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COUNTING OF  
VOTES BEGINS  
FOR MLC POLLS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The counting of votes polled in MLC elections for the Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahbubnagar and Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduates constituencies began on a slow note on Wednesday. In Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao (BJP) and Surabhi Vani Devi (TRS) are in a neck-to-neck fight. The results expected by Friday.

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**LAWYER COUPLE  
CASE WON'T BE  
GIVEN TO CBI: CM**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Wednesday rejected the demand of Congress party to hand over the investigations into the case of the recent murder of the advocate couple to the CBI.

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**TS won't confront Centre  
for namesake, says KCR**

L. VENKAT  
RAM REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

**CM hints at populist  
Budget for TS today**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said that the Telangana state government will not confront the Centre "for the sake of confronting".

During his reply to the motion of thanks to the Governor's address in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, Chief Minister Rao rejected the demand made by leaders of the Congress party to pass a resolution against the Centre's three controversial farm laws.

Mr Rao said, "the Centre is supreme and no state government has powers to override Acts made by Parliament."

However, he said the TRS government will not compromise on the interests of the state and will definitely fight with the Centre, or anyone else, if it hurts the interests of Telangana.

Mr Rao termed the resolutions passed by few state assemblies like Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Kerala against the Centre's farm laws were mere "eye wash", with no use.

would be allocated in the Budget. "I will myself make a statement on the new PRC in two or three days in the Assembly. Although the state government suffered severe financial losses due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are committed to the welfare of employees. We showed our commitment towards employees earlier by extending 43 per cent PRC fitment in 2015. This time too, we will give a respectable PRC."

■ Page 4: KCR promises more welfare measures

"We don't believe in such acts, which are merely an eyewash. The Centre is a constitutional government. We are also a constitutional government. We will maintain constitutional relations with the Centre. We will not confront the Centre on every issue. Agriculture is on the con-

current list. If Parliament passes any Act on the subject, listed under the concurrent list, the state governments have to implement them. States cannot override Acts made in Parliament," he said.

■ Page 4: Market yards will procure grains in TS: CM

MUMBAI TOP COP  
SHUNTED OVER  
AMBANI CASE

SHAHAB ANSARI/SONU  
SHRIVASTAVA  
MUMBAI, MARCH 17

As the pressure is mounting on the Uddhav Thackeray government in the Mukesh Ambani security scare case, the government on Wednesday shunted Mumbai police commissioner Parambir Singh, who has been transferred to Home Guards. Hemant Nagrale will be the new Mumbai police commissioner. The transfers were preceded by hectic meetings held by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning with ministers, bureaucrats and police officers including Mr Singh himself.

Nagrale was holding an additional charge of the state DGP, a post equivalent to the rank of Mumbai CP. Now Param Bir Singh has been transferred to the low-key Home Guard.

Thackeray had on Tuesday convened a meeting with all the coalition partners of MVA government at his official residence Varsha.

"If we don't stop this right now, there could be a nationwide outbreak. We

have to immediately stop the emerging second peak and take big and decisive steps," Mr Modi told the chief ministers.

"The self-confidence we gained in our corona fight

**Modi puts states  
on Covid-19 alert**

Says act fast, decisively to avoid second wave

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 17

Concerned over the emerging "second peak" of the Covid-19 pandemic in India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday stressed the need to take quick and decisive steps and warned if the pandemic's growth was not stopped now, a country-wide outbreak could occur.

Addressing a meeting of chief ministers to combat the fresh wave of the pandemic-induced deaths in the country, Mr Modi said though more than 96 per cent of cases in India had recovered, the high test positivity rate in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh was of huge concern. In all, 70 districts across India have seen a 150 per cent rise in the past few weeks.

"If we don't stop this right now, there could be a nationwide outbreak. We

should not turn into overconfidence. Our success should not be the reason for carelessness," he warned. The PM stressed that initiatives must be taken without causing panic among the people.

Mr Modi remarked there was a need to identify mutants of coronavirus and assess their effects. He lauded the continually increased pace of vaccinations in the country and the vaccination rates crossing more than three million vaccinations in a day.

The PM summed up that along with the above steps, the basic steps to prevent the spread of this infection were wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, taking care of cleanliness, etc.

He urged that there should be no laxity in such steps and that the people's awareness will have to be raised on these subjects.

PG 7 | 4 AIR PASSENGERS BARRED FOR NOT WEARING MASKS

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## COUNTER POINT



Not MLAs, they are voters being taken to an election meeting!

## Exhibition society donates ₹45.72L

**Hyderabad:** The Exhibition Society, Hyderabad Secretary Dr B. Prabha Shankar handed over a cheque for ₹45,72,836 to Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar to State Government towards donation to CM's Relief Fund at BRKR Bhavan today. — INN

# HC says babus escape with apology, raps them

Summons addl collector, 2 revenue offices for contempt

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Criticising doublespeak of government officials to escape punishments in contempt cases, Telangana High Court on Wednesday observed that erring officials tender apologies after making every attempt to defend their misdeeds. Tendering apology has become a backup plan for officials of the state even after wilfully disrespecting the court's orders, remarked a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Hima Kohli and Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy on Wednesday.

● **CHALLENGING THE**  
punishment, separate  
appeals had been filed  
by these officers.  
But, they chose not to  
appear before the  
court on Wednesday.

court's orders in evicting a person from agricultural land in survey numbers 990 and 1052 situated at Kandi — Chinnapur village (Dharmasagar) of Sangareddy mandal. The court had also directed the principal secretary concerned to initiate disciplinary proceedings against these officers.

Challenging the punishment, separate appeals had been filed by these officers. But, they chose not to appear before the court on Wednesday. Their counsel tried to defend the act of his clients maintaining that such an act cannot be considered as

contempt.

When the bench then pointed to each and every mistake of these officials, their counsel tendered unconditional apology and requested dismissal of punishment orders issued by the Single Judge.

Following this, High Court faulted the doublespeak of officials and inquired about the disciplinary proceedings ordered against them. The court directed the officials to present themselves before it during the next hearing. The court also sought details of contempt cases faced by each of the officers.

