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WEATHER

Max: 30.3°C
Min: 15.4°C
RH: 39%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Haze, mist likely.
Max/Min temp. 30/16 °C

COVID-19
COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+45,827)	(+515)
92,20,703	1,34,727

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+921)	(+4)
TS: 2,65,049	1,437
(+1,085)	(+8)
AP: 8,63,843	6,956

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

5,97,86,447

DEATHS

14,07,642

COUNTRIES
AREAS WITH
CASES

218

worldometers.info/
coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Dakshinayana

Tithi: Kartika Shuddha Ekadasi till 5:10 am (Thursday)

Star: Uttarabhadra till 6:20 pm

Varjyam: Nil

Durmuhurtam: 11:40 am to 12:25 pm

Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1:30 pm

HUJI CALENDAR

Rabbi-ul Akhir 9, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5:23 am

Zohar: 12:13 pm

Asar: 4:03 pm

Maghrib: 5:45 pm

Isha: 6:56 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:27 AM

SUNSET TODAY 5:39 PM

MOONSET TOMORROW 2:12 AM

MOONRISE TODAY 2:39 PM

COUNTER POINT

...first dose to healthcare workers, political leaders and people of the states where elections are due!

SHORT TAKE

CENTRE BLOCKS 43 MORE CHINESE APPS

New Delhi: India on Tuesday blocked 43 more Chinese mobile apps, including Alibaba Group's e-commerce app AliExpress, in a fresh wave of web sanctions amid its border standoff with China. The banned applications, which include a few dating apps, were a threat to the "sovereignty and integrity of India", an official statement said.

The latest list of 43 mobile apps include AliSuppliers, Alibaba Workbench, AliExpress, Alipay Cashier, CamCard, Snack Video, WeDate, Chinese Social, TrulyChinese, ChinaLove, DateMyAge, FlirtWish and Guys Only Dating, Tubit, WeWorkChina, First Love Live, Rela, Cashier Wallet, Jellipop, Munchkin Match and Happy Fish Match.

Kerala to cancel contentious law

Thiruvananthapuram: The CPI-M-led LDF government in Kerala on Tuesday decided to bring out an ordinance to withdraw the controversial amendment to the Kerala Police Act. A special cabinet which met in the afternoon decided to recommend Governor Arif Mohammed Khan to issue an ordinance to repeal Section 118-A which got his assent on Saturday.

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BJP leader and Union minister of state for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy campaigns for his party candidate for the GHMC elections at Malkajgiri in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Sanjay says BJP will do a surgical strike on Old City

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

BJP state president and Member of Parliament Bandi Sanjay announced on Tuesday that the moment a BJP candidate takes over as the mayor of greater Hyderabad, the party would conduct a surgical strike in the Old City and remove more than 40,000 Rohingyas and Pakistanis from the country.

Making these sensational comments during a road show at Ramanthapur, Bandi Sanjay hit hard at the MIM, saying the Majlis party won with the help of votes of illegally staying Rohingyas and Pakistanis.

● **BANDI SANJAY** said parties trying to get votes from illegal sections are alleging that the BJP is a Hindu party, but he declared that the polls were between 'desh bhakths' and 'desh drohis'.

Reminding people of Hyderabad that terror attacks and bomb blasts, which had become common in the past, like the Gokul Chaat blast and the Lumbini Park blast, had stopped once Narendra Modi-led BJP government came to power at the Centre. "If you want to end terror by Pakistanis in the country, support and vote for the BJP. Our party

alone can end the terror of anti-national and anti-social elements in Hyderabad," he said.

Sanjay said that elections should be held without the illegal staying Rohingyas and Pakistanis getting to vote and violating the integrity of India's elections. He said such anti-national forces were dividing the Hindus for political benefit.

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■ **Page 4: BJP will develop city 10 times faster: Bandi**

Congress promises ₹50,000 for every flood-hit family

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The Congress party on Tuesday released its party manifesto for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal (GHMC) elections.

AICC in-charge of Telangana affairs Manickam Tagore and party president and MP N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, CLP leader Mallu Bhati Vikramarka, TPCC working president and MP A. Revanth Reddy, manifesto committee chairman Marri Shashidhar Reddy, AICC secretary N.S. Bose Raju and others released the manifesto at Gandhi Bhavan.

"The Congress party promises to give ₹50,000 to every family impacted by floods. It also promised to provide ₹5 lakh and ₹2.5 lakh to families whose houses were fully or partially destroyed or damaged, if Congress was voted to power in the GHMC elections," said Uttam Kumar Reddy.

"We also promise an ex-Gratia of ₹25 lakh to fami-

● **THE CONGRESS** promised free local transportation for women, students, divyangans and senior citizens in metro, MMTS and RTC buses

● **THE PARTY** would constitute a 'Lakes Protection Authority' along with RWAs to protect lakes from encroachment and land grabbing; besides ensuring regular desilting of nalas and construction of retaining walls / fencing

● **IT PROMISED** to bring Covid-19 treatment under Aarogyasri. It also promised to improve the Gandhi, Osmania, Niloufer and other hospitals, increase basthi dawakhanas to 450 and extend their operating hours to 9 pm in slums

lies of those who have lost a member due to the floods," the Congress state president said.

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the Gandhi, Osmania, Niloufer and other hospitals, increase *basthi dawakhanas* to 450 and extend their operating hours to 9 pm in slums besides providing four dedicated multi-specialty hospitals for reference of cases from them.

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■ **Page 4: Cong promises to cut private school fees**

NUMBER | GAME

DoT accepts Trai's recommendation; Decision will come into force from Jan. 1

Landline to mobile calls get zero prefix

New Delhi, Nov. 24: Callers will soon be required to add '0' prefix for making calls from landlines to mobile phones in the country, with the telecom department asking telecom companies to make necessary arrangements by January 1 to implement the new system.

Telecom (DoT) in a circular on "modification of dialling pattern from fixed line numbers to cellular mobile numbers" said in order to ensure adequate numbering resources for fixed line and mobile services, Trai's recommendations dated May 29, 2020 have been accepted by the Department.

"Following may be implemented...Fixed-to-mobile calls shall be dialled with prefix '0'. A suitable announcement may be fed in the fixed line switches to apprise the fixed line subscribers about the require-

FUTURE READY

Come January 1, people need to add '0' before dialling a mobile number from landline phone.

All landlines will be provided with STD dialling facility to enable them to make calls to mobile phones.

The change in dialling pattern will allow the department of telecom generate 254.4 crore additional numbering resources for mobile services to cater to the future requirements.

ment of dialling the prefix '0' for all fixed-to-mobile calls," DoT said in a circular dated November 20.

This announcement should be played whenever

a subscriber dials a fixed-to-mobile call without prefixing '0', it said.

"All the fixed line subscribers should be provided with '0' dialling facility, that is, STD dialling facility," said the circular posted on Department of Telecom's website.

DoT said that time till January 1 is allowed to all the telecom service providers to implement this new system. "Compliance of the same may be intimated," the telecom department said.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Telecom

15.4°C, one notch less than the norm for this time of the year.

Meanwhile, Cyclone Nivar is very likely to bring widespread rain over south Andhra Pradesh post its landfall as the influence of the tropical system is seen till Tirupati. The gale wind speed could reach 65-75 kmph gusting up to 85kmph on November 26.

Under the influence of the system, Guntur and Prakasam received good rainfall on Tuesday with gale wind blowing over the coastal AP districts.

After crossing the coast, the adjacent sub-divisions of coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema need to be observed for spillover of intense weather activity in some areas.

Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) in May this year had recommended dialling prefix '0' for a call from fixed line number to mobile number.

The regulator had, however, stated that the introduction of a dialling prefix for a particular type of call is not akin to increasing the number of digits in the telephone number.

Trai had then also stated that this change in dialling pattern will generate 2,544 million additional numbering resources for mobile services to cater to the future requirements. — PTI

Modi seeks unity among states to fight Covid rise

Rules out lockdown; accuses Oppn of playing politics

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 24

With the Covid-19 pandemic intensifying across India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday gave an assurance that whenever it becomes available, the vaccine will be accessible to all citizens and the government will ensure it meets the necessary scientific criteria.

The PM was chairing a virtual meeting with the chief ministers of the eight worst-affected states, including his home state Gujarat. The government has, however, ruled out a nationwide lockdown to control the pandemic.

Mr Modi sought unity among states to combat the pandemic, but also attacked political rivals, and sources said that during the meeting he accused the Opposition of playing politics over the issue. He even pulled up Haryana Chief Minister M.L. Khattar for not coming up with a better strategy to combat the pandemic, as West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee sought her state's GST dues from the Centre.

Mr Modi added that the Centre's aim was to bring down the fatality rate, now at 1.7 per cent, to less than one per cent.

The PM convened the meeting as India saw 37,975 new Covid infections reported in the past 24 hours, taking the nation's aggregate number of infections to 91.77 lakhs, while recoveries crossed 86 lakhs, the Union health ministry's data showed.

While the national daily virus case count has remained below 50,000 for some time, several urban areas — including Delhi —

● **THE PRIME MINISTER** emphasised it was of utmost importance to increase awareness about the seriousness of the virus

● **MODI SAID** it was important to increase RT-PCR tests, ensure better monitoring of patients, better equipment for health centres, and to run awareness campaigns for safety from the virus

have seen a surge, leading to enforcement of several measures, including curfews, in some cities.

Calling for raising the frequency of RT-PCR tests (considered the most accurate in terms of detecting the coronavirus infection), Mr Modi also said cold storage facilities for storing the vaccine must be made available on a priority basis. He added efforts were on to make medical colleges and district hospitals self-sufficient in oxygen generation, and said the process for establishing over 160 new oxygen plants was under way.

Attacking his political rivals, Mr Modi said at the meeting that while no one can forecast when the vaccine will come, "some people" were playing politics over it and nobody can stop them from doing so.

Sources said when Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar started reeling out figures on the number of infections and deaths in the state, Mr Modi cut him short and asked about his plan to tackle the infection instead, rather than reeling out figures. The PM urged all chief ministers to share their feedback in writing on their strategies to counter the pandemic.

We are ready to administer shot to people: KCR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao announced on Tuesday that the Telangana state government was geared up to administer scientifically-approved vaccines to people. Rao felt that before administering the vaccine, it has to be ascertained whether the vaccine has any negative side-effects.

Chief Minister Rao was responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who held a video conference with all Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors in the country. PM Modi discussed methods to be followed for distributing and administering vaccines to people.

Placing his views during the meeting from Pragathi Bhavan, Rao said, "people are eagerly waiting for the vaccine. It is the need of the hour. The Telangana government is ready to distribute and administer vaccines to people on a priority basis."

Rao cautioned that one has to take into consideration whether the vaccine has any side-effects, especially by taking into consideration different weather and climatic conditions.

He said, "Coronavirus also did not affect the country in a uniform manner. The vaccine too may

give different side effects in different regions. Hence, initially, let the Centre send a batch of vaccine doses to all states, which can be administered on some people on a test basis. Let us assess the situation after administering vaccines to these volunteers and then administer it to the rest of the people."

Rao also reviewed the plan with officials and instructed them to prepare an action plan for distributing and administering the vaccine in the state. He instructed them to create the required infrastructure facilities and put in place a cold storage chain network across the state. He suggested constituting committees at state, district and mandal level to conduct vaccination.

He said, "vaccine should be first given to Covid warriors and frontline workers, like medical staff, police among others, as well as people above 60 years and those suffering from acute diseases."

BRAHMOS WITH LONGER RANGE PASSES TEST

New Delhi, Nov. 24: India on Tuesday "successfully" test fired the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos as part of a series of planned trials of the weapon, known for its precision strike capabilities, official sources said.

The range of the new land-attack version of the missile has been extended to 400 km from the original 290 km but its speed has been maintained at 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound, they said.

"The land-attack version of the missile was test-fired in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands at around 10 am and it was a successful trial," an official source said.

According to official sources, in the next few days, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy are scheduled to carry out separate test-firing of the new version of the air-launched and naval versions of the supersonic cruise missile respectively.

BrahMos Aerospace, an India-Russian joint venture, produces the lethal weapon that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or from land platforms.

India has already deployed a sizeable number of the original BrahMos missiles along the Line of Actual Control.

