladakh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram, A&N Islands, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

CINEMA

FROM TODAY



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KUMAR 70 MM KACHIGUDA
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METRO 70 MM, BAHADURPURA
SHOWS: 11:30, 2:30, 6:00 9:00

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Shah: CAA to be implemented after Covid vaccination

Shah tells Mamata she won't be CM after April

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, FEB. 11

Determined to fulfill the BJP's key poll promise to the refugees about their citizenship, Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday declared that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) implementation would get underway as soon as the Covid-19 pandemic and its vaccination drive ends.

Using CAA as the BJP's trump card against the ruling Trinamul Congress in poll-bound West Bengal, Mr Shah, who was on a day's state visit after cancelling his two tours last month, made the announcement with full confidence before the Matua community, a sizeable votebank of the Hindu migrants now with the BJP, at their bastion in Thakurnagar of North 24 Parganas, to placate their discontent over the long delay in the CAA implementation.

"In 2018, we promised that we, if elected again in 2019, would amend the citizenship laws to give Indian citizenship to our Matua brothers. The Matuas voted us to power. Modi government was formed again. Without wasting time, we introduced the CAA which now exists. In between corona spread," the union home minister told the rally before he lambasted chief minister Mamata Banerjee for her fierce opposition to the CAA.

"Matatadi started alleging it was a false promise which would never be fulfilled. Betting her life, she vowed to stop it so that it would not happen even if we would have tried. Matatadi, we are those who fulfill what they promise. We have initiated the CAA. Today I am making a promise on this holy land. As soon as the vaccination drive ends and there is relief from Corona,



- PTI

the BJP government will undertake the task of giving you citizenship," he said showing his resolve.

Mr Shah also asked the TMC supremo, "It is an enactment of the parliament. How can you stop it? Anyway, you will not be in a position to stop it because after April you will no longer be the CM, Mamata!

This is the BJP government which will not allow the infiltrators here and will hug the migrants."

Slamming the previous governments at the Centre, Mr Shah alleged, "The people from the Matua community, Namashudras and others live here. They migrated here as refugees from Bangladesh. They did not get their citizenship and honour even though 70 years have passed. When Partition happened, the Congress leaders claimed of giving them citizenship and honour and hug them too. Forget hugging, they did not give citizenship."

To woo the Muslims, he said, "I tell Muslim brothers and sisters, The CAA does not have the provision of taking away anyone's citizenship. Your citizenship will not go."

YOU WILL ALSO CHANT JAI SHREE RAM: SHAH TO DIDI

DC CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA, FEB. 11

Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday asserted that West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee would start chanting *Jai Shree Ram* before the end of the polls.

"The environment in Bengal has been made such that *Jai Shree Ram* slogan is an offence. If *Jai Shree Ram* can not be chanted in Bengal then where will it be, in Pakistan? Why does Mamata feel insulted hearing this? The entire country and crores of people across the world feel proud remembering our icon. But she finds it problematic because she needs votes of a particular community through appeasement. Don't their (read: Hindus) votes matter? I can promise you, Mamata will also chant *Jai Shree Ram* while the polls getting over," Mr Shah said.

CBSE guidelines for class 9, 11 issued

New Delhi, Feb 11: The Central Board of Secondary Education has directed schools under it to take steps to identify and resolve learning gaps, and then conduct examinations for Classes 9 and 11 by following Covid-19 safety protocols.

The Board has also recommended that the new academic session begin from April 1.

"For Classes 9 and 11, schools should take steps to identify and remedy the learning gaps and thereafter, conduct examinations by strictly following Covid-19 safety protocols as per the Examination Bye-Laws," the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Controller of Examination Sanyam Bhardwaj said in a letter to school principals.

"This exam will also help in identifying learning gaps which could be addressed by schools in the new academic session, at the beginning of classes, by having a bridge course specially designed to address learning gaps," he said.

Schools were shut in March last year as a precautionary measure following the outbreak of the coronavirus. During the subsequent nationwide lockdown, students moved to online classes. But as restrictions were gradually eased from June last year, schools reopened partially in a few states from October 2020 onwards.

