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## WEATHER



**Max:** 29°C  
**Min:** 25°C  
**Rainfall:** 3 mm

## ASTROGUIDE

**Sarvari:** Aippasi 26  
**Tithi:** Ekadashi  
**Star:** Uthiram  
**Rahukalam:**  
12 noon to 1.30 pm  
**Yamagandam:**  
7.30 am to 9 am  
**PRAYERS**  
**Fajar:** 4.52 am  
**Zohar:** 11.58 am  
**Asar:** 3.12 pm  
**Maghrib:** 5.41 pm  
**Isha:** 6.54 pm

**SUNSET TODAY** 5.40 PM  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW** 6.07 AM  
**MOONRISE TODAY** 2.04 AM  
**MOONSET TOMORROW** 2.43 PM

## CORONA COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+39,071)	(+415)
86,30,101	1,27,519

covid19india.org

### STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+2,146 )  
**TN:** 7,48,225 11,387

### WORLD CONFIRMED CASES

5,15,37,959

### DEATHS

12,73,806

COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES  
216

worldometers.info

## Cinema theatres in TN reopen after 8 months

**Chennai:** Cinema theatres in Tamil Nadu reopened on Tuesday, after a gap of nearly eight months of closure due to the Covid-19 induced lockdown, but only few of them threw open their screens to fans as the issue of Virtual Print Fee (VPF) weighed in on them.

Among the theatres and multiplexes which reopened today, some offered contactless scanners and hand sanitiser dispensers as part of Covid-19 protocols.

## Sensex hits 43,000-mark for first time

**Mumbai:** Equity benchmarks rallied to fresh lifetime highs on Tuesday, propelled by banking and finance stocks, after positive results from Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine trials turbocharged global market sentiment. Climbing for the seventh session on the trot, the BSE Sensex soared 680.22 points or 1.60 per cent to close above the 43,000-mark for the first time at 43,277.65. The broader NSE Nifty too ended at its all-time high of 12,631.10, up 170.05 points or 1.36 per cent.

## COUNTER

## POINT



**The vaccine is more effective in polls than in clinical trials!**

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## 'Govt is in talks with domestic, foreign vaccine manufacturers'

**New Delhi, Nov. 10:** A day after Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE announced more than 90 per cent efficacy of their potential vaccine for the coronavirus, the health ministry on Tuesday said the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 is in conversation with all vaccine manufacturers,

including domestic and foreign ones.

Asked whether the vaccine would only be available in the metro cities initially since the Centre is planning an early 2021 roll-out, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the government makes no discrimination between metro cities and non-metro cities. — PTI



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# ADVANTAGE NDA AS BJP PROVES METTLE

■ NDA all set to cross 123 mark but JD(U) loses heavily ■ RJD emerges as single largest party

**SREEPARNA CHAKRABARTY | DC**  
WITH AGENCY INPUTS  
NEW DELHI, NOV. 10

The BJP-JD(U)'s National Democratic Alliance inched towards hitting the majority mark in the Bihar Assembly and forming the government though 31-year-old Tejashwi Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) emerged as the single-largest party on Tuesday.

The day saw many seesaws with trends flipping several times as the Election Commission began the counting of votes at 8 am and went on past midnight because of a staggering increase in the number of EVMs on account of the coronavirus pandemic. At the time of going to press, the final results were not out but the trends foretold the fate of most.

The NDA was leading in 125 seats, three more than the magic mark in the 243-member Assembly. The BJP seemed to be the gainer in the alliance with a lead in 75 seats, while the JD(U), which has won/was leading in just 43 seats, was down from its 71-seat position in the 2015 state elections.

The Mahagathbandhan was leading in 110 seats, of which the RJD had the

### NDA: 125

	Won	Leading	Total
BJP	64	10	74
JD(U)	36	7	43
VIP	4	0	4
HAM	4	0	4

### MGB: 110

RJD	66	9	75
INC	17	2	19
CPI-ML	10	2	12
CPI	2	2	2
CPM	2	0	2

### OTHERS

MIM	5	0	5
BSP	1	0	1
LJP	1	0	1
Ind	1	0	1

king's share of 75. The Congress was leading in just 19 seats, but the Left parties looked set for a resurgence with a lead in 16 seats.

The RJD contested 144 seats, the Congress 70, and Left parties 29. In the NDA, the JD(U) contested 115 seats and the BJP 110.

Late in the evening, the RJD shared a purported list. ■ P4



NDA supporters celebrate after party's lead during the counting of votes for the Bihar Assembly election in Patna, on Tuesday.  
— PTI

## Nitish Kumar ends up big loser in BJP's Paswan game

**SANJAY BASAK | DC**  
NEW DELHI, NOV. 10

If there's a major loser in the keenly fought Bihar elections, it is Nitish Kumar. Bihar's wily old fox, who always came out on top, was ambushed by the BJP, which used Lok Janshakti Party chief Chirag Paswan as its "Shikhandi" to cut Mr Kumar to size.

While top BJP leaders, from Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to home minister Amit Shah, maintained a stoic silence over Mr Paswan's decision to go it alone and take on Mr Kumar, the lone voice which stood by the Chief Minister was his "old friend", deputy chief minister Sushil Modi. He was the only one who called Mr Paswan a *vote katta* (one who cuts votes). The LJP did not merely field candidates against the JD(U), but Mr Paswan

unleashed a vitriolic campaign against Mr Kumar as the top BJP leaders watched silently. The damage was palpable: Mr Kumar went down by nearly 40 seats, making his JD(U) the third-largest party.

Psephologist Yogendra Yadav, analysing the elections, found the BJP's game-plan to "use Mr Paswan against its chief ministerial candidate a dangerous gamble". ■ P4



## BJP delivers a shocker to TRS, wrests seat

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 10

The BJP on Tuesday delivered the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) a shocker when its candidate M a d h a v a n e n i Raghunandan Rao defeated the latter's Solipeta Sujatha by a margin of 1,079 votes in the byelection held in Dubbak assembly constituency.

The bypoll held on November 3 was necessitated due to the death of sitting TRS MLA Solipeta Ramalinga Reddy in August this year due to health issues. The TRS had fielded Ms Sujata, his wife.

## BJP wins 19 seats in MP; sweeps most state bypolls

**DC CORRESPONDENTS**  
NEW DELHI/BHOPAL, NOV. 10

The BJP on Tuesday won byelections in 11 states, heading for victory in 40 of the 56 Assembly seats that went to the polls, with new BJP entrant Jyotiraditya Scindia ensuring the party remains in power in Madhya Pradesh, where it won 19 of 28 seats.

These seats had fallen vacant after Mr Scindia quit the Congress and joined the BJP with his followers, that led to the fall of the Kamal Nath government in the state.

Mr Scindia tweeted his congratulations to his party's "winners", with the contest in MP turning into a prestige fight between Kamal Nath and himself.

The Congress had to win 27 of the 28 seats if it had to displace the BJP and return to power in the state, which it could not.

Of the seven Uttar Pradesh Assembly seats for which counting continued Tuesday, the BJP managed to retain six while one went to the Samajwadi Party. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said:

"This shows that the BJP will do well in the upcoming elections too."

Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh brought some cheer to the Congress and its allies.

The two seats in Jharkhand were won by the Congress and its ally JMM, while the lone Chhattisgarh seat went to the Congress. In Haryana's Baroda seat, the Congress' Indu Raj Narwal defeated the BJP's Yogeshwar Dutt by 12,300 votes. This was a prestige battle for former chief minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda.

## Mumbai Indians win 5th IPL title



Mumbai Indians won their fifth IPL title on Tuesday as they got the better of Delhi Capitals by five wickets in the final at Dubai. Skipper Rohit Sharma led Mumbai's successful chase from the front after pacer Trent Boult (3/30) restricted Delhi to 156. ■ Report on P6

— BCCI

## Vijayabaskar to sue Stalin for making false charges in min's death

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## OTHER STORIES

## Two more die of corona infection in Pondy, toll reaches 604

**Puducherry, Nov. 10:** Puducherry posted two more deaths due to Covid-19 on Tuesday while the case tally touched 36,000 with 102 new additions.

Both the deceased were women and hailed from Puducherry and Karaikal regions.

Director of Health and Family Welfare Services S Mohan Kumar said in a release that the new cases were identified during last 24 hours after examination of 3,721 samples.

He said that 113 patients were discharged.

The test positivity rate was 2.7 percent in Union Territory. The fatality and recovery rates were 1.68 percent and 95.35 percent respectively.

Of the 3.44 lakh samples tested so far, 3.02 lakh were found to be negative and result of test of remaining samples was awaited, he said.

Of the total 102 new cases identified today, Puducherry region accounted for 57 fresh cases followed by Karaikal 10, Yanam 2 and Mahe 33.

The Director said of the 36,000 Covid-19 cases, 1,071 were active, 34,325 patients recovered and discharged.

The toll rose to 604 with two more fatalities.

The two women who died of infection were in the age group of 67 and 75 years and had Covid-19 pneumonia, the official said.

—PTI

## 6 men booked under Pocco Act for abusing 5 girls

**Puducherry, Nov. 10:** Six men have been booked under the Pocco Act for allegedly sexually abusing five minor girls in their farm, police said here on Tuesday

The children were sold to a man last month by their parents and kept as bonded labourers in their farm, where they were sexually abused, Senior Superintendent of Police Prithiksha Godara told reporters. Acting on information, the Child Welfare Committee of Puducherry first rescued two of them last month and the others some time later, she said. All the children were first taken to the child care centre 'Udhavum Karanga' here and were later admitted to the Rajiv Gandhi Government Child Hospital for medical examination and treatment. Godara quoted the children as having told police that six men sexually abused them and forced them to work as bonded labourers.

—PTI

## New lease of life



The Palkeni kulam is a small precious water body in Pallavaram municipality. The government is now executing works as part of measures to conserve and nurture this pond. For a long time, there was no headway in the works despite the government sanctioning funds for its restoration, as there were administrative issues with the PWD, the HR&CE department and the department of municipal administration & water supply. All these issues were cleared and the government sanctioned Rs 2.25 crore for carrying out the restoration works in Palkeni kulam, in addition to a couple of other water bodies in the neighbouring areas. The works include strengthening of bunds, pathway for workers, restrooms for visitors, landscaping and illumination. The work began early this year, but was shelved due to the lockdown. The work has resumed now and is gathering pace.

— E.K. Sanjay

## City reports steep fall in coronavirus cases

**T. SUDHEESH | DC CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

The Covid-19 recovery rate is reported to have come down in the city for the last 20 days, and active cases continue to show a negative growth for over 80 days now.

According to data provided by the state health department, a total of 15,949 patients recovered in the past 20 days and at least 23,852 were discharged in the period prior to the last 20 days.

The trend of daily recovery shows 1,803 (between June 24 and July 14) to 1,313 (July 14 and August 3) to 1,038 (August 3 and 23) to 1,220 (August 23 and September 12) to 1,039 (September 12 and October 2) to 1,192 (October 2 and 22) to 797 (October 2 and November 9).

While case recovery improved between August 23 and September 12, a decline was seen between August 3 and 23. The number of recovered cases declined from 26,274 (between July 14 and August 3) to 20,759 (between August 3 and 23).

The trend shows that the numbers had quadrupled between May 3 and May 13, doubled between May

13 and May 23, rose between May 23 and June 3, and improved between June 13 and June 24 as 18,673 cases, and climbed to 36,079 in between June 24 and July 14.

The test positivity of Covid19, meanwhile, has registered a dip in the last 20 days compared to the previous 20 days. Data shows at least 11,280 people tested positive in the last 20 days, while there were 23,274 positive cases in the previous 20 days (between October 2 and 22).

As many as 22,434 cases were reported between September 12 and October 2, and 22,202 cases between August 23 and September 12. Meanwhile, active cases recorded a steep decline in the city in the same period from 11,107 cases on October 22 to 5,813 on November 9.

The death rate also recorded a downward trend in the last 20 days. A total of 146 Corona deaths were registered in the past 20 days against 328 in the previous 20 days.

Data show that the daily death rate increased from 26 (between June 3 and June 24) to 31 (June 24 between July 14) to 44 between July 14 and

August 3. But the daily death rate had started declining between August 3 and 23 as 20 and 19 in between August 23 to September 12. The rate touched 14 in-between September and touched 16 in-between October 2 and October 22. It fell to just seven between October 22 and November 9.

The latest serological survey in the city found that one-third of the population has been exposed to SARS-CoV-2 infection, and had developed antibodies.

On March 9, the first case of Covid 19 was reported in Chennai, and cases started spiraling with the Tablighi Jamaat incident and crowds at the Koyambedu vegetable wholesale market. Densely populated slums in the city was also one of the reasons for the spike.

Zones including Tiru-vika Nagar, Anna Nagar, Kodambakkam, Teynampet, Royapuram and Tondiarpet, accounted over 60 per cent of the deaths, while Teynampet remains the worst-hit with 469 deaths.

The health department has conducted a total of 1,06,36,999 sample tests, while 10,63,60,803 individuals were tested across the state.

## Vandalur zoo to reopen today after eight months

**DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

The Arignar Anna Zoological Park, closed to public from March due to the coronavirus pandemic, is all set to reopen from Wednesday. The Vandalur Zoo is one of the largest zoological gardens in South and Southeast Asia attracting 20 lakh visitors annually. However, the zoo was closed on March 17 due to the pandemic.

The decision to reopen was based on the announcement made by the Chief Minister and as per the standard operating procedures issued by the revenue and disaster management department. The zoo will be reopened to the public with strict Covid-19 precautionary measures, said a press release on Tuesday.

A release said visitors are encouraged to book their tickets online on the zoo website <https://tickets.aazp.in/> or by using the Zoo Mobile App instead of manual ticket booking. Most of the zoo will be open for visitors but crowding points will



Vandalur zoo authorities have marked circles for visitors to maintain distance while viewing the animals and birds.

—DC

## Facing losses in biz, man ends life

**DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

A 43-year-old Nanganallur resident allegedly ended his life on Tuesday morning. His wife said in a complaint that he had been upset over the business loss.