In the last two-and-half months, India has test fired a number of missiles including an anti-radiation missile named Rudram-1 which is planned to be inducted into service by 2022. — PTI



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OTHER STORIES

Two sanitation workers killed

Kothagudem: Two sanitation workers were killed in Mutharam village under Gundala mandal on Tuesday. The tractor of the village went to collect the garbage with sanitation workers. The tractor overturned while the driver reversed the vehicle. Punem Vasant Rao, 22 years, and Punem Buchaiah, 65 years, were grounded in the mishap. They died immediately after the vehicle fell on them.



Katthula Naga Rani and her children in Ankapur of Armoor mandal in Nizamabad district weep inconsolably for safe return of Katthula Swamy.—DC

FAMILY WAITS FOR SAFE RETURN OF GULF MIGRANT

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC ANKAPUR (NIZAMABAD), NOV. 24

Family members of a Gulf migrant pleaded with the Telangana state government and Union ministry of external affairs to rescue the victim from Saudi Arabia. Katthula Swamy of Ankapur village in Armoor mandal is stuck up in Saudi Arabia for the last three months. Reportedly, the kafeel (employer) denied giving passport to Swamy to return home from Saudi Arabia.

In a search for livelihood, Katthula Swamy went to Saudi Arabia eight years ago. He returned home in 2014 on vacation and joined duty later.

Speaking to this correspondent from Saudi Arabia, Katthula Swamy said that he hired a vehicle from his employer and engaged it. Due to a major engine problem in the vehicle, I had incurred heavy loss and got it repaired," he said. "The employer directed me to pay 1000 Riyals for vehicle maintenance and to return my passport," he said.

"Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, I had lost employment and was unable to live in Saudi Arabia," he said. "How can I pay 1000 Riyals (around ₹20,000) for vehicle and 1500 Riyals (around ₹30,000) flight charges to return home," he pointed out. It is a very difficult situation for me to either live in Saudi Arabia or return home in India, he said.

Meanwhile, Katthula Naga Rani, wife of Swamy said that they belong to a poor family and unable to lead a life with serious financial problems. "My husband is stranded in Saudi Arabia and I sent him money for food and accommodation by selling my gold ornaments and taking a loan," she said. Naga Rani and her daughter, son wept inconsolably for the safe return of Katthula Swamy. Telangana, Gulf Welfare and Cultural Association president Patkuri Basanth Reddy assured safe return of Swamy from Saudi Arabia.



MANHOLE ON ROAD TURNS DANGEROUS

DC CORRESPONDENT NIZAMABAD, NOV. 24

An unseen manhole on middle of the road near Women's college in Nizamabad has turned dangerous. There is no indication of the manhole or repair work to cover the manhole leading to road accidents.

From Kanteswar temple to NGOs colony road, the manhole is open for a long time. The speeding motorbikes get stuck in it and bikers get severe injuries.

Few persons temporarily put tree branches on manhole to alert the vehicular traffic.

Speaking to the *Deccan Chronicle*, M. Nanda Raj, of Meghna Rice Depot near Women's college said that municipal corporation officials should repair the manhole immediately. Usually, vehicles move with high speed on this road, but manhole turned dangerous, he said. To prevent deaths due to the manhole in the middle of the road, the municipal corporation officials should respond immediately, he said.

Farmers incur losses as CCI fails to open its units

Cotton farmers in rural areas sold their produce to middlemen

DC CORRESPONDENT ADILABAD, NOV. 24

Distressed farmers are selling their cotton produce at a cheaper price for ₹4,000-4,500 per quintal since the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has failed to open its centres to purchase cotton at MSP.

However, it is said that there would be a 50 per cent decline in the cotton yield this Kharif due to crop damage and pink bollworm attack to the cotton crop.

It is estimated that only 18-20 lakh quintals of cotton purchased so far at various markets yards and CCI units in the erstwhile old Adilabad district.

It is anticipated that the cotton yield may not cross 40 lakh quintals for this Kharif by December ending due to crop damage, pink bollworm and there is no scope for second and third cotton picking.

The cotton crop was cultivated in nearly 11 lakh acres, and it was expected that 80-90 lakh quintals of cotton yield this Kharif in the erstwhile Adilabad district.

MSP: APC rasta roko at Nelakondapalli

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, NOV. 24

The farmers led by the All Party Committee staged a rasta roko at Potti Sriramulu Centre in Nelakondapalli on Tuesday demanding that the government should pay minimum support price for the farm produce. They raised slogans against the government.

CPI mandal convenor Bhanu Prasad said that the traders were not paying MSP to the paddy and the farmers are suffering a lot due to this.

BJP leader Nunna Ravi

The CCI has set up its latest purchasing centres in Sonala and Pochera in the Adilabad district. The CCI Adilabad branch has to set up a total of 24 units but so far 20 are set up, the district.

Many small and marginal farmers had sold their cotton to the local private traders instead of

said that the government failed to monitor the lifting operations and the farmer is losing his money with it. Progress Youth League leader Pagidikathula Ramadas said that the TRS government had no seriousness in solving the problems of the farmers.

TD Nelakondapalli mandal president Sitaram Babu said that the paddy and cotton farmers will not get their input costs this year with the non-payment of MSP. Traffic was halted between Khammam and Kodada with the rasta roko.

bringing the same to the Adilabad market yard from long distances in the initial days of cotton purchases.

The Adilabad branch of CCI opened its purchasing unit at Jainoor just four days ago and by that time farmers had already sold their cotton to the local private traders to

meet the expenses for Diwali festival and to celebrate Gussadi-Dandari.

Many unofficial private cotton purchasing centres have been thriving in the Agency and rural areas and exploiting the gullible farmers.

Very few farmers have the facility to store their cotton produce so that they could sell to the CCI whenever they get a good price.

Senior TRS leader Kanaka Yadav Rao of Asifabad said many gullible farmers had sold their cotton produce to local private cotton traders and middlemen much before the CCI set up its purchasing centre at Jainoor. He said the farmers especially Adivasi farmers, would have got more price if the CCI had set up its purchasing centre much early in the tribal and rural areas.

The CCI has cut down ₹100 from MSP ₹5,825 citing the less staple length of cotton that arrived at the market. The officials say the staple length of the cotton should be 30 mm to get MSP, but they are receiving cotton that has 28 mm staple length.



The executive director of the Karimnagar and Hyderabad regions of TSRTC, P.V.Muni Shekar addressing the gathering in the gate meeting that was held here in Karimnagar on Tuesday.

RTC staff told to strive hard to bring past glory

DC CORRESPONDENT KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 24

Executive director of the Karimnagar and Hyderabad regions of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC), P.V. Muni Shekar, during his visit to Karimnagar on Tuesday appealed the employees to strive hard for bringing the past glory to the RTC.

Mr Shekar inspected the Karimnagar 1 and 2 bus depots, parcel and courier offices and held a gate meeting with the employees.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Muni Shekar explained the loss incurred in the past six months due to the Covid-19 pandemic and steps being taken to regain the past glory to the corporation. "In the present situation, the main aim of the RTC is to improve its revenue. Before the lockdown, RTC used to earn around ₹13 crore per day, but at present after putting a lot of efforts, we are able to get just ₹9 crore through the bus services which were

● **THE bus depots 1 and 2 of Karimnagar are very prestigious in the Karimnagar region of RTC and have a good name for the services provided to the people.**

provided," he said.

By understanding the problems of the RTC employees, the government has sanctioned the salaries even in lockdown period. So, we must be committed to our profession and must strive hard for improving the revenue of RTC.

Keeping in view of heavy traffic in recent times and especially during this marriage season, the RTC has decided to increase its operations. It is the responsibility of the garage workers to maintain the buses in proper condition as we did not run many bus services during lockdown for a period more than four to five months, he advised.

The bus depots 1 and 2 of

Karimnagar are very prestigious in the Karimnagar region of RTC and have a good name for the services provided to the people. The employees must make efforts in such a way that more people hire RTC buses and travel in buses. This will improve the revenue of RTC and all must strive hard for bringing the past glory to RTC.

Later, Mr Muni Shekar enquired about the RTC employees who contracted the Covid-19 infection and their health conditions and advised the employees to take all kinds of precautionary steps to protect themselves being infected with the deadly virus and planted a sapling at the premises of bus depot-1.

Karimnagar RTC regional manager Jeevan Prasad, divisional manager R.S. Reddy, depot managers Arpitha, Malleshwar, administrative officer Lavanya, P.O. Rajaiah and Jyosthna, assistant managers Tirupati, Surendar were among present.

6.65L PRAWN SEED RELEASED IN MANAIR DAM

DC CORRESPONDENT KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 24

District collector K. Shashanka launched the juvenile prawn (seed) stocking programme under the Integrated Fisheries Development Scheme with 100 per cent subsidy here at Lower Manair Dam in Karimnagar district on Tuesday.

Accompanied by the deputy director of the Fisheries Department, Mohammad Khadeer Ahmed, collector K. Shashanka released 6.65 lakh prawn seed in the LMD.

Mr Shashanka said that the government introduced Integrated fisheries development scheme for the welfare of the fishermen community present in the state.

Under the scheme, the government is distributing fish and prawn seed to fishermen communities on 100 per cent subsidy. Out of the set target of 15 lakh prawn seed to be released in LMD for 2020-21 by the Fisheries Department around 6.65 lakh prawn seed were released in LMD, he added.

Fishers should utilise the opportunities that are provided to them by developing skills in catching the fishes.

The government is pursuing the establishment of cold storage structures to store fishes and prawns for the sake of the fishermen community.

Inter-state gang held for looting

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The Cyberabad Special Operations Team arrested two members from an inter-state criminal gang involved in a series of house burglaries here, and seized gold and silver ornaments, along with a country-made weapon from them.

The accused, Faheem alias ATM alias Faheemuddin, 35, and Mursaleem, 39, were

also involved in several property offences in Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh since 2017, said the police. "Faheem is involved in murder, dacoity and robbery and kidnapping cases in Uttar Pradesh. He met Mursaleem while serving jail time in Moradabad jail in 2013," said Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar.

CPM all set to make Nov. 26 strike a success

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, NOV. 24

Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM) is making all efforts to make success the proposed nationwide general strike on November 26 as it had an important stir against the NDA government and its policies particularly the new worker code acts.

CPM state secretariat member Pothineni Sudarshan Rao said that the November 26 general strike should be an eye-opener to the NDA government, which brought draconian laws against workers and farmers.

"Every worker, farmer and citizen should participate in it and make a success of it. We can expose our problems with success, and the Central government will come down and solve the issues," he said.

Ten trade unions of the country planned for the general strike on November 26 and they also announced their support for a two-day farmers' agitation next week. He said that workers would lose everything if the worker code starts implementation.

He said that the job security would be a mirage, and the employ-

AITUC TAKES OUT BIKE RALLY TO CAMPAIGN FOR NOV. 26 STRIKE

DC CORRESPONDENT ADILABAD, NOV. 24

Leader of AITUC affiliated to CPI took out a bike rally in the Adilabad town on Tuesday to campaign for the nationwide labour strike scheduled for November 26 and appealed to the people to extend their support to the strike.

er can remove the worker at any time with the worker code acts.

There is no chance of getting jobs in public sector units, and many of them are being disinvested. He said that the NDA government failed in providing new jobs to the youth of the country. It is time to expose all of our issues in the November 26 general strike.

"We are trying to involve all the workforce like today tappers, hamalis in farm markets, auto workers, drivers, mechanics, outsourcing employees, farmers and farm labourers in the general strike," he said.

The agriculture Acts that brought by the NDA

Speaking to media persons, AITUC district president S. Vilas said the trade unions have given a call for a national labour strike in protest against the anti-workers and farmers policies. He said farmers have been agitating against the farm bills brought in recently and many new Acts against the labourer.

government will make the corporate companies as more profitable, and the farmers will be at their receiving end. The prices of the farm produce will be decided by the corporate companies and not the farmers.

Migration of more workers will be witnessed if these Acts are implemented. He said that the party is organising meetings with all unions and organisations and seeking their support to the strike.

The motor vehicle workers and student and workers unions like SFI, AISE, DYFI, CITU, AITUC and others came forward to extend support to the strike in a big way.

JUMPING JACKS

Rumours that Cong leaders may join BJP confuse cadre

Congress leaders entertain 'rumours'

DC CORRESPONDENT ADILABAD, NOV. 24

A few leaders of the Congress party are entertaining rumours that are spread on social media and in a section of media that they are likely to join the BJP.

News is making rounds in the political circles that some leaders are testing waters and wanted to see how people and cadre will respond to the news that they are planning to join the BJP and they are entertaining such rumours. It is the fact that some Congress

leaders are searching for greener and pasture in the other political parties.