## Uttam presses for Sainik School in Warangal dist.

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

A 40-year-old man was clubbed to death with a log by his drunken younger brother in Shaikpet area late on Tuesday night over a family dispute involving finances.

According to Golconda police, deceased S. Vijay Kumar, a former TRS leader, resided in the same building as his accused brother Narendar, 36, though on a different floor. The brothers reportedly have a history of family disputes and have not been on good terms.

On Tuesday night, Narendar called Vijay to meet him at a wine shop in Shaikpet area and picked up a quarrel. After a heated argument, Narendar picked up a log and hit on Vijay's head.

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

"As an alumni of the National Defence Academy (NDA) and a former military officer, I urge the TRS government to take the matter seriously and help thousands of young men and women from the state join a career in the Indian military. This would put Warangal on the map of India and create direct and indirect employment to many youths," he said.

The Congress leader said Sainik Schools in India are the feeder lines for the National Defence Academy, Pune, the main military training academy for officers of Indian army, navy and air force. Sainik Schools are financed by the defence ministry

and are excellent schools that charge only nominal fees from students, he said.

The TPC chief said there are 33 Sainik Schools in various states in which 16,176 students are studying at very nominal cost. The only state with no Sainik School is Telangana, he said.

He added: "In response to my question in Lok Sabha, the defence minister gave a written reply stating that the ministry has accorded 'in-principle' approval and signed the MoU in 2017 for opening a Sainik School at Warangal district. Thereafter, there has been no response from the state government till date."

## HC clears CBI, ED action against Transstroy

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday clarified to the CBI and the ED that

probe against Hyderabad-based Transstroy (India) Ltd and its directors for ₹4,926 crore bank fraud can be continued.

The court amended its earlier interim directions in which it directed the CBI, ED and the consortium of banks not to take any coercive steps against the company and its directors.

## POLICE BUST SEX RACKET, FOUR WOMEN RESCUED

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The anti-human-trafficking unit of Rachakonda police busted a sex racket, arrested four of its organisers and rescued four women from their clutches, including a Bangladeshi national.

The arrested were Desineni Venkateshwar Rao (Sai Durga lodge owner), Sakijan Khatun from West Bengal, and couple Mandla Avinash his wife Gugulotu Sujatha. Another accused, Ravi, was absconding.

The prostitution racket was based out of Sai Durga Lodge, opposite to Kamineni Hospital, LB Nagar. Police conducted a raid on the lodge and rescued the women, police said.

Desineni Venkateshwar Rao is a native of Nagar Kurnool. He took the Sai Durga Lodge on a rent of ₹75,000 a month and ran illegal activities by giving rooms to couples. The gang was collecting ₹5,000 for a day from customers and giving an amount of ₹2000-3000 to the women.

Meanwhile, The Rachakonda police said they invoked provisions of Preventive Detention Act against a human trafficker on Wednesday.

The accused was Pandari Pandu Ranga Srinivas, arrested by the special operations team of Rachakonda in December last. According to the police, the accused induced the girls on the pretext of providing them employment and forced them to enter into prostitution.

## JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD

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### TS EAMCET-2021 NOTIFICATION

Telangana State Engineering, Agriculture and Medical

Common Entrance Test being conducted on behalf of TS CHE

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**IN BRIEF**  
**Pay flood relief, demands MIM MLA**

**Hyderabad:** AIMIM MLA Ahmed Pasha Quadri demanded in State Legislative Assembly that state government, at least now, pay the ex-gratia announced for victims of floods in Hyderabad city. He also sought concrete steps to avoid similar flooding of the city. Participating in the discussion on motion of thanks to Governor's address on Wednesday, the Majlis legislator recalled that the government had promised to pay ₹1 lakh as compensation to owners of houses that were fully damaged in floods and ₹50,000 for those that were partly damaged. But the relief could not be paid due to continuation of Model Code of Conduct due to one election or another.

Ahmed Pasha Quadri urged government to consider notary documents as valid papers for registering properties. Under provisions of the new Registration Act, such properties are not being assessed for registration. He also raised issues pertaining to Metro Rail for Old City, completion of Charminar Pedestrianisation Project, construction of a suspension bridge on Musi River for hawkers, and restoration of Qutub Shah Urban Development Authority. The MIM MLA demanded sufficient funds for hospitals in Old City, construction of an Islamic Cultural Centre and building for Anees-Ul-Gurba Orphanage, completion of pending works at Mecca Masjid and Shahi Masjid, sufficient funds for Minorities Finance Corporation.

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# MLC polls: Counting of votes at slow pace

First round of result to be declared around 10 am today

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

In Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahbubnagar, the BJP's N. Ramchander Rao and the TRS' Surabhi Vani Devi are in a neck-to-neck fight in the very early part of the counting. In Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduate constituencies began on a slow note on Wednesday. EC officials opened only 455 jumbo ballot boxes out of 810 in 10 hours at Saroornagar indoor stadium. At the Nalgonda market yard counting centre, all 731 ballot boxes were opened. The first round result would be declared around 10 am on Thursday.

## 27 STUDENTS OF MANUU CRACK BIHAR STET

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Around 27 students from MANUU's Department of Computer Science and Information Technology qualified for the Secondary Teacher Eligibility Test (STET 2019) conducted by the Bihar School Examination Board last September.

Dr Syed Imtiyaz Hassan, Head of Department said that it was a great achievement for the department. Prof. Abdul Wahid, Dean, School of Technology, and Dr Pradeep Kumar, associate professor greeted the students.

Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, Vice-chancellor, and Prof Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood, Registrar, appreciated the hard work of students.

## BJP raises issue of official Telangana song in Assembly

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Newly elected BJP MLA from Dubbak constituency M. Raghuandan Rao found fault with the KCR government in State Legislative Assembly for not playing Telangana's official song "Jaya jaya he Telangana" after the national anthem even nearly seven years after formation of state.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao later clarified that there is no official song for Telangana state as of

time in assembly on Wednesday, he said legislative assemblies in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and so on played their respective state's official songs during commencement of the session. He questioned why Telangana government is not doing so.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao later clarified that there is no official song for Telangana state as of

now. "Jaya jaya he Telangana" is not an official song. Whenever we decide on one, we will consider playing it in the assembly," the Chief Minister stated.