In the letter, Bhardwaj said,

"While holding examinations/classes, Covid-19 safety protocols should be followed strictly.

It would be appropriate to start the academic session 2021-2022 from April 1 to the extent feasible subject to the instructions of state governments."

Schools are requested to follow the suggestions to make the next session more streamlined and ensure that learning gaps, if any, are addressed, he added.

"Schools have opened in a majority of states and with the improvement of Covid-19 pandemic situation, it is expected that schools will be opened in other states and union territories. Schools should be fully geared up and prepared to welcome the students for face to face classes. This will help students attend schools for completing their practicals," Bhardwaj said.

The CBSE had earlier this month announced the schedule for board exams for classes 10 and 12.

"The Board has taken decision to reschedule the class 10 and 12 exams from May-June, because of the unprecedented situation arising due to Covid-19 pandemic. As a result a number of schools have been seeking advice from CBSE regarding examinations for classes 9 and 11 and about the commencement of new academic session," Bhardwaj said. — PTI

No govt aircraft for Maha governor

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI, FEB. 11

The Maharashtra government on Thursday denied the permission to use government aircraft for governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's official visit to Uttarakhand. Mr Koshyari was informed about the lack of government clearance after he boarded the aircraft. Later he travelled in a private aircraft.

The incident sparked political controversy as the move was seen as the government's reaction to the governor's indecision on 12 MLC candidates recommended by the government.

However, the government held officials of the governor's office

responsible for the incident and said that the action will be taken against erring officials who failed to inform the governor about the state's non-clearance.

Sources in Raj Bhavan said that the permission to use the aircraft for Mr Koshyari was sought nine days in advance, but there was no response from the government. "Is it not the duty of the government to respond to the Governor office's proposal?" he asked.

SHORT TAKES

PAK TEST-FIRES CRUISE MISSILE, 3RD IN 3 WEEKS

Islamabad, Feb. 11: Pakistan on Thursday conducted a successful training launch of a surface-to-surface cruise missile which can strike targets up to 450 kilometres, the Army said, the country's third missile test in three weeks. The Babar missile "is capable of engaging targets at land and sea with high precision," the Army said in a statement, adding that the missile was launched from a state-of-the-art multi-tube launch vehicle.

It said that the Babar cruise missile has a range of 450 kilometers. Raza Saman, chief of National Engineering and Science Commission, said that the launch showed the "proficient handling of the weapon system in the field and fulfillment of all laid down training parameters".

FAKING EVEREST SUMMIT: NEPAL BANS 3 INDIANS

Kathmandu, Feb. 11: Nepal has banned two Indian climbers and their team leader from carrying out any mountaineering expeditions in the country for six years after a probe found that they faked their Mt Everest summit in 2016, according to a media report on Thursday. Indian nationals Naren Singh Yadav and Seema Rani Goswami received expedition certificates during the spring season of 2016 without successfully climbing the world's highest mountain, the *Himalayan Times* reported, quoting a spokesperson of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

Both the climbers had received the certificates of climbing the 8,848.86m (29,205 ft) mountain by submitting false details to the Department of Tourism. Their certificates have been revoked, the ministry said.

After receiving a complaint about the fake ascent, the ministry had formed a committee to investigate the matter.

Biden talks tough in first call to Xi

Slams China's unfair trade, crackdown in HK

Washington/Beijing, Feb. 11: US President Joe Biden has expressed his "fundamental concerns" about China's coercive and unfair economic practices, its crackdown in Hong Kong, human rights abuses in Xinjiang and increasingly assertive actions in the region, as he spoke with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping for the first time since taking office.

The phone call between the two leaders came hours after the Pentagon announced a task force on China. This was the first phone call between the two leaders after Biden was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States on January 20. During the phone call, Biden shared his greetings and well wishes with the

Chinese people on the occasion of Lunar New Year on Friday. Biden affirmed his priorities of protecting the American people's security, prosperity, health, and way of life, and preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific, the White House said in a readout of the call.