It is said that some Congress leaders who damaged the party with selfish politics in the last elections are now playing a game for their political future. These Congress leaders are from Nirmal and Adilabad districts.

A serious discussion is going on the news that is being spread regarding a few Congress leaders. It is not known whether the rumours being spread with the permission of the said Congress leader or not.

These leaders are not coming out openly and rejecting the news that they are likely to join the BJP and it is surprising that names of Congress leaders who are closely associated with the former Adilabad district DCC president Aleti Maheshwar Reddy and who joined the Congress party under his leadership in the last elections.

Under Maheshwar Reddy's leadership, Congress party has won the lone seat that is Atram Sakku from the Asifabad constituency out of total

ten seats in erstwhile Adilabad district, and later Sakku joined the TRS.

TRS leader Ramesh Rathod joined the Congress under the leadership of Maheshwar Reddy who was instrumental in ensuring party ticket to Rathod in the Lok Sabha elections.

Anil Jadhav who is known as associate of Maheshwar Reddy contested as independent against then party candidate Soyam Bapurao from Boath seat in 2018 elections, and this resulted in the party candidate defeat.

Anil Jadhav later joined

the TRS and contested as ZPTC and elected as ZPTC from the Neredigonda.

In the changed political scenario, Soyam Bapurao who was defeated with the internal politics paled against him and joined the BJP when he was denied MP ticket and elected as MP in the Lok Sabha elections.

There were strong allegations that Maheshwar Reddy had played his politics with the reported equation that he wanted to become Minister at the cost of other leaders who were contesting as MLAs.

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SHORT TAKES

HC EXTENDS STAY ON DHARANI DATA COLLECTION

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The Telangana High Court extended its interim orders to the government to not collect non-agriculture property details and not to insist on Aadhaar and caste details of agriculture property owners, till Wednesday.

The batch of petitions against the listing of Aadhaar and caste details of non-agricultural property owners on the Dharani portal was scheduled to be heard on Tuesday in the post-lunch session. This could not happen as the hearing in the case related flood relief was prolonged. With that, the matter was adjourned to Wednesday.

BANDI: BJP WILL DEVELOP CITY 10 TIMES FASTER

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He alleged that TRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao was scared out to come to Bhagya Lakshmi temple but slept in his farmhouse.

He also announced that if the BJP wins the GHMC elections, the party will organise celebrations at the Bhagyalakshmi temple. He challenged Rao to come for a debate over Central fund allocations made to Telangana state in general, and Hyderabad city in particular. "I am ready for an open debate on funding. Let KCR come to discuss, otherwise, he should apologise to the people of Telangana and BJP for spreading lies," the senior party said.

He criticised MA&UD minister K.T. Rama Rao for claiming he had spent ₹67,000 crore for the development of Hyderabad, saying, "has the amount come from your pocket or your father's pocket? This money was collected from people of Hyderabad, who are paying ₹2 lakh crore every year to your government."

He said the TRS government was burdening people under the LRS and BRS and collected thousands of crores from people even during lockdown.

He appealed to the people of Hyderabad to vote for BJP because they will then develop the city ten-fold times faster, harnessing Central funds better.

"I urge people to choose wisely between the TRS, which will work for five days until polling day and the BJP, which will work for the public for the next five years."

CONG PROMISES TO CUT PRIVATE SCHOOL FEES

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Extending metro to Old City and airport besides expanding the MMTS services and one travel card for all public transportation to ensure contact-less and hassle-free travel are listed.

"The Congress party promises to monitor and regulate the fees by corporate and private schools and colleges in collaboration with the Hyderabad Schools' Parents Association (HSPA)," Uttam Reddy said.

The Congress party promised to give every eligible beneficiary a double-bedroom house.

A sum of ₹8 lakh will be given to families who have a plot to construct a house and if they have a single bed-room house ₹4 lakh will be given to construct an additional room.

There will be free insurance against floods, fire accidents and damage due to power fluctuations. Congress will rationalize property tax to increase relief to ₹50,000 and extend it to small commercial properties to help low and middle-income groups. It promised free water supply up to 30,000 litres and drinking water connection free of cost. Pure drinking free of cost by setting up RO water vending machines in slums and double bedroom housing complexes is also on the anvil if a Congress mayor is elected.

"Let Hyderabad look around and ask - who developed the city? Airport, metro rail, ring road, central government industrial units, defence units, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), roads and flyovers, technology and industrial parks. These were developed by the Congress. We have done it and can do it again," said the senior Congress leader.

Covid test



With the fears of a second wave of Covid-19, residents in the city line up at a primary health centre to undergo tests for the Coronavirus on Tuesday. — P. SURENDRA

DRUG PEDDLER FROM GHANA HELD AGAIN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

A 32-year-old Ghana national was held with 61 grams of cocaine by the Prohibition and Excise department, a fortnight after he was freed on bail.

The accused, Samuel Smith Nelson, of Golden Enclave Paramount Colony in Tolichowki, was released from jail on November 12. He was arrested on August 19 for possessing six grams of cocaine along with two Nigerians.

"Following his release, Nelson contacted a supplier, Ite-Igwe Iron Pot alias Felix, from Mumbai. Felix handed over the contraband to Nelson on November 15, after which he contacted his old customers by messaging them 'Hai Bro, Happy Weekend' a code for drugs," officials said.

Based on a tip-off, the Excise officials caught Nelson while he was trying to deliver cocaine to a customer near in Banjara Hills.

Free drinking water sop isn't for middle classes

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The TRS government's promise to provide free drinking water up to 20,000 litres would not provide any relief to middle and upper middle classes living in over 6,000 apartments, gated communities and townships.

According to the Hyderabad Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (HMWS&SB) records, the city has 1.8 lakh connections. Among those, only 40,000 are non-domestic, which includes industries, theatres, multiplexes and beverage companies.

The TRS government's decision to supply free drinking water up to 20 kilolitres will benefit about four lakh consumers living in 1,800 notified slums. The board has been charging ₹10 per kilolitre until a slab of 15 kilolitres and ₹12 per kilolitre for anything above, which excludes ₹80 sewerage cess.

As per board officials, about two lakh individual households have been

using 20 kilolitres per month on an average. About six lakh people living in slums and individual households would enjoy the benefits.

Officials said the government's announcement would not provide any relief to consumers who reside in apartments, gated communities and townships, among others.

The minimum consumption of a 100-flat apartment is 300 kilolitres. The city has over 6,000 apartments with over 1,000 flats. The water board has been supplying water through a single pipeline as a unified connection.

Residents who are mostly from middle and upper middle classes would end up getting a benefit around 0.50 paisa per month per flat.

This, and such other issues, could have a direct impact on polling percentage, since this particular class has not been enjoying any fruits of government's sops. The city's polling percentage did not even cross 45 per cent in GHMC polls of 2016, the

Assembly polls in 2018 and the Lok Sabha polls in 2019.

A senior water board official, on condition of anonymity, said that about four lakh consumers living in apartments, flats and gated communities would hardly enjoy the free drinking water announced by the government. He said that though the board is ready to implement the scheme, confusion prevails over whether to include sewerage cess or not.

The board official said that under the one time settlement scheme, the board has collected ₹300 crore, which would compensate the scheme until next financial year. There will be renewed pressure to increase water tariff for commercial and domestic connections (gated communities) after that.

Srinivas Krishna, a resident of Gachibowli, said, "poor people get sops. Rich people default on payments - bills or loans. Only the middle class pays its bills and taxes, and gets nothing from the system."

Owaisi says we rejected Jinnah, no Pakistanis live in Old City

ATHER MOIN I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi takes potshots and wisecracks at his opponents during the election campaign. His artful sarcastic comments, fired with a unique Hyderabad modulation, brings down the house.

Using Deccani phrases, which are not known by even Urdu knowing people, to other parts of the city, he is keeping people not only laughing but guessing and asking for meanings of some of the words later.

He uses nicknames and calls out his opponents, rapidly deploying rhetoric, metaphors, analogies and slogans. He tries to respond to every single allegation levelled against him by his opponents in his 15-20 minutes speech.

Participating in a door-to-door campaign during the daytime, he addresses people of the same area in bigger groups in the evening. In a single day, he addresses at least five election meetings.

Owaisi criticises the BJP and the TRS for levelling baseless allegations and



AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi campaigns in Ghansi Bazaar division at Murgi Chowk near Charminar on Tuesday. Ex-corporator Mohammed Ghouse, MLA Mumtaz Ahmed Khan and other Leaders were present. — By arrangement

unrealistic statements, replying to them with glib comments. Addressing an election meeting in Mush-eerabad in Bholakpur division, Owaisi laments that BJP state president Bandi Sanjay has threatened a surgical strike in the Old City, challenging the BJP to tell "how many Pakistanis live here within 24 hours."

He says, "A BJP leader says that if they win GHMC elections then they will do a surgical strike in

the Old City to remove Pakistanis and Rohingyas from there. On whom do you want to do a surgical strike? All those living here are citizens of India. I give you 24 hours to tell how many Pakistanis live here?"

He says "it is a fact that the Chinese Army entered the border in Ladakh and captured 970 square kilometers, but BJP people do not dare to speak about China."

He mocked those who

cannot take the name of China, this 'bankde pahlwan' (wrestler whose hands are folded) claiming they will do a surgical strike in Hyderabad.

He said all people living in Hyderabad are respectable Indians. "No Pakistani lives here. We do not allow them to stay. Another BJP leader says casting a vote for Majlis is not in the interest of the country. 'Kiya yeh mulk tumhare baap ka hai?' (does this country belong to your father)? Actually it belonged to our father, as Adam came here and we are the children of him", he replied. He hit back at Tejaswi Surya, president of the Bharatiya Yuva Morcha and MP, for referring to him as new 'avatar' of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who is spreading rabid Islamism and allowing Rohingyas Muslims to settle in Hyderabad.

"Do you know Jinnah? We are those who rejected the ideology of Jinnah and choose to live here. We are those whose ancestors had issued a fatwa against the British in 1857," he said. He said this fight is between Hyderabad and Bhagyanagar.

Surgery permit for Ayush irks doctors

IMA plans to approach court on decision

KANIZA GARARI I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) will approach the courts against the order of the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) against their gazette notification for allowing AYUSH doctors to perform surgeries. IMA has strongly condemned this order, saying they will not train any AYUSH doctors in surgery.

There is a huge task before the IMA as they have to first sensitize their doctors against this particular order of the CCIM. This order of "mixopathy" has led to anger and discontentment amongst allopathy doctors, as it takes years to build skills for surgical procedures.

The IMA national body is holding virtual meetings

with different branches and wings to drive home the point that this mixing is not good and will lead to major confusion. The first task chalked out to them is to stop recruitment of AYUSH doctors in modern hospitals.

Those who have been practising this will now be urged to follow the stream that they have learnt from and support it.

The cost cutting measures, which were seen wrongly as an advantage by some, are criticised as faulty and improper practices. Doctors say they will not allow anyone from allopathy medicine to train AYUSH doctors.

Dr Rajan Sharma, national president, said, "let the CCIM develop its own techniques and technical expertise for surgeries in discipline of AYUSH

and practice them. We are against mixing of streams and strongly object to that."

IMA has also objected to the government posting any doctors in colleges of Indian medicine. The association, in a strongly worded note, said this step of mixing systems will be resisted. Doctors from different states have urged their state governments to not allow this policy of mixing of streams.

Since the pandemic has shown that allopathy has worked and there has been a lowering in mortality rate, doctors are keen that this message must be sent to people at large.

"What is the sanctity of NEET, if these short cuts are to be devised?", the IMA demanded to know. It wants the order to be withdrawn.

Mauryan-era inscription discovered near Medak

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The discovery of a third century BCE terracotta object containing a Brahmi inscription in Prakrit language and rocks with inscriptions from the period between the first century BCE and the first century ACE in Prakrit and in Brahmi script, at Manjira Valley near Medak, is being viewed as a one of a kind archaeological find in the region.

A team of independent archaeology buffs and researchers discovered a partial terracotta tablet on the bank of Manjira river near Kulcharam village in Medak district. They were exploring an ancient mound between two streams of the Manjira river when they made their discoveries.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, team leader M.A. Srinivasan, said, "This is for the first time that an inscription reading 'devana' prefixed with a symbol of 'nandipada' has been found in this region. The word 'devana' suggests indicating the part of the title of the great Emperor



Researchers also discovered a partial terracotta tablet on the bank of Manjira river near Kulcharam village.