Raghunandan also raised out at the state government for imposing heavy restrictions on people in undivided Medak district represented by the Chief Minister himself as well as finance minister T. Harish Rao.

Speaking for the first

"Vast extents of agriculture lands have been acquired by the government forcibly for construction of reservoirs like Mallannasagar, Ranganayakisagar and Kondapochamasagar. But the government is discriminating while paying compensation to farmers. While some farmers of certain areas are getting huge compensation, others are being paid lesser amounts.

He told the House that he had enquired about the resolutions passed by few state assemblies against Centre's farm laws and found them to be "meaningless".

However, Chandrashekhar Rao announced government market yards in Telangana will continue to procure food grains from farmers for MSP during the ongoing rabi season, even if the Centre removes market yards.

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protests against them were due to misunderstanding and a misinformation campaign.

The Supreme Court has ordered a stay on these farm laws. There is uncertainty on these farm laws, at present," he reasoned. "However, I promise farmers that

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**BHAINSA | RAPE** **BJP to bring case before ST/SC panel**

## TRS govt fails to act, alleges Bandi

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

BJP will complain against the TRS government to the National SC, ST Commission for its "negligence" in the Bhainsa girl rape case, the party's state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar has said.

He said Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao did not react on the issue of rape of the minor girl. The BJP would continue its fight against the state government's failures on various fronts.

"Cases are not new to BJP activists and we are ready to face jail," he said while on a tour of Suryapet district on Wednesday.

The BJP MP honoured the 20 party leaders who were released on bail after they were jailed briefly over the protest in relation to the Gurrampodu tribal lands (tanda) issue in Huzurnagar constituency. Sanjay said, "Even chief minister Chandrashekhar Rao would go to jail one day."

and added that KCR was already a prisoner in his farmhouse.

He clarified that the

## STATE IPS ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS BANDI'S REMARKS ON POLICE OFFICERS

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The Telangana IPS Association condemned the statement made by Telangana State BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar against police officers probing the Bhainsa incident.

In the statement, the Hyderabad city police commissioner, Anjani Kumar, said that it is unfortunate that a senior leader like Bandi Sanjay made such unfounded and sweeping allegations against the police in general and IPS officers in particular.

"The police officers took all the necessary steps in the interest of the society. Bandi Sanjay accusing the police officers without any basis or fact is far from truth and deplorable, he added.

Commissioner Anjani Kumar said the police personnel have been working with utmost dedication round-the-clock beyond working hours in the interest of the society. Bandi Sanjay accusing the police officers without any basis or fact is far from truth and deplorable, he added.

## Pass resolution against farm laws, Mallu Bhatti urges KCR

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Congress legislature party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has urged the state government to pass a resolution in the state assembly against the Centre's controversial farm laws.

Participating in the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, he said the state assembly has

powers to pass such resolutions.

When Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao replied to him that the state has no power to override the law enacted by Parliament, Bhatti reminded him about the assembly passing a resolution against the Centre's controversial Citizenship Amendment Act.

"There are several instances in the assembly to safeguard the interests of our

state and our people. We had passed a resolution against the CAA. The assemblies in Punjab, Kerala, Chattisgarh had adopted resolutions against the farm laws. We too can do it," Bhatti said.

Bhatti expressed his displeasure over the Governor's speech, saying there was nothing new in it and it was only a compilation of all speeches made by Governors since 2014.

## CM promises more welfare measures

**From Page 1**

The Chief Minister hinted at announcing a new financial assistance scheme in the Budget for the empowerment of Dalits, the sanction of new Asara pensions by reducing the age limit and sanctioning of new ration cards.

He said finer details will be divulged by finance minister T. Harish Rao in his budget speech.

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However, extending an unemployment allowance of

₹3,016 per month for unemployed youth is expected to take some time, going by his remarks.

Mr Rao further said that the government was yet to frame guidelines over who should be defined as "unemployed".

Though funds may be sanctioned for this scheme in the budget, its implementation might take some more time, he added.

## MARKET YARDS WILL PROCURE GRAINS IN TS: CM

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## SHORT TAKES

## FLIGHT LIEUTENANT VARADHARAJAN TOPS ATSS COURSE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

A graduation ceremony was organised on Wednesday at the Air Traffic Control Officers Training Establishment (ATCOTE) of Air Force Academy to mark successful completion of 138th Air Traffic Surveillance Services (ATSS) Course.

Flight lieutenant A. Varadharajan has been adjudged First in Order of Merit, Best in Theory, and Best in Practical in the batch.

Air Marshal I. P. Vipin, Commandant, Air Force Academy who was the reviewing officer, highlighted the critical nature of a radar controller's role in mission accomplishment. He advised the graduating trainees to achieve highest standards of professional excellence while facing various challenges in the field of aviation.

The 13 young Air Traffic Controllers, who have successfully undergone the 12-week-long course, can now perform the highly demanding task of controlling aircraft using modern radars.

Of the 13, nine are from Indian Air Force, three from Indian Navy, and one from Indian Coast Guard.

## VEHICLE THIEF HELD, SIX BIKES RECOVERED

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The Nallakunta police arrested a 24-year-old working as a Rapido driver for being involved in a series of vehicle thefts in the city and recovered six bikes worth ₹three lakh from his possession on Wednesday.

The accused, identified as Nallabolu Mukesh, a resident of Pusalabasthi, Saidabad, hatched a plan to steal parked vehicles and sell them, said police. Earlier in 2017, Mukesh was arrested by Balanagar police and was remanded to judicial custody for purchasing stolen vehicles.

"He steals parked vehicles with master keys and sells them to unknown persons. On Wednesday, at around 8 am, he was caught by the police team that was checking vehicles at Ambuja lane in Nallakunta. After recording the confessional statement, we seized the stolen property and produced him before court," said police.