China claims almost all of the 1.3 million square-mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. "President Biden underscored his fundamental concerns about Beijing's coercive and unfair economic practices, the crackdown in Hong Kong, human rights abus-

es in Xinjiang, and increasingly assertive actions in the region, including toward Taiwan," the White House said.

The militaries of China and India have been engaged in a tense standoff in eastern Ladakh since early May last year.

Biden had earlier said he would not immediately cancel the trade agreement that former president Donald Trump struck with China nor take steps to remove tariffs on Chinese exports.

His administration is planning a sweeping review of the previous Trump administration's posture toward China, including its crackdown on unfair trade practices and antagonistic military activities in Asia. —AP

LUKASHENKO VOWS TO DEFEAT REBELLION

Kyiv, Feb. 11: Belarus' authoritarian leader on Thursday denounced six months of protests against his rule as a foreign-directed "rebellion" and vowed to resist the pressure. Speaking to 2,700 participants of the All-Belarus People's Assembly, President Alexander Lukashenko charged that "very powerful forces" abroad were behind the protests. Lukashenko didn't elaborate, but over the past several months he has repeatedly accused the West of fomenting the protests.

"We must stand up to them no matter what, and this year will be decisive," he said. Lukashenko convened the gathering to discuss plans for the country's development, but the opposition has denounced it as an attempt to shore up his rule and soothe public anger with vague promises of reforms. —AP



Activists take part in a protest outside United Nations University in Tokyo on Thursday, against the February 1 coup by Myanmar's military. — AFP

Myanmar ties curbed

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden said Wednesday he was issuing an executive order that will prevent Myanmar's generals from accessing \$1 billion in assets in the United States, and promised more measures.

Present in Myanmar, where Thomas Vajda continues as ambassador. In Brussels, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said European foreign ministers will meet Feb. 22 to review the 27-nation bloc's relations with Myanmar and explore ways to increase economic pressure. Its options could include sanctions targeting individuals and businesses owned by Myanmar's military as well as cuts in development assistance.

Since 2014, the EU has granted Myanmar almost 700 million euros (\$850 million). Borrell said the EU's special system for granting least-developed countries duty-free and quota-free access to all products except arms and ammunition could also be reassessed. "We now need to develop a robust response to this unacceptable seizure of power, which reverses 10 years of democratic transition," he said, adding that the review would examine "how closely we work with the government and its institutions from a legal, financial and technical perspective, as well as the impact on beneficiaries."

government or benefit its leaders. It also placed a travel ban on Myanmar's new military rulers. "We do not recognise the legitimacy of the military-led government and we call on the military to immediately release all detained political leaders and restore civilian rule," Foreign Minister Nana Aung San Suu Kyi and others.

One of the strongest reactions came from New Zealand, which has suspended all military and high-level political contact with the country and pledged to block any aid that could go to its military

IAEA: Iran producing uranium metal Tehran starts drill near Iraqi border

Berlin, Feb. 11: The United Nations' atomic watchdog agency said Wednesday its inspectors have confirmed that Iran has begun the production of uranium metal — another violation of the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with world powers.

International Atomic Energy Agency head Rafael Grossi told member nations that his inspectors had confirmed February 8 that a small amount of uranium metal, 3.6 grams, had been produced at Iran's Isfahan plant, the Vienna-based organisation said.

Uranium metal can also be used for a nuclear bomb and research on its production is specifically prohibited under the nuclear deal — the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of

Action — that Tehran signed with Germany, France, Britain, China, Russia and the United States in 2015.

Iran had previously announced the move, saying its plans to conduct research and development on uranium metal production were part of its "declared aim to design an improved type of fuel," according to the IAEA. Since the unilateral American withdrawal from the deal in 2018, the other members have been working to try and preserve the accord. Tehran has been using violations of the deal to put pressure on the other signatories to provide more incentives to Iran to offset crippling American sanctions reimposed after the US pullout. —AP

In January the Guard conducted a drill and launched anti-warship ballistic missiles at a simulated target in the Indian Ocean. A week before that, Iran's navy fired cruise missiles as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman, state media reported, under surveillance of what appeared to be a U.S. nuclear submarine.

