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WINDOWS



India's captain Virat Kohli (right) hugs to congratulate teammate Hardik Pandya after their win in the second T20 international cricket match between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney

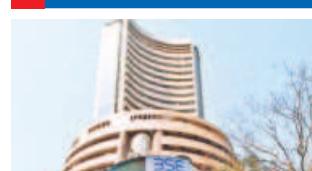
China sets up 3 villages near Arunachal

NEW DELHI: China has constructed at least 3 villages, approximately 5 kilometres from the Bum La pass which lies close to the tri-junction between India, China and Bhutan in western Arunachal Pradesh. Beijing disputes the boundary between India and China in this region and the new constructions here could be a significant step towards reinforcing its territorial claims along the Arunachal Pradesh frontier.

CAIT asks ED to take strict action against Amazon

NEW DELHI: The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has written to the Enforcement Directorate(ED) with all the necessary details to prove that since the beginning of Amazon in India in 2012, it has brazenly and flagrantly violated the laws, rules and regulations of the country and has caused misery to crores of small traders (by resorting to predatory pricing) who are sought to be protected by the FDI Policy and the FEMA Rules and Regulations. Despite the constant violations no action has been taken against the Amazon because of which the seven crore traders of the country along with the workers and people connected to them are feeling cheated and left out.

BUSINESS



Global cues will drive markets

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**IRREGULAR** by MANJUL

Yes, country needs me, but party needs me more. There're some local pols and I've been asked to campaign

CHENNAI

A FEW days after cyclone Burevi and Nivar hit Indian coastal regions, Tamil Nadu could be hit by a new cyclone named 'Arnab'.

Contrary to what one would think at first, the name 'Arnab' has nothing to do with the news anchor caught in controversies. The name was rather part of a list containing 169 names suggested by various countries like Myanmar, Iran, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, with the low-pressure area over Gulf of

DELHI UNDER SIEGE SUPPORT SWELLS FOR BHARAT BANDH

Trade unions, Oppn back farmers' call for bandh tomorrow

NEW DELHI

THE Congress, TRS, DMK and the AAP on Sunday joined other Opposition parties in extending support to the 'Bharat Bandh' on Tuesday called by farmer unions which have been protesting on Delhi's borders for the last 11 days demanding repeal of the Centre's new agri-marketing laws. The Trinamool Congress, RJD and the Left parties, besides a joint platform of 10 central trade unions, had on Saturday backed the countrywide strike. Meanwhile, Actor Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam stated that it will take part in the ongoing farmers' protest. Issuing a statement, the party said that a 10-member team will reach Delhi soon to join the farmers who have been camping at various borders of the national capital seeking repeal of three farm laws enacted in September.

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TRS to leverage farmers' stir by gathering support from Oppn

Pink party gears for 'one nation, one election' idea

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THE TRS appears to have come to a conclusion that 'One nation One election' is a certainty either towards the end of 2022 or early 2023 and wants to be fully geared up for the situation. It wants to speed up the process of preparations



from now itself so that it can stop any further growth of the BJP in the state.

TRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao, who has been contemplating to form a federal front against the BJP, is said to be in touch with JD(S) leader Kumaraswamy in Karnataka, Trinamul Congress leaders in West Bengal, SP and BSP leaders in Uttar Pradesh and AAP president and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. Continued on Page 7

US records 2,30,000 new Covid cases in 24 hrs

Vaccination may start in America from Friday



WASHINGTON

FOR the third day in a row, the United States on Saturday notched a record number of Covid-19 cases in a span of 24 hours, reaching nearly 2,30,000 new infections, a tally by Johns Hopkins University showed on Sunday.

The country reported 2,527 coronavirus-related deaths, according to real-time data provided by the Baltimore-based university at 8:30 pm (0130 GMT Saturday).

The United States -- the country with the most coronavirus cases and deaths in the world -- has seen a dramatic resurgence in its epidemic in recent weeks.

US health officials warned of a surge after millions of Americans travelled to celebrate last week's Thanksgiving holiday despite pleas from authorities to stay home. For two weeks, the US has regularly topped 2,000 deaths per day, as it had in the spring at the height of the first wave of the country's outbreak.

The number of people hospitalised with the virus is also steadily increasing, especially in the most populous states of California, Florida, New York and Texas.

The United States has recorded over 14.6 million cases of coronavirus and more than 281,000 related fatalities since the start of the outbreak.

Petrol prices on upswing

Set to breach all-time high across India

NEW DELHI

THE oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Sunday increased the retail price of petrol by 28 paise a litre to Rs 83.41 per litre in Delhi. Similarly, diesel price also increased by 29 paise a litre to Rs 73.61 a litre.

With this, the current price of petrol in Delhi is just about 60 paise short of breaching the all-time high level of fuel of Rs 84 a litre reached on October 4, 2018. Given the rate the daily increase by OMCs, the milestone may be achieved early next week.

Across the country as well, the retail price of petrol is very close to all-time high levels and will breach the mark this week if retail prices continue to rise daily. In Mumbai, the all-time high petrol price was Rs 91.34 a litre recorded on October 4, 2018. The retail price of petrol there now is Rs 90.05.

The all-time high petrol price in Chennai and Kolkata has been Rs 87.33 and Rs 85.80 a litre and the current prices are Rs 86.25 and Rs 84.90 a litre respectively.

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Arabia, the UAE and Yemen.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) had released a list of cyclone names a few months after cyclone Fani and Vayu hit India's coastal cities.

While the practice of naming of natural disasters is almost a century old, India had started naming cyclones from the year 2004 with the first cyclone named as 'Agni'.

Names of cyclones can also be suggested by the public provided they meet certain criteria.

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After Burevi, Cyclone 'Arnab' may hit TN



rainfall.

Cyclones forming in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian sea are named from a list prepared by 13 countries -- India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Iran, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

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Tickets for winning horses in future: KTR

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PERFORMANCE of the party leaders whether they be MPs, MLAs or corporators will be the only criteria to decide whether they would get ticket again or not in 2022 when joint elections from Parliament to local bodies are likely to be held, TRS working president K T Rama Rao said.

He asked the newly-elected corporators to gear up for facing the next elections and focus all attention on development of their wards and constituencies.

KTR said that the party could not get the desired results but the rank and file need not get disheartened. Victory and defeat is a normal process in any elections. He said that a quick analysis has shown that there was some anger among people against many sitting corporators.

The party had replaced many candidates and it had won in all those wards. Wherever it retained the sitting members, TRS lost. He said that this mistake would not be repeated in the next Assembly or corporation elections.

"Only the winning horses will get tickets," he said.

He told the new team to ensure that they carry along all those who lost the elections with them in implementing developmental activities in their wards.

He advised them to bury internal differences and focus on development of their wards, remain connected with



TRS working president K T Rama Rao at a meeting with newly-elected corporators at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Sunday

Photo: Adula Krishna

the people and popularise the government schemes among the voters.

He also asked them to counter the BJP's "false and emotional propaganda" effectively. The very first task given to the newly-elected corporators is to meet all the shop owners in their wards and appeal to them to keep the shops closed till noon on Tuesday as a mark of support to the farmers' agitation. He told them to actively participate in the agitation and see bandh was successful in all lanes in the city.

AFTER UK & BAHRAIN...

Pfizer seeks India nod for Covid vaccine

NEW DELHI

be noted that Pfizer India's parent company Pfizer has already got emergency-use clearance in the UK and Bahrain.

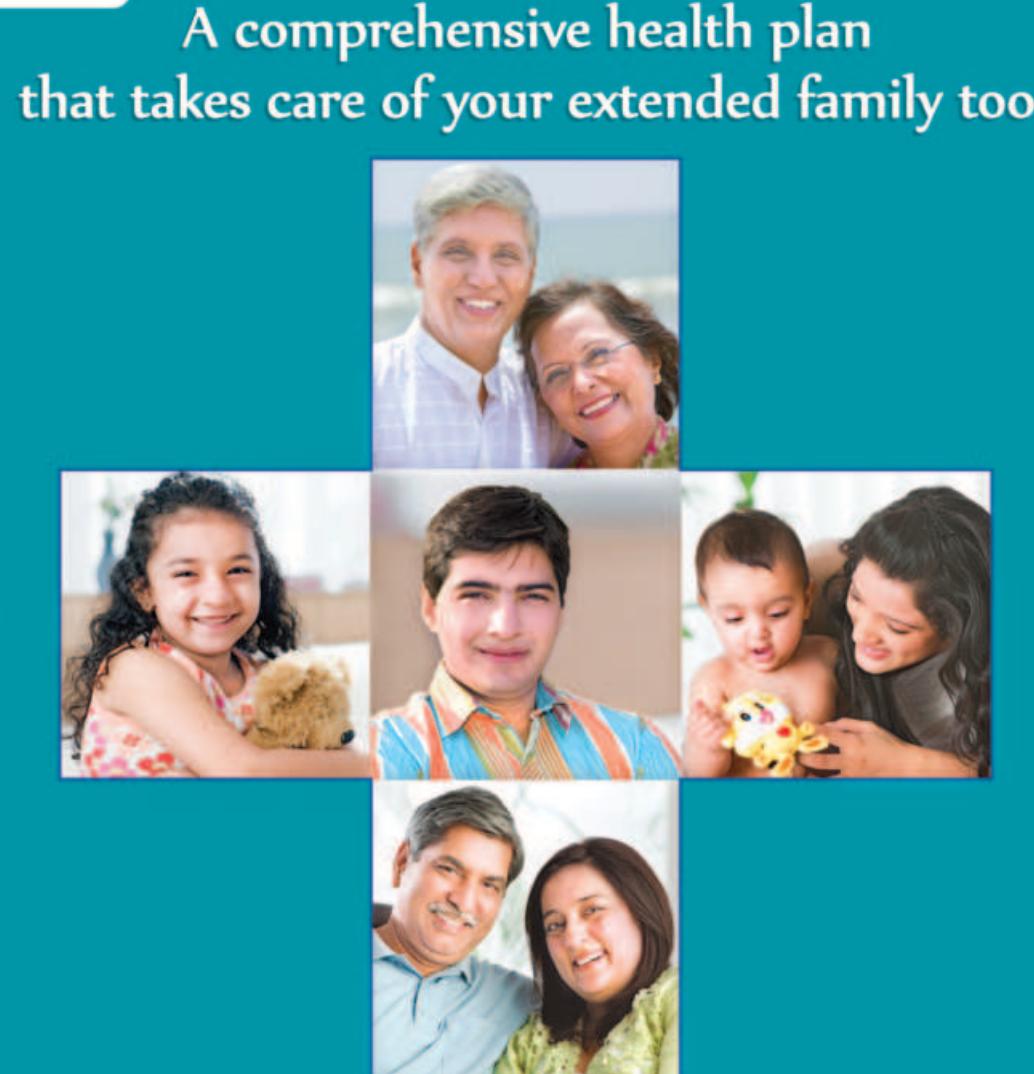
Pfizer India, in its application submitted to the DGCI, has sought permission from the regulator to import the vaccine for sale

and distribution in the country, sources said, adding that the pharma giant has also sought the waiver of clinical trials on Indian population in accordance with the special provisions under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019.

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Tolichowki's lung space bags first prize for upkeep at Garden fest

MM FAROOQUI

A park in the densely populated and space-starved area of Tolichowki which stands out amongst other colony parks owing to its overall upkeep has recently bagged first prize by the Horticulture Department for this year.

The Surya Nagar Colony Park under Shiakpet Division under Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency received the award from the Director of Horticulture L Venkatram Reddy last week. He handed over the prize and certification. For the 6th Garden Festival-2020, a total of 214 entries were received statewide in which the Surya Nagar colony park bagged first prize in the entire Telangana state in category IV.

The park is well maintained and has green acreages, long walkways for morning walkers, huge trees with cool shade and a child playing area, gym components and even an up-down walkway. "The park was established around 5 years back spread over more than 1500 sq. yard and is under Surya Nagar Colony Welfare Association. The park was first of kind with an



open gym with a total of 18 gym equipment and a child play area. It has varieties of plants right from the stage of seeding including a large variety of ornamental plants and seasonal flowers, park is entirely work under association personal funds of members including Colony President Fazal Siddiqui," explained Mohammed Asif Hussain Sohail, an activist and resident of Surya Nagar colony.

The colony park is free and open starting from 5 am to 9:30 am and in evening from 4:30 pm to 6 pm. The specialty of the park



houses herbal plants, which is believed to give a natural therapy

and benefit to all ages and is spread with green acreages. "Plants of flowers like Gulmohar, Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Rose, Jasmine plants & shrubs and also Neem, Rubber tree, Ashoka, Peepal appeal any visitor. Some herbs such as Basil, Ajwain, Curry Leaves, Lemon grass, Mint have also been sowed for their medicinal properties," he added.

According to the visitors, the fresh air and a fragrance of flower trees and a good playing area is enough for having a good time

day. At least 4 days in a week we make sure it is part of our schedule to visit the park," said Mohammed Nayee, a resident of Surya Nagar Colony.

There is also an open gym where several youngsters and also elderly men do workout and also walk on the up-down walkway. "During early hours after morning prayers, I along with my neighbor visit the park and engage ourselves in walking and a light workout. We will feel fresh with quality of air, fragrance away from pollution," said Mohammed Yousufuddin, a sexagenarian.

Sohail said that the Surya Nagar Colony association also started the pilot project on a campaign 'know your neighbor, know your colony' in which the different colony residents will be visiting the park, having interaction on community building, leadership. "An initiative that will have volunteers hitting the streets going door-to-door to educate residents about crime prevention, strategies, medical awareness, know their grievances, suggestions, and share tips about how to easily improve neighbors safety and development," explained Asif Sohail.

Webinar held to counter gender-based violence

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OBSERVING the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, Youngistaan Foundation organised a virtual event on Saturday to counter gender-based violence and to create awareness on reducing violence faced by women. Over 50 participants attended this event while more than 2,000 people watched the event on Facebook and YouTube Live streaming.

The event was graced by the presence of four esteemed panelists - Sumathi Badugula, DIG, Women Safety Wing, Sudarsana Kundu, Co executive Director, Work Global, Pearl Choragudi, Head of Counselling at My Choices Foundation and Richa Singh, Assistant Manager in digital engagement at Breakthrough. The event had a bang start with an alluring performance by city-based popular singer-songwriter, Rinky Sharma from her own album.

Speaking on the occasion, women from lower caste face violence daily. In continuation of understanding violence, there was a



60 per cent rise in the number. She addressed the importance of counsellings in situations of domestic violence as a way to construct healthy relationships. As an extension of domestic violence, intimate partner violence was discussed by Pearl Choragudi shedding light on red flags and emotional abuse or manipulation in relationships which form the basis for a toxic relationship. Also highlighted about the consent in a relationship and how 'no means no', it is highly important to respect and reciprocate to the partner which is achieved by better communication.

Swathi M, a BTech student said, "The topics are very crucial, informative and very relevant to our

daily lives. As such topics are not discussed in our colleges, the session helped me to deal with certain issues. I shall continue to implement in my life".

Dhanya, a BA student said, "I loved the entire session. Sessions like these help youngsters like me to deal with daily difficulties. I request the team to host these sessions more in number".

Arun Daniel Yellamaty, founder of Youngistaan Foundation thanked each and every volunteer for making this event happen. He urged the audience to be aware of various kinds of gender-based violence and have courage to counter it alone and also use the resources around.

Ambedkar ideals spur State growth: Eshwar

HYDERABAD

MINISTER K Eshwar said on Sunday that the government was following the ideals of Dr B R Ambedkar to develop the State.

To mark the Ambedkar Jayanti, he paid rich tributes to the leader who framed the Constitution for the welfare of SCs, STs and deprived actions.

The minister asserted that the government's welfare schemes and fruits of development were due to Constitution. "Our government is following Ambedkar ideals to ensure welfare of SCs, STs and destitute, Eshwar remarked.

He stated that to mark the 125th anniversary of Ambedkar, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had started 125 Gurukul schools and hundreds of other institutions for the poor. "The KCR government also offers Rs 20 lakh to poor youth to pursue foreign education", the minister said. "Our motto is to develop the poorer sections of society and help them live better. The KCR government has rolled out a new act of Pragathi for the these sections to make proper use of funds allocated", Eshwar added.

PCCF calls for protection of forests

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Shoba calls for expediting works of urban parks and nurseries to meet Haritha Haram targets
- Holds six-month review meeting with chief conservators and DFOs
- Asks every officer to give importance to ground-level tours while overseeing various works
- Officials told to be alert in protecting wildlife and ensure that man-animal conflicts are avoided

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THE Telangana Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Shoba has directed the department officials to work with the motive of reviving protection of forest cover. She also called for steps to speed up work of urban parks, as also nurseries for the ensuing Haritha Haram project, across the State, with the objective of achieving the targets.

Addressing the six-month review meeting of the chief conservators of all six circles and DFOs, here on Saturday, which was delayed because of Coronavirus,



Shoba asked every officer to give importance to ground-level tours, even while overseeing various works.