## SHAIK SABJEE ELECTED MLC FROM GODAVARI

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VIJAYAWADA, MARCH 17

Andhra Pradesh United Teachers Federation president Shaik Sabjee has been elected with a majority of 1,534 votes in the MLC polls from East-West Godavari teachers' constituency.

The AP UTF and Progressive Democratic Front-supported nominee secured 7,987 votes while his closest contestant Gandham Narayana Rao got 6,453 votes.

East Godavari district Collector and returning officer D. Muralidhar Reddy, in presence of election observer Samuel Anand, issued the winning certificate to Shaik Sabjee.

Out of 16,054 votes polled in the constituency, 463 were found invalid.

The MLC designate from Godavari districts said, "It is a victory for all teachers who have been fighting for their rights for so long. I dedicate my win to the departed leaders of teachers' movement."

## SEXUAL ABUSE Committee collects FIR, bonafide of the accused

## Bhainsa case: Panel meets kin

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

The inquiry committee of Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TSCPCR) formed to probe the sexual abuse of a minor girl in Nirmal district will examine whether guidelines under the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) act 2012 were followed or not.

On March 10, a four-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by an 18-year-old near Bhainsa town.

It is learnt that the three-

## Political 'spotlight' shifts to Nagarjunasagar by-election

Congress takes lead and names K. Jana Reddy as its candidate

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Even as the counting is on in the two MLC graduates constituencies elections, the political focus has shifted to yet another by-election whose schedule the Election Commission has announced.

While the Congress has taken a lead in declaring a candidate, with its party chief Sonia Gandhi naming former Minister K. Jana Reddy as its official candidate. Jana Reddy has already started his campaign and covered the constituency and has the lead in both the campaign and a broad perception of the

likely best bet.

The TRS, BJP, the Left and other parties are engaged in an exercise to identify their candidates.

The Left, TDP parties, Dalit Shakti Program (DSP) and Mahajana Socialist Party (MSP) will also contest in this by-election.

Party leaders said that the CPI and CPM were planning to field a combined candidate.

In Nalgonda districts, the Left parties are planning to field a combined candidate as they have been in strong here in the past.

The two parties will meet shortly to finalise their candidate. The TDP has

already announced the

## NAGARJUNASAGAR

by-election is being taken seriously by the ruling TRS, which has faced a defeat at the hands of the BJP in Duggbaka and had a poor showing in the GHMC.

name of Arun Kumar, hoping to harness the influence of Andhra settlers in Nagarjunasagar.

The Nagarjunasagar by-election is being taken seriously by the ruling TRS, which has faced a defeat at the hands of the BJP in Duggbaka and had a poor showing in the GHMC.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao held a

public meeting in Halia as part of this.

The government has announced a number of welfare and development programmes for the Nagarjunasagar constituency.

Meanwhile, Dalit Shakti Program activists have been campaigning extensively in every village for the past two months, targeting votes of Dalit, tribal and backward class communities. The DSP will announce its candidate in a couple of days.

DSP held a public meeting on March 15 to celebrate Kanchi Ram's birth anniversary. Thousands of

people from the Dalits, tribal and backward communities attended the meeting. Social mobilisation will therefore become an issue of high importance in the by-election.

The ruling party is therefore considering fielding a BC social candidate to garner votes of the numerically crucial section. But it is learned that senior TRS party leaders are assessing social equations, even though one cannot completely rule out Nomula Narsimhaiah's son in the contest. The TRS candidate will be announced in the next two or three days, party sources said.

## Sheer negligence



Gallons of drinking water gets wasted as pipeline bursts at Kavadi road on Wednesday in Hyderabad. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

## No docs, beds in OMC to treat med students

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Due to a shortage of beds and doctors, 42 students of Osmania Medical College suffering from severe diarrhea are being treated at the hospital.

Some 76 students complained of abdominal pain, vomiting and loose motions.

When they reported this to the Fever Hospital, they were told that there was no physician around. Yet, two of them were admitted to the emergency ward as their condition was severe. The others were sent to Osmania General Hospital.

The others were sent to Osmania General Hospital, only to be told that it lacked proper facilities like toilets and beds. Two of them were put in acute medical care ward.

The others were sent to Gandhi Hospital where only 30 could be admitted. Others were sent back to the hostel and are under the care of the post-graduates.

Asks Dr P. Rohith, Osmania medical college junior doctors' association president: "When the students went to Fever Hospital, admission was refused. In Osmania too, there were problems. If this

is the case for medical students, what will be the state of the common man approaching these hospitals for treatment?"

Dr Rohith wrote to the director of medical health and education Dr Ramesh Reddy, complaining about the adverse response from OGH and Fever Hospital.

Osmania medical college mess contractor and his family are also suffering from diarrhea and admitted in Gandhi Hospital. An administration member at OMC says, "Licence of the mess contractor will be cancelled. There is laxity on his part."

The total cases of crime against women peaked in 2019. It stood at 17,521 cases in 2017; 16,027 in 2018 and 18,394 in 2019. Of the total number of criminal cases, 8,541 were related to domestic violence (Cruelty by husband or his relatives, Section 498 A of the IPC).

Giving details during Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, Minister of State for Home G. Kishan Reddy said that cyber volunteers would assist police and other law enforcement agencies in the fight against cyber-crime.

Replying to supplementaries, Reddy said that the responsibility of maintaining law and order, protection of life and property of citizens, and investigation and prosecution of crime, including against SC and ST girls and women rest with the respective state governments.

## CID issues notice to YSRC MLA, TD ex-minister

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VIJAYAWADA, MARCH 17

Narayana's house in Hyderabad on Tuesday, but he was unavailable. They handed over the notice to his wife Rama Devi. The notice stated that Narayana was A-2 (second accused) in the Amaravati assigned lands scam and should appear at the CID office in Vijayawada at 11am on March 22 for an inquiry.