The deceased has been identified as L.Kishore Kumar (43), a resident of No. 8, 39th street in Nanganallur. His wife Sai Prasanna is a private doctor. Police said the duo had been running a medical related-products wholesale business.

At 8.30 am on Tuesday, Kishore Kumar left for the shop/ office located in the neighbourhood. Within a few hours, Sai Prasanna got a call from the office informing her husband was found hanging in his room. She rushed to the spot and cut the rope. Subsequently, Palavanthangal police and an ambulance were called in. However, Kishore died. The body of the deceased has been sent to the Chrompet GH for post-mortem.

## Kanchi, Chengalpet collectors test positive for coronavirus

**DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

Kancheepuram collector Maheshwari Ravikumar positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, here in the city on Tuesday.

A senior official at the collector's office said the collector suddenly experienced high fever on Monday morning and a swab test was taken. The collector, on confirmation of the test being positive, initially went into isolation but was admitted to the hospital in Chennai on Tuesday morning.

Chengalpet district collector John Louis has also been tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday morning. He has been undergoing treatment in Guindy King Institute.

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avirous. Following this, his test result came back positive on Tuesday. On the advice by the doctors, he has been admitted to the hospital. John Louis on Saturday overruled Irumbulicheri flyover construction along with other government officials.

The health officials initiated the process of identifying all those persons who came in contact with both the administrators and they were to be tested.

## Bid to smuggle gold worth ₹1.85 crore at Chennai airport

**DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

Five persons were arrested and 3.5 kg gold worth ₹1.85 crore, was seized by the Chennai air customs. According to a release, four passengers who had arrived from Dubai by Emirates flight EK 544 were intercepted at the exit on the suspicion of carrying gold, on Monday. Searching them, two packets of gold paste weighing 114 grams were found stitched inside the face mask of one passenger and a gold chain of 50 gram was also recovered from the same person.

Other three passengers accepted to be carrying gold paste bundles concealed in their rectum. 16 bundles of gold paste were recovered from their rectum. Total 1.84 kg gold valued at ₹97.82 lakhs was recovered and the three were arrested by the customs.

Earlier on the same day, seven passengers who had arrived from Dubai by Flights Indigo 6E 66 and Emirates EK 542 were intercepted. On search, plastic pouches of gold in the form of paste stitched inside his jeans were recovered. From another passenger gold cut bits were recovered from the pant pocket. Five passengers on persistent questioning accepted to be carrying gold paste bundles concealed in their rectum. In all, 12 bundles of gold paste were recovered from their rectum, 6 strips from jeans and 5 gold cut bits were recovered from the pant pocket. Total 1.65 kg gold valued at ₹87.48 lakh was recovered from them. Two have been arrested.



Cargo at Chennai airport.

— DC

## Chennai airport sees increase in export, import trade

**P.A JEBARAJ | DC CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

Air Cargo business is showing signs of recovery with the rise in exports and imports in Chennai airport. The cargo handled at Chennai airport registered a year-on-year growth in October – the first time since the imposition of lockdown in March.

According to sources, the Chennai airport in the month of October handled 380 tonne higher than that handled in October 2019, in the export and import business. October has been very positive for us as we proceeded 28, 652 tonnes of cargo which is 380 tonnes higher than October 2019 tonnage signaling an encouraging trend, said an official at the department.

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However, after the increase in passenger flight / day, the exports and imports, now at the Chennai airport is a recovery sign.

## Miscreants rob doctor's family at knifepoint

**DC CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

A woman doctor based in Sriperumbudur and her family were threatened at knifepoint by masked men barged into their house in the early hours of Tuesday. The gang robbed diamond and gold jewels from the house in Pondur village in Sriperumbudur district.

According to the police, the doctor, Josephine Anistal, residing in Pondur village, has been practising Homeopathy

**Incident happened on Tuesday early morning when five masked men broke through the house from the terrace and threatened the family with a knife, sickle and other weapons asking for money and jewels**

and had set up a clinic at her residence. Her husband Aruldas is a physiotherapist and the couple has two children.

The incident happened on Tuesday early morning when five masked men

broke through the house from the terrace and threatened the family with a knife, sickle and other weapons asking for money and jewels.

The couple were attacked when they tried

to retaliate. Aruldas got a slit in his hand.

The robbers then moved all around the house collecting all the jewels from the bureau. They robbed gold jewels worth 13.5 sovereigns, a diamond necklace, ₹5,000 and also jewels Josephine was wearing that time.

They also broke the hard disk containing CCTV footage erasing all the evidence of the robbery. In addition to this, they confiscated the couple's mobile phone and warned them of robbing them

again if they lodged a complaint with the police.

The couple stayed inside the house the whole night panicking and then went to the police station in the morning. Sriperumbudur police registered a case. Forensic experts have examined the house and investigations are on.

It has been known that the couple had already been robbed of a two-wheeler, expensive stones and had been advised by the police to fix CCTV cameras then.

## HC summons HR&amp;CE commissioner

**J. STALIN | DC CHENNAI, NOV. 10**

Slamming the officials of HR & CE for their inability to save the properties of Arulmigh Vadakkuva Selvi Amman Temple, Kottalarungulam village, Thisayanvilai taluk, Tirunelveli district, the Madras high court has directed the commissioner of HR & CE to appear through video conferencing before the court on November 22, 2020.

A division bench comprising Justices N.Kirubakaran and B.Pugalendhi gave the directive on a petition which sought a direction to the authorities to get the compensation amount for the acquisition of land belonging to the temple for interlinking of river project and also to take steps for installation of moolavar idol and conduct consecration in the Arulmighu Vadakkuva



Selvi Amman temple in Tirunelveli district.

Petitioner contended that the temple was administered by one thakkar. As he indulged in malpractice, an enquiry was conducted and thereafter, he was suspended, dated September 14, 2015. On same day, the Executive Officer of Arulmighu Thiruvilanjikumarar Thirukoil, Ilanji, was appointed as a fit person to discharge the duties and perform the functions of the trustee. However, the said order has not been implemented. Nainar Naikar, continues to hold

the post of the fit person-thakkar and he has not handed over the charges to the newly appointed fit person, he added.

He alleged that Nainar Naikar, who was suspended from the post of fit person, was trying to get compensation for the temple land, which has been acquired for the purpose of interlinking of river project. Moreover, Nainar Naikar was said to have allowed the quarry operation in the land belonging to the temple to a company without getting any approval from the temple authorities for exploiting the minerals for many years. Therefore, he has approached this court, he added.

Taking note of the serious allegations, the bench had on October 28, 2020, directed the land acquisition authorities not to pay any compensation amount payable for acquiring the temple land to Nainar

Naikar or his nominees.