Aũoka of the Mauryan dynasty. This could be strong evidence of presence of Mauryan dynasty in Telangana state."

The inscriptions in Prakrit language and Brahmi script of the first century BC-first century AD found on rocks, read 'Henama Buddeya', 'dhama', 'he jama'. These inscriptions were found by the team members who cleaned the rocks. The rock shelter they discovered also had some evidence that it was used during the Neolithic period, Srinivasan said.

"The site is spread over 100 acres and is likely to yield a large number of

archaeological materials besides evidences like fortification wall, terracotta objects such as different pot shreds of red slipped ware, black polished ware and dull red ware," he said.

The other members of the team who carried out the exploration of the site for a month, were B. Shankar Reddy, B. Nagaraju and N. Arun Kumar and along with some students.

The team urged the department of heritage and the Archaeological Survey of India to take up survey and excavations of the site to bring more evidence to light.

Prez at Tirupati



TTD chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy, TTD EO K.S. Jawahar Reddy offered the temple's prasadams and a picture of Lord Venkateswara to President Ram Nath Kovind and his wife at Tirumala temple on Tuesday. — By arrangement

SHOW TIME

Work on sanitising theatres has already begun as part of Covid precautions

Decision on opening theatres tomorrow

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

Owners of cinema theatres in Hyderabad and across Telangana are expected to decide on Wednesday the date from which they will throw open the cinemas for public after an eight-month long lockdown, which saw the cinema exhibition industry go into a tailspin.

According to Narayandas Narang, who managed Asian Cinema theaters, which owns over

a hundred screens in Telangana, said, "work on sanitizing theatres has already begun as part of post Covid-19 lockdown precautions. We will make sure cineastes who come to watch movies won't have to worry about Covid and instead focus on enjoying cinema," he said.

"A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday of all exhibitors, theatre owners and movie distributors. We expect a decision will be taken at the meet-

ing as to when to reopen theatres," Narang told *Deccan Chronicle*.

Balgovind Raju, owner of Sudarshan 35MM and Devi 70MM theatres, said, "there are around 40 movies in a queue for release, while a few others are at different stages of production. We are ready to show any movie if distributors come forward to release them."

On concerns of Covid, Raju said, "we will take care of cine-goers as if they are our own family

members. After all, if anything goes wrong, impact will be felt by the entire cinema industry, from production to exhibition."

Emphasising on experience, Raju said, "watching movie in theatres is different from home viewing of movies streamed online or over-the-top (OTT) platforms."

"Once movie lovers begin making their way to theatres, big budget movies will be forming a queue for release," he said.

P. Kiran, a reputed pro-

ducer of the Telugu cinema industry, expressed gratitude towards Chief Minister

K. Chandrashekar Rao for his timely support. He said, "the TRS government has always encouraged the cinema industry.

Now there are a series of movies set for release which people can look forward to for release, followed by big releases in January during Sankranti festival time."

As may be recalled, Chief Minister Chandrashekar

Rao had on Monday announced that Telangana has decided to allow reopening of cinema theatres, as long as they follow norms laid down as part of Covid-19 safety protocol.

Among measures needed to be in place for cinema theatres is mandatory wearing of masks by all viewers and staff, maintaining physical distance standards in all common areas and seating capacity reduced to half of normal occupancy.

STATE REPORTS 921 NEW COVID INFECTIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 24

The state recorded 921 Covid and four deaths on Monday, when 42,740 tests were performed, the state Covid-19 bulletin of the health department said on Tuesday. The caseload stands at 2,65,049 and the toll 1,437. The number of active cases was 11,047. The GHMC area had 146 cases on Monday, Medchal-Malkajgiri 81 and Ranga Reddy 61.

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CONG LEADERS USING WRONG PLATFORM: BAGHEL

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, NOV. 24

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday lambasted the Congress leaders who demanded change of party leadership, saying that they were using the wrong platform to raise such an issue.

“Those who talk of change of system, structure and leadership of Congress have chosen the wrong platform to raise the issue”, Baghel said in his Twitter post.

Baghel’s statement comes in the wake of senior Congress leaders like Gulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal going to the media to express their views on the need for restructuring the party to make it more democratic. “Congress party is an ideology and ideology has no structure. Ideology is the ‘neev’ (foundation)”, he tweeted. He dared these leaders to work on the ground. “Hit the street carrying the Tricolor and flag of Congress. Then, the realisation that the problem does not lie in foundation nor in structure (of the party), will come”, another Twitter post by him said.

VETERAN ACTOR BADOLA NO MORE

Mumbai, Nov. 24: Veteran actor Vishwa Mohan Badola, who appeared in several television shows, films and was a prominent name in theatre, has passed away due to age-related ailments. He was 84.

According to a source close to the family, the actor died at his residence here on Monday night. The veteran also featured in several acclaimed films, including Ashutosh Gowariker’s *Suades*, in which played the role of a village leader. He reunited with Gowariker for the 2008 period drama *Jodhaa Akbar*.

UP okays law against conversion for marriage

Violators of ordinance get can jail-term for upto 10 years, fine

Lucknow, Nov. 24: The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday approved a draft ordinance to deal with religious conversion for the sake of marriage, which could land violators in jail for up to 10 years.

An official spokesperson said the state Cabinet gave its nod to the ordinance at its meeting chaired here by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

In recent weeks, BJP-run states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have revealed plans to enact laws to counter alleged attempts to convert Hindu women to Islam in the guise of marriage, which Hindu activists refer to as love jihad.

“The way in which religious conversions are done using deceit, lies, force and dishonesty is heart wrenching, and it was necessary to have a law in this regard, Cabinet minister and UP government spokesperson

Sidharth Nath Singh said. He said punishment under the new law is a jail term from one and five years, and a fine of ₹15,000.

But if the woman involved is a minor or belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe, the jail term would range from three to 10 years, he said. The fine would increase to ₹25,000.

In the case of mass conversions, the punishment is from three years to 10 years and a fine of ₹50,000 on the organisations which indulge in it,” the minister told reporters.

Singh said if anyone wants to change religion after marriage, then he or she can do so.

But the district magistrate has to be informed two months in advance in a prescribed form, and the person can convert once permission is granted.

He claimed that this will resolve law and order problems.

— PTI

HC upholds right to choose partner

Allahabad, Nov. 24: Amid a row over love jihad, the Allahabad High Court has ruled that the right to choose a life partner irrespective of religion is intrinsic to the right to life and personal liberty. The bench contradicted a high court judgement in September and another in 2014 against marriages performed after alleged conversions, saying that the two rulings were not good in law.

Justices Pankaj Naqvi and Vivek Agarwal made the observations while quashing an FIR lodged by a man against his daughter’s husband, whom she married after conversion to Islam. Interference in a personal relationship would constitute a serious encroachment into the

right to freedom of choice of the two individuals, they said.

While allowing the writ petition by Salamat Ansari and Priyanka Kharwar alias Alia of Kushinagar, the judges cited Article 21 of the Constitution on personal liberty. “To disregard the choice of a person who is of the age of majority would not only be antithetic to the freedom of choice of a grown up individual but would also be a threat to the concept of unity in diversity,” they said. We do not see Priyanka Kharwar and Salamat as Hindu and Muslim, rather as two grown up individuals who out of their own free will and choice are living together peacefully and happily for over a year, they said. — PTI

Final journey



Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi near the mortal remains of his father and former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi in Guwahati on Tuesday. Tarun Gogoi, 86, passed away at the Gauhati Medical College Hospital, where he was receiving treatments for post-Covid complications. Scores of people and leaders cutting across party lines gathered at Tarun Gogoi’s official residence in Dispur to pay their last respects. The Assam government has announced a three-day state mourning in honour of Tarun Gogoi.

— PTI

RJD fields candidate for Speaker’s post

NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, NOV. 24

The RJD on Tuesday announced that the party has fielded a candidate for the post of the speaker against the ruling NDA in the newly constituted Bihar Assembly.

Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav said that the party has fielded five-time RJD MLA from Siwan, Awadh Bihari Chaudhary for the post against the ruling NDA nominee and three-time BJP MLA Vijay Kumar Sinha.

“Our nominee for the post of Assembly speaker has submitted his nomination paper even before the ruling NDA announced its candidate. Chaudhary is a five-time MLA and is aware of the Assembly proceedings. The decision to declare him as the candidate for

the post was taken during a meeting with all grand alliance partners. We feel that he is the fit candidate for the post of the speaker”, Yadav said on Tuesday.

With RJD declaring Chaudhary as the grand alliance candidate, the election scheduled on Wednesday for the post would not be unanimous this time.

This is also the first time since the NDA came to power in 2005 that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has staked claim for the post.

During the recently concluded Assembly elections, the BJP became the largest in the NDA with 74 seats while its partner JD(U) won 43 seats.

Two other NDA partners Hindustani Awam Morcha and Vikasheel Insan Party won four seats each.

POLICE RESCUE TRANSEXUAL DOCTOR IN TN

Madurai, Nov. 24: A young transsexual doctor found in the company of transgenders, begging on the streets of this temple town, was rescued by the police who is now helping her open a clinic, to serve the people. The transsexual, who did not want her name to be revealed, hopes to move the Medical Council of India for making appropriate changes in the records, and open the clinic to resume medical practice soon.

This young doctor who graduated from the Madurai Government Medical College in 2018, was ostracised by her family for undergoing sex transformation to become a woman. Her profession almost came to an end when she was sacked from a hospital, where she was working for a year.

— PTI

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SHORT TAKES

TAIWAN TO BUILD DOMESTIC SUBMARINES

Kaohsiung (Taiwan), Nov. 24: Taiwan’s president inaugurated the production of domestically made submarines Tuesday in the southern city of Kaohsiung, in a step forward for the island’s defence strategy at a time of elevated tensions with China.

“This submarine is an important part of allowing our navy to develop asymmetric warfare and to intimidate and block enemy ships from surrounding Taiwan’s main island,” said President Tsai Ing-wen. “Now, with the construction of the submarine to its future commission, we will certainly let the world know our persistence in safeguarding our sovereignty.”

B'DESH MAN HELD FOR HINDU ATTACK PLOT

Singapore, Nov. 24: A Bangladeshi man, who was plotting attacks against Hindus in his own country and planning to fight in Kashmir, has been arrested by Singapore’s security agencies which investigated the suspicious activities of 37 people as part of the heightened security measures in the city-state following recent terror strikes in Europe, the government said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs said that counter-terrorism investigations into the suspicious activities of 37 people in Singapore have been carried out after most of them posted on social media, inciting violence or stoking community unrest in the aftermath of the terror attacks in France.

Of the 37 people, 14 are Singaporeans and 23 foreigners, mostly Bangladeshis, it said. “The 14 Singaporeans comprise 10 males and four females, and are aged between 19 and 62 years old. Most of them had, in response to the recent terror attacks in France, made social media postings which incited violence or stoked communal unrest,” the ministry said.

As for the 23 foreigners, 16 of them, including 15 Bangladeshis and one Malaysian have been repatriated, it said.

Trump agrees to Biden transition

Will pave way for a smooth handover of power; Prez doesn’t concede poll defeat

Michigan certifies Biden poll victory

Washington, Nov. 24: US President Donald Trump has finally given a go-ahead to begin the transition process for president-elect Joe Biden after the state of Michigan certified the Democratic leader’s victory in the November 3 presidential election, paving the way for a smooth handover of power after weeks of delay.

President Trump, a Republican, however, did not formally concede the election to Biden, saying he would “continue to fight and will prevail.” He has launched a slew of lawsuits in key states, but has not provided any evidence to back his claims of electoral fraud. Many of the lawsuits have been dismissed by courts.

On Monday, the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) Emily Murphy informed Biden in a letter that the Trump administration is ready to begin the formal transition process. The letter from Murphy, a Trump appointee, is the first step the administration has taken to acknowledge President Trump’s defeat, more than two weeks after Biden was declared the winner.

Taking to Twitter after Murphy wrote to Biden, Trump said that he has asked to begin the transition process in the best interest of the country. “...fight, and I believe we will prevail! Nevertheless, in the best interest of our Country, I am recommending that Emily and her team do what needs to be done with regard to initial protocols, and have told my team to do the same.”

“What does GSA being allowed to preliminarily work with the Dems have to do with continuing to pursue our various cases on what will go down as the most corrupt election in American political history? We are moving full speed ahead. Will never concede to fake ballots & “Dominion,” Trump said

Lansing (US), Nov. 24: Michigan election officials on Monday certified Democrat Joe Biden’s 154,000-vote victory in the state, another setback for President Donald Trump in his futile effort to undermine the results of the Nov. 3 election through baseless legal challenges and unsupported claims of fraud.