Simultaneously, the CID also issued notice to YSR Congress MLA of Mangalagiri Alla Ramakrishna Reddy, under section 160 CrPC, to report to it for inquiry at the CID regional office here on Thursday. It was based on his complaint that the it issued notices to TD leader Chandrababu Naidu and ex-minister Ponguru Narayana to receive notice from the AP crime investigation department (CID) in the Amaravati assigned lands scam on Wednesday.

The CID said it has registered cases under Section 120 B (conspiracy) and Sections 166, 167 and 217 of the IPC, read with Prohibition of Assigned Lands Alienation Act of 1977 and the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, and issued notices to Narayana.

CID officials knocked at

## Dalit groups attempt to gherao Bandi's convoy

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

BANDI SANJAY had accused Praveen Kumar and members of the Swaero organisation of "working against the Hindu religion and humiliating Hindu gods," while questioning the source of the funds to the organisation.

IPS officer R.S. Praveen Kumar, Swaero is a social movement launched by Praveen Kumar, who is the Secretary of the Telangana Social & Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society, and others.

It mainly consists of alumni from the society and is well recognised for its work with marginalised communities.

The dalit groups have been staging protests across Telangana against right-wing groups, alleging them of spreading negative information on senior

teachings. However, he later clarified that the movement does not teach prejudice against any religion. Several BJP supporters and other right-wing groups demanded action against Praveen Kumar and Swaero members.

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Gangs of men tried to halt Bandi Sanjay's convoy while raising slogans, including that of "Jai Bhim". Chaos ensued when tussles broke out between the protesters and BJP supporters.

Video footage of the incident has surfaced online on social media platforms with hashtag #TSPoliceFailed as they questioned the police security.

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## Why does Centre want a 'viceroy' to run Delhi?

The Narendra Modi government plans to constitutionally aggrandise the office of the lieutenant governor of Delhi at the expense of the elected chief minister of the Union Territory. A proposed amendment to the National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1993, in this regard was moved in Parliament earlier this week.

Under the proposed scheme, the "Government of Delhi" would mean the L.G. This is a denigration of the existing arrangement under which the UT elects an Assembly whose leader assumes the office of chief minister and heads a council of ministers appointed by him, which constitutes the apex of the elected government.

The L.G., who is the representative of the Centre, functions under the advice of the council of ministers. The remit of the holder of this office is restricted to the three portfolios of land, police, and public order, which are the domain of the Union. In the UT's wider administration — covering, for instance, fields such as education, health, power, water, transport, finance, general administration — it is the writ of the elected government that runs, barring municipal governance which comes under the Municipal Council Of Delhi (MCD) which has been partitioned into three geographical units.

The proposed change in law introduced by the Modi government will effectively render the Arvind Kejriwal government superfluous, practically reducing the present Delhi Assembly — which was brought into existence in 1993 under the NCT Act — to a nullity.

For all practical purposes this amounts to giving Delhi the Kashmir treatment. J&K was reduced from a full-fledged state to a UT. Delhi is being degraded from being a UT with an elected Assembly to one — which — for now — will have an Assembly that has been neutered. It will no longer throw up a government elected by the people. In a way this takes us to British colonial times when the Viceroy, representing the Crown, held superior powers to that of an elected government in the post-1935 period.

To recall history, from 1952-56, Delhi had an elected Assembly and was a state. This was a time when the idea of state boundaries was evolving. The national capital was made a UT in 1956 under the States Reorganisation Act, but did not have an Assembly. The elected Assembly came in 1993 through the NCT Act and Delhi became partially a state.

Since the national government, Parliament, and diplomatic missions were located in the territory of Delhi, it was understandable, for practical reasons, that the Union should seek to have land, police and public order under its direct authority, as is the case with Washington DC and Canberra.

Occasionally, there was confusion over the question of authority — even minor friction — between the elected government of the UT and the Union, but this was nothing that wasn't sorted out without fuss.

Former chief minister Sheila Dikshit won three elected terms and had little difficulty negotiating her way with BJP as well as Congress governments at the Centre. In contrast, current CM Kejriwal has given the impression of being calculatingly combative in order to enhance his popularity. For its part, the Modi government too, exploiting its control over the police and the all-India services, has played rough with the elected government. But political relationship between parties governing the Centre and the UT must not be permitted to diminish the constitutional status and institutional integrity of geographies.

## China's Catch-22 on vaccine

The decision of the Chinese government to ease visa restrictions, imposed during the peak of the pandemic Covid-19, is a welcome step that will speed up the return of life back to normalcy. However, its insistence that those who apply for a visa should have inoculated themselves with a Chinese-made vaccine defies logic and scientific principles, and reflects a total ignorance about the objective realities about the pandemic situation in the world.

Scientists in several countries have in the last few months come out with vaccines that can protect people from the deadly virus. Each one is certified by the national regulators concerned following universally accepted scientific norms on safety and efficacy, and hence it is grossly unfair for a country to set vaccination with a product made there as a precondition to enter that country. The humanity is not engaged in a war among the nations of the world but one against a virus. Every nation must realise that.

It is estimated that there are about 23,000 Indians who are waiting to return to China for various purposes including education and business. Given the fact that there is no availability of Chinese-made vaccines in India, they will have to wait for some more time. The Chinese side has explained that vaccine producers in other countries should file applications to competent authorities in China and the latter will make decisions in accordance with laws and regulations. There has been no timeframe or assurance on that either.

There are many countries that have no access to vaccine as its production has been concentrated in a few spots and most of it has been contracted by the rich nations. Vaccination for all must be a universal goal at present, and every nation, including China, should be part of it. China has an added responsibility as the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19 originated there. Unilateral actions by countries do not aid that endeavour.