The PCCF advised the officials to accord top priority to quality of work, while holding out a warning that action would be taken against those responsible for poor quality. She laid stress on adopting a planned approach in reducing fire accidents with the aim of taking them to the minimum level.

Shoba suggested to local-level officers to visit parks in rural areas with a view to impart technical knowledge and regular cooperation to the field staff for giving a boost to greenery in villages.

Referring to the recent movement of wild animals witnessed in some districts, she called upon the officials to be alert, while striving to protect wildlife. "At the same time, residents of villages on district borders should be suitably advised to avoid man-animal conflict". At the meeting, PCCF Lokesh Jaiswal reviewed with the officials the district-wise Campa funds. Another PCCF R M Dobrial gave suggestions on setting up of more Haritha Haaram works and urban parks.

Among those present at the meeting were PCCF (forest protection) Swargam Srinivas, Additional PCCF Veerayam Sidanandan Kukreti.

HMRL wins 8 Garden Fest prizes

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HYDERABAD Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) has won eight prizes in the 6th Telangana Garden Festival 2020 conducted by the State government of Telangana. This includes five first prizes and three-second prizes for development of greenery in different categories, informed Managing Director, NVS Reddy on Sunday.

The MD said "we have sent eight entries and bagged prizes in all the categories". He added though HMRL has limited areas, it has developed theme-based gardens and won so many awards and HMRL has been participating in the TS Garden Festival since four years and receiving awards in large numbers. "HMRL gives top priority for greenery development under the Metro viaducts, besides avenue plantation and thus contributing for the control of pollution in the city", he added. HMRL's Senior Horticulture Officer S Sainath received the prizes at a function organised at Public Gardens.



STIRRING ACTS OF KINDNESS

'Box of Happiness' brings smiles on faces of needy

An initiative to get people to help the needy and gift unused articles wins hearts

MEGHNA NATH

WITH the pandemic and lockdown affecting the livelihood of marginalized people, two teens Ridah Shanavas and Sai Sankeerthana of Oakridge International School, Bachupally, launched a noble initiative 'Box of Happiness' to provide help to the poor, at the Hill County Society in Nizampet.

The 'Box of Happiness' is essentially a contactless donation box installed at a fixed location where people can contribute items like dry groceries (flour, rice, lentils, etc.), stationery articles, books, clothes, toys, electronics and other non-perishable commodities. The respective volunteers would collect the donation from the box and send it to the NGOs and people in need.

"During the lockdown when the country came to a standstill, I was a witness to several marginalised communities, who were financially affected due to the pandemic, struggling hard for daily needs. Personally, I dis-

tributed groceries to the needy in Nizampet area, later, I discussed with my teacher Manjusha at Oakridge International School, who asked me to take support of school for the initiative to help more needy people," said Ridah Shanavas, Class 11 student at Oakridge International School.

"Why can't students of our age group be a support to the affected people in their surroundings. We aspire to create a society where no one is left empty-handed or has to suffer. With this aspiration in our minds, my friend Sankeerthana and I came up with this initiative called Box of Happy-

ness.

With the support from the school we have installed a contactless donation box at Hill County Society, Nizampet in the first week of November. The donation drive is for the duration of six months and once the box is filled we would distribute it to the needy people and we would collaborate with various NGOs," explains Ridah.

About a month back, within a few days of setting up these boxes, several community members came forward donating various items ranging from clothes to groceries. "One could see these boxes almost filling up. We intend to take this initiative to several other communities and also planning to install these boxes in Aparna County, Kukatpally. If every community has these boxes of happiness, then no one will ever be left hungry, cold (or) unhappy," said Sai Sankeerthana, a Class 12 student of Oakridge International School.

"Charity is a supreme virtue and a great channel through which mercy is



passed onto the humankind. It unites men and inspires their noblest efforts. Our students are being encouraged for the smallest act of kindness that depicts humanity at its best. The Box of Happiness is a true example of it," said Baljeet Oberoi, Principal, Oakridge International School.





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We'll end cow slaughter, love jihad in State: Raja Singh

PRIYANKA BHUMBAK
HYDERABAD

AFTER a spectacular performance in the recent elections to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), the BJP leaders seem to be on a song. Despite rumours of being upset with the party leadership prior to elections over seat distribution, BJP MLA and a strong leader in the old city of Hyderabad T Raja Singh seems to be confident of BJP sweeping the next Assembly elections.

Speaking to The Hans India in an exclusive interview, Goshamahal MLA said, "We expected the results in the GHMC polls, and it comes to us as a new hope as mission 2023 seems easy now. The trust shown by the people of Hyderabad in BJP has made us more confident and we look forward to do great things for the people."

About the allegations by the Opposition parties that the involvement of the Union Ministers was the only reason why the

BJP leader and Goshamahal MLA says Hyderabad's development will be the party's first priority, in an exclusive chat with The Hans India



BJP could secure as many as 49 seats, Singh said, "Union Home Minister Amit Shah has given a very simple answer to this earlier and I repeat the same thing. No election is small or big to us, we work for people and their welfare. The Union Ministers were here as they felt the need to be a part of the election and closely connect with the people of Hyderabad. As per an intelligent report, the TRS is the most corrupt government. In the past six years, the TRS has done zero percent development. This was no-

ticed by the Centre and they felt that BJP can do better for the people of Hyderabad. The BJP has started its plan at a very large scale for the upcoming 2023 Lok Sabha elections. We assure there will only be saffron party all over India. There are leaders from TRS and the Congress who are willing to join BJP in near future."

According to the headstrong leader, their first and foremost priority is development. "The GHMC holds an annual budget of Rs 6,000 crore, which has been

used by the CM and his son for their own benefits. That money is supposed to be used for the development of the city, roads, water connection, electricity, streetlights, buildings, community halls, gyms, playgrounds etc. Unfortunately, the entire budget is being used for the TRS promotional schemes and to keep up the vote bank. Today, our 48 corporators are ready to fight for the rights of people," he adds.

Singh says the first thing BJP will implement in Telangana is to stop cow slaughter. "Whoever will kill the cow or the calf, will be jailed for 10 years. All the slaughterhouses in Telangana in general and Hyderabad in particular, which were opened with the help of MIM under pressure by the TRS government will be burnt not closed. The BJP has introduced a beautiful law to put an end to 'Love Jihad'. Implementing this law in Telangana will be our priority as there are a lot of people who are using Hindu sisters as a baby production machine," he says.

Thadastu Trust's gesture to martyrs' families

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EX-servicemen, family of martyrs and all those with Army background in need of support on Sunday got a helping hand from Thadastu Trust.

Thadastu Trust invited seven families to the Sainik Welfare Office and organised a small event where each of the family was handed over cheques of Rs 1 lakh five thousand (1,05,000). According to the organisers, Thadastu Trust takes up the responsibility to help the soldiers who were working hard defending the country and those who depend on them.



some amount every month from their salary.

After setting up a trust called 'Thadastu' the employees discussed about distribution of amount to the underprivileged or for orphans who were still living a miserable life and old age homes through the 'Thadastu' Trust. "Now the Trust members decided to help the soldiers who were serving in the Army and defending the country with their lives. We will never forget the sacrifices they are making for us to live comfortably and happily here," the organisers said.

Inauguration delays put public toilets out of bounds

VASAVI KALERU
SRINAGAR COLONY

AS part of Swach Bharat Abhiyan, though the construction of public toilets has been completed six months back at Srinagar colony, but they still await official inauguration from the authorities. The undue delay of throwing open the facility which could have provided relief to the pedestrians and commuters awaiting at the bus shelter at the Srinagar colony park, questions the very purpose of construction.

Locals have expressed anguish saying that like many public toilets constructed across the city, the inauguration of even this facility has been pending. According to residents, the initiative of Telangana government to construct enough public toilets to make the city open defecation-free and maintain cleanliness becomes meaningless because of the delay in opening the facility. Some of them also termed the entire effort to draw publicity as a 'flop show' given the prolonged time between completion and inauguration of the facility. "I wonder if these new toilets are for public use forever or is it also a flop scheme like water ATMs, Mana Kurayyalu, model markets and others," questions a denizen P Suresh while walking past the public

The entire effort to draw publicity could be termed a 'flop show' given the prolonged time between completion and inauguration of the facility



toilet which came up at Sri Nagar Colony and remained shut for several months.

Slamming the entire process of official inauguration causing delay in the implementation of ideas and schemes promised by the government, K Vaishnavi from Rahamathnagar questioned that why people should wait for politicians to use government services and isn't it too delayed? "Do we really need to wait for politicians to get public toilets and where are our so-called politi-



cians busy? If they work for people, they must have given time for inauguration instead of giving time for campaigning," she added.

Although Hyderabad has been declared open-defecation free city, inaccessibility to these toilets often forces many people to relieve themselves in open spaces. Toilets constructed in many public places under the Swachh Bharat scheme, remain out of bounds to the public, leaving them understandably frustrated.

Appreciable fall in night temperatures

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WITH mainly low-level North-Easters prevailing over the State, there was an appreciable fall in the night temperatures ranging from -2.1 to -4 degrees Celsius at one or two places during the last 24 hours ending at 8.30 am on Sunday, according to the IMD bulletin. They were below normal by -1.6 to -3 deg C in some parts of Telangana. They were appreciably below normal ranging from -3.1 to -5 degrees C in some other parts. The lowest minimum temperature of 10 degrees Celsius was recorded in Adilabad. Hyderabad registered 12.6 degrees, the lowest so far in the season. Dindigul also had 12.6. The bulletin said the night temperature on December 7 and 8 would be 13 degrees Celsius, while on the next four days it would be 14 degrees Celsius, partly cloudy sky haze is the outlook. The other minimum temperatures recorded elsewhere in the State were: Medak 11.8, Hanamkonda 14, Hakimpet 14.2, Nizamabad 14.5, Bhadrachalam 14.6, Ramagundam 14.8, Nalgonda 17.4, Khammam 17.6, Mahabubnagar 18.1.

► Lowest min temp of 10 deg C recorded in Adilabad

► Hyderabad, Dindigul registered 12.6; Medak records 11.8

► 13 deg C forecast on Dec. 7 & 8; 14 for next four days ne

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Miyapur lakes turn cesspools due to neglect

- ▶ Locals urge officials to take up beautification works
- ▶ Lakes shrunk due to encroachments
- ▶ Sewage and trash fill the water bodies
- ▶ Hyacinth covers surface of lakes

MEGHNA NATH
MIYAPUR

THE water bodies in Miyapur appear to have been neglected by authorities. The two scenic lakes namely Medikunta Lake (15 acres) and Anumula Kunta Lake (12 acres) which once had pristine clear water are now polluted with sewage flowing into them. Locals allegedly say that major portions of these lakes have been encroached by land sharks in the recent years.

It's high time for the officials to step in and ensure the splendour of these lakes is brought back. Anumula Kunta Lake is now covered with a thick blanket of water hyacinth while both the lakes are filled with trash. Locals allegedly say that officials of revenue and irrigation departments are least concerned about development of these lakes. They have pointed out that major issue concerning these water



bodies is dumping of garbage and discharge of sewage into the water bodies by people in the surrounding localities. Water is hardly visible and the lakes look like vast green fields as they have not been cleaned for a long time. "The catchment of Medikunta Lake has been filled with debris. A lot of illegal encroachments are taking place. Many times this issue was highlighted and represented to the officials concerned. But they haven't taken any action so far. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials are only giving importance to few lakes and leaving the rest of the lakes un-

developed. Many times, we have asked them to take immediate action to clean the lakes. All false promises were made by them and till today no permanent solution to stop letting sewage into the lake has been taken. It is high time GHMC should make a proper plan to solve the issue," said Vinay Vangala, a social activist and resident of Miyapur.

"These two lakes need urgent attention. As the sewage water is flowing into the lakes, it would be better if a storm water drain were constructed which would give a great relief to the residents. Due to this issue, the mosquito menace has also increased.

Medikunta Lake's size has shrunk and every single day some attempts are being made for illegal encroachments. Despite several appeals and petitions sent to concern authorities, no efforts have been made by them to restore the lakes," said T Umesh, a resident of Miyapur.

"We have received several complaints regarding Medikunta Lake. Recently we have deviated sewage water through the downstream and now there is no problem," said Seshagiri Rao, assistant executive engineer, Lakes and Irrigation department.

DJS activists detained

HYDERABAD

ACTIVISTS of Darasgah Jihad-e-Shahadat (DJS) were detained on Sunday from different parts of City and taken to various police stations to ensure that the organisation does not indulge in any kind of disharmony to mark the 28th anniversary of demolition of Babri Masjid. DJS president Abdul Majeed and four others were taken into preventive custody. The police said they received an intelligence report that DJS may try to rouse communal feelings by burning effigies or by indulging in activities at Babri Masjid demolition. Hence, in order to avoid any untoward incident, the activists were detained.

Security was also beefed up near the DJS office in Moghulpura. Senior police officers were continuously monitoring the situation. Police pickets were deployed at sensitive and hypersensitive areas, said the police.

'Akbaruddin's provocative remarks led to BJP's victory'

HYDERABAD (NSS)

THE Congress party spokesperson G Nirajan on Sunday said that the provocative speeches made by MIM leader Akbaruddin Owaisi about former PM PV Narasimha Rao and former CM of AP NTR led to the victory of rival BJP in the recent GHMC elections and helped it win 48 divisions. He alleged that Akbaruddin made a similar comment during the 2016 GHMC elections. He also alleged that BJP leaders like JP Nadda and Amit Shah's visit to old city and Bhagya Laxmi temple also led to polarisation of votes and helped the saffron party. He said that MIM leaders were responsible for bringing publicity to the Bhagya Laxmi temple. He alleged that Akbaruddin had hurt the religious feelings of Hindus by terming the Bhagya Laxmi temple as a blot on the historic Charminar and tried to prevent the celebrations of Diwali festival in the area.

SCR revises train timings Passengers told to check timings before commencement of journey

SECUNDERABAD

THE South Central Railway (SCR) has advised the rail passengers to check and verify the revised train timings pertaining to their rail journey well before their commencement of journey either with Integrated Enquiry No.139 or National Train Enquiry System (NTES) website or IRCTC website or by approaching authorised person in the nearby reservation counters or railway stations.

The SCR informed the passengers that subsequent to introduction of regular special trains and festival special trains, the train timings have been revised for most of the passenger train services due to operational reasons.

"There were changes in timings at starting station or enroute stations or destination station for some of the train services originating or terminating in the zone or passing through the zone. All passengers



travelling by these special trains have to adhere to health protocols such as wearing masks, use hand sanitiser, and follow social distancing norms as prescribed by the central and state government from time to time.

Health advisories in this regard could be accessed on the websites of either IRCTC (www.irctc.co.in) or state governments concerned," said a senior officer, SCR.

CII awards solar and wind companies

HYDERABAD

IN its third edition of the Performance Excellence Awards, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) awarded 29 top solar and wind plants in the country during its flagship event on

Renewable energy, Green Power Conference and Exposition 2020. A total of 15 plants were awarded under ground-mounted solar category and six plants under rooftop solar category while eight plants were given awards under wind category. LS Ganapati, Chairman, CII Performance Excellence Awards 2020, congratulated all the participating

companies and observed that the best practices employed by them would result in improving the quality of renewable energy plants across the country. Dr Arun Tripathi, Director General, National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) was the chief guest. Ramesh Kymal, Chairman, Renewable Energy Council, CII was also present at the awards program.

'Black Day' passes off without any incidents

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THE City Police ensured that the 28th anniversary of Babri Masjid demolition, which is observed as 'Black Day', passed off without any incidents.

According to a Special Branch (SB) officer, who did not wish to be named, it is known that there were intelligence reports which suggested that a few activists and hardcore Islamists may try to disrupt peace and harmony in city by provoking disturbances.

He said "we also ensured that such activists did not indulge in any kind of public advertising of their programmes through pamphlets/banners and messages on social media. However, as soon

as we got such reports, we forwarded them to local police stations and instructed them to act accordingly at the earliest to prevent any untoward incident."

"We deployed teams of Rapid Action Force, Quick Response Team and City Rapid Action Force, along with the Commissioner's Task Force, at all sensitive areas in City. The police have been on their toes in view of the GHMC elections and counting. There were also reports that the BJP leaders and the party's newly elected corporators were visiting Bhagyalakshmi temple on Sunday. For this security was beefed up at Charminar. The office of DJS was also sealed and their activists were detained," the officer added.

However, a group of women organised 'Qunoot-e-Nazia'

prayer congregation at the Eidgah Ujale Shah playground on Saturday evening for reclaiming the Babri Masjid.

Md. Mustafa, a social activist, said that though the feeling of Babri Masjid demolition is in the hearts of Muslims, they have overcome it over a period of time. For this reason, even the 'Black Day' is no more a day when the community mourns the incident, like it used to a few years ago.

He added "the sense of getting justice amongst the community has been blurred with the rise of majoritarianism. The community does not want any revenge for anything because they feel that their job is to focus on their daily lives rather than indulging in such politics, where there is no gain but only pain."