The Board of State Canvassers, which has two Republicans and two Democrats, confirmed the results on a 3-0 vote with one abstention. Allies of Trump and losing GOP Senate candidate John James had urged the panel to delay voting for two weeks to audit votes in heavily Democratic Wayne County, home to Detroit. Under Michigan law, Biden claims all 16 electoral votes.

Biden won by 2.8 percentage points — a larger margin than in other states where Trump is contesting the results like Georgia, Arizona, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Some Trump allies had expressed hope that state lawmakers could intervene in

selecting Republican electors in states that do not certify. That long shot bid is no longer possible in Michigan. “The people of Michigan have spoken. President-elect Biden won the State of Michigan by more than 154,000 votes, and he will be our next president on January 20th,” Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, said in a statement, saying it’s “time to put this election behind us.”

The Trump legal team dismissed the certification as “simply a procedural step” and insisted it would fight on. But Trump’s efforts to stave off the inevitable — formal recognition of his defeat — is facing increasingly stiff resistance from the courts and fellow Republicans with just three weeks to go until the Electoral College meets to certify Biden’s victory.

Time and again, Trump’s challenges and baseless allegations of widespread conspiracy and fraud have been met with rejection as states move forward with confirming their results. — AP

YELLEN MAY BE TREASURY SECRETARY

Washington, Nov. 24: US President-elect Joe Biden is planning to nominate former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen as his Treasury Secretary to lead his economic response to the raging Coronavirus pandemic, which has wreaked havoc on the world’s biggest economy

and led millions of Americans to lose their jobs.

A formal announcement on 74-year-old Yellen would be made soon, according to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. The Treasury Secretary is fifth in the presidential line of succession. — PTI

in a series of tweets.

In her letter, Murphy said she took the decision “independently” and based on the law. “Please



Palestinians, mask-clad due to the Covid-19, wait to cross onto the Egyptian side at the Rafah border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt, on Tuesday. It was announced that Egypt would reopen the border crossing from November 24 to 26.

— AFP

US virus response: Thanksgiving could prove to be make or break

Washington, Nov. 24: In Pennsylvania, if you’re having friends over to socialise, you’re supposed to wear a mask — and so are your friends. That’s the rule, but Barb Chestnut has no intention of following it.

“No one is going to tell me what I can or not do in my own home” said Chestnut, 60, of Shippensburg. “They do not pay my bills and they are not going to tell me what to do.”

As governors and mayors grapple with an out-of-control pandemic, they are ratcheting up mask mandates and imposing restrictions on small indoor gatherings, which have been blamed for accelerating the spread of the coronavirus.

But while such measures carry the weight of law, they are, in practical terms, unenforceable, and officials are banking on voluntary compliance instead. Good luck with that. While many are undoubtedly heeding public health advice it’s inevitable that a segment of the population will blow off new state and local restrictions and socialise anyway. — AP

China FM in Japan for talks on reviving Covid-hit economies

Tokyo, Nov. 24: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi arrived in Japan on Tuesday to meet with his Japanese counterpart and discuss ways to revive their pandemic-hit economies as well as regional concerns over China’s growing influence.

During his two-day visit, Wang and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi are to discuss resuming business trips between the world’s No. 2 and No. 3 economies through a “business track” programme that would allow visitors to engage in limited business activity during 14-day quarantine periods. Japan recently launched such arrangements with a few less-infected Asian countries.

Wang’s visit comes as Japan is grappling with resurgence of coronavirus infections and the government struggles to balance disease prevention and the economy.

Chinese visitors topped the number of tourists in Japan before the Covid pandemic.

Wang is expected to meet with PM Yoshihide Suga during his Tokyo visit, the first by a top Chinese official since the February visit of Chinese foreign policy chief Yang Jiechi. — AP

Oz airline boss for vaccine passport

Sydney, Nov. 24: The boss of Australia’s largest airline said Monday that once a coronavirus vaccine becomes widely available, it may require passengers use it before they can travel abroad.

Qantas Chief Executive Alan Joyce said he’s been talking to his counterparts at other airlines around the world about the possibility of a “vaccination passport” for overseas travellers. — AP

U.S. PRISONS TO PRIORITISE STAFF

Washington, Nov. 24: The federal prison system will be among the first government agencies to receive the coronavirus vaccine, though initial allotments of the vaccine will be given to staff and not to inmates, even though sickened prisoners vastly outnumber sickened staff. — AP

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Corporate takeover of banks a dangerous idea

Recommendations of an Internal Working Group (IWG) of the Reserve Bank of India to allow big corporations to promote commercial banks has finally set the stage to turning the clock back on the ownership of lending institutions in the country, nearly 50 years after the Indira Gandhi government nationalised banks.

One of the reasons that forced Prime Minister of the day, Indira Gandhi, to nationalise 14 large private banks in 1969 was that these were owned by big industrialists and that they gave loans to themselves. Ever since this watershed moment in history, successive RBI governors and committees balked at the prospects of allowing industrial houses to promote banking institutions. Even when the RBI relaxed norms for setting up banks, it allowed only two entities — IDFC and Bandhan — to promote full-fledged banks.

The IWG's recommendation on allowing big companies into the banking sector, however, does a somersault on the RBI's past approach. Though the IWG did not lose sight of the possibility of such corporate-promoted banks resorting to connected lending, it noted that allowing such entities would bring in much-needed capital, experience, management expertise, and strategic direction to the banking sector. It also observed that many of such industrial houses have been successfully operating in other financial segments.

Discussing international experience in allowing industrial houses into the banking sectors, IWG argued that there are very few jurisdictions which explicitly disallow large corporate houses. There was, however, no country with a comparable economic and social background as that of India on the list. Most of the countries cited were the Western countries or some smaller countries like Singapore or Malaysia.

In India, a large majority of people still trust banks because they are not allowed to fail. In such circumstances, the trust deficit among people towards the banking sector would lead to the collapse of the banking sector. That is why former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan called the IWG recommendations a bombshell.

In a joint statement, Mr Rajan and former RBI deputy governor Viral Acharya questioned the timing of the decision to discard the cautious approach adopted by the central bank in allowing industrial houses to promote commercial banks. They argued that giving banking licences to industrial houses would allow them to concentrate economic power in their hands. Citing the corporate governance track record in the country, they argued that it would be difficult to ring-fence their banks from lending to their own group companies, which would put their competitors at a great disadvantage.

The IWG's recommendations have also become controversial because all the experts, except one, were of the opinion that large corporates/industrial houses should not be allowed to promote a bank. The IWG, however, went ahead with a recommendation that contradicts the expert advice. This undue haste on the part of the IWG to create a favourable policy framework for industrial houses could create suspicion in the minds of people, which is not conducive for the healthy growth of the banking sector in the country. The RBI governor and board, and also the Central government, should, therefore, exercise abundant caution while acting on this particular recommendation.

A builder of modern Assam

If there is a lesson in the life of former Assam chief minister Tarun Gogoi, who died on Monday at age 86, it is this: a sympathetic and active consideration of the lives of all communities in a state, a close and pragmatic attachment to ground realities, and an intellectual appreciation of the development paradigm, wins people's hearts — and elections.

Assam's longest-serving CM (2001-16) did not adopt the attitude of either entering a popularity contest or pleasing his party's high command in Delhi. This lent gravitas to his actions. In any objective evaluation, Mr Gogoi will be counted as arguably the most important Assam personality since independence, and among the most important Indians, although the breadth of his achievements remains to be fully appreciated. This Congress leader offers a model to emulate for his party and its leaders, and for other parties and their leaders.

Mr Gogoi did not contest the 1983 election following the call of All Assam Students Union to boycott parliament polls until a resolution of the "foreigners issue" was found. A Congressman through and through, he was not into AASU or AGSP politics but was frank in acknowledging that there was a problem. He also held that some "Indians" had gone to Bangladesh on account of communal problems, only to come back. He did not count them as foreigners. The Congress leader was a strong votary of the Assam Accord patiently negotiated by PM Rajiv Gandhi and wanted the tribunals to identify "illegal" elements to do their work patiently, and with the utmost care (unlike what transpired).

Assam had been wracked by multiple insurgencies. It faced a very serious illegal migrants issue. The state has multiple ethnic, religious and tribal communities. Mr Gogoi negotiated their demands for political participation and socio-economic development with empathy. As CM, he brought a financially bankrupt state back to life, leveraging his personal goodwill with former PM A.B. Vajpayee and home minister L.K. Advani. And he built infrastructure, offered employment opportunities, and encouraged women's participation in panchayat institutions. He acknowledged corruption in his own government. He was a builder of modern Assam.

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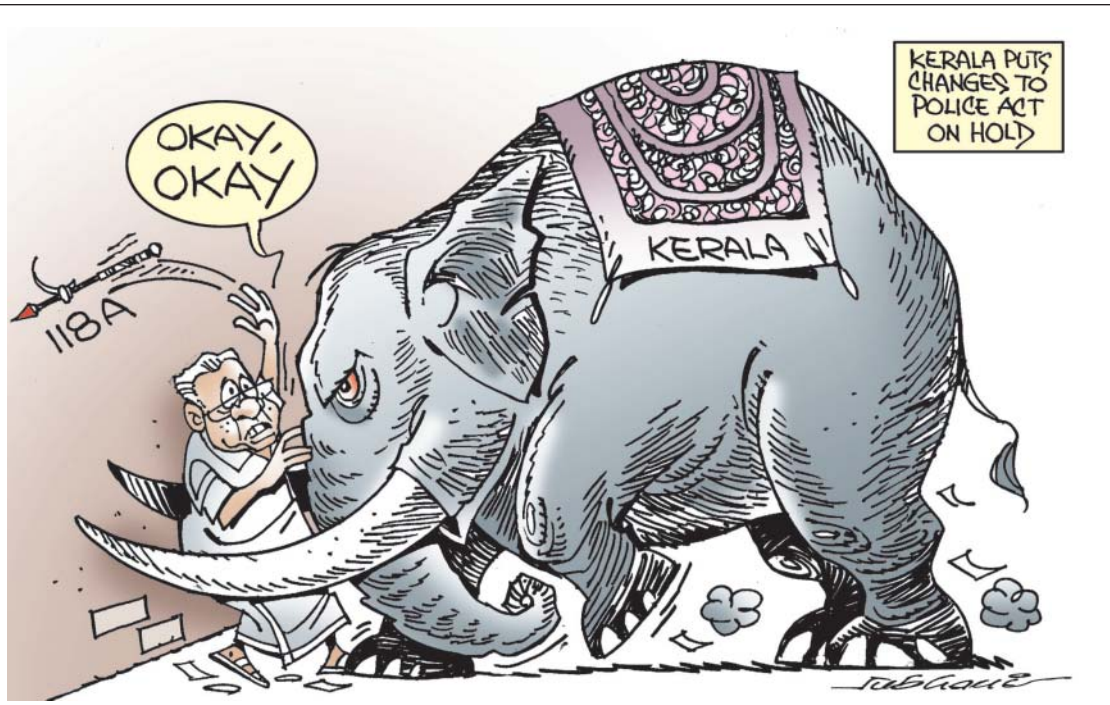
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If 'Trumpism' outlives Trump, America loses



Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

Reflections

A cartoon in London's free and therefore mass circulation *Evening Standard* shows US President Donald Trump screaming: "This totally discredited, completely fraudulent election ... has been won by me." The searing contradiction of that rant may well reflect the profound conviction of the 68 million fanatical Trump devotees. It is what 78-year-old US President-elect Joseph R. (Joe) Biden must address if the next four years of American history are not lost in bitter political wrangling, interminable legal battles, vicious racial conflict and bloody fighting in the streets.

During the last four years the United States suffered what former President Barack Obama calls "truth decay". He warns, moreover, that it will take more than one election — meaning Mr Biden's historic victory this month — to undo the damage done during the Trump presidency. The mix of toxic conspiracy theories, denigration of respected international institutions, intensely narrow nationalism as highlighted by the beligerence of Mr Trump's "America First" slogan, the spate of sackings to purge the administration, especially the Pentagon, of all but Trump loyalists, and a reckless populism that has divided American society from top to bottom has created wounds that are in desperate need of healing.