When the matter came up for hearing on November 5, the joint commissioner, HR & CE department, filed a report stating that many complaints were received against Nainar Naikar-Thakkar of the temple and the charges were framed against the hereditary trustee and by proceedings dated September 14, 2015, he was suspended. On the same day, the Executive Officer, Arulmighu Thiruvilanjikumarar Thirukoil, Ilanji, was appointed as a fit person to discharge the duties. Though the officer was appointed on September 14, 2015, he could not take charge. The hereditary trustee failed to hand over the charges and hence, the fit person was said to have assumed charge on November 1, 2016. Even after assuming charge, the suspended hereditary trustee failed to hand over

the charge. Thereafter, the Executive Officer of Valliyoor, has been appointed as a fit person, by proceedings dated November 2, 2020 and he has been advised to take charge and report immediately, he added.

The bench said it was seen from the facts, admitted by the officials themselves that even though the fit person has been suspended and a new fit person has been appointed as early as on September 14, 2015, the HR & CE officials were unable to take possession of the temple and assume the administration even today.

“The sorry state of affairs would reveal that the temple properties are not safe. No action has been taken by the authorities even after 5 years, and it would show the inability of the officials. Though the temple properties are spoiled and exploited, no criminal complaint has

been filed against Nainar Naikar and the company and what is the loss caused to the temple properties till date, has not been assessed. The government shall file a report as to whether the compensation has been paid to Nainar Naikar or not and the official is capable for taking charge at least before the next date of hearing. Since the idol from the temple is said to have been stolen, it is appropriate to suo motu implead the Superintendent of Police, Idol Wing-CB-CID as respondent in the petition. The newly impleaded respondent is directed to file a report as to whether the idols of the temple or the properties of the temple are stolen or not. He shall assess the damage caused to the temple land and the value of the minerals exploited so far”, the bench added and posted to November 20, 2020, further hearing of the case.



## OTHER STORIES

## Liver transplant with a surprise donor

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre in Chennai saved the life of a 44-year-old Sri Lankan professor by mobilising a team of competent surgeons to perform a liver transplant surgery amid strict lockdown restrictions even as the original donor prospect, who was the patient's wife, turned out to be medically unfit to donate her organ.

The patient, had flown into Chennai his wife, mother in law and brother in law by a cargo flight on July 4 in the midst of the Covid-19 lockdown. But a routine CT scan showed the wife to have features of a low-grade tumor arising from the small intestine, which made her unsuitable for organ donation. Luckily the patient's brother-in-law came forward to be a living liver donor at the last moment and the 9-hour long transplant surgery was done successfully on September 24.

The hospital also performed a surgery on the professor's wife to remove the low-grade tumor. Now the entire family was ready to return to Sri Lanka, a hospital press release said.

## Ready for Guru peryarchi: Collector

DC CORRESPONDENT  
THANJAVUR, NOV. 10

Corona preventive measures will be strictly implemented at the 'guru peryarchi' festival to be held at Sri Vasistheswaraswamy temple at Thittai near Thanjavur on November 15, said Collector M Govinda Rao.

Guru Bhagawan moves from dhanusu to makara rasi at 9:30 pm on November 15 (Sunday). There is a separate Guru Bhagawan sannidhi at Sri Vasistheswaraswamy temple at Thittai and thousands will throng the temple every year for guru peryarchi.

At an official meeting held here on Tuesday, the collector discussed preparations for this year's festival. Because of the pandemic, Rao advised officials to subject devotees to thermal scanning test, washing of hands, using sanitizers and maintaining social distancing, while visiting the temple.

Medical camps and mobile medical units will function near the temple. Panchayat administration has been asked to put water taps so that people may wash their hands.

The collector said that children below 10 years and elderly people above 60 years would not be permitted to visit the temple.

## Kanyakumari now open for tourists, says CM

ARULOLI M | DC  
KANYAKUMARI, NOV. 10

"Kanyakumari district has been opened for tourism from today," declared Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palanisami, here on Tuesday.

Interacting with the media after the corona review meeting at the collectorate here in Nagercoil, Palanisami said the decision to open up tourism in the district was taken as Covid infection



had come under control.

"Ferry service to the Vivekananda rock memorial and Tiruvalluvar statue also has been

resumed," added the chief minister.

Responding positively to the long-pending demand of tourists to Kanyakumari, for a bridge connecting the rock memorials of Swami Vivekananda and Thiruvalluvar, the chief minister announced the construction of a hanging bridge connecting the two rock memorials in the sea at an estimated cost of ₹35 crore.

Ferry service to

Tiruvalluvar statue was cancelled often during low tides, as the spot around the memorial is shallow and rocky, compared to the deeper waters around the Vivekananda rock memorial. Hence, the number of ferry services to Thiruvalluvar statue are less compared to those operated to the Vivekananda rock memorial. The construction of the bridge connecting the two rock memorials is expected to enhance tourism.

## Lankan Navy arrests 4 TN fishermen, rescues 14 stranded from Karaikal

Nagapattinam, Nov. 10:

Four Tamil Nadu fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on Tuesday when they were allegedly fishing in the sea off Kodiakara coast, a fishermen association here said.

The fishermen belonging to Tarangambadi in this district were apprehended for allegedly entering Lankan territorial waters. The fishermen ventured into the sea on November 7 and were fishing about 20 nautical miles southeast of Kodiakara this morning when the Lankan naval

personnel came to the spot and arrested them, representatives of the association claimed. The fishermen have been taken to Kangesanthurai in the island nation, they said and added that they have lodged complaints with the officials of the fisheries department.

Meanwhile, 14 fishermen belonging to neighbouring Karaikal district in the union territory of Puducherry, who drifted to Lankan territory due to an engine snag in the boat were rescued by the Navy of the island nation, an official said. All are being

sent back home and are expected to reach on Wednesday, a report from Karaikal said.

The fishermen ventured into the sea from Karaikal on November 8 and drifted in the sea the next day, Kaviyarasam, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Karaikal, said. When their boat was struggling in the sea near Kaalai area in Sri Lanka, the Lankan Navy helped them reach the shore at Kaalai town. Their boat has now been set right and the fishermen have been sent back home by the Lankan authorities, he said.—PTI

## T'kudi-bound flight carrying CM delayed by 17 minutes

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

A Thoothukudi-bound private flight carrying Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami was delayed by 17 minutes on Tuesday morning, the airport officials said.

According to sources, the Indigo flight to Thoothukudi usually takes off from the domestic terminal, bay 55 /57. However, on Tuesday, the airport authorities announced that the flight would take off from Old airport bay 2. This sudden announcement forced a near 20 minutes delay and the flight later took off at around 8:55 am and proceeded for its destination. CM Palaniswami is travelling to Thoothukudi on a two-day visit.

## HC notice to police on custodial death case

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

The Madras high court has directed the police to file counter affidavit to the petition filed by the wife of Selvamurugan, who died allegedly due to custodial torture in Virudhachalam jail on November 4, which sought to register a murder case against three police men allegedly involved in his death and investigate the same in accordance with law.

Justice T.Ravindran posted to November 18, 2020, further hearing of the petition filed S.Prema, wife of the deceased, which also sought a direction to the authorities to conduct the post-mortem on the body of her husband Selvamurugan, by appointing doctors from Jipmer Hospital in Puducherry.