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## Women voters to play critical role in Bengal & TN elections

Of the many issues that may decide the fate of the West Bengal polls, one factor which may be critical in deciding if Mamata Banerjee is going to win her third election or there would be a change in West Bengal will be how women voters vote in that state. It is important to note that during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, of the total 42 candidates, Ms Banerjee fielded 17 women candidates, and of the total 22 victories of the Trinamul Congress, nine women got elected to the Lok Sabha. In these constituencies the TMC polled 48 per cent votes, compared to its state average vote share of 43 per cent. Even those women contestants who lost polled more than 35 per cent votes. Evidence from the surveys conducted by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) also indicates women voting for Ms Banerjee in very large numbers in West Bengal. In the current Assembly election, the Trinamul Congress has fielded 50 women candidates out of the total 294 seats, keeping an eye on the women's vote. If the women vote for the TMC as they had

voted for it in earlier elections, it could be advantage TMC, but a shift among women voters can put the TMC in a difficult situation.

In Tamil Nadu this was true for the AIADMK as well when Jayalalithaa headed the party. One might think that the only explanation why women were voting for the TMC and AIADMK in large numbers was because these two political parties were headed by women leaders; but that may be too simplistic an explanation as the Bahujan Samaj Party in Uttar Pradesh and elsewhere could never get women's support in such large numbers despite Mayawati heading the party. There must be other factors too that attracted women voters to these parties than just that they were led by women.

While the women's vote hasn't swung towards any other party as decisively as it has in favour of the TMC or AIADMK, Indian elections have seen a noticeable shift in the past decade. Women voters are turning out to vote in large numbers both in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. The local body elections, especially those to elect panchayats, have

also seen a high turnout of women voters. Looking at this trend, discussion have begun on whether women have emerged as a new voting bloc for parties in India. It is true that women are voting in bigger numbers now compared to the past, but more important, there is also evidence of more women taking voting decisions on their own compared to the past.

However, the voting pattern of women doesn't suggest that, except for Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, women are emerging as a new social voting bloc in the rest of India.

There is clear evidence to suggest that more women are turning up at the polling booths than ever before. Data of the turnout across genders released by the Election Commission provides clear evidence for that. The men-women gap in turnout, that used to be around 9-10 per cent in the 1980s and 1990s, and much wider in the 1950s-60s, has not only narrowed down significantly, as seen in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls; in many states, the number of women voters surpassed men, which is a big turnaround in Indian elections. In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls there were

six states where women's turnout was higher compared to men, and in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls the number of sates on this list increased to 16. The pattern of a rise in women's turnout is not only visible in the Lok Sabha polls, it can be noticed even in the Assembly polls held in various states since 2014, including in the recent Assembly polls in Bihar in 2020, despite Bihar not being one of the states with a very positive gender gap in favour of women. It was also the first state to have witnessed this trend during the 2015 Assembly polls.

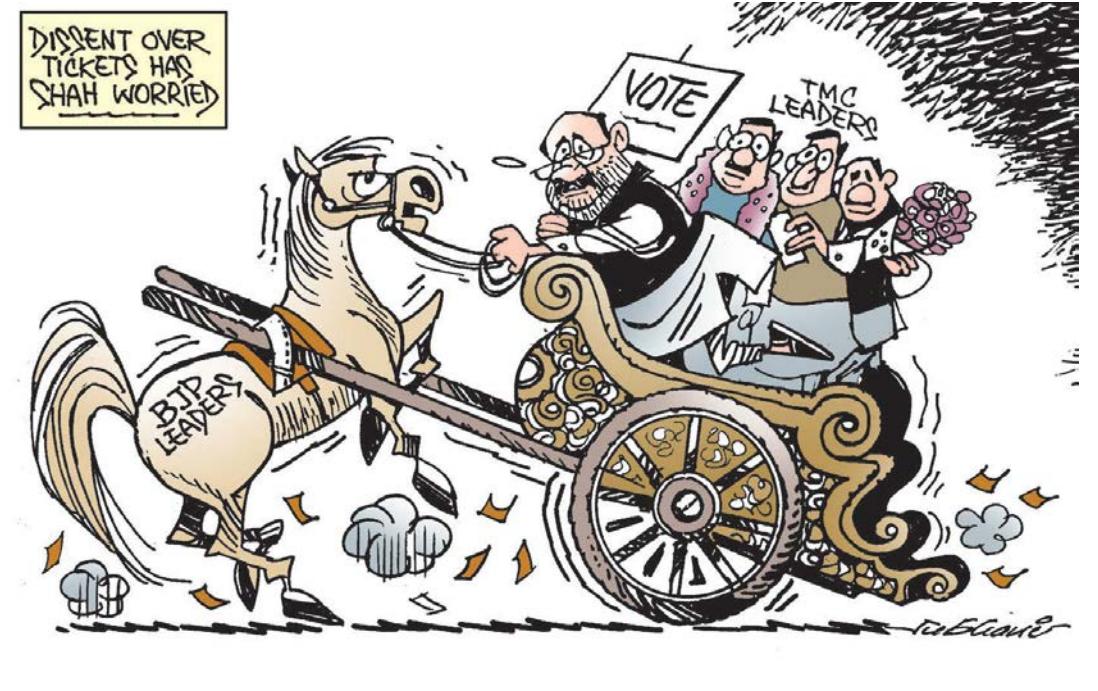
However, an increased turnout among women voters does not indicate that women are emerging as a vote bank in Indian elections, with their vote still divided between various political parties. Women voters tend not to vote en bloc like voters belonging to other social blocs often do, though some political parties do get more votes from women. A series of survey data collected during various Assembly polls in different states by Lokniti-CSDS suggests that the women's vote has remained more or less equally divided between different parties in

different states though with a few exceptions. The data from these surveys indicates that women seem to vote more in favour of the BJP in states like Uttarakhand and the Jammu region of the erstwhile state of J&K, more in favour of the United Democratic Front in Kerala, for the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu and for Ms Banerjee's TMC in West Bengal. While women's turnout has risen in many Hindi heartland states, there is hardly any indication of their showing any preference or voting for any specific party.

If the women voters of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu vote the way they have voted in the past, it would give an edge to these two parties in the respective states. But one should not forget that there is no Jayalalithaa in Tamil Nadu now, and Ms Banerjee is up against a formidable BJP and is also facing a decade of anti-incumbency.