Abroad, the mix found support only among leaders who share some of Mr Trump's personal and political characteristics — Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and our own Mr Narendra Modi among them. At home, Mr Trump's divisive demagoguery enjoyed the back-

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the time was not ripe for easing up on Pakistan. At the same time, he warned India not to take advantage of the Afghanistan crisis because, as he put it, the whole world, not just the United States, was looking at the Kashmir problem. This comment provoked Jaswant Singh, who was visiting the US as external affairs minister under Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, to cancel his appointment with the then Senator Biden.

As for Britain, Mr Johnson, facing bankruptcy because of the costs of the coronavirus pandemic and nowhere near achieving a divorce settlement with the European Union which he must do by December 31, desperately needs a trade pact with the United States. But whereas President Trump was solidly behind the British Prime Minister, proudly calling himself "Mr Brexit", his Roman Catholic successor with roots in Ireland's County Louth, has not rushed to Britain's defence. On the contrary, he has made it clear that the Good Friday agreement which Mr Clinton had brokered must be honoured and a soft border retained between Ireland and the six British-held counties of Ulster (Northern Ireland).

Beyond such specific challenges, a Biden presidency must reintegrate the United States into pragmatic global politics. It must forge rational new alliances with leaders of the European Union like Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and France's President Emmanuel Macron. It must return to the Paris climate accord and abandon the insensate persecution of Iran in favour of a coordinated strategy to meet Tehran's legitimate

threat perceptions, if any.

Above all, Washington must come to grips with the challenge of a rising China. A firm stand is certainly necessary when it comes to China riding roughshod over the rights of smaller East and Southeast Asian countries in the South China Sea as well as China's aggressive militarism in Ladakh. But ranting and raving about the Wuhan virus, drawing facile distinctions between the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, and targeting even the World Health Organisation for apparent subservience to China makes a mockery of diplomatic activism. It is as childish as dubbing North Korea's Kim Jong-un "Rocket Man" until the two finally met under Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's aegis in Singapore. Yesterday's enemy was then transformed into today's sweetheart... until they fell out again!

It is a matter of regret to the world and should be a matter of shame to the United States that some 30 of Mr Trump's election complaints have already been rejected by the American courts, and that a number of civil and criminal charges may be levelled against him after January 20, 2021 when his immunity from prosecution lapses. None of this is a good advertisement for democracy in an increasingly undemocratic and authoritarian environment. The world's only superpower enjoys a responsibility to the global community that goes far beyond the demands of domestic party politics. Americans simply must not allow Trumpism to outlive Donald Trump.

The writer is a senior journalist, columnist and author

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LETTERS

WE PAY FOR SOPS

It looks like Santa Claus is coming early, what with all political parties luring citizens with a number of free sops, it should not be forgotten that nothing is free, and everything comes with a cost. Indirectly the public will be paying for the so-called benevolence, for which the politicians do not spend from their pockets.

S. Nageswara Rao
Hyderabad

ON FLOOD RELIEF

Forget about the Centre's promises, where is the flood aid (*All 132 crore Indians must file chargesheets against PM: KTR, DC, Nov. 23*)? The Opposition wrote to the SEC about flood relief after almost a month. What was the government doing till then? The people of Osmannagar and Tolichowki have been neglected for six years since the formation of the state.

Dr Syed Ataullah Hussaini
Hyderabad

NOT DIFFERENT

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao made a veiled threat to the people that if the TRS is not elected in the GHMC elections, the state government will not support the city's development. Then how can he accuse the Centre of step-motherly treatment?

S. Nageswara Rao
Hyderabad

COVID SAFETY

Everyone must follow Covid-19 safety norms during the GHMC polls. Wearing a mask properly, maintaining physical distance and sanitising hands frequently will keep the second phase of Coronavirus away. Better stick to electronic media for campaigning, debates and e-canvassing.

P.N.S. Lekha
Secunderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Centre's stand on Telangana unchanged

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24. Telangana Regional Committee Chairman J. Chokka Rao and Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee President Narasa Reddy today called on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

While Mr. Chokka Rao urged Mrs. Gandhi for additional financial allocation to Telangana, Mr. Reddy is understood to have explained that the result of the Siddipet Assembly by-election in which Telangana Pradesh Samithi candidate was returned, should not be exaggerated.

Dilip Cherian
Dilli Ka Babu



Who's afraid of Nitin Gadkari?

Union road and transport minister Nitin Gadkari's recent sharp rebuke of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials for the delay in the construction of the NHAI headquarters was delivered with his typical smiling demeanour but carried a lethal punch that shocked the babus. It was surprising in its candour (rare for politicians) and turned what was meant to be a joyous event — the inauguration of the building — into a scathing critique of bureaucratic inefficiency in the country.

This was not meant to turn out like this, more than six years into the rule of the NDA government. When the Narendra Modi *sarkar* came to power six years ago, it rode in on huge expectations that it would re-energise the economy, oversee infrastructure development, improve the functioning of

the government and tackle corruption.

Many of its big-ticket economic reforms are still on the anvil or have been watered down, following political resistance. Two big "reforms", namely demonetisation and a badly implemented GST, have been disastrous. But the one area where the winds of change were felt the most was the bureaucracy. It is clearly evident that despite what some saw as a streak of authoritarianism in Prime Minister Modi's approach, bureaucracy in India was shaken out of its long slumber and was compelled to sit up and take note of his new style of proactive governance.

Now, from hearing it from Mr Gadkari, it appears that in this respect, too, the recalcitrant babus have refused to fall in line with the Modi *sarkar*'s stated culture of direct access, simplifying proce-

It is indeed rare for the political executive to haul up the bureaucracy in the manner that Mr Gadkari did, though the present dispensation at the Centre has moved far more decisively against bureaucratic corruption and inefficiency than its predecessors...

dures and eliminating delays in decision-making and implementation. The situation seems to hark back to the to the days when an administrative paralysis had set in during the UPA-2 government's tenure. Despite green signals from the highest levels, the babus in Lutyens' Delhi refuse to take a deci-

sion and keep the file moving from one ministry to the other.

It is indeed rare for the political executive to haul up the bureaucracy in the manner that Mr Gadkari did, though the present dispensation at the Centre has moved far more decisively against bureaucratic corruption and inefficiency than its predecessors — compulsorily retiring hundreds of babus for corruption and inefficiency. When it came back to power last year, it started with compulsory retirement of 27 IRS officers and followed this up with instructions to various departments to identify deadwood that the government needed to get rid of. This message was underlined again by Mr Gadkari to his captive audience, just in case some babus felt the government was not serious.

But is this the entire picture? Could there be a flip side — that

perhaps it is the workman who is quarrelling with his tools for his own failures? After all, the same babus, who were lambasted by the minister, used the same rules and procedures to build the national highways at a stupendous rate of 30 km a day! It could also be pointed out that the political executive also should share the blame for allowing the "naalayak" and "nikamma" babus to fester in the system because it suits them and their populist policies?

Can Mr Gadkari and the government seize the courage to follow through with its campaign to purge corruption in governance or will the corrosive forces of corrupt netas and babus manage to paper over the cracks and survive?

Share a babu experience! Follow dilipthecherian@Twitter.com. Let's multiply the effect.

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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	44,523.02	1.01
Nifty 50	13,055.15	1.00
S&P 500*	3,619.28	1.17
Dollar (₹)	73.99	0.16
Pound Sterling (₹)	98.88	0.14
Euro (₹)	87.93	0.08
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	48,569*1,049	2.15
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	47.66	1.60
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.880	0.021
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.865	0.006

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Google pays ₹33,700 cr for Jio Platform stake

Alphabet Inc's Google has paid Rs 33,737 crore for a 7.73 per cent stake in Reliance Industries Ltd's digital subsidiary, Jio Platforms Ltd. The transaction also marks the US technology giant's biggest investment in an Indian firm. With this, Jio Platforms has raised a total of Rs 1.52 lakh crore by selling nearly 33 per cent stake to 13 financial and strategic investors in just 11 weeks, RIL said.

Aihea to join trade unions in strike tomorrow



The All India Bank Employees' Association (Aihea) said it would join the one-day nationwide strike on Nov. 26 called by central trade unions to protest against the government's anti-labour policies. Ten central trade unions, except BMS, will observe a general strike on Thursday. "Lok Sabha in its recently held session has passed three new labour enactments by dismantling existing 27 enactments," the Aihea said.

Indian sellers join Amazon's US holiday sales

More than 70,000 Indian exporters on Amazon's Global Selling programme will showcase their Made in India products on the annual Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales. The exporters are launching thousands of new products on Amazon's global websites for the holiday season between Nov. 26 and Nov. 30. Indian products in categories like health & hygiene and home essentials saw heightened demand abroad.

Goa govt issues ₹156-cr demand notice to JSW

The Goa government has issued a demand notice to JSW Steel Ltd, handling coal at Mormugao Port Trust (MPT), to pay Rs 156.34 crore in the form of Goa Rural Improvement and Welfare Cess, within a fortnight, for transportation of coal. In a demand notice issued on Nov. 9, copy of which was released on Monday, the Assistant Director of Transport has asked JSW Steel to pay Rs 156.34 crore to the state.



Heavy FPI buying pushes indices up Nifty crosses 13000-mark

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, NOV. 24

Benchmark index Nifty-50 created a new milestone by crossing the 13000-mark for the first time and closed at a new peak of 13055.15, aided by a sharp rally in financials and auto stocks and heavy foreign portfolio buying.

The index has gained 73.81 per cent from the March low of 7511.10 in the post-Covid rally over optimism around economic revival and robust second quarter corporate earnings.

The Nifty gained 128.70 points or 1 per cent on Tuesday to reach the new landmark of 13055.15 after touching an intra-day high of 13079.10 points.

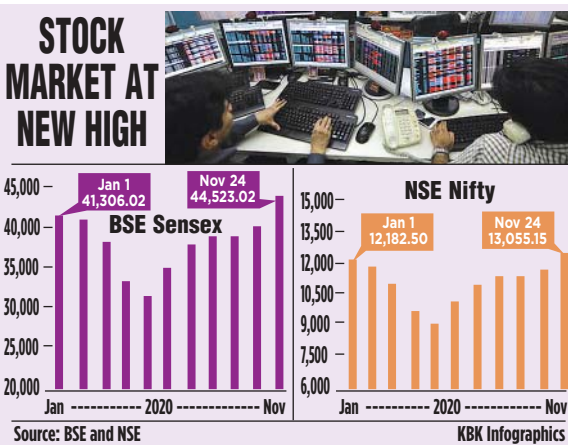
The BSE Sensex also gained 1.01 per cent, or 445.87 points, and closed above the 44,500 mark, at a new all-time high of 44523.02.

BSE's market capitalisation hit a new all-time high of Rs 174.81 lakh crore.

The Nifty Bank Index comprising banks and other financial heavyweights gained 2.46 per cent while the Nifty Auto Index gained 1.71 per cent.

The top Nifty gainers included Adani Port (4.46 per cent), Axis Bank (3.93 per cent), HDFC Bank (3.54 per cent), Eicher Motors (3.52 per cent), Hindalco (3.44 per cent) and Mahindra & Mahindra (3.05 per cent).

The broader market also gained but lagged behind the large-caps with the



BSE Mid-cap Index rising 0.58 per cent and the BSE Small-cap Index rising 0.89 per cent.

Heavy buying by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), to the tune of Rs 4,563.18 crore, led to gain across all the sectoral indices on Tuesday.

"Indian indices opened on record-high levels on Tuesday, tracking gains in Asian peers, on the back of the progress made on the Covid-19 vaccine and the prospects for a speedy global economic revival," said Hemang Jani, head-equity strategy, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

"FPIs have made the highest monthly buying in November 2020 in the last 2 decades. Till date they have pumped in approximately Rs 50,989 crore in November itself and have invested approximately Rs 1.31 lakh crore in India year-to-date. This has helped the indices touch the 13K levels," Jani said.

"The inflow increased considerably especially after the end of the election in the United States and weakness in the dollar index. Another major reason behind such a large inflow was the expected stimulus worth trillions of dollars from central banks to revive economies that are hit hard by the Covid-led lockdown," Jani said.

Strong second quarter corporate earnings with significant growth seen in IT, pharma, metals, select private banks and NBFCs, and cement have helped the market move higher.

"Rural demand continued to outperform urban in 2QFY21, enabling sequential recovery for most companies in the consumer sector. Commentaries of NBFCs suggest improving macros across most business segments and the end of the moratorium have led to increased optimism for collection efficiency as well as growth," Jani said.

RBI nixes Muthoot plan to acquire IDBI Mutual Fund

New Delhi, Nov. 24: The RBI has turned down the proposal of Muthoot Finance to acquire IDBI Bank's mutual fund business for Rs 215 crore, saying sponsoring a mutual fund is not in consonance with the activity of an operating NBFC.