## Fast track flyover work



DMK members led by Ma Subramanian on Tuesday protest against the undue delay in completing Chennai Port-Maduravoyal flyover

— DC

## Stalin hails Celine Gounder's appointment in Joe Biden's Covid-19 task force

Chennai, Nov. 10: DMK President M K Stalin on Tuesday hailed the appointment of Celine Gounder in the Covid-19 Advisory Board of US President-elect Joe Biden, saying she was a "woman of Tamil origin."

The leader of the opposition in the state Assembly greeted Gounder on her appointment.

"Glad to hear about the appointment of Celine Gounder to President-Elect Joe Biden's National Pandemic Taskforce to combat COVID-19. Happy to hear about the appointment of a woman of Tamil origin to this crucial task force," he said in a Facebook post.

"Congratulations & best

wishes," he added.

Gounder is one of the members of the COVID-19 task force that will guide Biden on dealing with the coronavirus pandemic that has claimed over 2,36,000 lives in the US.

Indian-American physician Dr Vivek Murthy is one of the three co-chairs of the task-force.

— PTI

## Catching them young



Children participate in safe Deepavali and coronavirus awareness cycle rally organised by the fire and rescue services department at high court fire station. —DC

## TNSTC to pay ₹5.3 lakh to victim's kin

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

Four years after death of a senior citizen following injuries sustained in a mishap caused by a Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) bus, Motor Vehicle Accident Claim Tribunal, Chennai directed the corporation to pay a compensation of ₹5.3 lakh to his family members.

In the petition family members of the victim, Raghuraman, 65, submitted that Raghuraman was work-

ing as a vegetable vendor. His family members depended on his income. He was waiting to cross the road, when a rashly driven government bus, which was coming from Kancheepuram towards Kalpakkam, hit him. The mishap took place in April

2013 and Raghuraman sustained serious injuries and was under continuous treatment. However, he succumbed to the injuries in September 2016.

Denying the averments, the transport corporation stated that the accident happened due to the negligence of the pedestrian as he tried to cross the road without looking for passing vehicles. Despite the efforts by the driver to halt the bus, the accident happened.

On completion of trial, the tribunal judge held that the accident happened only due

to negligent driving by the bus driver. Though the elderly man was injured and died only three years later, the tribunal relied on the doctor's report to hold that the heirs are eligible for compensation.

As per the doctor's report, the injured man had died due to septicemia and primary brain failure caused due to the impact of the head injury sustained by him in the accident.

The tribunal directed the corporation to pay a compensation of Rs 5.3 lakh to the family members in a month.

## Remove derogatory videos by former judge Karnan, says Madras high court

J. STALIN  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

The Madras high court has directed the state government and police to block the URL sites of Facebook, Google inc and YouTube, in and by which Justice C.S.Karnan, former judge of the Madras high court and D.Dhanasekaran, claiming himself as the secretary of Democratic Dynamic Party, has shared ill-content of Justice Karnan (making serious scandalous, vituperative, obscene and unparliamentary utterances against former judges and some of the sitting judges of the Supreme Court of India as well as former judges and sitting judges of the Madras high court as well as the family members, especially, the women-folk), which have been uploaded and circulated by Dhanasekaran.

A division bench comprising Justices M.Sathyannarayanan and R.Hemalatha gave the directive on a petition filed by the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu



and Puducherry represented by its secretary C.Rajakumar, which also sought a direction to the authorities to initiate appropriate legal action including criminal action against Justice Karnan and Dhanasekaran based on his representation dated November 6, 2020, and take necessary follow-up action.

Concurring with the submissions of senior counsel S.Prabhakaran, who is also the co-chairman of the Bar Council of India, the bench

said this court has also gone through the vernacular version of the various uploads as well as rough English translation of the same and it is rather unfortunate to note that Karnan, who held one of the important Constitutional post, had gone down to such a level and repeatedly making serious scandalous, vituperative, obscene and unparliamentary utterances against the former judges and some of the sitting judges of the Supreme Court of India as well as former judges and sitting judges of this court as well as the family members, especially, the women-folk and that apart, the tirades continues to be unabated by making similar kind of allegations against female staff of high court also and women lawyers also including a designated senior advocate."This court, on a thorough appreciation of the submissions made and consideration of the relevant materials, is of the considered view that the said acts of the 9th respondent (C.S.Karnan),

prima facie, constitute commission of various cognizable offences, including the Sexual Harassment on Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013", the bench added.

The bench said it was also pointed out by senior counsel S.Prabhakaran that Karnan was also instrumental in uploading the said obscene messages through visual media platforms and therefore, prayed for appropriate interim orders and also pointed out during the course of argument that Karnan along with some other persons, also barged into the premises of a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, who was also having a permanent residence here and despite a complaint has been lodged in that regard and registration of FIR, no action, whatsoever, has been taken by the Commissioner of Police, Chennai. This court, on a careful scrutiny and consideration of the materials and taking into consideration the majesty of this institution

in general as well as the judiciary in particular, was of the considered view that if Dhanasekaran continues to upload the said kind of messages in public/social media platforms viz Facebook, Google inc and YouTube, damage will continue to be incalculable and will totally undermine this institution and thus, a prima facie case has been made out for grant of interim order, otherwise, these kind of tirades continue to happen which will not only cause embarrassment to the former and sitting judges of the apex court as well as to the former and sitting Judges of this court, but also to the family members, especially, the women-folk. The allegations, prima facie, appear to be highly defamatory also. "Thus, balance of convenience as on today, lies in favour of the petitioner, which is a statutory body. Hence, there shall be an order of ad-interim direction as prayed for, until further orders. Call on December 18, 2020", the bench added.

## 9-year-old turns Karate champ

DC CORRESPONDENT  
TIRUVARUR, NOV. 10


A karate student from 'The Tigers Karate & Yoga Training school' in the district, bagged the first place in the national-level online yoga and sun salutation championship competition, held on behalf of India and the Maldoc branches of

the Yogasana European association recently.

Over 200 contestants from various states participated. In Tiruvavur district, on behalf of Tamil Nadu, students Kishore, Brinda Sai, Kapilesh, Hasini, Thashvan, Hrithik, Karthik Balaji, Kaviyach Selvan, Kurucharan, Gunasundari, Santosh, and Ga-

nesh participated. Dashwan, a nine-year-old boy, has bagged first place in the under-10 category.

Tiruvavur DSP M Durai presented the winners certificates and cash prizes, and congratulated them. He motivated the students to be mentally and physically fit by doing yoga during the pandemic period.




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## SHORT TAKES

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NEW COVID-19  
CASES REPORTED

New Delhi, Nov. 10: The number of new Coronavirus infections reported in India in a span of 24 hours dropped below 40,000 for the second time this month, as India's Covid-19 caseload rose to 85.91 lakh while the total number of recoveries neared 80 lakh, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The Covid-19 caseload increased to 85,91,730 with 38,073 new infections being reported in a day, while the death toll climbed to 1,27,059 with 448 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 79,59,406 pushing the national recovery rate to 92.64 per cent.