Left parties call upon public to make Bharat Bandh successful

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Call for holding of motorcycle rallies on today in all districts & mandal centres & taking up campaign by distributing pamphlets & posters

SEVERAL Left-based people's organisations on Sunday called upon people to make the Bharat Bandh scheduled on December 8 successful. The bandh, leaders of the organisations said, is to press the agitating farmers' demand to scrap the three laws passed by Parliament and also to withdraw the Electricity (Amendment) Act.

The leaders took the decision to support the bandh at a meeting organised in Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Bagh Lingampally. They included AKSSC Telangana State convener Teegala Sagar, Pasya Padma, K G Ramachandar, Achuta Rama Rao, Upender Reddy, Kannaganti Ravi. Viswa Kiran presided.

Addressing the meeting, the leaders called for making the bandh in Telangana successful,

while stressing that it was to protest against the Central government's 'adamant attitude'. They appealed to various people's organisations, intellectuals and educated class to support the bandh.

The leaders pointed out that the three passed laws did not contain the demand of farmers on MSP. They called for holding of motorcycle rallies on December 7 in all districts and mandal centres and taking up of campaign by distributing pamphlets and posters.

They called upon all political parties, trade organisations, transport associations and managements of hotels to voluntarily support the bandh. They released posters urging the Centre to give up its adamant attitude and to scrap the three laws.

Among the leaders present at the meeting were Telangana Rythu Sangham president P Janga Reddy, joint secretary Muda Shoban, Telangana Rythangam Samithi vice-president Dharmapal, Vyavasaya Karmika Sangham State vice-president Burri Prasad, vice-president Boppna Padma, CITU secretary S V Rama, INTUC State secretary Kotam Raju, AITUC State vice-president Balraj, IFTU State vice-president S L Padma, artisans' organisation State convener M V Ramana, BKMU State president Kanthayya, PSDU State secretary Boyinapalli Ramu, Awaaz State secretary Md Abbas, Girijana Sangham State secretary Sriram Naik, POW State vice-president Rama.

TJS to support Bharat Bandh

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To hold protests across the State on Dec 8

Congress extends support to Bharat Bandh

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THE Telangana Congress has decided to extend full support to Bharat Bandh call given on December 8 by Kisan unions to protest the new farm laws.

Uttam Kumar Reddy, who resigned from TPCC chief post, called upon party functionaries to actively participate in the bandh. He directed them to hold protest programmes in district headquarters and register their strong opposition to the new farm laws that spell doom to the farming community in the country.

CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarkha instructed Congress leaders and activists to hit the streets on December 8 in support of farmers. He felt the need of the

hour was rallying behind the farmers and safeguarding their interests. In a press meet attended by Congress senior leaders Ponnala Lakshmaia, Marri Sashidhar Reddy and also Kisan Congress cell leaders Kodanda Reddy and Anvesh Reddy, Bhatti said that Congress was opposing all the three bills brought by the NDA government. He demanded that the TRS government convene Assembly sessions to discuss and oppose the farm bills.

TPCC working president Ponnam Prabhakar also was critical of the NDA government for bringing bills that are anti-farmer.

TELANGANA Jana Samithi has joined other parties from the State to support the Bharat Bandh slated for December 8. In a press statement, TJS president Prof. Kodandaram has appealed to party cadre to take part in protests and ensure big success of the bandh on Tuesday.

He demanded that the Centre withdraw the three bills that are not in the interests of the farmers of the country.

have expressed their full support for the agitation programme being undertaken by the thousands of farmers in Delhi, demanding immediate repeal of the Farm bills passed in the Parliament.

State AAP backs Bharat Bandh

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA'S Aam Aadmi Party announced its support for Bharat Bandh to be ob-

BJP MLC slams TRS for provoking farmers

HYDERABAD

KJ Ramachandran Rao has lashed out at the TRS leaders for making statements to provoke farmers and called it politically motivated. He said that certain farmer organisations motivated by the Congress and left parties have called for a nationwide bandh on December 8. The TRS which has lost its face in the recent elections at Dubbaka and GHMC is trying to seize the opportunity to blame the Centre. He said that the Centre has held talks with the protesting farmers and some of the issues have been accepted. The three farm sector acts were brought for the welfare of the farmers. And, to end the commission regimes run by the middlemen. Now, the commission agent lobbies trying to oppose it. Sideing with such forces, the BJP MLA said that the Congress, left and the TRS have turned anti-farmer and the BJP would expose the political drama of these parties, he said.

If the existing mandi system collapses (by the Centre) there will be no alternative for farmers, she pointed out. "Keeping this big challenge in view, farmers are on streets for 11 days. The Centre has to withdraw the laws which failed to give confidence to farmers", she said.

Mandi system will go with farm laws: Kavitha

HYDERABAD

Kavitha charged that the Central government was trying to destroy the open markets of mandis in the country, disabling farmers from selling their farm produce. "Farmers are on a warpath in protest this draconian laws brought out by the Modi government".

She accused the Modi government of "indulging in anti-peasant and anti-farmers policies. The BJP-led government should think of farmers' welfare and not destruction by the new laws, she suggested.

"Farmers are up in arms, as the laws are denying MSP and will remove the mandi system. There is no security for farmers through the new anti-farmers laws enacted by the Centre and nation-wide protest is on. We will support this stir and vie for its success Kavitha said.

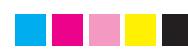
49 intellectuals to participate in Bharat Bandh

HYDERABAD

A total of 49 intellectuals from various fields extended their support to the nationwide strike called by the agitating farmers against the three farm laws. They demanded that the Central government withdraw the electricity amendment bill and minimum support price bill. They also demanded scrapping of agriculture laws favoring corporates.

Environmentalist Dr Purushotham, Scientist Dr Babu Rao, Dr Devaraj Maharan, Dr A

narayana, Dr V Srinivas Reddy, Dr Ratna Prabhakar, Dr Jayanthi, Dr BV Raghavulu, Dr D Balakrishna, Dr Veerender, Dr K Veera Swamy, Dr Srinivas A, Dr K Venkateswar Rao, Retd Principal M Narahari, Retd Principal A Narasimha Reddy, All Pensioners Association State President Krishna Murthy, Venugopal Rao, S Madhusudhan Reddy, M Yadagiriahacharyulu, M Rangaiah and T Seetaram are among those to take part. They said they would fight until the demands were met.





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Tank Bund to shine brighter

VASAVI KALERU
HYDERABAD

PEOPLE can walk without any hitch on the footpaths of Tank Bund road, while enjoying the beauty of nature and the lake view. Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has planned to revamp the Tank Bund road on both the sides, especially to relay the footpath along with setting up of ornamental railing and bright illumination.

Executive Assistant Engineer, HMDA, Adam said that the HMDA has started relaying the 13.2 mt footpath on both the sides. The footpaths are being laid with flamed granite, including granite kerbs. The amount sanctioned for relaying footpaths was Rs 13.5 crore. The work started in October first week and was to be completed by end of November but due to elections it was delayed and would be completed by the end of the year. "In the second phase we have decided to install a bus stop, setting up of new railing, stone benches, also wooden bay would be developed for immersion and proper electrification facilities would be provided. Amount sanctioned for lightings is Rs 12.5 crore," he said.

A stronger footpath

The footpath around the Tank Bund is going to be stronger than ever with the couple of concrete layers which would add about 30 mm to the thickness. "We have laid CTC at the first place then added RCC on it, later, we laid granite flooring for the stronger path," explained the Engineer.



No more waterlogging

While acting smart on the water logging issue on Tank Bund HMDA has planned to implement the 'pre-cast drain system' to ensure free flow of water into the sewer or storm drains during monsoons.

The water collected in the 'saucer' plates will be directly sent to the collection chamber through pipelines and it will be sent into the drain on the right-hand side and the left-hand side the water will be collected in the collection

chamber and sent into the drain.

Tank Bund to shine brighter

Telangana government is trying to eye on the illumination across the city and at the Tank Bund. There is an ornamental pole laid at every 15 meters. Around 50 poles

would be coming up with an electrified path of 2.2 kilometres around the Tank Bund. Poles would be made of cast iron material which would add an ornamental finishing.

No more long damages!

Cobbled stone (roughly assembled) pavement to come up in 11 locations across the Tank Bund to facilitate the traditional Ganesh immersion.

These pavements will be flexible to rearrange the patterns if it is damaged. The objective to opt for this kind of pavement is to ensure a comfortable place for the cranes during festivals and which also can be laid easily in a shorter time.

Photo: Srinivas Setty

Jade Blue showroom burgled

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CRIME CORNER

Cops trace trafficked woman in hours

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THE Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Rachakonda police saved a woman from the clutches of human traffickers within 10 hours after the woman went missing from Saturday morning and was traced by night on the same day.

The arrested persons were identified as Juttu Mahender alias Raju (32) of Manikonda and a native of Nalgonda district and P Sujatha of Khammam district.

The Police Commissioner of Rachakonda, Mahesh Bhagwat said that the two in collusion with one Varun alias Mallesh, who is absconding, were bringing women from different cities and using online modes to attract clients.

He noted, "They identified

women in need of financial support and forced them into prostitution after conning them."

The victims were supplied to customers who approached them through different online platforms."

However this effort of the Rachakonda police earned laurels from the civil society as the matter was posted on Facebook by the Padmashree awardee and social activist Dr Sunita Krishnan, on December 6 and she commanded the Rachakonda police Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat and an inspector of the anti-human trafficking unit (AHTU) for helping trace a missing woman in less than 10 hours after the case was reported.

In a Facebook post, the activist noted, "In a fantastic inter-state coordination, a 23-year-old missing woman from

24 Paraganas, West Bengal was traced in Hyderabad in less than 10 hours of the case being reported to Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Rachakonda Commissaire (sic)."

Dr. Krishnan, the co-founder of Prajwala, an NGO that rescues, rehabilitates, and reintegrates sex-trafficked victims, said that, their team in Shakti Vahini came to know about a missing woman from West Bengal who was lured by a young man in the name of love and was being forced into exploitation in Hyderabad. She then immediately alerted Mahesh Bhagwat about the issue.

She further added, "With only one lead which the cops got wherein the victim dialed her parents to inform them about her situation, the Rachakonda police solved the case."

Woman commits suicide after recording video

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IN a tragic incident, a woman who owned a bakery along with her husband at Lalapet, allegedly committed suicide by hanging at her residence on Sunday morning. She was identified as Manjula Gowda, a native of Karnataka. The couple and two sons were staying in City for the past two years.

According to the police, the victim recorded a video before committing suicide. She spoke in Kannada and said nobody was responsible for her death. She was taking the extreme step because she was unhappy with her life. No suicide note was recovered.

She ended life when her husband went to the bakery on Sunday morning and let two sons go out and play. But when they returned home they found their mother hanging. They rushed to the bakery and informed their father, said the police.

However, mystery behind her suicide is troubling the investigating officers, as the preliminary investigation found that the couple and their kids were staying happily for the past two years. Not a single incident of argument was reported in the family. Also, the bakery was in profits and their financial status was also good. What made the woman commit suicide without any reason or depression is something the investigation officers are unable to crack.

An investigating officer, on condition of anonymity, said if everything is looking fine and perfect in a family then there could be some dark secrets of the past which the police department is trying to unearth because nobody commits suicide if everything is fine.

He said "we have informed her family and her husband's family in Karnataka and have summoned them to Hyderabad. Based on their testimonies, we will take the case further and investigate it thoroughly. Meanwhile, a case under Section 174 CrPC has been registered. The body has been sent to Osmania mortuary for post-mortem. Once the autopsy report is out we will proceed accordingly."

2 Engg students die in road mishap, 1kg ganja recovered

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HYDERABAD

IN a ghastly accident, two engineering students died on the spot when the bike they were riding crashed into a road divider at Dundigal on Saturday night. The victims were identified as G Sujith Kumar, a native of Mancherial and Ananth Vishal, a native of Kamareddy.

According to police, the students were studying in a reputed engineering college in the city and were staying in separate private hostels. The parents of Sujith gifted him a bike on his birthday on December 2 and he was about to go back to his hometown after completing his last exam on December 8.

However, the tragedy struck his family as he met with the accident along with his friend and died on spot. When our teams visited the spot, we found a kg of ganja in their bags and it was astonishing to see so much of quantity in their bags. But the source of the drug was not yet revealed, and we are in the process of tracing it, said the inspector of Dundigal, A. Venkatesham.

He noted, "It is suspected that they purchased the ganja from a dealer and were returning to their hostel at the time of the accident. Moreover, the rider Sujith who was riding the bike at the time of the accident lost control over the bike due to overspeeding and hit the divider. The impact of the accident was such that, both the students were thrown into the air and fell on the other side of the road."



Sujith's father Goparaju Kumar while speaking to the media, said that he was their only son.

He added, "As he had celebrated his birthday on December 2 at my sister's residence with her family at Hi-Tech city, we watched it live from our home in Mancherial. But we never expected that such an incident would occur to us."

Agri, Education Ministers inaugurate Rythu Vedikas

Agriculture Minister Niranjan Reddy informs that 2,604 Rythu Vedikas are being constructed with a budget of ₹600 crore throughout the State

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VIKARABAD

AGRICULTURE Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy along with Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy inaugurated the Rythu Vedikas in Mominpet, Narayanpur and Kerelly villages of Vikarabad limits on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Agriculture Minister said that the State government has been developing the Rythu Vedikas across the State for the sake of farmers and 97 of them were developed with a cost of Rs 21.34 crore in the Vikarabad district.

and skills. Officials at the Rythu Vedikas will guide the farmers with regard to cropping patterns. Over 2,604 Rythu Vedikas were being constructed with a budget of Rs 600 crore throughout the State.

Internet facilities, meeting halls and other facilities would be made available at Rythu Vedikas for farmers, she informed.

Vikarabad MLA M Anand, Vikarabad Additional Collector Chandraiah, Vikarabad Zilla Parishad vice-chairman Vijay Kumar, irrigation department consultant Penta Reddy, MPP Vijaya Laxmi, ZPTC Sujatha, Agriculture Joint Director Gopal along with other leaders and officials participated in the programme.



Ambedkar remembered on Mahaparinirvan Diwas

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RANGA REDDY

RICH tributes were paid to the Architect of Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, on his 64th death anniversary, also known as Mahaparinirvan Diwas, in various parts of the district on Sunday.

The leaders from Telangana Rashtra Samithi, Bharatiya Janata Party, Telugu Desam Party and Congress and activists of Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi paid floral tributes to BR Ambedkar. Shadnagar MLA Anjaiah Yadav, Ranga Reddy district Zilla Parishad vice-chairman Eta Ganesh, Shadnagar Municipal Corporation chairman Narennder, vice-chairman MS Natrajan, ZPTC Venkatram Reddy, Shadnagar constituency BJP in-charge Neli Srividhan Reddy, senior leader Chendhi Mahender Reddy were among others who paid tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar.

In Kothur, several party leaders paid floral tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar's statue. On the occasion, former Sarpanch of Kothur and senior Congress leader Kadempally Srinivas Goud remembered Ambedkar's services to the nation and stated that his thoughts and ideals

continue to give strength to millions. "We are committed towards fulfilling the dreams he dreamt for our nation," said Goud. Similarly, leaders from various political parties' paid tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar's statue at Shadnagar crossroads. Telugu Desam Party national general secretary and former MLA B Narsimulu along with party activists paid tributes to BR Ambedkar. Shadnagar MLA Anjaiah Yadav, Ranga Reddy district Zilla Parishad vice-chairman Eta Ganesh, Shadnagar Municipal Corporation chairman Narennder, vice-chairman MS Natrajan, ZPTC Venkatram Reddy, Shadnagar constituency BJP in-charge Neli Srividhan Reddy, senior leader Chendhi Mahender Reddy were among others who paid tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar. MRPS Shadnagar constituency in-charge Narasimha Madiga along with MRPS leaders Kallepally Balaraju Madiga, Raju Madiga and Sri Krishna Madiga took out a rally to mark the day.

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Nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself

It is time we took a break from politics around which the world today keeps revolving. We often keep using the word 'Son of Soil' but never bother to think about soil and the need to protect it. There would have been a lot of noise and celebrations if it were some other international day like Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day etc. But the World Soil Day on Saturday went unnoticed. Only those who are deeply connected with soil expressed their concern towards the damage we are causing to the soil and the negative impact on the mankind. Though some mystics gave messages, it hardly reached the ears of the common man. It is time the governments which try to project that they are farmer-friendly realised that they have a crucial role in preventing consistent degradation of soil and support greater growth of plants and trees of medicinal values which can actually nurture the human life. It is also equally necessary that steps should be taken to ensure that the future generations are made to understand what is soil, how to protect it, how to prevent degradation etc. Sadhguru, Founder,

Isha Foundation, not only penned a poem explaining the importance of protecting soil, but also called for attention to the urgent need to restore soil health on the planet. "Soil is neither a commodity nor an infinite resource. If we destroy it, life will cease to exist on this planet. The most simple and effective solution is to bring back trees - there is simply no other way to restore soil health. Let's make it happen," Sadhguru tweeted, while tagging global conservation bodies that promote nature-based solutions for land restoration. The most urgent need of the day is to take up more and more grassroots ecological projects whose primary objective is to restore soil nutrients. Isha has undoubtedly set a good example of working extensively with farmers in soil revival programmes. But much more serious and dedicated efforts are needed, and the Centre and the State governments should involve NGOs, social organisations and individuals including schools and educational institutions in this activity. Today farmhouses have become a fashion. Ask any child visiting them to touch soil particularly in the urban areas, they would make a funny face and talk about infections. There was a time when people used to use soil in villages to cleanse their hands. Today it is viewed as something that should not be touched. There is also a need to stress on issues like desertification. The learned people and old timers say the only method to restore soil health is through animal waste and leaves

Ins & outs of fickle Indian financial system

THE WAY AHEAD



Dr Bharat Jhunjhunwala

THE President of the World Bank said recently that the world economy had already entered into a recession that was likely to continue for many years. Another report said that the United States' banks had already suffered a 30 percent decline in their profits as in June 2020. Today the situation would be worse. A report by global consultancy group Deloitte says that banks of Hong Kong are having to make large provisions to bear the expected losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic and their profits are under pressure. Our banks have bucked this global decline and our major public sector and private banks are showing higher profits. At the same time, our share market is buoyant and has touched historical peaks.