In a regulatory filing on Tuesday, IDBI Bank said a share purchase agreement for sale of IDBI Mutual Fund to Muthoot Finance was signed on November 22, 2019. The agreement was for acquisition by Muthoot Finance of 100 per cent equity shares of IDBI Asset Management held by IDBI Bank, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities, and 100 per cent shares of IDBI MF Trustee Company held by IDBI Bank.

"Their (Muthoot's) request for a no objection certificate was not acceded to by Reserve Bank of India," IDBI said. —PTI

RE corners 95% energy project financing in 2019

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, NOV. 24



Financing for coal-based energy projects dropped 82 per cent last year to shrink the segment's share in the total energy project financing to 5 per cent. Renewable energy projects now account for 95 per cent of the lending.

Two coal-fired energy projects received a total finance of Rs 1,100 crore in 2019, which was 82 per cent less than Rs 6,081 crore received by five projects in 2018. The project financing in the coal sector has been coming down for the past two years. In 2017, coal projects had received a total of Rs 60,767 crore and by 2018 the lending dropped by 90 per cent, as per the report by Centre for Financial Accountability.

Coal-based projects had a higher share of 72.6 per cent in the energy project financing till 2017. That year, renewable energy accounted for just 27.4 per

cent share with a total financing of Rs 22,913 crore. By 2018, renewable energy (RE) financing grew by 6.6 per cent to Rs 24,443 crore. But as the coal project loans fell drastically, the RE share rose to 80 per cent.

Total project financing for the energy sector further came down to Rs 24,071 crore in 2019. Despite, a 6 per cent dip in funds to Rs 22,971 crore, 14 renewable energy projects grabbed a higher share of 95 per cent. Of the total funds, wind energy projects received Rs 6,917 crore and solar projects got Rs 16,054 crore.

The troubled state of discoms affected the lending towards renewable energy projects as well.

Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh continued to be the most attractive states for renewable energy, accounting for 79 per cent of the total lending. Commercial banks provided the majority of loans to renewable energy, while their exposure to coal-based projects fell drastically.

Private commercial banks continued their dominance, but state-owned financial institutions too increased their lending.

Refinancing continued to account for the majority of coal power lending in 2019, while most renewable energy lending was for new projects.

Motor premiums reclaim top share

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, NOV. 24

After remaining subdued for six months, motor premiums have once again reclaimed the top slot among general insurance categories in October. Increased festive demand for automobiles has helped the revival of motor insurance premiums.

Motor premiums historically had the highest share

among non-life insurance premiums. At the end of last fiscal, motor premiums had 36.6 per cent share of total general insurance premiums and health had 27.3 per cent share.

However, the lock-down period saw a significant drop in the automotive sales and motor cover renewals, which led to a 49 per cent drop in the motor premiums in April. At a monthly premium of Rs

2,621 crore in April, share of motor premiums fell to 18.5 per cent.

But the pandemic saw health insurance premiums growing. In April health premiums grew 6.2 per cent over the same month last year and grabbed a share of 37.9 per cent. Health premiums have been growing all through FY21 first half.

By October, the year-to-date motor premium went

up more than health at Rs 35,281 crore and its share moved up to 31.1 per cent. Health premium till October stood at Rs 32,879 crore with a share of 29.2 per cent, as per the data from General Insurance Council.

Motor premiums increased 3 per cent in October against the same month last year on the back of rising new vehicle sales.

India's latest unicorn startup is Cars24

SARAH MCBRIDE & SARITHA RAI
NOV. 24

India's mass transit systems were shut off when the country locked down. As a result, Indians rushed to find alternative transportation, and that often meant used cars.

A major beneficiary was Cars24 Services Pvt Ltd, an online marketplace for used cars based in Gurgaon. The company's valuation jumped to more than \$1 billion after a new round of funding. DST Global, the investment firm led by Russia-born billionaire Yuri Milner,

invested \$200 million in the deal.

The investment doubles the total funds raised by Cars24 since the business was established five years ago. The chief executive officer and co-founder, Vikram Chopra, was an investment analyst early in his career at Sequoia Capital, one of the world's most prominent venture capital firms and now a Cars24 investor. Chopra started Cars24 after having a hard time selling his car before a temporary move to the US, he said.

Daunted by the situation, he ended up giving his car to a friend instead, he said.

Cars24, which takes a cut of each transaction, is on track to generate estimated gross annual revenue of \$600 million, Chopra said. "Our awareness among consumers has shot up dramatically," he said.

India's pre-owned vehicle market is fragmented. Online retailers like Cars24, Droom and OLX, along with the automakers themselves, offer a more consistent buying experience, simplified paperwork and access to lenders. India lacks a system to establish fair values for used cars like Kelley Blue Book.

For Cars24, the new

investor brings a global expertise. DST Global is based in Hong Kong and has backed a varied list of companies over the years, including Facebook Inc and WhatsApp in the US and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd in China. In India, DST invested in the online shopping firm Flipkart.

What made Cars24 stand out was its ability to handle so many steps, including remote inspections of vehicles, said Rahul Mehta, a Dubai-based managing partner at DST. "You have to be deep into operations," he said. "These guys have done well." —Bloomberg

Oil-rich Kuwait faces reckoning as debt crisis looms

Dubai, Nov. 24: When Kuwait emerged from a months-long coronavirus lockdown, hundreds of Kuwaitis flocked to reopened stores, the lines clogging malls, snaking through hallways and spilling onto sidewalks.

But unlike much of the world, where long lines

formed for donated food, Kuwaitis were waiting to buy Cartier jewelry.

The jewellery-store rush by Kuwait's long-coddled citizens is a symptom of a looming disaster.

Kuwait, one of the world's wealthiest countries, is facing a debt crisis. The pandemic has sent the

price of oil crashing to all-time lows and pushed the petro-state toward a reckoning with its longtime largesse, just as a parliamentary election approaches in December.

Covid, low oil prices and the liquidity crisis have all come together in a perfect storm, said Bader al-Saif, a

professor of history at Kuwait University.

Like other Gulf sheikhdoms, Kuwait provides cushy jobs to roughly 90 per cent of citizens on the public payroll, along with generous benefits and subsidies, from cheap electricity and oil to free health care and education. —AP

Time to reform office culture of financial world

SREE VIDYA BHAKTAVATSALAM
NOV. 24

Everywhere, the stewards of capitalism are in flux, grappling with the implications of a radically different future that's set to play out from home offices, living rooms, and kitchen tables around the world.

This is a big moment for an industry that has long lionised alpha-male "tough guys" who wear their stamina as a badge of honor and view the need for work-life flexibility as an admission of weakness. From New York to London to Hong Kong, the hard-charging culture of finance has been tied to the towering edifices that cram in thousands of over-achievers, the cutthroat chaos of the trading floors, and the relentless schmoozing that accompa-

nies the entry into the upper echelons.

The new workplace reality, with hundreds of thousands of bankers working from home for the foreseeable future, has spurred considerable angst among the financial elite. One by one, powerful men have lamented the damage to their companies' cultures-cultures they've sought to perpetuate.

Sergio Ermotti, who stepped down as CEO of Zurich-based UBS Group AG on Nov. 1, said it's "especially difficult for banks to create and sustain cohesiveness and a culture when employees stay at home."

In September, JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s Jamie Dimon pushed for a return to normal, warning of slipping productivity and alienation among workers. BlackRock Inc.'s Laurence Fink worried about the

serendipitous "water cooler moments" being lost as Zoom calls supplant impromptu encounters. Senior leaders at Goldman Sachs Group Inc, Barclays Plc, and others have pointed to the vital role that face-to-face interactions play in preserving the fabric of their companies' cultures.

Lost in this nostalgia is a hard truth: The finance industry has created some of the most toxic workplaces for women, racial minorities, or anyone else who doesn't fit in comfortably with Wall Street's fraternity. As a journalist who has spent years covering finance and investing from Boston, New York, Hong Kong, and London, I'm often asked what I learned from my time in these financial centres. One takeaway seems especially relevant in the

Column

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strange times in which we find ourselves today: The world of finance can be incredibly isolating and hostile to someone who isn't White, straight, and male.

Sure, sexual harassment is no longer as flagrant as

it was in the 1990s, a sordid period that former Bloomberg News columnist Susan Antilla chronicled in her 2002 book, *Tales From the Boom-Boom Room: Women vs. Wall Street*. Back then, women were subjected to profanity-laced tirades, grabbing and groping, and topless dancers on trading floors. The blatant racism of that era has given way to more subtle forms of discrimination, even as the right noises come from financial leaders.

But the cultural problems aren't a vestige of a remote past. As recently as 2019, Bloomberg News reported on a Cantor Fitzgerald bond saleswoman's story of persistent persecution, culminating in her discovering feces in her coffee mug, as well as the booze-drenched culture at the insurance

market Lloyd's of London that put women at the mercy of their drunken bosses and colleagues.

For every incident that gets this kind of spotlight, dozens are never chronicled.

The global reckoning fuelled by the #MeToo movement in 2017 and the racial justice protests that followed the police killing of George Floyd in 2020 have led many banks and other financial companies to enact tough policies to combat and address sexism and racism in the workplace.

At the same time, the financial industry is adapting to the tectonic shift toward remote working. Standard Chartered Plc has unveiled a permanent move to flexible working for its 85,000 employees. Switzerland's UBS expects a third of its

employees to work from home permanently, and Japan's Mizuho Financial Group Inc is mulling a shorter workweek.

Already there are signs that some of the worst aspects of banking culture are moving to this virtual world. Excluding women and members of minority groups from important meetings and decisions is even easier when operating remotely.

Financial companies will have to navigate a tricky path between respecting employees' privacy and protecting vulnerable staff. But instead of bemoaning the loss of the corporate cultures caused by remote working, leaders should use the opportunity to examine these cultures more closely and then take concrete steps to reform them.

—Bloomberg

SHORT TAKES

Dada underwent 22 Covid-19 tests

Mumbai: BCCI president and former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Tuesday revealed that he underwent as many as 22 Covid-19 tests in the past four and a half months while trying to navigate his professional commitments amid the raging pandemic. Ganguly was kept busy by the conduct of the Indian Premier League in the UAE from mid-September to early November. "I must tell you I have got tested 22 times in the last four and half months and not been positive even once, I have had cases around me, so that probably forced me to get tested myself," Ganguly said at a virtual conference where he was brand ambassador of Livinguard AG. "...I stay with elderly parents and I have travelled to Dubai and in the initial part, I was very worried, not just for me, but the community, you don't want to spread it to somebody else because people are looking up to you," he added. Ganguly said he is immensely proud of his BCCI team for pulling off a successful IPL, which he hopes, would be back in India for its next edition. The event was shifted to UAE this year because of the pandemic. — PTI

Fans set for EPL games next week

London: Supporters are set to return to English Premier League games next week for the first time since March. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is allowing a return of spectators to sports stadiums as part of an easing of coronavirus restrictions when the national lockdown ends on December 2. A maximum of 4,000 fans will initially be allowed into venues in the areas with the lowest Covid-19 infection rates and up to 2,000 in the areas placed in the next tier of restrictions. The highest-risk areas still won't be allowed fans. Plans for the return of spectators in October were put on hold due to a spike in coronavirus cases. "We are able to get the turnstiles turning sooner than expected," Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said on Monday, "taking a cautious approach and starting with the lowest risk areas first. I'm confident that sports will take every step to ensure their fans are safe, and fans will play their part and look out for each other until we can safely get everyone back in." — AP

Honda end year with double points

Portugal: Fighting rides from Stefan Bradl and Alex Marquez delivered a double-top ten to wrap up a strong final weekend in here. The unprecedented 2020 MotoGP came to a close in Portugal with a trio of tremendous races across the classes. Conditions were again near perfect as the sun loomed over the Portimao circuit. Using morning warm up to confirm the final aspects of his setting, Alex was again strong and consistent throughout the 20-minute session. The MotoGP rookie ended in seventh but with excellent pace. Focus was high for Bradl as the last race day of the year began, the German having put in a very impressive performance on Saturday. A fast fall at Turn 9 saw Bradl walk away unharmed, changing his leathers and returning to the track for the final minutes of warm-up. The crash had no ill effect as Bradl shot forward in the race and immediately began to battle in the top five, giving no quarter. The battle would rage until the end of the race, Bradl earning seventh and achieving his best race finish of the year.