That came after speedboats parade in the Persian Gulf and a massive drone exercise across the country. Trump in 2018 unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from Iran's nuclear deal. —AP

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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	51,531.52
Nifty 50	15,173.30
S&P 500*	3,914.48
Dollar (₹)	72.86
Pound Sterling (₹)	100.79
Euro (₹)	88.29
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	47,509.36
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	61.35
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.962
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.145
	-0.007

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Sun Pharma, Shanghvi settle case with Sebi

Sun Pharma settled with the Sebi a case of alleged violation of listing obligation and disclosure requirements. Sun Pharma paid over Rs 56.11 lakh towards settlement charges and Dilip Shanghvi paid Rs 62.35 lakh. Directors Sudhir V. Valia and Sailesh T. Desai paid Rs 37.41 lakh each and K. Subramanian had to remit a settlement amount of Rs 36.97 lakh. CFO Uday Baldota and compliance officers Sunil Ajmera also paid.

Gross delinquencies also increase substantially MFI loan portfolio sees double-digit rise in Q3

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, FEB. 11

The gross loan portfolio of micro lenders has grown in double-digits in the December quarter over the previous quarter, but gross delinquencies have also moved up.

The gross loan portfolio (GLP) of all lenders recorded a growth of 16 per cent during the December quarter to Rs 2,27,893 crore compared with Rs 19,96,820 crore in the year-ago quarter. The GLP of all lenders in the previous quarter, September 2020, was marginally higher at Rs 2,27,843 crore.

However, delinquencies during the October-December period reached disturbing levels of 13 per cent, higher than the post-



demonetisation levels. As per data from Sa Dhan, portfolio at risk for more than 30 days, or PAR-30, has deteriorated to 13.23 per cent from 4.48 per cent in September 2020 and 1.89 per cent in June 2020. PAR-30 was just 1.78 per cent in March 2020. PAR-60 has moved up 8

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1.23 per cent in March 2017 to 6.7 per cent in the September quarter and 6.14 per cent in December quarter of 2017.

In 2017, in the aftermath of the demonetisation, liquidity of the borrowers was badly affected. Further, the rumours about loan waivers had affected the collections, which eventually led to large-scale write-offs of micro loans then.

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Telangana mountaineer Amgith Tukaram (left) called on National Police Academy Director Atul Karwal, a 1988 batch IPS officer, also a mountaineer and one who has scaled Mount Everest in 2008 from the South Col route, the same route Tukaram had taken to scale the Everest in 2019. During Thursday's meet in Hyderabad, they discovered that both scaled the summit on the same day — May 22.

Soumya in Natl football team

Hyderabad: Telangana's G. Soumya has been included in the Indian senior women's football team which will participate in the international friendly matches from February 14 to 24 in Alanya, Turkey. The friendlies are being held to prepare the side for the forthcoming AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 to be held in India.

Vihari to lead Andhra team

Hyderabad: G. H. Vihari will lead the Andhra cricket team in the Vijay Hazare Trophy to be held from February 20. Ricky Bhui will be the vice-captain. Andhra is placed in Elite 'B' group along with Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha, whose matches are scheduled at Indore.

The Team: Hanum Vihari (captain), Ricky Bhui (vice captain), Ch Kranti Kumar, K. Aswin Hebbar, C. R. Gnaneswar, Maheep Kumar, K. Karan Shinde, UMS Girinath (WK), P. Girinath Reddy, Shoab Md Khan, S. Ashish, K. V. Sasikanth, Ch Stephen, I. Karthik Raman, S. Dhruv Kumar Reddy, G. Manish, D. Naren Reddy, K. Nitish Kumar Reddy, M. Harishankar Reddy, S. Charan Saiteja, S. Tarun (wk), B. Santosh. **Support Staff:** DC Thompson (head coach), L. N. Prasad Reddy (mentor), Jugal Kishore Ghoya (team manager), M. N. Vikram Varma (coach), P. Madhusudhan Reddy (coach), N. Nirmal Kumar (coach), K. Ashok (physio), K. Ratnakumar (trainer), K. Nava Jeevan (video analyst), Pydi Raju (massuer).