SC TO HEAR  
ARNAB PLEA

PARMOD KUMAR | DC  
NEW DELHI, NOV. 10

The Supreme Court will hear on Wednesday the Republic TV's Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami's plea for interim bail in an alleged abetment to suicide case involving an interior designer and his mother. Goswami on Tuesday knocked the doors of the top court challenging Bombay High Court's order not granting him an interim bail in the abetment to suicide case.

## Shivraj's charisma saves the day for BJP

MP CM successfully crushed the rebellion in the party and led from the front in the Assembly bypolls

RABINDRA NATH  
CHOUDHURY | DC  
BHOPAL, NOV. 10

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has led ruling BJP to landslide victory in the Assembly by-elections in Madhya Pradesh which was turned into a battle of charismas between him and Congress veteran Kamal Nath.

Chouhan led his party from the front in the Assembly by-elections by not only containing the rebellion in the party triggered by nomination of 25 former Congress MLAs as BJP candidates from their respective Assembly constituencies but also by successfully countering the narrative by Congress describing its former legislators as 'Gaddars' (betrayers) during its electioneering.

"The by-elections turned out to be the most challenging elections faced by us in Madhya Pradesh so far since the core BJP cadres and local leaders were up in arms against the 25 BJP candidates who have joined our party from Congress barely 8 months ago. It was an emotional, social and political issue with the core cadre and leaders of the party who were apprehensive of

● SHIVRAJ SINGH Chouhan had also succeeded in generating sympathy for him among the electorates by playing victim when Congress leaders including Nath launched personal attack on him by calling him names such as 'nayalayak' (good for nothing), 'kameena' (mean) and 'bhookha-nanga' (extremely poor), thus helping the party in the polls.

being politically eclipsed due to the party's decision to give ticket to the newly inducted party men in the by-elections", BJP spokesman Rajneesh Agrawal told this newspaper.

"We won half the battle when the party leadership nipped in bud a brewing rebellion in the party by pacifying the aggrieved party cadres and synchronising them with the new entrants in the party at the booth level", he added.

Chouhan took charge of the affairs when the 'Gaddar' narrative by Congress to put BJP in 25 Assembly constituencies on defensive had appeared to be catching imagination of the people by aggressively pro-

jecting failure by the former chief minister Kamal Nath to fulfill promises given by him to the farmers to waive their crop loans.

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Even Rajya Sabha MP Jyotiraditya Scindia who has joined the BJP from Congress in March this year had chosen to play second fiddle to Chouhan in the by-elections.

"BJP is fighting by-elections under Mr Chouhan's leadership", was his constant refrain during campaigning.

Nath too chose to fight the by-elections on his charisma by making a narrative on his vision for MP the focus of the Congress campaign. He had also tried to evoke sympathy among the voters by narrating how his democratically elected government was pulled down by the former rebel Congress leaders.

"However, the 74-year-



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP State President V.D. Sharma greet each other as they celebrate their party's lead in Madhya Pradesh bypolls in Bhopal on Tuesday.

— PTI

## BJP sweeps bypolls to 2 seats in Karnataka

Bengaluru, Nov. 10: The ruling BJP on Tuesday swept the bypolls to two Assembly seats in Karnataka by wresting them from opposition Congress and JD(S).

The outcome has given a boost to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's stock amid talks about his replacement in some quarters.

It is seen as a setback for opposition leaders, especially Karnataka Congress chief D.K. Shivakumar as it

was the first election in the state under his stewardship.

With this victories, the strength of BJP will rise to 118 in the 225-member Assembly that would still have two vacancies caused by, including by a recent death of a member.

Congress has 67 members, JDS 33, BSP one, nominated one and two independents besides the Speaker.

In Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly segment,

N. Munirathna scored a hat-trick, winning by an impressive margin of more than 58,000 votes.

In Sirsi, it was history of sorts for the BJP as it recorded its first ever victory there with its candidate Dr C.M. Rajesh Gowda securing the seat by a margin of over 13,400 votes.

The bypoll has been necessitated in Sirsi in Tumakuru district following the death of JD(S) MLA B. Sathyanarayana in

August, while the RR Nagar seat fell vacant due to disqualification of Munirathna as the then Congress MLA last year under anti-defection law.

Though it was known that the results of the polls will have no bearing on the stability of the BJP government, the outcome was perceived in many quarters as a reflection on the performance of the B.S. Yediyurappa government, especially during the

Covid-19 pandemic.

"This is the victory of the people and by ensuring BJP's victory they have exuded confidence and support towards the state government and its handling of flood situation and Coronavirus pandemic," Yediyurappa said, thanking voters for the party's success in both the constituencies.

He also vowed to fulfill the promises made to the people during the campaign.

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The E-Convocation started at 11 A.M on 7th November 2020 with the Invocation followed by the welcome speech by the Vice-Chancellor of VIT Bhopal, Dr. P.Gunasekaran. Following him was Mr. K.K. Nair, Registrar of VIT Bhopal University introduced the Chief Guest Mr. Vishwas Sarang, Honourable Minister for Medical Education, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Following his introduction, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Honourable Chancellor of VIT Bhopal, delivered the Presidential address and declared the convocation ceremony open. Chief Guest Mr. Vishwas Sarang - Honourable Minister for Medical Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh gave the convocation address, he said, that he is extremely happy to be a part of the VIT Bhopal convocation ceremony and expressed his gratitude for making him a part of this memorable event and congratulated all the graduating students. During his short speech he said that the state of Madhya Pradesh had made remarkable progress in education in early 8th century which was apparently lost after the invasion by Britishers. He also said that prominent among the universities in the state of M.P. is the VIT Bhopal University which he described as the jewel in the education crown of Central India. Dr. J. Francis Xavier - Controller of Examinations, VIT Bhopal announced the rank holders of M.Tech, MCA and BBA Programs. Upon the declaration by the Honourable Chancellor of VIT Bhopal, Dr. G.Viswanathan, the PG and UG students were presented with their degrees. The Chancellor administered the pledge and all the fresh graduates of VIT Bhopal took the pledge. The convocation ceremony ended with National Anthem.

ITS ADVANTAGE  
NDA AS BJP  
PROVES METTLE

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of its candidates who had won from as many as 119 seats, claiming the returning officers had already congratulated their candidates on their win, but the Election Commission was now refusing to issue certificates claiming they've lost.

A delegation including RJD and Congress leaders visited the Election Commission office in Patna and demanded a recount in many constituencies.

The CPI(M-L) too sought a recount in three seats. The Left parties, which were leading in 19 seats for most part of the day, were down to 11 in the evening.

In a letter to the Election Commission, the CPI(M-L) demanded a recount of votes in Bhorey, Arrah and Daraundha Assembly constituencies citing "dubious counting practices".

The letter alleged that in Bhorey, JD(U) candidate Sunil Kumar, a former additional director general of police, "commands a lot of clout in the administration" and that a local JD(U) leader "was seen entering the counting hall — which is illegal and prohibited".

The Election Commission, which held three press briefings on Tuesday and was likely to hold another one late at night to declare the final results, responded to the RJD's allegations saying that according to an order dated May 2019, "in places where the margin of victory is less than the total number of postal ballots rejected as invalid, it is mandatory to reverify rejected ballots. The reverification should be mandatorily video-graphed.