Live on TV

CRICKET

Women's Big Bash League: Semifinal-1 from 1.40 pm on Sony Six

FOOTBALL

Indian Super League: Goa vs Mumbai City from 7.20 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

Champions League: Olympiacos vs Manchester City from 11.25 pm on Sony Ten 2; Monchengladbach vs Shakhtar Donetsk from 11.25 pm on Sony Six; Liverpool vs Atalanta from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 1; Inter Milan vs Real Madrid from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 2; Bayern Munich vs Salzburg from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 3; Atletico Madrid vs Lokomotiv Moscow from 1.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Six

WWE

NXT: Bouts from 6.30 am (Thursday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

DOUBLE TROUBLE?

Rohit, Ishant may miss entire Australia Test series

New Delhi, Nov. 24: India's star opener Rohit Sharma and pacer Ishant Sharma will miss the first two Tests against Australia and are also doubtful for the remaining two after it was conveyed to the BCCI that the duo will require close to a month to be match fit.

The two, who are undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, are already out of contention for the limited-overs leg of the series, which begins with the ODIs on Friday.

They were kept in the Test squad for the series starting on December 17 but tough quarantine rules have made their availability uncertain.

"The NCA has given a report that both Rohit and Ishant will take at least another 3 to 4 weeks to get match fit," a Board source said on Tuesday.

Rohit, while talking to PTI last week, had stated that his hamstring injury is fine now and he is only working on strength and conditioning to be battle-ready at the NCA.

Ishant, on the other hand, is recovering from a side strain.

"Even if they travel now they will have 'hard quarantine' since they will travel by commercial flight. Hard quarantine means not being able to train during the 14 days like the whole team," the source said.

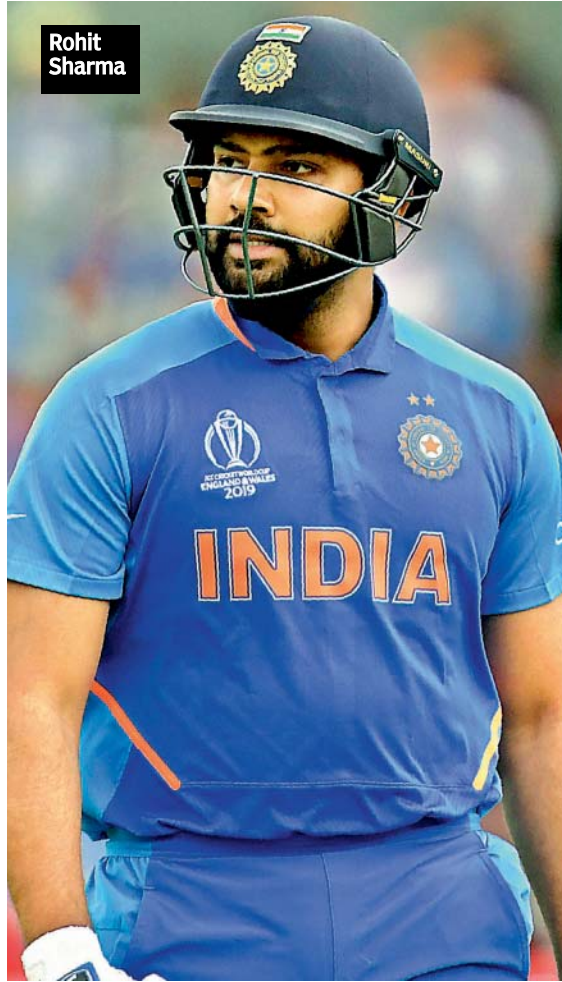
"So, now if only Cricket Australia can convince the government and allow them to train during quarantine," he added.

The Indian team, which landed here after the IPL earlier this month on a chartered flight, was allowed to train in quarantine as Australia battled a fresh wave of Covid cases.

National coach Ravi Shastri had on Sunday stated that the two cricketers' chances of playing the Test series hinge on whether they are able to board a flight to Australia within this week. — PTI



Ishant Sharma



Rohit Sharma

Shastri backs 'Fav 5' to rule Oz

New Delhi, Nov. 24: Coach Ravi Shastri believes India's pace attack can conquer Australia "in their own den" in the upcoming Test series between the world's top two sides.

India's quick bowlers, led by Jasprit Bumrah, will face a powerful home batting line-up including David Warner and Steve Smith when the four-Test series begins on December 17.

But Shastri said his team's pace unit was the best in the world, despite being likely to be without

the injured Ishant Sharma who is receiving treatment India for a muscle tear.

"His absence does make a difference to the fast-bowling department, but then we have the capacity among the young bowlers to deliver," Shastri told *Sportstar*.

Shastri dubbed Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Umesh Yadav and Navdeep Saini the "fabulous five", adding, "Yadav has the experience. Saini is young and fast. Bumrah one of the best

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— RAVI SHASTRI
India coach on his team's pace attack

in business.

Shami is raring to go. Siraj is an exciting prospect. "You put up runs on the board and watch these fast bowlers hunt the opposition. They can beat Australia

in their own den." Australia last week overtook India at the top of the inaugural world Test championship when the scoring system was amended due to the coronavirus pandemic, but Virat Kohli's men enjoyed a historic first Test series win Down Under on their last tour in 2018-19.

Shastri is confident his team can stay focused on and off the pitch during the tour, which requires travel bubbles and isolation because of the pandemic. — AFP

CLARKE SAYS INDIA COULD BE SMOKED 4-0

Sydney, Nov. 24: Former Australia captain Michael Clarke has warned that India could be "smoked 4-0" in the Test series if skipper Virat Kohli does not set the tone in the white-ball games before his departure.

Kohli will lead the team in the white-ball series, comprising three ODIs and as many T20s, and the opening Test at Adelaide before heading back home.

"These One-dayers and these Twenty20s is where Virat Kohli can really stand up and lead from the front," Clarke said on *'Sky Sports Radio'* on Tuesday.

"If India don't have success in the One-dayers and the T20s, they are in deep trouble in the Test matches and they'll get smoked 4-0, in my opinion," he added. — PTI

Kohli, Ashwin nominated for Player of Decade award

Dubai, Nov. 24: The talismanic Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin were on Tuesday nominated for the coveted ICC Men's Player of the Decade Award with the Indian captain featuring in all five men's categories for his incredible run in the last 10 years.

Kohli and veteran off-spinner Ashwin are the two Indians among seven players nominated for the most prestigious award.

Besides the Indian duo, Joe Root (England), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Steve Smith (Australia), AB de Villiers (South Africa), and Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka) are the other contenders in this category.

In the Men's ODI Player of the Decade cat-



Ravichandran Ashwin



Virat Kohli

egory, former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and run-machine Rohit Sharma also found a place alongside Kohli, Lasith Malinga (Sri Lanka), Mitchell Starc (Australia), de Villiers and Sangakkara.

Kohli and Rohit also

featured in the Men's T20 Player of the Decade category, which also included Rashid Khan (Afghanistan), Imran Tahir (South Africa), Aaron Finch (Australia), Malinga and Chris Gayle (West Indies). — PTI

Athletic Bilbao hammer Betis

Madrid, Nov. 24: Athletic Bilbao comfortably defeated Real Betis 4-0 to move further away from the relegation zone in the Spanish league.

Athletic got on the board with an own goal by Victor Ruiz in the ninth minute, and Ander Capa added to the lead before halftime.

Iker Muniain scored in the 59th and Alex Berenguer sealed the scoring in the 68th. Betis goalkeeper Claudio Bravo had to make a few good saves to keep the hosts from an even bigger win at San Mamés Stadium in Bilbao.

The result moved Athletic to eighth place. They were just two points above the relegation zone entering the match.

Manuel Pellegrini's Betis also are in mid-table, though they have played one game more than Athletic.

Real Sociedad lead the

THE RESULTS		
LA LIGA		
Athletic Bilbao (Victor Ruiz 9-og, Capa 33, Muniain 59, Berenguer 68)	Real Betis	4-0
PREMIER LEAGUE		
Burnley (Wood 8)	Crystal Palace	1-0
Wolves (Neto 75)	Southampton (Walcott 58)	1-1

league with 23 points, three more than second-placed Atlético Madrid, who have two games in hand.

Meanwhile in England, Burnley won for the first time in the Premier League this season as Chris Wood sealed a 1-0 victory against Crystal Palace, while Southampton missed a

chance to go third in their 1-1 draw at Wolves.

Burnley had failed to win any of their first seven games.

Sean Dyche's side were the only Premier League team yet to score a home goal this term until New Zealand striker Wood put them ahead in the first half against Palace. That was enough to

clinch a much-needed three points for Burnley, who climbed out of the relegation zone at the expense of Fulham.

"We created two or three golden chances, we take one and it gets a bit nervy because we hadn't found that first win. To get that one done will do us the world of good," Dyche said.

"We have got a group that can challenge. We have had a tough start but that has been coming."

Palace were missing Ivory Coast forward Wilfried Zaha after he tested positive for coronavirus and Roy Hodgson's side lacked a cutting edge without him as they slumped to a second defeat in three games.

Burnley had managed just three league goals this season and hadn't scored since October 3 when Ashley Westwood netted in a loss at Newcastle.

— AP

Thapa shines in Chennaiyin win

Vasco, Nov. 24: Anirudh Thapa's early strike coupled with a penalty from Esmael Goncalves (26') gave Chennaiyin FC a 2-1 win over Jamshedpur FC in the Hero Indian Super League here on Tuesday.

Thapa got the game off to an electrifying start, scoring in the very first minute. Rafael Crivellaro won the ball and found Goncalves on the right flank. His low cross was powered into the net by the midfielder; the exuberance of his celebration matching that of his finish. He became the first Indian goal scorer after four games this season.

Last season's golden boot winner Nerijus Valskis (37') pulled one back but a string of misses ensured that Jamshedpur boss Owen Coyle started the season with a defeat to the team he managed last season.

The next few minutes made it evident what sort of a game this was going to be. Jamshedpur's English defender Peter Hartley wasted a golden opportunity to draw his team level in the 7th minute and headed a free-kick wide off. Three minutes later, Goncalves found himself one on one with opposing custodian TP Rehenesh but failed to find the target.

Lallianzuala Chhangte missed a chance to score in the 20th minute. His first touch, as he received Crivellaro's excellent pass, took the ball away and the subsequent effort was

MFC LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST GOA

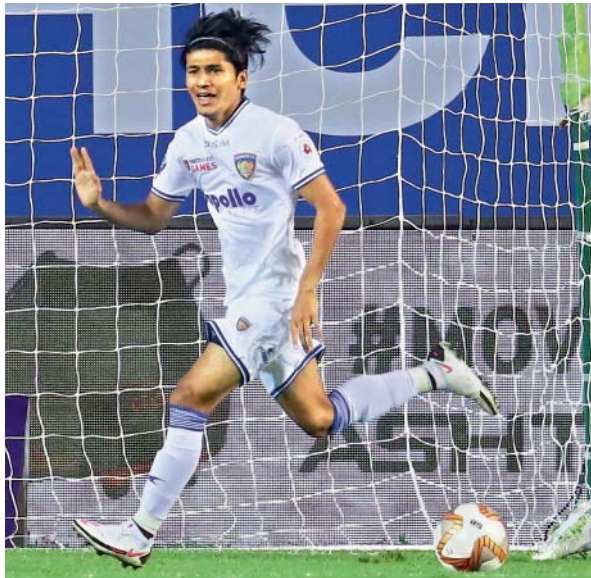
Margao, Nov. 24: Stunned by NorthEast United in their opening match, Mumbai City FC would look to bounce back when they take on FC Goa in an Indian Super League match, which is expected to produce free-flowing football here on Wednesday.

For Mumbai City head coach Sergio Lobera, it will be the first time he will be up against his former club.

The match is expected to see a lot of passes. Lobera has long been known for getting his players to spray the ball all around the pitch. During his stint as FC Goa coach, he averaged 535 passes per match.

Despite losing 0-1 to NorthEast United, 10-men Mumbai had more than 60 per cent possession and completed 451 passes to their opponents' 217. No team has passed more in the league so far. — PTI

pushed behind by Rehenesh. But he made amends five minutes later, drawing a push from Isaac Vannalsawma inside the box and winning a penalty. Goncalves did not make a mistake from the spot. — Agencies



Chennaiyin FC's Anirudh Thapa celebrates after scoring the fastest goal (52 seconds) of the season against Jamshedpur FC in an ISL-7 match at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco da Gama on Tuesday.

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