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## LETTERS

### COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS

## Let's talk about racism... Fight it at home, abroad

Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr

**E**xternal affairs minister S. Jaishankar was cornered as it were when the Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha, led paradoxically by the BJP's Ashwini Vaishnava, raised the issue of Rashmi Samant, who was compelled to resign as president of the Oxford University Students Union after a big win for an Indian, over the issue of some old tweets which were shown to be racist in content, especially because they made insensitive references to the Holocaust. But it would appear there was much more to it than the apparently offensive tweets, especially after she had apologised. There seems to have been some simmering resentment against the Indian student, and the suspicion became much stronger when a professor at the university made some references to her religion. British society has been trying for the past several decades to make itself over into a multiracial community, almost ever since the end of the Second World War, but it has not always been successful, despite several people of South Asian origin, including from India, having become the pillars of the establishment in the political and economic spheres. The leaders of the British establishment have of course been zealous about guarding the new identity of a more tolerant England. But the racism still simmers, and it creeps out in more ways than one.

The impulsive interview of Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, to American television superstar Oprah Winfrey, that referred to talk about the possible colour of her soon to be born child during her

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first pregnancy in royal circles, have raised eyebrows and hackles in Britain, including in the British royal family, which was reflected in the response that Queen Elizabeth II had given.

It's true, of course, that racism is not the kind of sensitive issue in India that it is in Britain, in the United States and even in European Union countries. But that does not mean India, despite its much-vaunted diversity, does not harbour the canker of racism. Racism is so deeply ingrained in the Indian psyche that it is a most well-guarded dirty secret, that even the most aware people do not seem to notice when its ugly face comes up. Discrimination based on colour is a habit of the mind among people across the length and breadth of Indian society. The rich betray it, and so do the poor, the educated and the uneducated let it out instinctively. A person of fair skin is considered beautiful, and it needs a deliberate and conscious thought to acknowledge the beauty of a person of dark complexion. If this is not racism, what is? This cannot be wished away because it is lodged deep in our mind, collective as well as individual. And it cannot be removed with mere pious intentions. There is an urgent need to constantly remind ourselves that it is an unfair attitude, and most of the time it betrays not only a total lack of sensitivity but also a strand of cruelty.

It will be argued that the preference for, and admiration of, fairer coloured people does not have the violent and ugly consequences that it has in white-majority countries like Britain, the United States, and many EU countries, where people of colour find it harder to get jobs, make friends across the racial divide and get what they deserve. On face of it, it seems that despite our weakness for the fair colour — various shades on light brown in the Indian context, we do not deny people opportunities. But the attitude remains offensive and hurtful.

There is a need for Indians to talk openly and loudly about our unconscious racial attitudes so that every time we unthinkingly make our racial judgment calls, we check ourselves. It is the adult biases that get passed on to children without either the adults or the children realising that a bad habit is being passed on from one generation to another.

We should be clear in our mind that racism is a universal evil. It is practised not just in India, in Europe and America. It lurks in the attitudes of the Chinese and the Japanese, and it is there among the blacks as well. Pigment of the skin is a natural tint. It should not become the basis of discrimination among human beings. We need to educate ourselves on the issue, and to talk about it openly and candidly. We can do it only when we stop believing that there is no racism in Indian society.

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bad in India. We do accept each other from different parts of the country with different complexions. But this bonhomie and good-natured attitude seems to break down when we come across people from the northeastern states. And it becomes positively ugly when we deal with people from Africa, or when we deal with African Americans from the United States. Indians who complain loudly and aggressively against the offensive behaviour of white people in the West fall into the same kind of behaviour at home when we deal with blacks and all non-white people whether they are visitors or students.

An interesting and revealing aspect of Indians' behaviour hinges on what we generally do when faced with a person of European descent and another when we deal with a black person. While Indians, despite the resentment of racism practiced by whites, unconsciously behave like a white person towards us or towards blacks. It is an education in self-awareness. What India needs to more is to be aware of this race factor in our national life. It is only when we confront our own demons that we will be able to fight the menace of racism in other countries where we go to study, work or live.

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### FREEBIES IN POLLS

Tamil Nadu is the leading state in the country in giving freebies liberally to its people and its successive governments were elected and thrived on them *Competitive, compulsive: TN's 'poll freebie' culture* (DC, March 17). Unfortunately they are insensitive to the cascading effects freebies have on the economy and progress of the state as they leave less resources for development. Lesser the development, lesser the revenue from taxes. If the freebie culture continues, there will be no money even to maintain the government machinery. There should be a cap on freebies.

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Your editorial 'Competitive, compulsive: TN's 'poll freebie' culture' (DC, March 17) is an eye-opener to all political parties. This is nothing but organised corruption and institutionalised bribe to voters. Unless the Election Commission of India bars such freebies in manifestos, the parties will continue to voters with these official, pre-sanctioned bribes.

Wg.Cdr. V. Sundaresan (Retd)  
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**"E. Pak treated as Colony"**

NEW DELHI, March 17  
The East Pakistan leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, has accused those administering the country from West Pakistan of treating the eastern wing as a colony.

The people of East Bengal, he said in an interview broadcast by BBC last night, had gone through many misfortunes. They had suffered successively from cyclones, floods, famines and other calamities. The standard of living in East Pakistan, he said was perhaps the lowest in the world in spite of the fact that land was very fertile.

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## SHORT TAKES

## TRUCK DRIVER FINED FOR NOT WEARING HELMET

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, MARCH 17

A man in Odisha was fined ₹1,000 for driving a truck without wearing a helmet, bringing serious embarrassment for the state's transport department.

While the challan (receipt) was issued on December 24, 2020, the matter came to fore when vehicle owner Pramod Kumar Swain of G Jagannathpur in Ganjam district went to the local regional transport office (RTO) office recently for renewing the permit of the truck.

"I was quite shocked to know that a challan pertaining to 'driving without helmet' was pending against the registered number of my truck. The permit was renewed after payment of the fine," said Pramod.

The truck owner said the government should take steps to prevent issuance of 'wrong challans.'

According to state transport minister Padmanabha Behera, there have been some instances of 'wrong challans' being issued to people and said changes were made after receiving complaints.