A majority of the exit polls had on Saturday projected that the Mahagathbandhan led by Tejashwi Yadav will have an edge over the NDA.

It seemed that the pollsters got the Bihar results wrong once again.

Grassroots work  
helped us: Left

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It was RJD which had stuck its neck out and gave the Left 29 seats, despite objections from other alliance partners. Some of the seats contested by the Left had been won by the RJD in the last Assembly polls. The CPI-ML (Liberation) had grabbed three seats as the other two Left parties drew a blank.

It is to be noted that only CPI-ML (Liberation) had an understanding with the RJD in 2015, but not the other two Left parties.

"The leads so far are on the expected lines and we hope to catch up in three more seats," said Dipankar Bhattacharya, general secretary of the CPI (ML) Liberation. "This was a different kind of election. This was more a people's movement. We banked on young candidates, stu-

dent leaders, candidates who were part of farmer struggles, working class people. That seems to have worked".

"Our strike rate in Bihar is 80 per cent and if we had been given more seats, we would have contributed more to the Gathbandhan tally. Our alliance with the RJD and Congress combined issues of social justice with that of economic justice. One cannot be achieved without the other," CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury was quoted by PTI as saying.

According to CPI general secretary D. Raja, while the alliance with the two parties has helped in vote conversion, what has also led to the good performance is the cadre base of the three parties that helped spread the reach of the Mahagathbandhan.

Nitish Kumar ends up  
big loser in Bihar polls

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But the gamble seems to have paid off. A BJP leader remarked: "Nitish was surrounded and butchered like Abhimanyu."

As the JD(U) kept hurtling down the electoral tally, senior leader K.C. Tyagi made the party's feelings against Mr Paswan amply clear: "We are hurt."

During the campaign, Mr Kumar's so-called socialist politics had been "hurt" time and again. As Mr Kumar tried to woo his minority votebank by openly opposing the CAA and NRC, BJP Hindutva face and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath carried on with a tirade against the minorities, saying the "infiltrators will be thrown out".

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(1) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-62-20-21, Date: 05.11.2020. Work: (1) Construction of crew rest room/lobby and CC room at Durg station Platform No. 1 at Nagpur and (2) Replacement of AC sheet with Galvalume sheet in staff quarters at PRS, Parcel & RPF Colony at Durg. Tender Value: ₹ 60,01,090/- EMD ₹ 1,20,000/-

(2) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-63-20-21, Date: 05.11.2020. Work: (1) Construction of new control room at Bhilai/TSS of Raipur Division. (2) Provision of children park cum open Gym at Bhilai colony. Tender Value: ₹ 46,21,860/- EMD ₹ 92,400/-

Submission of Tender: Up to 11.00 hours on 03.12.2020. Opening of Tender: 11.00 hours on 03.12.2020.

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)

Sr. Divisional Engineer (Line) PR/R/Engg/PI/107 Raipur  
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## TENDER NOTICE

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA DGQA, Palavanthangal, (Near Meenambakkam Railway Station), CHENNAI- 600 061

Sealed Tenders are invited for awarding contract for outsourcing the Housekeeping, Gardening & Security Services in KV DGQA, Chennai-61. Sealed tender should reach this office within 15 days of the publication of this notice in Newspaper. The tender form / document can be obtained from KV, DGQA office on all working days between 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. against non-refundable registration fee of Rs.200/- from 12-11-2020 to 25-11-2020. Last date for receipt of Sealed Tenders is 25-11-2020 - 3.00 p.m.

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## KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER DATED: 09/11/2020  
Konkan Railway Corporation Limited on behalf of NTPC Ltd invites Open Tender in Two Packet System through E-tendering on IREPS portal for the work of:-

Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-BR-NTPC-GAR-T-104. Name of Work: Construction of RCC Box Culverts, Washable Apron, Height Gauges & Cast in Situ Slab Works for STPP NTPC Railway Siding at Gadawara, Dist. Narasinghpur, Madhya Pradesh. Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 7.17 Cr.(Excluding GST). The Closing Date & Time: 09/12/2020, up to 15.00 hrs. for submission of online offers/bids.

Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-FOB-NTPC-GAR-T-105. Name of Work: Construction of Foot Over Bridges in STPP NTPC Railway Siding Yard at Gadawara, Dist. Narasinghpur, Madhya Pradesh. Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 2.83 Cr. (Excluding GST). The Closing Date & Time: 09/12/2020, up to 15.00 hrs. for submission of online offers/bids. Manual offer shall not be accepted. Please visit [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) website for details/participation & Corrigendum/Addendum will be hosted on this website only.

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FAX No. 0532-2407797

E-Tender Notice No. ST265034A Date: 09.11.2020

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Organization Railway Electrification, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Prayagraj - 211001, invites following E-TENDER:-

E-Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Tender Due Date
ST 205034A	Supply, installation and commissioning of SMPS based Integrated power supply system for PIR/STations.	19 Nos	04.12.2020

Note: (1) The complete information of above E-Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.irops.gov.in>. Only E-bids shall be accepted against above Tender. The e-bids may be submitted before 11:00 hrs on tender opening date.

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Engineer (Const./ Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Two-Packet system for the following work:

1. Name of work and location	2. Completion period of the work	3. Approx. Cost of work	4. Earnest Money to be deposited	5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document
"Construction of 2 lane Road over Bridge in lieu of L-xing no. 44, having Steel composite girder span (1x37.280 metre+1x19.080 metre) alongwith Limited Height Subway (Internal size 4.50 metre X 3.65 metre) near Samalkha at Km.73/15-17 and Construction of 2 lane Road over Bridge in lieu of L-xing no. 47, having Steel composite girder span (1x37.28 metre + 1x25.080 metre) alongwith Limited Height Subway (Internal size 4.50 metre X 3.15 metre) near Dewana station at Km. 79/1-3 on Delhi-Ambala section of Northern Railway	18 (Eighteen) months	Rs. 1754.15 lakh.	Rs. 10,27,100/- only	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on 03.12.2020 on IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.irops.gov.in">www.irops.gov.in</a> . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 03.12.2020.	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. <a href="http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in">www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in</a> and tender document is available on <a href="http://www.irops.gov.in">www.irops.gov.in</a> from 12.11.2020 to 03.12.2020. Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. <a href="http://www.irops.gov.in">www.irops.gov.in</a> from 19.11.2020 to 03.12.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

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\* As of 8:30 PM IST

# Pandemic helps 80% schools adopt tech

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, NOV. 10

Covid-19 has helped faster technology adoption by schools. While only 15 per cent of the schools in India had working computers prior to Covid-19, now almost 80 per cent of them have made some level of technology adoption.

Covid-19 has disrupted the education sector and forced them to adopt technology faster. Prior to the pandemic, out of the 15 lakh schools in the coun-

try, only 2.6 lakh or 14 per cent had working computers. This includes 35 per cent private aided schools, 30 per cent private unaided schools, 9.8 per cent government schools and 7 per cent other schools.

However, in the case of higher education, about 85 per cent of the 55,000 colleges had working computer facilities, as per a study by Bengaluru-based RedSeer Consulting and Mumbai-based

Association of India (IAMAI.)