16 teams for 7H media cricket

Hyderabad: As many as 16 teams will participate in the 7H Media Premier League T20 cricket tournament at various grounds in Hyderabad from February 22 to March 15. On Thursday, Minister of State for Excise, Sports, Tourism and Culture V. Srinivas Goud released the brochure for the tournament which print and electronic media sides will participate. The jerseys for teams were drawn and presented by tournament organisers 7H Sports to the captains of all the teams. Matches will be played on a league-cum-knockout basis with the opener at Lal Bahadur Stadium.

Rashmikaa in Chennai semis

Hyderabad: Shivali Rashmikaa defeated Statemate Y. Sai Dedeepya 6-1, 6-0 to move into the semifinals of the MPTA AITA Open Women's Tennis Tournament being played in Chennai. Earlier in the pre-quarters, Rashmikaa beat Priyanshi Bhandari of Gujarat 6-3, 6-4. She had made a strong start by beating P. Amula of Tamil Nadu 6-0, 6-0 in the first round.

Live on TV

FOOTBALL
Indian Super League: East Bengal vs Hyderabad FC from 7.30 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

WWE
SmackDown: Bouts from 6.30 am (Saturday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

SWEET VICTORY

Svitolina thrashes Gauff; Nadal makes 3rd round

Melbourne, Feb. 11: Defending champion Sofia Kenin exited the Australian Open in tears on Thursday as world number one Ashleigh Barty negotiated a sticky moment to reach the third round.

Meanwhile, Elina Svitolina lifted in the pivotal moments of the free-wheeling contest to move into the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory against teenage sensation Coco Gauff in one hour and 17 minutes at Rod Laver Arena.

Fifth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas also survived a five-set marathon with Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis, a close friend of showman Nick Kyrgios, to maintain his hopes of a first major win.

With Rafael Nadal crushing the American Michael Mmoh 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 in his quest for the all-time Grand Slam titles record, Kenin and Barty topped the day-time bill — but their matches had very different outcomes.

Self-imposed pressure has weighed heavily on Kenin, 22, the world number four who was defending a Grand Slam title for the first time.

And after an emotional first-round win over wildcard Maddison Inglis, Kenin met her match in

Elina Svitolina of Ukraine hits a return to Coco Gauff of the US during their women's singles match on the fourth day of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on Thursday. — AFP



the in-form Estonian Kaia Kanepi, who ousted the American 6-3, 6-2.

While Kenin became just the third defending champion since 1970 to fail to reach the third round,

Barty further lifted hopes of a first Australian winner since 1978.

Playing with her left thigh heavily strapped, the top seed Barty twice

failed to serve out the win before ousting her 387th-ranked compatriot Daria Gavrilova 6-1, 7-6 (9/7).

Barty, who is unbeaten in seven matches after sitting out nearly all of last year, blamed the lapse on ring-rust.

Elsewhere, Medvedev, who turned 25 on Thursday, powered past the Spaniard Roberto

Carballes Baena 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.

Meanwhile, the volatile Australian Nick Kyrgios had a raucous crowd

willing him to a stirring 5-7, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 victory over impressive young Frenchman Ugo Humbert at his favourite John Cain Arena in a Wednesday night match.

— Agencies

SELECTED RESULTS

Men's singles second round: Rafael Nadal (ESP x2) bt Michael Mmoh (USA) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2; Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x5) bt Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-4; Daniil Medvedev (RUS x4) bt Roberto Carballes (ESP) 6-2, 7-5, 6-1; Andrey Rublev (RUS x7) bt Thiago Monteiro (BRA) 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (10/8); Nick Kyrgios (AUS) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4; Ugo Humbert (FRA); Feliciano Lopez (ESP) bt Lorenzo Sonego (ITA x3) 5-7, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; Casper Ruud (NOR) x24) bt Tommy Paul (USA) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5; Matteo Berrettini (ITA x9) bt Tomas Machac (CZE) 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Fabio Fognini (ITA x6) bt Salvatore Caruso (ITA) 4-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (14/12); Alex De Minaur (AUS) x21) bt Pablo Cuevas (URY) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5; Cameron Norrie (GBR) 6-2, 6-3; Belinda Bencic (SUI) x11) bt Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS) 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; Elise Mertens (BEL) x18) bt Lin Zhu (CHN) 7-6 (10/8), 6-1; Karolina Pliskova (CZE) x6) bt Danielle Collins (USA) 7-5, 6-2; Donna Vekic (CRO) x28) bt Nadia Podoroska (ARG) 6-2, 6-2; Jennifer Brady (USA) x22) bt Madison Brengle (USA) 6-1, 6-2; Kaja Juvan (SLO) bt Mayer Sharif (EGY) 3-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-3.