This golden situation of Indian banks comes along with certain caveats. A report by IIFL Finance says that construction, small industries and civil aviation sectors are under pressure. A shopkeeper from Uttarakhand said that business of schools and coaching centres had almost come to a standstill. Another said that borrowers were reducing their personal expenditures and repaying the loans to the banks because they were afraid of penal actions. Yet another said that the borrowers were not able to have encashed the post-dated cheques given to lenders at the time of taking the loans. A small Chartered Accountant from Faridabad said that business of his clients had declined by about 30 percent. Small businesses that were paying Rs 1,000 to file the GST returns earlier were now paying on Rs 600 to Rs 700 for the same filing, he said. A number of global agencies have reckoned a decline in India's GDP this year to be around 10 percent.

Thus, we are confronted with two contrary indicators. On the one hand, global and ground reports tell of our economy and banking sector being under stress. On the other hand, our major banks are reaping profits and the Sensex is scaling historic highs.

The composition of lending by our banks helps us unravel this mystery. Our banks have lent 33 percent of their total loans to large corporates; 33 percent to retail borrowers; 13 percent to international borrowers; 12 percent to small industries; and 9 percent to agriculture. The large corporates, international borrowers and agriculture have been buoyant during the pandemic hence these lending is good. We need to look closely at the lending to the retail and small industry sectors.

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One major component of the retail is vehicle loans. According to knowledgeable sources, 80 percent of these have been given to public sector employees. Second major component is personal loans. 94 percent of these are given to public sector employees. Third major component is home loans. 50 percent of these are given to public sector employees and 20 percent to employees of large corporations. The exposure of the banks to the "common man" or the non-public sector employees is relatively less. The public sector employees have continued to enjoy stable incomes during the pandemic; therefore, the retail lending portfolio of the banks does not show any distress.

Contrary to the ground reports, the lending to small industries also does not appear to be under stress. We should have expected small businesses in construction, tourism and coaching to default on their borrowings. There are three possible reason for the normalcy in these sectors. One, the government had placed a moratorium on loan repayments from March to August this year. Borrowers have developed some cushion in this period and are repaying the loans from this backstop. Two, the Reserve Bank has asked banks to be liberal in rescheduling the repayment of the loans hence the repayment has been pushed into the future. Three, the government has guaranteed additional loans provided by the banks to small businesses. Thus, small businesses may be borrowing under this scheme to keep themselves afloat. The repayment crisis of small borrowers has been pushed back and not appeared in the open because of these steps.

This discussion means that the Indian economy has been divided into two sections. One section is of the sectors that are doing well. These include large corporates, international borrowers, and agriculture which are all doing well; and retail which is driven by public sector employees. Further, the trouble that may be brewing in the small industries' sector is also not visible at present because of the various steps taken by the government and the Reserve Bank.

This situation could remain stable for some time until the pain of the retail borrowing by the non-public sector employees, and the small industries begins to appear. Today the public sector employees constitute about two crores in numbers. They may account for about eight crore persons if their family members are counted. The remaining 127 crore out of the 135 crores population do not have a comfortable income and may not be able to repay the loans taken for much time. The relief granted to small industries by moratorium, rescheduling and government guaran-



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tee too is temporary. Their incomes are down but this distress has been pushed into the future. The Indian economy is like oil floating on water making colourful patterns but hiding the stench in the water below.

Two possible scenarios can unfold here onwards. As of now, the Indian economy is showing rising Sensex and declining in GDP. The total economy is shrinking while the share of big corporates is rising. The 127 crores people are unlikely to come out unscathed from the this declines in GDP brought by pandemic given the distress in employment-intensive sectors like tourism, coaching, small industries and construction. Nevertheless, this situation could hide a beneficent future if the government is able to provide direct cash transfers to all the people to meet their basic needs. In that case, we will establish a golden economy where there

will not be a need for every person to "work" – as Karl Marx had dreamt. On the other hand, this same could hold dangerous portents if the common man is left to fend for himself while the Sensex roars and banks make money. The common man will get agitated and the anger will erupt in one form or the other.

The buoyant performance of the Indian banking sector – contrary to both the ground reports and the global movements – is like a person moving cleverly to the high end of the sinking ship thinking that he will save himself. The challenge before the government is either to persuade the 127 crores people to accept their distress without demur; or to make direct cash transfers to enable them to meet their basic needs.

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LETTERS

Attempts to distort history condemnable

It is ridiculous to see the attempts of Hindu fundamentalists trying to portray B R Ambedkar as a Hindu supporter. Ever since the NDA came to power in 2014, many attempts were made to project Ambedkar as a passionate supporter of Hindutva ideology. There are many references that make the fictional narrative of camaraderie between Ambedkar and RSS ineffective and historically weak. The newspapers published by Ambedkar foregrounds a simple fact, that Ambedkar never envisaged a possibility of allying with Hindu nationalist politics. On the contrary, his writings clearly manifested his apprehensions to the idea of Hindu Rashtra. The political stances taken by his organisations and newspapers on Hindutva further encapsulate the essence of his politics. That could be one of the reasons why he termed the RSS, along with the Akali Dal, a dangerous organisation in 1946. Ambedkar's often quoted remarks on Hindu communal politics, such as his statement on the 'menace' of 'Hindu Raj', from his classic work, Pakistan or Partition of India are sufficient to comprehend his political position on Hindutva. In addition, a party manifesto pub-

lished by Scheduled Caste Federation (SCF) in 1951, authored by Ambedkar himself, is another testimony of his categorical cynicism against the RSS. The manifesto clearly argued, "The Scheduled Caste Federation will not have any alliance with any reactionary party such as Hindu Mahasabha or the RSS". Fabricated elicitations of Ambedkar's link with RSS is a recurring phenomenon because Ambedkar had seldom referred to the RSS in his writings. In fact, unlike his intellectual engagements with Gandhi, Ambedkar had little dialogues with the RSS. The organisation was not even a significant force during Ambedkar's lifetime. Even in the 1940s, when the activities of RSS were discussed at a national level, it had to struggle hard to attract significant membership from western India, as compared to the north. Non-Brahmin and Dalit movements in western India were deeply sceptical of the RSS and it was not able to flourish there in its early years. It was a fringe force then, with a limited mass appeal. It was in western India Ambedkar's movement had the strongest foothold.

C Jyothi, Hyderabad

One can't write off farmers' protests

The farmers' protest near New Delhi is a major political event challenging the Narendra Modi government. The participation is widespread, and it is growing by the day. That farmers have been unhappy with their economic condition was evident from the number of marches to Delhi during the past two years. This time the protest is about three bills passed in Parliament in September 2020. Before coming to

reasons why the farmers are protesting, it is important to mention two facts surrounding these bills and the ensuing protests that form the political backdrop. The first is that these bills were virtually bulldozed in the Rajya Sabha, passed by voice vote despite a demand for a division. This is against the rules. Those members who protested were suspended. The second is the way in which the government reacted to the farmers' march to Delhi. The farmers were met with lathis, tear gas and water cannons; they were dubbed 'anti-nationals', 'Khalistanis', agents of Opposition parties and middlemen who were not 'real' farmers. A large part of the media either did not highlight the event or added even more demeaning and false epithets to those articulated by the ministers of the Central government and the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Both these incidents represent the most recent instances of the Centre riding roughshod over democratic institutions and practices. But unlike what was done with the Rajya Sabha members, 'suspending' protesting farmers is not an option that the government has. The farmers' anxieties emerge from the three bills that were passed: the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. Certain provisions made in these legislations have led the farmers to believe that their incomes will come under greater uncertainty and, ultimately, get reduced.

Umamaheswar Rao Ch, Guntur

Liberal cleric sounds like a contradiction but not Kalbe Sadiq

SAEED NAQVI

Mir Taqi Mir describes his 'perfect' man in a rubayat: "Milie us shags se ke jo aadam hovey, Naz apne kamal par use kum hovey, Boley to use sunye ko aaye khilqat, Khamosh rahey to ek alam hovey." (The person to seek out must, above all, be humane. He must not wear his knowledge on his sleeves, When he speaks, the world listens to him. But when silent, he is a universe unto himself)

The quatrain applied aptly to Saiyyid Kalbe Sadiq, who passed away at 83 in Lucknow earlier this month.

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That was largely a Shia institution is easily explained: the Nawabs of Awadh were Shia, which is where the patronage came from. This must not detract from the fact that internationally known Sunni institutions like Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulema, or the House of Knowledge also flourished. There was considerable intellectual rapport between the sects. How else does one explain the masterly 'Muazna-e-Anis-o-Dabir', comparative study of Anis and Dabir, written by one of Nadwa's greatest scholars Shibli Nomani. Anis and Dabir were famous Marsia writers, a genre focused on the tragedy of Karbala, central to the observance of Moharram, not exclusively but primarily a Shia occasion.



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During my school days, a phase of cultural bifurcation between school and home, the two towering 'Alims' of Lucknow were Maulana Kalbe Hussain (alias Kabban Sahib), Kalbe Sadiq's father, and Maulana Ali Naqvi (Naqqan Sahib), both brilliant orators whose sermons were much valued at congregations called the 'Majlis'. The themes ranged from history, politics, metaphysics, any subject, provided the speaker deftly brought in Karbala, preferably towards the end to clinch the argument.

Lucknow's celebrated tapestry of manners did find itself frayed even in this limited circle of theologians and their flock of followers. A group, clearly not from among 'Naqqan Sahib's' followers, created what for Lucknow was a major scandal. The group accused the respected cleric of blasphemy and physically assaulted him.

Apparently, Naqqan Sahib had in his researches spotted mention of water in Imam Hussain's tent. Even a hint on these lines was anathema to a bunch of fanatics. The absence of water in Karbala's torrid heat heightens Hussain's tragedy. For that very reason, even a suggestion of water in Karbala would soften the tragic effect. The truth, of course, is that 'Naqqan Sahib' had never said that 'water' was available. He had simply cited sources which hinted at such a possibility.

Worst was the treatment meted to poet Yaas Yagana Changze, a contemporary of Jigar, Firaq and Josh. Yagana wrote:

"Samajh mein kuch naheeta ata, Parhey jaaney se kya hasil? Namazon mein hain kuch maheena,

to pardesi zabaan kyon ho?" (What's the point of reciting namaz, When you do not know its meaning?)

The simple question is: Why should namaz be in a foreign language?

Put it down to Lucknow's open mindedness that this affront was tolerated. But in the next instance the pot boiled over.

In one of his 'naats' or religious songs, Yagana referred to Prophet Mohammad in less than reverent terms. He probably did not know that he had violated one of the unenforced codes:

"Ba Khuda deewana baash-o, Ba Mohammad hoshiyar." (Take liberty with God, but be careful with Mohammad)

Dara Shikoh's Prime Minister, Chandrabhan Brahman broke the code most brazenly: "Panja dar panja-e-Khuda daram, Man che parwa e Mustafa daram." (My hand is in the hand of God: Why should I worry about Mohammad?)

It reflects in the backward slide of a tolerant culture, that Yagana did not go scot-free. His face was blackened black and he was given a donkey-ride through the old city.

The liberal streak in the 'Ulema' of Lucknow comes out in bold relief in an incident concerning Josh Malihabadi. His Marsia titled Hussain and Revolution became a cult poem even in devout circles. Josh became a popular invitee to various Imambارات of Lucknow, indeed across the country. He built up a reputation for Marsia writing, second only to the great Mir Anis. A group of orthodox Shias turned up at the residence of the great Alim of his age, Maulana Naasir ul Millat armed with a plaint. Josh, devoted to liquor (he called it Kaaba e khaas o aam) should be blamed from reciting Marsias from pulpits in "our sacred Imambارات".

After reading Josh's Marsias, the Maulana invited the complainants and Josh. What happened next was dramatic. The Maulana spread out his personal prayer mat for Josh and invited him to recite 'Hussain and Inquilab'. The message from the Maulana was straightforward: it would be wrong to occupy the pulpit inebriated. Otherwise, there is no specific bar on drinking.

This was the open mindedness Maulana Kalbe Sadiq inherited from generations of 'Ulema'. From the 1990s he had pleaded: Even if the Muslims win the Ram Janmabhoomi land dispute, they should gift the land to the Hindus. "You will win their goodwill." His point was that a Muslim can turn towards Kaaba and say his prayers anywhere. "Ram is central to Hindu ethos." He initiated joint Shia-Sunni Namaz, allowing the Sunni cleric to take the lead.

He traced Muslim backwardness to a singular lack of education and dedicated his life to establishing nonsectarian institutions in every possible field. But he died a disappointed man because of expanding communalism and a community trapped in the snare of selfish political leaders.

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Ambedkar's efforts to uplift downtrodden recalled

The Constitution drafted by him made India one of the largest democracies in the world, says CM Jagan

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AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar on his death anniversary at the camp office here on Sunday.

The Chief Minister garlanded the portrait of Ambedkar and paid tributes to the social reformer and architect of our Constitution.

Taking to Twitter, the Chief Minister said that the architect of the Indian Constitution Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar continues to live through his lofty ideals and inspiring thoughts. His efforts to uplift and develop the downtrodden



Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy at his camp office in Tadepalli paying tributes to Babasaheb Dr B R Ambedkar on the occasion of his death anniversary on Sunday. Home Minister M Sucharitha and others are seen.

people are immeasurable, he said. The Constitution as drafted by him has made India one of the largest democracies in the world.

At the party Central office, YSRCP leaders offered floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar and said Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has been empow-

ering weaker sections like never before.

Speaking on the occasion, party SC cell convenor Merugu Nagarjuna said Ambedkar worked for the development of the weaker sections and the State government has been working for the upliftment of weaker sections drawing inspi-

ration from the constitutional spirit of B R Ambedkar.

Rajya Sabha member Mopidevi Venkatarama, MP Nandigam Suresh, MLC Dokka Manikya Varaprasad, Madiga Corporation chairman Kanaka Rao and Vaddera Corporation chairman Devalla Revathi were among those present.

Conduct door-to-door health check-ups: Pawan



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MANGALAGIRI

EXPRESSING serious concern over hundreds of people in Eluru getting admitted to hospitals with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, fainting, epilepsy and other ailments since Saturday, Jana Sena supremo Pawan Kalyan said here on Sunday that immediate medical assistance must be given on warfooting to the people.

According to official figures, about 227 people were admitted to the government hospital alone, but many more victims are being given treatment in private hospitals with the same symptoms causing more concern.

Pawan said that it is shocking that the doctors attending on the patients are unable to arrive at a conclusion about the disease even after the primary assess-

Govt gives nod for three lift irrigation projects in Nalgonda

Once commissioned, the three projects will irrigate a total of 20,360 acres in the district

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ment. He recalled that many surveys conducted earlier revealed that air and water pollution levels in Eluru are beyond permissible limits. It was also noticed that drinking water pipes are mixed with drainage pipes at some points. "It is the responsibility of the people's representatives and the district administration to ensure that people won't get scared under the present critical conditions. It is need of the hour to summon health experts on warfooting to Eluru and bring the situation under control," Pawan Kalyan said.

The JSP chief urged the government to take door-to-door health check-ups.

MIRYALAGUDA MLA Bhaskar Rao stated that the State government has given administrative sanctions to several lift irrigation projects in Nalgonda district to transform the barren lands to fertile ones.

In a press statement released on Sunday, the MLA that in the Miryalaguda constituency, which he represents, three lifts were sanctioned to fulfil the poll promise made during 2018 Assembly elections. He informed that Keishavapuram-Kondrapole Lift Scheme aims to irrigate 5,875 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 72.16 crore and Kunkudu Chettu lift irrigation scheme at foreshore of Sagar was sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs 24.57 crore.

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Jepalli-Champla Thanda scheme in Adavidevapally mandal would irrigate 5,875 acres at a cost of Rs 219 crore and 90 lakh.

Bottalapalem-Wadapally lift irrigation scheme would provide irrigation facility to 8,610 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 229.25 crore.