“Schools and other education institutes were caught off guard after the onset of Covid and lockdowns. However, despite low technology maturity, both in terms of device/infrastructure readiness and teacher’s technological readiness, schools were remarkably resilient in adjusting to the “new normal”,” said Anil Kumar, founder, RedSeer Consulting.

In the past six months,

technology adoption has been at different levels across schools. Less than five per cent schools use dedicated/advanced tech solutions like teacher-centric tools and administration management. Almost 20 to 30 per cent schools are using live tuitions, sharing digital content through shared cloud, e-mail and the like. Another 45 to 55 per cent schools have basic digital communication through WhatsApp and similar platforms and they share pre-

recorded digital content. However, 15 to 25 per cent schools have shut down, with no tech adoption.

Further, 75 per cent of the surveyed school students are making use of live lectures to connect with the teachers, which used to be under 10 per cent before the lockdown - an eight-fold jump. Private schools performed above average with 90 per cent students and parents making use of technology to join live classes, while this was 60 per cent for govern-

ment schools. However, not a significant difference in pattern was observed in bigger cities and smaller cities.

In the case of colleges, 80 per cent students are making use of live lectures to connect with the teachers, which earlier would be close to 30 per cent, a 2.5 times jump. Engineering colleges were equipped with technology requirements. But non-engineering colleges were also able to catch up fast.

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## GAMES

# MUMB-HIGH FIVE!

Rohit & Co. beat Delhi by 5 wickets to take fifth IPL title

Dubai, Nov. 10: A peerless Rohit Sharma led defending champions Mumbai Indians to their fifth IPL title with a one-sided demolition of Delhi Capitals here on Tuesday, closing an immensely successful tournament that had to be played in a controlled environment amid the raging Covid-19 pandemic.

If last year’s one-run win over Chennai Super Kings was an absolute cliffhanger, Rohit’s aristocratic 68 off 50 balls made it an anti-climax with Mumbai Indians chasing the target of 157 in 18.4 overs.

Five IPL titles are certain to make Rohit the undisputed ‘Numero Uno’ player-cum-leader in the IPL Universe.

He has played way better knocks than this in the past and will play a few more special ones in the future.

But he might never play a more significant one considering the little whirlpool of controversy that his “once damaged and now on the mend hamstring” created.

The ‘Hit-Man’ has given an altogether new meaning to what has one known till now about crushing pain barriers.

A hamstring injury can be very painful but the manner in which India’s regular white-ball skipper exploded inside the ‘Ring of Fire’ at the Dubai International Stadium, he was fighting a battle of his own.

The cover drive was about his class, the whiplash behind square was his swagger and the so very familiar “Rohit Sharma pull shot” was an assurance to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly that “All Is Well”.

And to prove a point, he fetched those doubles, tap and run singles including a misjudged one that saw Suryakumar Yadav (19) sacrificing his wicket for his skipper and rightly so. The carrom ball bowled by Ashwin was deposited to point fence with a cracking square cut and the straight six off leg spinner Praveen Dube was “Boss Man” written all over it.

There has never been an edition where a team has looked in a different league compared to seven others.

As Rohit had said earlier, it’s not rocket science but investing in pure match-winners that has given Mumbai Indians such a menacing look.



Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma (left) and team celebrate their win over Delhi Capitals in the final of IPL Season 13 in Dubai on Tuesday.

— BCCI

## SCORECARD

**Delhi Capitals:** Marcus Stoinis c de Kock b Boult 0, Shikhar Dhawan b Jayant 15, Ajinkya Rahane c de Kock b Boult 2, Shreyas Iyer (not out) 65, Rishabh Pant c Hardik b Coulter-Nile 56, Shimron Hetmyer c Coulter-Nile b Boult 5, Axar Patel c sub b Coulter-Nile 9, Kagiso Rabada (run out) 0. Extras (lb-1 w-3) 4. **Total (for 7 wkts, in 20 overs) 156.**

**FoW:** 1-0, 2-16, 3-22, 4-118, 5-137, 6-149, 7-156.

**Bowling:** Trent Boult 4-0-30-3, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-28-0, Jayant Yadav 4-0-25-1, Nathan Coulter-Nile 4-0-29-2, Krunal Pandya 3-0-30-0, Kieron Pollard 1-0-13-0.

**Mumbai Indians:** R. Sharma c sub (Lalit Yadav) b Nortje 68, Q de Kock c Pant b Stoinis 20, S. Yadav run out (Dube/Pant) 19, Ishan Kishan (not out) 33, K. Pollard b Rabada 9, H. Pandya c Rahane b Nortje 3, K. Pandya (not out) 1. Extras (lb 4) 4. **Total (for 5 wkts, in 18.4 overs) 157.**

**FoW:** 1-45, 2-90, 3-137, 4-147, 5-156.

**Bowling:** R. Ashwin 4-0-28-0, K. Rabada 3-0-32-1, A. Nortje 2-4-0-25-2, M. Stoinis 2-0-23-1, A. Patel 4-0-16-0, P. Dube 3-0-29-0.

Rome wasn’t built in a day and neither a champion outfit that has now won five titles out of the six finals it has played.

If Jasprit Bumrah wreaked havoc in the

Qualifier one, Trent Boult (3/30) decided that final was his turn to inflict the damage and he did it with a first ball beauty that Marcus Stoinis will remember for years to come.

Nathan Coulter-Nile looked like a weak-link but got the dangerous Rishabh Pant (56 off 38 balls) at the nick of time to put the brakes.

Rohit’s batting only finished what looked inevitable but it was his captaincy that set it up.

Only 45 runs conceded in the last five overs during the DC innings was a game-changer as Shreyas Iyer (65 no off 50 balls) literally struggled during the end overs.

That was the time when save for Bumrah (0/28 in 4 overs), Boult and Coulter-Nile took the pace off the deliveries with slow bouncers and cutters making it difficult to hit.

And the decision to have off-spinner Jayant Yadav replace leg-spinner Rahul Chahar also proved to be a success.

— PTI

# Kings XI Punjab likely to retain Rahul-Kumble

New Delhi, Nov. 10: Kings XI Punjab are likely to continue with the captain and coach combine of K.L. Rahul and Anil Kumble even after finishing sixth in a closely-contested 2020 Indian Premier League.

A team source said that the owners want Rahul and Kumble take the team forward in the 2021 edition, scheduled in less than six months.

Rahul, who captained the team for the first team this season, had another stellar season with the bat, amassing 670 runs at an average of 55.83. It was Kumble’s first season with the franchise.

KXIP, who have never had a settled unit, have finally found a core group of play-



K.L. Rahul (left) and Anil Kumble.

ers around whom a team can be built. That group includes Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Nicholas Pooran, Mohammad Shami, Chris Gayle and youngsters like Ravi Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh.

The management wants to

plug the gaps in the middle order and bowling department, which has been an issue for a number of years. “The owners are happy with captain and coach. Rahul was exceptional with the bat and team scripted a remarkable comeback in the second

half of the season. Had that short run not being called in the first game (against DC), the team would have been in play-offs” the source said.

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