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Outpour of anger over Hazare side

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A day after the selection of the Vijay Hazare Trophy team, anger continued to seethe in the Hyderabad Cricket Association circles with the administrators being castigated for discrediting merit.

It turns out that only two 'selectors' — Arvind Shetty and Anwar Ahmed — were involved in picking the side that reeked of favouritism.

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'Murder of Indian Talent — Grave violations of human rights by HCA in selection of team for Vijay Hazare Trophy' and talked about the raw deal meted to performing players. They also appended a list of players selected/ ignored and their performances.

M. Abhirath Reddy, Rohit Rayudu, N. Anirudh Reddy, Md Junaid Ali, Varun Goud, G. Arjun, B. Chandrasekhar are among those who have lost out on places despite consistent performances.

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Cricket Association of Telangana secretary Sunil Babu Kolankapa echoed the sentiment. "Where is the district representation? All the while HCA was catering only to the Hyderabad district, now that has also collapsed. They are playing with the lives of cricketers. Where is the president while this is going on?" he asked.

Just like they have a match observer among the 11-member support staff, the BCCI should appoint an observer to monitor the game in Hyderabad," Sunil added.

Shesh concluded: "About ₹350 crore was spent on Lodha Reforms to clean up cricket. Looks like we are back to square one."

Team India revs up for Le Mans

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Racing Team India will take its first step on the road to the 24 Hours of Le Mans this weekend when it makes its debut at the season-opening round of the Asian Le Mans Series at the Dubai Autodrome over the weekend.

the first outfit with an all-Indian driver line-up to compete in international endurance racing. If it secures an invitation to the 24 hours of Le Mans in June, it will become the first Indian team to take part in the iconic endurance classic at the Circuit de la Sarthe in

France. "Le Mans is like the whole Formula One championship in 24 hours. It's all about endurance, preserving the car and getting a great set up and work as a team. The pitstops need to be right, the driver changes, et al. The challenges are so many including driv-

ing at night at the speed of 300km every lap. It is the toughest race in the world," Karthikeyan said on Thursday.

"We are all experienced but nothing prepares you for Le Mans, anything can happen but it's a great challenge and we're up to it. To represent India is a proud moment for all of us," he added.

"This is a phenomenal step ahead," said Sanjay Sharma, Head-MotorSport, JK Tyre, which is one of the team partners.

"We are confident Racing Team India has what it takes to be successful and race at Le Mans which would deliver the breakthrough that Indian motorsport needs," he added.

ENGLAND SUFFER SETBACK AS ARCHER IS OUT; FOAKES HOPES FOR SPINNING STRIP

C. SANTOSH KUMAR | DC
CHENNAI, FEB. 11

England suffered a major setback on Thursday as their fast bowler Jofra Archer has been ruled out of the second Test with an injury. The second match begins at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium here on Saturday.

"Archer will miss the Test after having an injection in his right elbow. The injection follows discomfort the fast bowler experienced during the first Test," said an ECB release.

England, however, are hoping that Archer would be available for the third Test in Ahmedabad. "The issue is not related to any

previous injury and it is hoped the treatment will allow the condition to settle down quickly, allowing the player to return to action in time for the third Test in Ahmedabad," the release added.

In Archer's absence, Stuart Broad is likely to share the new ball with James Anderson.

Meanwhile, Ben Foakes' two-year wait will finally end when England take on India in the second Test. It's an enforced change as England's No.1 keeper Jos Buttler has flown home as part of their rotation policy.

Foakes said he would love to have the same kind of impact that it will spin earlier," said Foakes.

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