He further informed that two lift irrigation schemes were sanctioned to Nagarjunasagar constituency. Nellikal lift in Tirumalagiri mandal of Sagar constituency would provide water to 4,175 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 72.16 crore and Kunkudu Chettu lift irrigation scheme at foreshore of Sagar was sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs 24.57 crore.

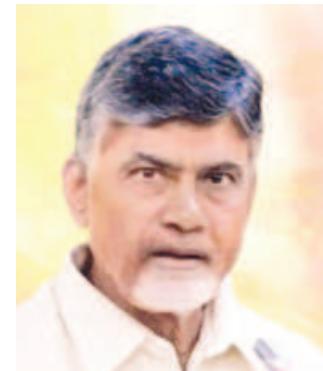
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Naidu blames govt apathy for Eluru outbreak

- The TDP chief slams the State govt for neglecting public health
- Says the spread of illness was due to supply of contaminated drinking water in the town
- Points out that most of those who fell sick are children

AMARAVATI

TDP national president and former Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday slammed the YSRCP government for 'neglecting' the public health which had now led to over 150 people falling ill in Eluru in West Godavari district.



Naidu expressed concern that most of the sick people were children and the illness spread because of the supply of contaminated drinking water in the town. The local people were not getting clean and potable drinking water supply for the past 18 months with nobody making any efforts to set right the situation.

In a statement here, the TDP chief said: "Shocked and enraged at the AP government's apathy towards people. About 150 people, mostly children, have taken ill after drinking contaminated water in Eluru because the irresponsible government hasn't cared to clean local drinking water bodies for the last 18 months."

Naidu pointed out that ironically, this Eluru sickness outbreak took place in the Health Minister's own constituency. The Eluru incident has once again exposed the ineffectiveness and inability of the YSRCP government to provide efficient administration and good governance.

Extend proper medicare to patients: Governor

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GOVERNOR Biswa Bhusan Harichandan has expressed concern over a number of people falling sick in Eluru city of West Godavari district on Saturday.

The Governor enquired with local administration on the condition of those admitted to the hospitals and directed the officials of the Medical and Health Department to take immediate measures and provide necessary medical care and treatment to the affected persons on expeditious basis.

After Burevi, Cyclone 'Arnab' may hit TN

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The name has to be short and readily understood. It cannot be culturally demeaning or convey unintended potentially inflammatory meaning.

'Cyclone Arnab' comes from Bangladesh and is one of the 169 names suggested this year by 13 countries, including India. Some of the names for cyclones that were suggested by Bangladesh include Nisarga, Biparjoy, Arnab, Upakul, Gati, Tej, Murasu, and Aag have been submitted by India. Iran suggested Nivar, Hamoon, Akyan, and Sepand.

Cyclone Burevi derived its name from the Maldives. Other cyclone names suggested by the Maldives include Midhili, Kaani, and Odi. Taufatae, Michaung, Ngamann, and Kyarthi have been recommended by Myanmar.

'Asking SEC to take govt consent amounts to contempt of court'

- TDP leader Yanamala says in the last 18 months of its misrule, the Jagan Reddy regime has been attacking and undermining all institutions like the SEC, the legislature, the judiciary, etc that were formed under the provisions of the Constitution

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AMARAVATI

FORMER Minister and senior TDP leader Yanamala Ramakrishnudu on Sunday accused the YSRCP government of continuing its archaic and anarchic policies by passing a resolution in the Assembly insisting on the State Election Commission to take its prior consent on holding elections.

He asserted that the State government had no right to interfere with the SEC's duties in the middle of the election process. It was wrong to start litigation on the powers of the SEC on the pretext that there were problems in the consultation process with the government. The SEC should not be brought in conflict with the legislature. He said that Article 243K had clearly laid down that all powers regarding conduct of elections, supervision, regulation and direction shall be vested in a State Election Commissioner.

Nowhere in the Constitution of India has it been written that the government should give consent or the SEC should take consent for holding elections. Once the election process started, the Assembly would have no role to play. The Governor also cannot issue an ordinance, the senior TDP leader pointed out.



Karpa Corporator Swarna Raj (ninth from right), who won the GHMC elections for the second time, was being felicitated by Shri Enclave NRI Colony residents. Speaking on the occasion, Swarna Raj sought the support of residents and promised to work for their welfare. Colony president Nageswara Rao and others were present.

Support swells for Bharat Bandh

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NCP chief and former Union agriculture minister Sharad Pawar warned the Centre that if the deadlock continues, the agitation will not be limited to Delhi and people from across the country will stand by the protesting farmers. The NCP chief is also scheduled to meet President Ram Nath Kovind on December 9 over the ongoing farmers' protest against agrarian laws.

The talks between the government and the representatives of farmer unions remained inconclusive on

Saturday after the latter spurned the agriculture minister's offer to amend the farm laws and stuck to the maximalist position demanding a repeal of all three ordinances.

To resolve the stand-off, an option to convene a special Parliament session is being considered, a government source said. "It is not ruled out, but no decision has been taken," the source said. Both the sides have now agreed to meet again on December 9.

Farmers protesting on both sides of Delhi-Haryana border have asserted that they are self-sufficient in carrying on their agi-

tation against the new farm laws, with some saying their NRIs relatives have also extended support to sustain the momentum of the demonstration.

Drawn from several parts of Punjab, aggrieved farmers have converged on an unprecedented scale at Delhi's Singhu and Tikri borders, camping on roads and braving the cold at night to press for their demands.

The peasants have come to the protest site stocked up with fruits, vegetables and other household items, and local residents and volunteer groups, besides members of a gurudwara nearby Singhu

Border have been offering supplies to replenish the stock. Prominent opposition leaders including Congress president Sonia Gandhi, NCP leader Sharad Pawar, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, DMK chief M K Stalin and PAGD chairman Farooq Abdullah issued a joint statement on Sunday supporting the call for Bharat Bandh and pressed the Centre to meet the legitimate demands of the protesters. The representatives of thousands of agitating farmers have said that the nationwide strike on Tuesday would be observed with full force.

TRS to leverage farmers' stir by gathering support from Oppn

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Party sources claim that all the top leaders of these parties are being invited for the proposed conclave to be hosted by KCR soon. It is learnt that KCR wants to take up a series of agitations involving employees, farmers and workers against various policies of the BJP-led government.

KCR told the party leaders that the Centre had turned pro-privatisation and anti-farmers. Though the TS government was ready to give more than the MSP, but the "black law" of the Centre had put brakes on the efforts of the state government to help farmers. The new laws say

that if the states give more than MSP to farmers, the central agencies will stop procurement, he said.

Meanwhile, the party has decided to use the ongoing farmers' agitation in Delhi as a platform to blow its bugle against the Centre. On Monday, the TRS cadre has been told to take out rallies in support of the farmers, meet all commercial establishments and urge them not to open their shops and malls till noon on Tuesday.

"It should be a day of Galli Galli bandh," party working president K T Rama Rao told the party workers on Sunday. He said TRS salutes the agitating

farmers who have been giving sleepless nights to the Centre and have brought life to standstill in Delhi borders braving the biting cold weather. "Delhi should be reminded of the kind of dandhs Telangana had seen during the agitation for separate T state," he said.

On Tuesday, all MPs, MLAs, MLCs and corporators will sit on dharna on national highways.

The TSRTC has been asked to suspend the bus services till 12 noon on Tuesday. Transporters have been told not to operate their lorries till noon. The Sikh Sangat and the Congress party have also extended their support to the bandh call.

Following into the UK's footsteps, Bahrain on Friday granted permission for the two-dose vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech. For its part, Pfizer has said it remains committed to engaging with Indian government in order to explore opportunities to make its vaccine available for use in the country.

During this pandemic phase, Pfizer will supply this vaccine only through government contracts based on agreements with respective government authorities and following regulatory authorisation or approval," the global pharma major said.

There are five vaccines in advanced phases of clinical trials in India with the Serum Institute of India conducting phase-3 trial of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, while the indigenously developed vaccine by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR has already started the phase-3 clinical trial. Drug firm Zydus Cadila has received the approval from the DCGI to start the phase-3 clinical trials of the indigenously developed anti-coronavirus vaccine.

Venkaiah to arrive in Vizag today

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VISAKHAPATNAM

VICE-PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu is arriving in Visakhapatnam on Monday and will stay here till December 13. The Vice-President will be arriving at Visakhapatnam airport at 10:25 am on Monday. Later, he is scheduled to visit the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute and Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and interact with the scientists and staff. On Tuesday, he will attend a global summit virtually and deliver a speech as a chief guest. On December 13, Venkaiah Naidu will reach Visakhapatnam and return to Delhi at 9:55 am.

'CENTRE NEEDS TO LEARN FROM TS'

HANS NEWS SERVICE
WARANGAL

THE TRS fully supports the 'Bharat Bandh' call on December 8, Minister for Panchayat Raj Errabelli Dayakar Rao has said. Addressing a press conference here on Sunday, he criticised the Central government for unilaterally going with the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020; The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

He said that all the TRS cadres would take part in the Bharat Bandh call to show their concern towards farmers. "The exploitative three farm bills will turn farmers into labourers. The bills will make the farmers mortgage their farms to the rich," Errabelli said, accusing the Centre of adapting anti-farmers laws.

On the contrary, the State government was implementing several welfare schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, crop loan waiver, 24-hour free electricity supply



Panchayat Raj Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao addressing a press conference in Warangal on Sunday

etc for the agriculture sector to ensure farmers in a better position, the Minister said. Apart from welfare schemes, the Telangana government was also ensuring irrigation facility to all the farmers by constructing projects, he added. Centre needs to learn from the TRS government,

the Minister said, referring to the welfare schemes of the State. The Centre wants to implement the farm bills even though the farming community in BJP-led States like Madhya Pradesh was also op-

osing them, Errabelli said. Recalling that the TRS had opposed the farm bills in the Parliament, the Minister said that the TRS government will not sit idly if the Centre wants to hit the livelihood of the farmers.

Stating that the agriculture bills are harmful to the interests of the farmers, Minister Dayakar Rao said that they will continue to fight until the new agricultural laws are repealed. He appealed to people and the TRS cadres to support the Bharat Bandh on December 8.

Vijayashanti quits Cong, to join BJP today

Actress-turned-politician will join the party in the presence of party national president JP Nadda

NEW DELHI

ACTRESS-TURNED-POLITICIAN Vijayashanti will formally join the Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday. Vijayashanti along with the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy and the State BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Sunday evening.



The two BJP leaders had met Shah to apprise of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation election results and the performance of the party.

Amit Shah, while welcoming the decision of Vijayashanti to join the party, suggested the State leaders to continue their aggressive stance and "expose the omissions and

commissions of the State government". He also asked them to gear up for the two graduates constituency elections and Warangal and Khammam municipal corporation elections. Meanwhile, party leader G Vivek Venkatswamy announced that Vijayashanti would formally join BJP on Monday in the presence of party national president JP Nadda. "All those whom KCR sidelined will join the BJP," he said. Vijayashanti would be the second popular star in South to join the BJP after Khushbu in Tamil Nadu.

2-day Jan Adalat in RR, Mahbubnagar from tomorrow

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RANGA REDDY

THE Telangana Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission will be organising Jan Adalat from December 8 to 10, in Ranga Reddy and Mahbubnagar districts for the speedy disposal of cases and delivery of justice to the people.

Chairman of the Commission Erola Srinivas said that these Adalats would stand as an ideal for all States in the country with regard to protection of rights of Dalits and tribals. Earlier, the Jan Adalats were organised in Khammam district, but as the programme received a positive response, these are now being organised in different places in the State.

Srinivas informed that a team would be leaving from Hyderabad on December 8, to hold a meeting with Dalits and tribals in Marchala village of Kalvakurthi constituency in Mahbubnagar district. Later, the teams would study the livelihoods of Chechu tribes in Gudibanda Thanda near Kondanagula village of Achampet constituency. The team will also visit Mahbubnagar, Wanaparthi, Narayanpet and Nagarkurnool districts to solve the problems of the Dalits and tribals. The Chairman on the occasion urged the people to utilise the services of Jan Adalat.

Commission members Vidyasagar, Rambal Nayak, Neela Devi, Chilakamarri Narasimha and Commission Secretary Panda Das will take part in the programme.

58th National Home Guard Day celebrated

VIKARABAD

VIKARABAD District SP M Narayana congratulated the Vikarabad district home guard officers on the eve of 58th National Home Guards Day on Sunday. He said that the services rendered by the home guard officers along with the police officers was commendable and pointed out that the Home Guard officers have done a lot to uphold the dignity of the police department by standing up for the poor people by providing justice to them and the victims and to work towards building more confidence in the police department among the people of the district. The home guards system has a special identity in the police department and they should move forward efficiently by performing their duties in a disciplined manner.

Support farmers' bandh call, appeals Sabitha

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RANGA REDDY

EDUCATION Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy said that the TRS party is in full support of the Bharat Bandh led by farmers opposing the three agriculture Bills on Tuesday. She asked the TRS cadre to directly participate in the bandh and appealed the people of Telangana State to make the bandh a success and stand by the farmers.

In a statement, Sabitha Indra

Reddy stated that the farmers were waging a just fight against the agricultural laws brought by the Centre and reminded that TRS opposed the agriculture Bills in the Parliament as they were harmful to the interests of the farmers and asserted that the fight needs to continue until the new agricultural laws are repealed.

She said that the TRS party would work for the success of the Bharat Bandh and appealed the people to stand by the farmers.

Congress leaders join TRS

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SHADNAGAR

SEVERAL leaders of Congress party joined the TRS in the presence of Shadnagar MLA Anjaiah Yadav on Sunday. Nandigama mandal, Narsappaguda village Deputy Sarpanch Katna Shekar, ward members Krishna Yadav, Prabhakar and others were among those who joined the TRS along with their followers.



have the common characteristics of their use as COVID-19 pandemic combatants.

The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) has stayed the operation of registration of 'N-95' as Trademark. Explaining the reasons for the stay, the Board said that the term N-95 is a generic term in the mask industry. Hence, it is not capable of being registered or protected as Trademark and the same cannot be appropriated by any one entity.

M/S Sassoon Fab International Pvt. Ltd., the company engaged in the business of mask had filed the application u/s 57 of Trademark Act, 1999 for removal of the 'N-95' label under Reg. No. 4487559 in class 10 registered in favour of one Sanjay Garg. The company contended that Garg had frivolously and fraudulently obtained the registration of the generic term N-95. As a result, the company's N-95 masks were removed from e-commerce platform, www.amazon.in on the basis of the complaint lodged by Garg. Elaborating on what is a generic terms, the Board observed that these face masks were designed to filter 95% of dust particles to enter the nose or mouth which is considered as the standard in the health care sector.

LEGAL CIRCLES

The return of 'Award Wapsi' gang!

COVID-19 pandemic. Now that COVID-19 threat has receded considerably and its vaccine is within sight, the anti-national forces like Jehadis, terrorists, extremists and secessionist elements have become active without losing time. Now it is the responsibility of the government to see that the anti-nationals masquerading as 'kisans' are handled with iron hand and no damage to the life and property is allowed to be caused.

In fact, the term farmer has wider connotations in our country. It covers from a person struggling for two square meals to one rolling in millions and billions of rupees. As the income from agriculture is exempt from the income tax, the wealthy farmers who are in the real sense of the term are just land owners, enjoy this tax-free booty. As such, there is no justification in granting unlimited tax exemption to the agricultural income. The real benefit should go to the farmers and farm labours who toil and sweat in the fields. Therefore, it is high time to tax all the wealthy farmers having incomes beyond the normally exempted taxable

income for other categories. In case of farmers, there are indeed some legitimate doubts about the resultant fall-out of the recently enacted three laws on removal of stock restrictions and free movement, contract pricing and ensuring the Minimum Support Price (MSP). But these are certainly not the matters which cannot be resolved by negotiation in peaceful methods. Despite several rounds of high-level meetings with the central ministers, if no light is seen at the end of the tunnel, then either the viewers are blind or they refuse to see the light. The situation is similar to the Shaheen Bagh agitation where the agitators surcharged with political motivation refuse to accept the fact that neither the CAA nor NRC were against the Indian Muslims. Therefore, it is the need of the hour that the administration gets fully equipped to tackle the war-like situation thrown open by the defiant anti-national elements with the overt and covert political support from within and outside the country in blatant violation of the Supreme Court's judgment in Amit Sahani v/s CBI

lise (DGP), Punjab, Sumedh Singh Saini, who had sought the bail in relation to the 1991 Balwant Singh Multani murder case.

SC on anticipatory bail

In a judgment of far-reaching consequences the Supreme Court has held that a long delay in filing the FIR can certainly be a valid consideration for grant of anticipatory bail.

A bench comprising Justice Ashok Bhushan, Justice R. Subhash Reddy and Justice M.R. Shah observed while allowing the anticipatory bail plea of former Director General of Po-

lice (DGP), Punjab, Sumedh Singh Saini, who had sought the bail in relation to the 1991 Balwant Singh Multani murder case.

Granting the bail the bench noted that 29 years had passed since the incident and questioned as to how Sec. 302 (Murder) of the IPC was added against the accused. Earlier, the case had been registered against Saini under Sec. 364, 201, 344, 330, 219 and 120 B. Subsequently, Sec. 302 of IPC was added. The allegation against Saini is that Balwant Singh Multani was killed in the State-managed elimination in the month of December 1991. Consequently, Saini was granted an anticipatory bail against personal bond of one lakh rupees.

Courts should lean for fundamental rights: SA court

The Constitutional Court of South Africa has held that it is unconstitutional to criminalise the act of incitement of another person to commit an offence.

Stating that the courts should always lean in favour of respect-

ing, protecting and promoting the Fundamental Rights rather than settle for the easy and more deleterious option of taking them away. Consequently, it struck down Sec. 18(2)(b) Riotous Assemblies Act.

TS High Court defers Dharani case to December 8

All eyes are set on December 8 when the Telangana High Court is expected to further hear the matter involving the newly introduced portal, Dharani, for land registration by the State Government. The court has sought some clarifications from the Advocate General on the matter of law and its implementation.

HC judge dies of Covid-19

Justice G R Udhawani, a sitting judge of the Gujarat High Court passed away on December 5 due to COVID-19. The 59 years old judge is perhaps the first victim of COVID-19 who was the serving judge of a High Court.

Mask in the grip of trademark law

After the sanitizers, now it is the turn of mask. Both the goods

KTR to inaugurate IT Hub today

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KHAMMAM

IT Minister KT Rama Rao, Home Minister Mohomed Ali, Roads and Buildings Minister V Prasanth Reddy and Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar are going to visit Khammam town on Monday and participate in various development programmes. KT Rama Rao will inaugurate IT Hub constructed

with Rs 27 crores while Minister Ali will inaugurate Commissionerate building in Khammam and Minister V Prasanth Reddy will inaugurate Railway Over Bridge at Dharmasalaparam.

They will also inaugurate several development works in Khammam. The district administration set up all arrangements for the Ministers' programmes.



Builders Association urges State to revive registrations

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KHAMMAM

Khammam city Builders Association appealed the State government to revive registrations, which were stopped 90 days ago after Dharani portal was introduced.

The builders took out rally in the town on Sunday and raised slogans seeking revival of registrations. Builders Association district president T Krishna Mohan and secretary Dosapati Praveen pointed out that money was blocked due to stalling of registrations and the builders

were facing problems. They appealed to the government to continue previous registration system, which was a better process to the builders. Later they submitted a memorandum to SUDA Chairman B Vijaya Kumar as

Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar was not available. Builders Garikapati Anjaney Prasad, Vemula Siva Prasad, Vasireddy Nageswara Rao, Mohan Lal, P Srinivas and others participated in the rally.

Home Guards Foundation Day celebrated

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NALGONDA

DSP Venkateshwar Reddy stated that home guards have to do their duty with commitment and sincerity and serve the people to get their appreciation. He attended as the chief guest at the home guards' foundation day celebrations at DPO office here on Sunday and flagged off the march, led by Bharat Bhushan at district police office (DPO). Speaking on this occasion, the DSP said that the services provided by home guards on par with the constables in police stations were commendable. He suggested that the police department should work on behalf of the poor people by providing justice to them and advised them to discharge duties honestly to earn more trust among the people.

DSP Venkateshwar Reddy said that the home guards system has a special identity in the police department and they should move forward efficiently by performing their duties in a disciplined manner. They need to enhance their professionalism, especially in areas such as computer knowledge and driving. Flag march was organised in the town on the occasion of Home Guards Foundation Day. The march took off from DPO office and passed through clock tower, Prakasam Bazaar, Bhaskar Talkies, one town police station and back to DPO office.

Members of City Builders Association taking out a rally in Khammam on Sunday

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Real life experience turns into award-winning flick

TEJAL SINHA

HAVING grown up in Pune, but having lived in California, New York, Paris, and Mumbai, Rohena is both an insider and an outsider to Mumbai. 'Sir', Rohena's current feature film project was selected by Critics week at Cannes for the competition section. It also received the support of the World Cinema Fund of the CNC in France for post-production.

Her debut project 'What's love got to do with it?', is a micro-budget feature documentary that was premiered at the Mumbai Film Festival in 2013. She independently produced and directed a non-profit campaign called Stop the Hatred to fight hate propaganda and communalism. This featured 16 national icons including Amitabh Bachchan, Zakir Hussain, Aamir



A still from the film Sir

Khan, Ashutosh Gowariker, Sachin Tendulkar and various others.

Sharing about 'Sir', Rohena says that it starts as the story of two worlds within one apartment: a domestic worker and her boss. The film is produced by Inkpot Films (Brice Poisson and Rohena Gera), and co-produced by Ciné-Sud Promotion, the film is a story of a Marathi widowed domestic worker who finds a complicated romantic spark with her recently single employer who's just returned from the U.S. after breaking off his engagement.

She says, "As they get to know each other we see how she is dynamic and spirited and he is trapped in his gilded cage... their growing friendship brings out the best in each of them but are the social barriers too great for it to become something more? 'Sir' is a love story that turns on its head certain conventions. Ratna is a dynamic spirited woman going for her dreams. It so happens that she is a domestic worker. In the love story between her and her

'Is Love Enough? Sir' is among the top 5 highest-grossing Indian films released theatrically in France including 'Salaam Bombay' and 'The Lunchbox'. The film has released theatrically in more than 25 countries across the world and has garnered critical acclaim and popular success

boss, Ashwin, she is the one who inspires him. We see that privilege and happiness are not necessarily the same thing, and that dreams and dignity are crucial to a person."

The writer-director-producer, who has been waiting to bring her film home says that 'Sir' is a film about hope, about resilience, about optimism against all odds. I feel that the film now is a way to reach out and connect with audiences and to speak of hope.

How real-life experience inspired Rohena

Like many others, Rohena grew

up with live in help at home and she was very close to the woman who helped her mom, but Rohena was aware of the barrier.

She shares, "When I had my own home in Mumbai and had someone working for me, we developed a bond, but the barrier was always there. She knew so much more about me than me about her. I found it interesting how we bonded as two women. It was only able to convert those thoughts into a concrete film idea when I thought of exploring the relationship through a love story because when you love someone you see their point of view effortlessly. I could explore a story of human emotions, of love, without being preachy or holier than thou."

Filmmakers contributing change

According to her, filmmakers, producers, writers, actors and every person who is involved in portraying a female character with complexity is part of the change in the image of actresses in cinema in the recent times.

"Of course, it makes a huge difference to have female characters who are created by women. I have always felt a sense of responsibility to society. It's part of the reason I started writing and making films. I try to engage with society through entertainment to bring people to seeing things a little differently through an emotional journey."

It's great that women's voices are being heard a little more now and perhaps it will get easier for us all to tell the stories we want to," concludes Rohena.



Rohena Gera

AVOCADO OIL FOR SMOOTH SKIN

While avocado oil is best known for its uses in cooking, it can also contribute to skin care. The oil is an ingredient in many types of creams, moisturisers, and sunscreens. Avocado oil is rich in fatty acids and is excellent for moisturising the skin. Avocado oil is loaded with omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins A, D, and E. Below are some of the ways it can benefit the skin:

Moisturises and nourishes

In addition to vitamin E, avocado oil contains potassium, lecithin, and many other nutrients that can nourish and moist-

urise the skin. The outermost layer of skin, known as the epidermis, easily absorbs these nutrients, which also help to form new skin.

Relieves inflammation from psoriasis and eczema

The antioxidants and vitamins in avocado oil may help to heal the dry, irritated, and flaky skin associated with eczema and psoriasis. A person with a skin condition may wish to test a patch of skin first, to ensure that the oil does not trigger or aggravate their symptoms.



Prevents and treats acne

When left on for short periods of time and rinsed off with warm

water, avocado oil can keep skin hydrated without leaving an oily residue. This may reduce the risk of acne. Avocado oil also has anti-inflammatory effects, which can help to reduce the redness and inflammation associated with acne.

Accelerates wound healing

Avocado oil may help wounds to heal more quickly. One 2013 study found that the essential fatty acids and oleic acid in avocado oil can promote collagen synthesis, which is the process of creating new connective tissue. The essential fatty acids in avocado oil were also found to

help reduce inflammation during the healing process.

Treats sunburned skin

The antioxidants in avocado oil may help to ease the symptoms of a sunburn. The vitamin E, beta carotene, vitamin D, protein, lecithin, and essential fatty acids in the oil can support healing and soothe the skin.

Reduces signs of aging

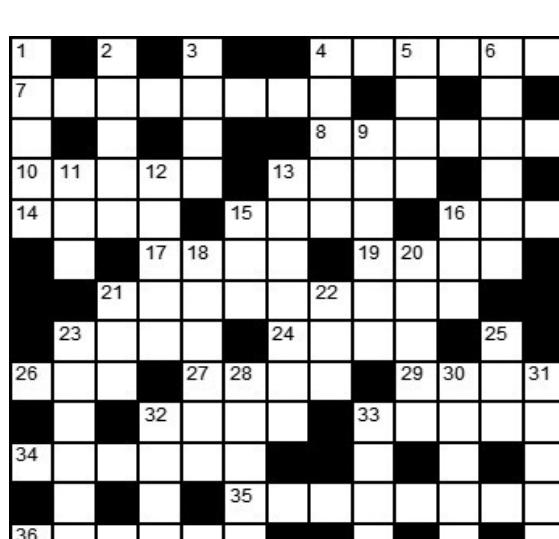
The first signs of aging usually appear on the skin. Some studies have shown that consuming healthful fats, such as those found in avocados, can help the skin to retain its elasticity.

Know the correct function



There are mainly two types of face powder – loose powder and pressed powder, and both come in dewy and matte finishes. It is important to know which one to use for what purpose. Loose powder is basically used to set the makeup in place and make it long-lasting. Though it comes in both tinted and translucent forms, it is best to use the colorless translucent one for setting the makeup as it will not disturb the color of your foundation and concealer.

Pressed powder, however, is best suited for touch-ups on the go. Also, a dewy finish gives a glowing appearance to the skin, and a matte one provides a porcelain look with fine textures.



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NEWS ROUNDUP

Priyanka Chopra Jonas is a 'day dreamer, night thinker'

Indian actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas has tagged herself as a day dreamer and a night thinker, going by her social media post.

Priyanka posted a picture on Instagram, wherein she is seen wearing a white ensemble and is looking at the camera. The actress completed her look with minimal make-up.

"Day dreamer, night thinker," Priyanka wrote alongside the image.

On the work front, Priyanka has started shooting for the upcoming Hollywood romantic drama, tentatively titled 'Text For You'.

Written and directed by Jim Strouse, the film is an English remake of the German-language film "SMS Fur Dich", based on Sofie Cramer's novel. According to the storyline,

Priyanka's character is a heartbroken woman who has just lost her fiance. In her attempt to send constant messages to her fiance's old number, she connects with a man across the town who is suffering from a similar heartbreak.

Celine Dion's music in the film aims at connecting the two and give them the courage to take a second shot at love.

Priyanka's co-star in the film is Sam Heughan, who is best known for his role as an actor and producer in the hit series "Outlander". He was recently seen in the Vin Diesel-starrer comicbook flick "Bloodshot" and in the action comedy "The Spy Who Dumped Me", co-starring Mila Kunis, Kate McKinnon, Justin Theroux and Gillian Anderson.



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No masks? Write an essay on Covid

GWALIOR

NOW people in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior will have to write an essay on Covid-19 as a punishment for violating the Covid norms. The violators will be put in open jails, the district administration has said.

Gwalior District Magistrate Kaushlendra Vikram Singh said the district authorities have launched a "Roko-Toko" campaign to curb the spread of coronavirus. Under the initiative, people were being made aware of Covid norms, besides being penalised for flouting the rules and then sent to open jail. At least 20 people were sent to the open prison at the Captain Roop Singh stadium and were made to write an essay on Covid. Singh said many people in Gwalior were not adhering to the social distancing norms, and some of them could be spotted without face masks or may just hang the masks around their necks.

District Women and Child Development officer Rajiv Singh said those found without masks during daily checking in the city were being sent to an open prison as a punishment for breaching the Covid rules.



Trouble for BJP govt in Haryana

2 more JJP MLAs back protesting farmers

I stand with BJP and farmers: Sunny Deol
Pawar to meet President over farmers' protest

CHANDIGARH

TROUBLE seems to be brewing within the BJP's main coalition partner Jananayak Janta Party (JJP) in Haryana with two more out of its 10 legislators coming out openly to support the protesting farmers against new farm laws they say will destroy livelihoods.

The legislators who posed a challenge to the just one-year-old post-election alliance government are Ram Kumar Gautam, the JJP's senior-most rebel, and Amarjeet Dhanda.

Both have asked the Centre to withdraw the newly introduced laws. They have joined their fellow party legislator Jagiram Sihag who last month turned down the government's offer to be the Housing Board Chairman till the farm laws guarantee the MSP.

Even as the talks between the Centre and farmers on their demands remain

inconclusive, Haryana Agriculture Minister Jai Prakash Dalal on Sunday said that the completion of Sutlej-Yamuna link (SYL) canal should also be included in the demands.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar is scheduled to meet President Ram Nath Kovind on December 9 over the ongoing farmers' protest against agrarian laws, the party said here on Sunday.

NCP spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said the former Union agriculture minister will apprise Kovind of the situation in the country in the backdrop of the protest.

The representatives of thousands of agitating farmers, who are sitting on various borders of the national capital since November 26, have said their call for a 'Bharat Bandh' on December 8 would be observed with full force.

The NCP had staged a walk-out in the Rajya Sabha when the three farm

bills were introduced in September during the Parliament's monsoon session.

Bharatiya Janata Party Lok Sabha MP from Gurdaspur Sunny Deol on Sunday said that he stands with his party and with farmers.

He also said that the central government always thinks of the betterment of farmers.

Taking to Twitter, Deol posted a picture of his statement on the ongoing farmers' protest.

"I request the whole world that it is matter between our farmers and the government. Do not come between them, because both will find a way after discussions."

"I know that many people want to take benefits from it and are creating problems. They are not thinking of farmers. They may have their own agenda," he said.

Queen Elizabeth in queue for vaccine

LONDON

THE UK's Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip will not get preferential treatment, but will instead "wait in line" during the first wave of the Covid-19 vaccines reserved for the over-80s and care home residents, a media report said citing sources.

The Daily Mail report came after the UK on December 2 approved the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine on independent advice of its medicines regulator.

The vaccine will be made available across the UK from next week. Care home residents, health and care staff, the elderly and the clinically extremely vulnerable will receive the vaccine on priority basis.

Operation Courageous, the country's



vaccine by then giving injections.

The sources told the Daily Mail that the Queen, 94, and the Duke of Edinburgh, 99, will be eligible for the vaccine within weeks and "have already accepted the offer on the advice of their doctors".

"Public health experts believe that if the couple go public about the jab, it could go a long way to combating misinformation spread by conspiracy theorists which, it is feared, could lead to a substantial proportion of the population refusing the vaccine," the newspaper report said.

According to the Daily Mail, discussions were also underway about the potential roles that could be played by Prince Charles and Prince William in publicising the vaccination programme.



Bharatiya Kisan Union spokesperson Rakesh Tikait during farmers' protest march against the new farm laws in New Delhi on Sunday

FIR against 4 scribes for 'sting operation' on Gujarat police

RAJKOT

POLICE have registered an FIR against four journalists of a Gujarati newspaper for allegedly entering a police station in Rajkot to carry out a 'sting operation' and obstructing police personnel from conducting their duties, an official said.

The journalists, three reporters and a photographer, entered the Rajkot taluka police station on the night of December 1 for the alleged 'sting operation' in connection with a fire at a Covid-19 hospital in Rajkot in which five patients died on November 27, he said.

The four journalists allegedly entered the prohibited area without due permission, the official from Rajkot taluka police station said.

On December 2, a news report along with photographs was published in the newspaper, saying three accused arrested in the hospital fire tragedy were given VIP treatment and kept in a police staff room, instead of the lockup, he said.

The journalists also shot some videos of the police station and circulated them on various social media platforms, he said.

The three accused in the fire incident were brought to the Rajkot taluka police station on November 30, and were taken to a separate room for questioning and not given any VIP treatment, the official said.

2 teen girls from PoK cross into Poonch

POONCH

IN the early hours of Sunday morning, two girls from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK), inadvertently crossed into Indian territory in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch sector.

Indian troops deployed along the Line of Control having detected the crossing, exercised complete restraint to prevent any harm to the girls, who are residents of village Abbasspur from Tehsil Forward Kahuta. The two girls have been identified as 17-year-old Laiba Zabair and 13-year-old Sana Zabair.

"Two girls from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, Laiba Zabair aged 17 years and Sana Zabair aged 13 years, residents of village Abbasspur, Tehsil Forward Kahuta had inadvertently crossed into the Indian side in Poonch Sector in the morning hours of Dec 06, 2020," said PRO (Defence) Jammu.

Meanwhile, Pakistani troops opened fire and shelled mortars at forward posts and villages along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and Kathua districts, officials said on Sunday.

China sets up 3 villages near Arunachal

NEW DELHI

CHINA has constructed at least 3 villages, approximately 5 kilometres from the Bum La pass which lies close to the tri-junction between India, China and Bhutan in western Arunachal Pradesh, according to NDTV report.

Beijing disputes the boundary between India and China in this region and the new constructions here could be a significant step towards reinforcing its territorial claims along the Arunachal Pradesh frontier.

"China has been using a strategy of settling Han Chinese and Tibetan members of the Communist Party along the India border to strengthen its territorial claims and escalate border intrusions," says China-watcher Dr. Brahma Chellaney.

"Like it used fishermen in the South China Sea, China uses civilian resources - herders and grazers - as the tip of the spear to intrude into Indian-patrolled Himalayan areas."

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'Coronavirus forcing sex workers towards debt bondage, slavery'

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NEW DELHI

FINDINGS of a new research indicate that more than 90 per cent of commercial sex workers in three states are facing the prospect of permanent debt bondage by the end of this year.

The research, conducted by Dr. Beulah Shekhar, Emeritus Professor of Criminology at Karunya Institute of Technology Sciences (KITS) in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, examines the financial exploitation the community faces in the aftermath of Covid-19 pandemic.

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"I started looking into the plight of

sex workers as the community suffered a severe setback this pandemic. That's when I stumbled upon the problem of debt bondage they were grappling with. Further research into this issue revealed great concerns. A majority of sex workers are victims of trafficking, they were forced into prostitution, mostly at a

very young age in their life. Their sufferings seem to have no end as now the debt bondage further victimises them," explains Shekhar after wrapping up the research, the report of which is expected to be published in the coming months.

In India, 95 per cent of the trafficked victims are forced into prostitution, shows the latest data by National Crime Records Bureau. However, these numbers are estimated to be just a fraction of the actual figures as sex traffickers work in a clandestine way.



Great conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn to dazzle skygazers on Dec 21

Two planets have never been so close since 1623, conjunction may be seen just after sunset

NEW DELHI

IN a rare celestial event, Jupiter and Saturn will be seen very close to each other on December 21, appearing like one bright star.

The two planets have never been so close since 1623, and hence, the term 'a great conjunction', director of M P Birla Planetarium, Debi Prasad Duari, said in a statement.

"If two celestial bodies visually appear close to each other from Earth, it is called a conjunction. And such conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter is at times called a great conjunction," he said.

The planets will next come comparably close on March 15, 2080.

On the night of December 21, their physical distance will be around 735 million km, Duari said.

In the run-up to the date, both planets will appear to progressively come closer to each other, with every passing day, he said.

In most major cities across India, the conjunction could be seen just after sunset.

Meanwhile, the ascender of China's Chang'e-5 probe successfully rendezvoused and docked with the orbiter-returner combination in lunar orbit on Sunday, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) has announced.

This is the first time Chinese spacecraft have carried out rendezvous and docking in lunar orbit, reported Xinhua news agency.

The samples collected on the moon had been transferred from the ascender to the returner safely by 6.12 a.m., said the CNSA.

Chang'e-5 is one of the most complicated and chal-

lenging missions in Chinese aerospace history, as well as the world's first moon-sample mission in more than 40 years.

The Chang'e-5 probe, comprising an orbiter, a lander, an ascender and a returner, was launched on November 24, and its lander-ascender combination touched down on the north of the Mons Rümker in Oceanus Procellarum, also known as the Ocean of Storms, on the near side of the moon on December 1.

After the samples were collected and sealed, the ascender of Chang'e-5 took off from the lunar surface on December 3.

Although China's spacecraft had carried out several rendezvous and docking operations in low-Earth orbit, an unmanned rendezvous and docking in lunar orbit, around 380,000 km away, is much more difficult. The orbiter-returner combination gradually ap-

proached the ascender through long-range guidance and short-range autonomous control, and captured the ascender with holding claws.

"We used an innovative error-compensation algorithm to further improve the angle-measurement accuracy, which greatly enhanced the chances of a successful, precise docking," said He Zhongqin, a designer on the microwave radar project.

Next, the orbiter-returner will separate from the ascender, and wait for the right time to return to Earth.

China also successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan province.

The launch took place at 11.58 a.m., Xinhua news agency reported.

The satellite, Gaofen-14, was sent into orbit by a Long March-3B carrier rocket.



Always think outside
the box and embrace
opportunities that
appear, wherever they
might be.

—Lakshmi Mittal



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Global cues will drive markets

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B uoyed by the vaccine progress across the globe, better-than-expected GDP data, revision of economic growth forecast upwards for current year coupled with accommodative stance and dovish commentary by the RBI, and continued FII inflows; markets extended their winning streak for fifth consecutive week. Recording all-time highs the Nifty closed 290 points higher at 13,259 and the Sensex surpassed 45,000 mark for the first time, rising 929.83 points to 45,079.55. The broader markets too ended with healthy gains last week.

With the benchmark indices now in uncharted territory and the catch up trade continuing in broader markets along with sector rotation, focus will be on global cues, given the absence of domestic cues. FIIs continued their buying with more than Rs 10,000 crore of funds in the first week of December; while DII net sold over Rs 6,000 crore of equities in December. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept policy rates unchanged and promised to continue its accommodative stance this fiscal year and into the next year. The RBI now expects real gross domestic product growth at 0.1 per cent in the third quarter and 0.7 per cent in the fourth quarter, taking full fiscal 2020-21 contraction to 7.5 per cent from 9.5 per cent projected earlier. In the first quarter of the next fiscal year, the RBI suggested growth could be 21.9 per cent (largely because of the base effect as the economy contracted by 23.9 per cent in Q1 2020-21) and overall 6.5 per cent for the first half of 2021-22.

The farmer community has ex-



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**Progress on
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pressed apprehension that the new laws are "anti-farmer", and will pave the way for the dismantling of the minimum support price system, leaving them at the 'mercy' of big corporations. However, the government has maintained that the new laws will bring farmers better opportunities and usher in new technologies in agriculture.

US stock indexes climbed to record highs as the revival of stimulus negotiations bolstered expectations that the economy can weather the pandemic's continued spread. Crude oil prices climbed to \$49.25 a barrel—its highest value since March. The world's biggest producers are betting that the worst of a pandemic-inspired shock to demand is behind them after curtailed travel weighed heavily on oil prices this year. The progress on vaccine front really boosted market sentiment and would be a key thing to watch out for in coming weeks.

Key vaccine candidates from AstraZeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna reported positive results in their trials, which raised hopes for recovery in global health as well as economy. In the near term market direction will be dictated by the macroeconomic data, de-

velopments on vaccine front, FII inflows, crude oil prices and global cues. Any minor negative news leading the markets lower should be used as a buying opportunity for investors to pick up quality stocks.

It's very difficult to predict when the next recession or stock market crash will come, so many of the best investors don't even try. Instead, look for good companies with the strength to make it through the occasional challenging economic environment.

Futures & options / sector watch
Derivative segment continued to witness robust volumes on the back of momentum buying. On option front, maximum Put open interest was seen at 12,000 followed by 13,000 strike while maximum Call open interest was at 13,000 followed by 13,500 strike. Positions at 13,000 Put strikes for both the weekly as well as monthly settlement indicate that breach of 13,000 levels on downside may trigger short-term weakness.

On the higher side, Call base at 13,500 strikes foretells the target for the index. The Implied Volatility (IV) of calls closed at 16.06 per cent while that for put options

closed at 16.79. PCR OI for the week closed at 1.70. Overall option data suggests that the Nifty could see a range of 13,100-13,400 levels in coming sessions. India VIX was down by 9 per cent from 19.81 to 18.02 levels during the week.

A lower level of volatility is the new normal and suggests that markets are in bull grip and any decline could be bought in the market. In the coming week, Nifty would face major hurdle at 13,500 levels, which is nearby, however, the Bank Nifty should outperform and move to 31,000 levels without any major efforts. The strategy should be to buy on dips with a final stop loss of Nifty at 13,100. Sectorally, Metals, Auto, pharma and PSU banks outperformed. Expect sectoral rotation in the upcoming week. FMCG, IT and pharma stocks are expected to be back in play. Auto sector showed improved results in their monthly sales volume.

Maruti reported a 1.7 per cent rise where Tata Motors and Hero Moto reported double-digit growth. Increased rural demand in tractors pushed M&M sales volume for the month. On the back of improved sales in all segments in auto sector, auto ancillary stocks are attracting attention. Use corrections to buy Tata Motors, Motherson Sumi, Maruti and Ashok Leyland. Quiet accumulation is seen in infrastructure counters. Buy L&T and GMR Infra for surprising gains.

Correction in cement stocks is likely to be short lived one, say industry observers. Buy Ambuja Ce-

ments and Ramco Cements. Stock futures: Looking good for buying are - Bharti Airtel, Bata, Canara Bank, GMR Infra, ICICI Bank Pidilite Inds and Ramco Cements. Sell on rallies ACC, Balakrishna Inds, BPCL, L&T Finance, and Dabur.

Stock picks

Vimta Labs Limited is engaged in the business of contract research and testing services. The contract research and testing organization provides wide range of services to pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, food, consumer products, agrochemical, healthcare, medical device and many other industries. Headquartered in Hyderabad, Vimta has a network of 16 labs in India, including food testing and clinical diagnostics labs. Buy on declines for medium term target of Rs 275.

UFLEX Limited is engaged in the manufacture and sale of flexible packaging products. The company also offers a flexible packaging solution

to its customers across the globe and has a vast production capacity for Biaxially Oriented Polyethylene Teraphthalate (BOPET), Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP) films, and Cast Polypropylene (CPP) films. Some of UFLEX's clients on the global turf include P&G, PepsiCo; Tata Global; GSK, Nestle, Agrotech Foods, Coca Cola, Johnson & Johnson among others. Buy for long-term target of Rs 650.

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IN SHORT

MFs pull out ₹30k cr from market

Continuing their selling spree for the sixth straight month, mutual funds pulled out Rs 30,760 crore from equities in November on profit booking and experts believe the outflow trend will continue unless there is correction in markets. With this, net withdrawal by mutual funds (MFs) has reached to over Rs 28,000 crore in the first 11 months of the ongoing year (January-November), data available with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) showed. The markets, despite the withdrawals from mutual funds in the last few months, have continued to rise as flows from FIIs have been robust. Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have put in over Rs 1.08 lakh crore in the Indian equity markets during January-November period of 2020. "With markets touching new highs and Nifty PE (private equity) valuations crossing 36 times, there is profit booking happening. This is visible from the increased 'outflow' number compared with September-October," said Vidya Bala, co-founder of PrimeInvestor.in.

SEBI extends Covid relaxations

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the timeline of several relaxations of regulatory requirements for trading and clearing members along with depositories in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The timeline for internal and system audit for half year ended September have been extended till December 31, said a SEBI circular. Further, trading and clearing members can now submit by December 31 their half yearly net worth certificate as on September 30 and the cyber security and cyber resilience audit for half year ended on September 30 can be done till January 31, 2021. Depositories can submit Internal Audit Report for the half year ended September 30, 2020 by the end of December. The capital market regulator said that the decision has been taken in view of the prevailing situation due to Covid-19 pandemic and representations received from the stock exchanges.

Forex reserves down by \$469 mn

After touching a lifetime high in previous week, the country's foreign exchange reserves declined \$469 million to \$574.821 billion in the week ended November 27, RBI data showed. In the previous week ended November 20, the reserves had increased by \$2.518 billion to touch a record high of \$575.29 billion. In the reporting week, the reserves declined despite an increase in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves. FCA rose by \$352 million to \$533,455 billion, according to the weekly data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Expressed in dollar terms, FCA includes the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves declined by \$822 million to \$35,192 billion in the week ended November 27, the data showed. The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose marginally by \$2 million to \$1,494 billion. The country's reserve position with IMF decreased by \$1 million to \$4,679 billion.

Time to be cautiously optimistic

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E quity benchmark indices extended their winning streak for the fifth consecutive week and closed at lifetime highs. Nifty gained 298.25 points or 2.30 per cent and settled at 13258.55. It recorded all positive closings during the week. The BSE Sensex closed above 45,000 levels, up by 2.1 per cent. The broader Nifty Midcap-100 and Smallcap-100 up by 2.5 per cent and 1.9 per cent respectively. Overall market breadth is positive.

Technically, the Nifty negated the last week's doji candle's bearish implications. It closed at a new lifetime high. It closed above the previous day's high and almost at weekly high. It has decisively broken out of 13-day tight range. This fresh breakout will continue the current uptrend towards 13534, which is 16.8 per cent extension of previous swings. Even though there are many indecisive or bearish candles in the tight range, it did not close below the prior low. With strong bullish candles on daily and weekly charts, the indecisiveness vanished. Generally, the tight range breakout will result in a sharp move. As we mentioned earlier, the Nifty consolidated for 13 days (as a Fibonacci number) before resuming or reversing the trend. Last week, it moved with higher highs and higher lows, which is an up-trend sign. The Nifty also sustained above the two-year-long trend line resistance. This breakout is giving



level after March lows. This is one of the indicators to identify the tops and bottoms. As a trend following trader, be with the trend and do not try to short in

a long term directional bias to the markets. As long as the Nifty trades above the 12,800, the optimistic bias and the trend will continue. The more and more sectors started participating, and the breadth is improving. The broader markets are also outperforming.

At the same time, some concerns are haunting the markets. The Nifty moved higher, but leading indicator RSI hasn't made a new swing high. Though the weekly momentum has picked up, the daily momentum is not showing strength for the fourth consecutive week. Nifty closed above the upper Bollinger band which is a sign of overstretched rally. On a daily chart, the bands are contracting. The RSI (73.84) is mildly overbought on daily and weekly charts. The negative divergence on the daily chart is still present. Even though the derivative volume is higher than the previous day, it is still below the average. The Put-Call Ratio (PCR) is at the highest

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current conditions. It's time to be cautiously optimistic. These are early warning signs for the ongoing trend. Relative Rotation Graphs (RRG) shows that BankNifty, financial services, and services sector indices are placed in the leading quadrant. Apart from that, the Metal Index has entered the leading quadrant following a strong rotation from the weakening quadrant. The Realty Index has also entered the leading quadrant following a strong rollover from the improving quadrant.

While remaining in the lagging quadrant, Nifty Commodities and Energy groups are trying to improve their relative momentum along with the Infra index. The Pharma and Media Indexes are also seen languishing in the lagging quadrant and may exhibit some relative underperformance against the broader market.

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How ESG investments gaining traction



A decent exposure will be good to pocket and heart as well



Just because an issue isn't financially material to a company doesn't mean it doesn't matter to investors. There will be occasions when a socially responsible investor will buy or sell on the grounds that it's the right thing to do, regardless of the issue's direct financial impact. ESG can yield interesting results that may not always feel comfortable, especially to traditional socially responsible investors, due to its novel combination of an inclusionary criteria and financial materiality clause. The Financial Times lexicon defines ESG as a generic term used in capital markets by investors to evaluate corporate behavior and to determine the future financial performance of companies. These non-financial performance indicators are added in investment considerations incorporated into both investment decisions and risk management processes.

The proponents of this theme believe that by including these factors, costs infuse into the corporates to implement these changes, but it would've long-term positive impact on the larger environment and society at large thus proving to be a sustainable business model. According to a 2006 study called Cone Millennial Cause Study, millennials are more likely to trust a company or purchase a company's products when the company has a reputation of being socially or environmentally responsible. Half of

those surveyed are more likely to turn down a product or service from a company perceived to be socially or environmentally irresponsible. ESG investing can take various forms. The S&P Dow Jones Index splits sustainability into two categories: ESG and green or low carbon.

The ESG framework of investing tends to capture more factors, while green is more focused. Environmental factors include waste management, water management, environmental resource use, environmental disclosure, environmental impact, and reduction of pollution and emissions. Social factors include stakeholder analysis, workplace mentality, human rights, diversity community relationships, corporate citizenship, and philanthropy. Governance factors include board structure, management compensation, stakeholder impact, stakeholder rights and the relationship between management and stakeholders. This is a bit different from SRI (Socially Responsible Investing) began in '70s where investors mostly used negative screening methods to exclude in-

vestments in guns, tobacco, gambling and other vices, etc.

Should you get on the bandwagon? An important consideration is the performance attribution. ESG funds have had a nice run lately. Since its inception in late 2018, for example, Vanguard's US ESG exchange traded fund's return of 28 per cent has whipped its broad-market ETF's 17 per cent. Another factor to be considered is if more inflows are moved into these strategies/companies that fit the bill or contrarily if flows dry into those companies that doesn't fit here could impact their stock performance.

This doesn't make it for a complete guilt-free investing ride as many claims to be. That could be achieved through the Impact Investing strategy. It's considered the most advanced of the three kinds of sustainable investing (SRI/ESG). It involves generating a measurable environmental and social impact alongside financial returns. The two are not mutually exclusive.

As an investor, the purpose of any investment is to make returns while considering risks but also if one would like to build the social/environmental consciousness as a strategy then a decent exposure would find good to pocket and heart as well.

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DERIVATIVES OUTLOOK

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A s per the options data from ANSE, the 13,500CE and 13,100PE have highest concentration of Open Interest (OI) after the trading hours on Friday (December 4, 2020), while resistance level moved up by 500 points and support level moved upwards by 200 points, when compared with the previous week's data. Based on the Futures and Options (F&O) data, we see more space for NSE Nifty to move upwards, observe derivatives analysts.

Dhirendra Singh Bisht, senior research analyst (derivatives) at SMC Global Securities Ltd, said: "From derivatives front, Put writers added hefty Open Interest at 13,100 & 13,200 strikes, while Call writers were unwinding positions.

Options data points to upward resistance level

Call OI shifting to higher bands; Call writers unwinding positions

Now, the 13,500 strike holds maximum Open Interest in Calls as writers are seen shifting at higher bands." The 13,500 strike, which also recorded maximum Call OI addition of 10,72 lakhs contracts, has highest Call OI of 26,13 lakhs contracts followed by 13,200 strike with 21,55 lakhs contracts, 13,300 strike, which registered 10,59 Call OI build-up of lakh contracts, with 20,83 lakh contracts and 13,600 strike with 19,09 lakh contracts. Further, 13,800/13,700/13,600 strikes witnessed significant addition of Call OI.

Coming to Put side, the 13,100 strike has highest Put OI addition of 30,35 lakh contracts followed by 13,200 strike, which also recorded maximum Put OI addition of 22,71 lakh contracts, with 30,24 lakh contracts, 13,000 strike with 27,52 lakh contracts and

12,000 strike with 23,67 lakh contracts. Further, 13,100/13,000/12,500 strikes witnessed reasonable Put OI addition.

"A combination of a weak dollar index, optimism on the vaccine front, renewed round of fiscal stimulus talks in the United States along with RBI's decision to keep policy rates unchanged and robust inflows took India markets to all time highs in the week gone by. Nifty indices scaled above 13,250 strike, while Bank Nifty also managed to close above the key psychological level of 30,000 mark," added Bisht.

For the week ended December 6, 2020, BSE Sensex closed at

F&O TRADING

Product	Contracts	Turnover (Rs/cr)	Premium (Rs/cr)
Index Futures	4,10,280	33,779.20	--
Stock Futures	8,81,871	70,021.13	--
Index Options	1,90,98,005	18,83,528.47	10,628.17
Stock Options	13,98,534	1,16,140.76	3,219.57
F&O Total	2,17,88,690	18,03,469.56	

Oz avenged, India clinch T20 series

Dhawan, Kohli, Pandya help India complete big chase in style

SYDNEY

INDIA sealed the T20 International series against Australia with a game to spare after a swashbuckling Hardik Pandya finished what Shikhar Dhawan had set out to achieve with a scintillating 36-ball 52 in the second and penultimate match here on Sunday.

The visitors thus avenged their 1-2 ODI series loss, chasing down a challenging 195-run target set by the home side. They won the opener in Canberra by 11 runs on Friday. This was India's 10th successive win away from home in T20 Internationals.

Needing 25 of the final 12 balls after fetching 12 in the 18th over, Pandya brought the equation down to 14 in the last over with two fours. The all-rounder then hit two sixes to seal the match in India's favour and also claim the player of the match honours. Pandya remained unconquered on 42 off 22 balls.

India were off to a sedate start with no boundaries coming in the first two overs. But fours and sixes rained from the willows of Dhawan (52) and KL Rahul (30) once the duo got their eye in. Rahul capitalised on a free hit by smashing Andrew Tye for a maximum over extra cover, India's first boundary of the innings.

Dhawan got himself a couple of boundaries and a six off Glenn Maxwell as India scored 34 runs in two overs to gain the momentum they were looking for. The seasoned Dhawan, despite coming down the wicket early, managed to pull Sean Abbott over deep mid-wicket for another six.

Australia got their first breakthrough when Rahul gave a simple catch to Mitchell Swepson at deep point. But India had still managed a strong start, reaching 60 for one at the end of the Powerplay. Having played some fine shots, Dhawan top-edged an attempted slog sweep off leg-spinner Adam Zampa to give Australia their second wicket.

Sanju Samson got out after a 10-ball 15 but it was debutant Daniel Sams, who gave the hosts their biggest breakthrough when he had Virat Kohli caught behind for a well-made 24-ball 40.

Earlier, stand-in skipper Matthew Wade led from the front with a blistering half century and powered

Australia to a strong total after a fairly commanding performance with the bat. Leading the side in the absence of an injured Aaron Finch, Wade smashed 58 off 32 balls while Steve Smith made a breezy 38-ball 46 after India opted to field.

For the visitors, T Natarajan finished with fine figures of 2/20 in his four-over spell. Australia accumulated 62 runs in the last five overs after a few tight middle overs.

India's Hardik Pandya (left) and Shreyas Iyer celebrate their win in the second T20I match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney, Australia on Sunday

As the ball headed towards Kohli, Wade gave up, walked towards the dressing room and even though he was alerted by Steve Smith of the drop, he had backed up too far by that time. Before that, Pandya had

dropped Wade.

However, the Australian onslaught continued unabated as the duo of Smith and Glenn Maxwell kept dealing in fours and sixes. Even as Smith played some innovative shots, Maxwell, in his characteristic fashion, smashed Chahal for two sixes before falling to Shardul Thakur's change of pace. Moises Henriquez joined Smith and the two carried on in the same vein before falling to Chahal and Natarajan respectively. (PTI)

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The reason for him coming to the team in 2016 was his pure ability. He was natural, raw talent... now he is quite experienced by playing a lot of T20 cricket in the IPL and for India. He now realises that this is his time, in the next 4-5 years, to really become that bankable middle-order player that can win you games from anywhere. You need that finisher, and he is becoming that for us. And he is hungry, he is going to keep getting better,
—Virat Kohli



Mumbai City top table with win over Odisha

BAMBOLIM (GOA)



MUMBAI City FC continued their impressive start to the Indian Super League (ISL) with a 2-0 victory over Odisha FC at the GMC Stadium on Sunday.

A penalty from Batholomew Ogbeche (30') and a header from Rowlin Borges (45') gave Sergio Lobera's men their third win in four games and their first

Today's Fixture

Jamshedpur FC vs ATK Mohun Bagan at Tilak Maidan



Pakistan recall Sarfaraz for New Zealand T20Is

Christchurch: Pakistan have recalled Sarfaraz Ahmed and Hussain Talat for the upcoming three-match T20I series against New Zealand beginning December 18. Talat and Sarfaraz are the only changes from the Pakistan side that defeated Zimbabwe 3-0 in November. Hussain, who has replaced Pakistan Shaeens' Zafar Gohar, played his last T20I against South Africa at Centurion in February 2019, while Sarfaraz as reclaimed his spot from Rohail Nazir, who will captain Pakistan Shaeens against New Zealand 'A'. Fakhar Zaman had played in all the three T20Is against Zimbabwe but missed the New Zealand tour after failing to recover in time due to high fever. The squad was finalised by head coach Misbah-ul-Haq and captain Babar Azam in consultation with Pakistan Shaeens coach Ijaz Ahmed, who also locked his 16-player squad for the four-day match against New Zealand 'A' to be played in Whangarei from December 17. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Test side players who will not be involved in the T20Is, will remain with Pakistan Shaeens to prepare for the two-Test series, which commences at the Bay Oval, Mount Maunganui on December 26.

Match Results

Mumbai City FC beat Odisha FC - 2-0

FC Goa beat Kerala Blasters FC - 3-1

came in the 18th minute when Ahmed Jahouh found Cy Goddard down the right. Goddard only had keeper Kamaljit Singh to beat but his shot went over the bar.

Twelve minutes later though, Mumbai had their goal. Vignesh Dakshina Murthy's attempted cross from the edge of the box struck Shubham Sarangi's hand and the referee promptly pointed to the spot. Ogbeche stepped up and fired a low shot to the left, which a diving Kamaljit could not get his fingers to. It was the third penalty Odisha had conceded this season and the second mistake that Sarangi had committed, which had led to a goal.

Just four minutes later, Mumbai thought they had scored again when Mourtada Fall headed in Jahouh's freekick at the far-post. However, the referee disallowed the goal, adjudging that there had been a foul on keeper Kamaljit. The latter, who fell awkwardly, was substituted after a suspected concussion and Odisha's reserve keeper Ravi Kumar came on in his stead. Hugo Boumous missed a great chance to score in the 43rd minute, firing wide from Bipin Singh's pass. But Mumbai had their second couple of minutes later. Bipin, again, fired in a great cross into the box which Borges headed past Kumar.

Mumbai had ended the first period with 62 per cent of the possession and the second half saw more of the same. Odisha managed to cre-

Mumbai City FC celebrate their win over Odisha FC in a Hero ISL7 match at the Bambolim Stadium on Sunday

Rijiju to inaugurate webinar on anti-doping by NADA

New Delhi: The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and the National Sports University, Manipur will organise a webinar around the theme of 'Anti-Doping Nutritional and Therapeutic Needs in Sports'. The event will be inaugurated by Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju. The programme will be chaired by NADA Director General Naveen Agarwal. World Anti-Doping Agency president Witold Vanka will feature as a guest of honour along with sports secretary Ravi Mittal and vice chancellor of National Sports University, RC Mishra. Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwalla will also be a special guest. "Around 5,000 physical teachers, sports coaches, sportspersons, students and academicians from different states will participate in the online programme," said the organisers.

First ODI between SA - England cancelled

Paarl: The rescheduled first ODI of the three-match series between South Africa and England to be played at the Boland Park on Sunday was cancelled after two members of the touring England returned "unconfirmed positive tests" for coronavirus. The start of the match was earlier delayed as England players and management underwent an additional round of PCR tests on Saturday evening after two members of the hotel staff tested positive for Covid-19. "Following the test results, two members of the England touring party have returned unconfirmed positive tests for Covid-19. The players and management are now self-isolating in their rooms until further advice from the medical teams," Cricket South Africa and the England and Wales Cricket Board said in a statement. "The medical advice from both CSA and ECB is that the match cannot take place," it added. Ashley Giles, Managing Director, England Men's Cricket, said: "We regret that we are unable to play in today's ODI, but the welfare of the players and support staff is our primary concern and whilst we await the results of further tests the medical advice from both teams was that this game should not take place."

SCOREBOARD

Australia

M Wade run out (Kohli/Rahul)	58
DA Short c S Iyer b T Natarajan	9
S Smith c Hardik Pandya b Chahal	46
G Maxwell c W Sundar b Thakur	22
M Henriques c Rahul b T Natarajan	26
Marcus Stoinis not out	16
Daniel Sams not out	8
Extras: (LB-1, W-8)	9
Total: (for five wickets in 20 Overs)	194

Fall of Wickets: 1-47, 2-75, 3-120, 4-168, 5-171.

Bowling: Deepak Chahar 4-0-48-0, Washington Sundar 4-0-35-0, Shardul Thakur 4-0-39-1, T Natarajan 4-0-20-2, Yuzvendra Chahal 4-0-51-1.

India

KL Rahul c Swepson b Andrew Tye	30
S Dhawan c Swepson b Zampa	52
V Kohli c Wade b D Sams	40
S Samson c S Smith b Swepson	15
Hardik Pandya not out	42
S Iyer not out	12
Extras: (LB-1, W-2, NB-1)	4
Total: (for four wickets in 19.4 overs)	195

Fall of Wickets: 1-56, 2-95, 3-120, 4-149.

Bowling: Daniel Sams 3-0-41-1, Sean Abbott 2-0-17-0, Andrew Tye 4-0-47-1, Glenn Maxwell 1-0-19-0, Mitchell Swepson 4-0-25-1, Moises Henriquez 1-0-9-0, Adam Zampa 4-0-36-1.

Despite big hits, Hardik searching for right bat

SYDNEY

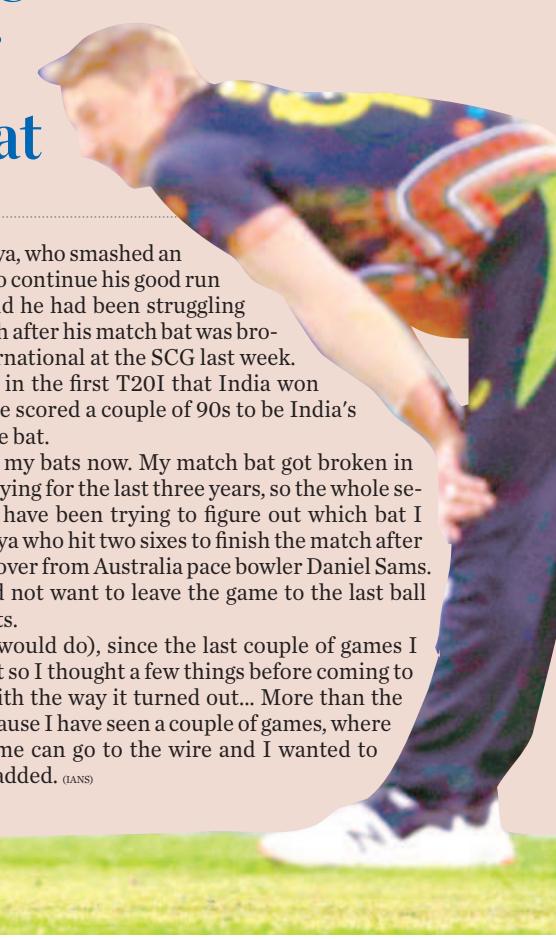
ALL-ROUNDER Hardik Pandya, who smashed an unbeaten 42 off 22 deliveries to continue his good run in the limited overs series, said he had been struggling to find the right bat to play with after his match bat was broken in the first One-day International at the SCG last week.

Pandya had a rare failure in the first T20I that India won after an ODI series where he scored a couple of 90s to be India's standout performer with the bat.

"I am trying to figure out my bats now. My match bat got broken in the first ODI which I was playing for the last three years, so the whole series, all these five games, I have been trying to figure out which bat I should bat with," said Pandya who hit two sixes to finish the match after India needed 14 in the last over from Australia pace bowler Daniel Sams.

Pandya said that he did not want to leave the game to the last ball and went for the big hits.

"I felt two big hits (would do), since the last couple of games I was not able to connect so I thought a few things before coming to this game, and happy with the way it turned out... More than the six I wanted to finish because I have seen a couple of games, where with 6 off 3 balls, the game can go to the wire and I wanted to finish the game early," he added. (IANS)



Kashyap, Prannoy among 4 shuttlers tested positive for Covid-19

NEW DELHI

FOUR Indian shuttlers, including Parupalli Kashyap, HS Prannoy and RMV Guru Sai Dutt, have tested positive for novel coronavirus. Doubles specialist Pranaav Jerry Chopra is the fourth badminton player to have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

According to a source in the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the three shuttlers -- Kashyap, Prannoy and Chopra -- recently attended Guru Sai Dutt's wedding which took place on November 25 in Hyderabad.

They got themselves tested upon reaching the Pullela Gopichand Academy for the ongoing badminton national camp where their results returned positive. However, Saina Nehwal, who also attended the wedding, has tested negative.

The players, who are asymptomatic, are currently in isolation.

Earlier in August, N Sikki Reddy and physiotherapist Kiran C had tested negative for Covid-19 following which the camp, which started on August 7, was closed for sanitisation. However, it restarted from August 17. (IANS)

NZ clinch big win despite Blackwood's ton in 1st Test against WI



Windies' Jermaine Blackwood kneels as his partner, Alzarri Joseph, walks off after being dismissed for 86 runs against New Zealand during day four of their Test match in Hamilton, New Zealand on Sunday

HAMILTON

NEW Zealand registered a comprehensive win by an innings and 134 runs in the first Test against West Indies at the Seddon Park on Sunday.

On Day Four of the Test match, Jermaine Blackwood scored his second Test century and Alzarri Joseph, a breakthrough career-best score but their heroics couldn't avoid the inevitable as pacers Kyle Jamieson and Neil Wagner ripped through West Indies' lower order to wrap up the victory for the Black Caps.

Starting the day at 196/6, 185 runs behind New Zealand's first innings score of 519/7, the visitors eventually fell for 247 in the second innings after being forced to follow-on as Jamieson and Wagner picked up the last three wickets in the space of 10 balls to hand New Zealand a 1-0

lead in the two-match series.

Blackwood and Joseph, who had counter-attacked on the third evening on Saturday, continued bravely on Sunday morning and added a record partnership of 155 for the eighth wicket.

Blackwood scored 104 runs in his 141-ball knock with the 11 fours and two sixes. He was the eighth wicket to fall. Joseph contributed with 86 off 125 balls, which included three sixes and nine fours.

The Man-of-the-Match award went to New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson, who made a career-best 251 in his innings that lasted 10 and a half hours and helped the hosts set a massive first innings score of 519-7 declared.

Brief scores: West Indies 138 and 247 all out (Jermaine Blackwood 104, Alzarri Joseph 86; Neil Wagner 4/66); New Zealand 519/7 declared (IANS)