"Such mistakes should not happen. If there is any such instance, money will certainly be refunded to the people," the minister said on Wednesday.

Prakash Mohapatra, a member of Road Safety Council of Odisha and transport technical expert, said many such mistakes took place in the past as some challan issuing authorities were not fully conversant with the electronic gadgets used for generating receipts.

"In rural and remote areas, some of the challan issuing personnel are not acquainted with Point-of-Sale (POS) machines used for generating challans. Massive training of enforcement squad members of the transport department is required to overcome this deficiency," said Mr Mohapatra.

On December 2, 2019 a Haila truck driver named Sunil Kumar Mahap in Bargarh district was also issued a wrong challan for not wearing 'both' seat belt as well as helmet.

The challan mentioned vehicle class as Goods Carrier and in the subsequent column of offence committed the pending challan amounts to ₹2,000.

# EC makes seizures worth ₹331cr so far

It surpasses the total seizures made in Assembly polls in 2016

New Delhi, March 17: The Election Commission on Wednesday said record seizures worth ₹331 crore have been made so far in the four poll-going states and Puducherry as part of the expenditure monitoring process.

The seizures already surpass the total seizures made in assembly elections to these states and the union territory in 2016, it said.

"Significant point is that record seizures have been made even though polling is yet to start," the commission said in a statement.

A maximum of ₹127.64 crore worth seizures have been made in Tamil Nadu, while ₹112.59 crore worth seizures have been made from West Bengal.

For effective monitoring



UP CM and BJP leader Yogi Adityanath during an election campaign rally for the upcoming Assam assembly polls, in Hojai district on Wednesday.

— PTI

to curb black money in assembly elections in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Union Territory of Puducherry, the poll panel has deployed 295 expenditure observers.

It has also appointed five special expenditure observers. These officers having formidable domain expertise and impeccable track record are deputed for more effective election expenditure monitoring.

After due assessment, 259 assembly constituencies have been marked as "expenditure sensitive constituencies" for a more focussed vigil, the statement said.

Distributing cash and gifts during electoral process is not permitted under the law - distribution of money, liquor, or any other item disbursed and given to the electors with the intent to influence them.

This expenditure comes under the definition of "bribery" which is an offence both under section 171B of the Indian Penal Code and under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The five assemblies are going for polls beginning March 27.

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## Mamata 'seeks' votes from Left to stop BJP

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, MARCH 17

Desperate to stop the BJP from gaining from the split of votes in the West Bengal Assembly Election, chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday reached out to the Left parties with a call for unity and urged them to vote for the Trinamul Congress after releasing her party's manifesto - *Didir Dosh Ongikar* (10 Commitments of Didi).

"We want to move forward with all. Division has never happened in Bengal. It will also not happen here ever, I believe. That is why there is a great need to stop the BJP. I congratulate my friends in the Left who are giving a slogan 'No Vote to BJP.'

Though they know they would not be able to come to power, their

votes are important. I appeal to them to cast their votes to the TMC instead of giving it to any other party and wasting it," Ms Banerjee said.

She has promised in the manifesto of five lakh new job creation annually to halve the unemployment rate with a scheme to ensure monthly basic income support to female heads of 1.6 crore households-monthly ₹500 to families of general category yearly ₹6,000 and 1,000 to families of SC/ST yearly ₹12,000.

To make the youth self-reliant, Ms Banerjee tried to woo them with a scheme of Student Credit Cards with credit limit upto ₹10 lakhs at an interest rate of 4%. For food, free doorstep delivery of monthly ration to 1.5 crore households and 73 crore subsidised meals at ₹5

per meal through 2500 MAA Canteens across 50 cities have been planned.

The agriculture sector covers ₹10,000 per acre support to 58 lakh small and marginal farmers yearly among other sops while the industry sector talks of ₹5 lakh crore of new investments in 5 years apart from adding 10 lakh MSME annually to increase the total number of functional MSME units to 1.5 crores and 2,000 big industrial units to the existing base of 10,000 units.

The health sector speaks of doubling the spending from 0.83% to 1.5% of the state GDP. In education, increasing the spending from 2.7% to 4% of the state GDP and at least one model residential school in each block have been promised.

## Covid-19: 4 flyers handed over to security agencies

New Delhi, March 17:

Four passengers were handed over to the security agencies on Tuesday for not wearing masks properly onboard Alliance Air's Jammu-Delhi flight despite repeated warnings by the cabin crew said senior government officials on Wednesday.

Aviation regulator DGCA had on Saturday asked airlines to de-board passengers who do not wear their masks "properly" despite repeated warnings.

As per the powers given by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's regulations, Alliance Air can classify the aforementioned four passengers as "unruly" and ban them from its flights added. — PTI

for any period between three to 24 months, the government officials mentioned. Alliance Air is a subsidiary of state-run Air India.

When asked about this matter, a spokesperson of Alliance Air noted, "The airline caters to passengers in all age group from very young to very old. Alliance Air briefs passengers at every touch point, makes regular in flight announcements."

"However, on constant request, when the passengers did not adhere to the laid down guidelines and could have endangered other fellow passengers, we apprised the concerned authorities," the spokesperson added. — PTI

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3. शीर्ष Upload की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक - 24.04.2021 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न तक वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर।
4. तकनीकी शीर्ष खोलने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक - 26.04.2021 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न से वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर।
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8. ई-टेलरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को www.епroc.bihar.gov.in पर एवं पंजीकृत होना होगा। यह उन्हें वेबसाइट (www.епroc.bihar.gov.in) से डाउनलोड करने - ई-टेलर की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु अनिवार्य है।	
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11. विविद प्रकार की जानकारी एवं विविद वित्ती विविद वेबसाइट http://brpnll.bihar.gov.in पर विविद वित्ती प्रक्रिया की अवधि की राशि को मूल रूप से जाम करना अनिवार्य है।	
12. दस काउंसल से अधिक प्रकारित राशि होने पर Joint Venture स्थीकार्य होगा।	
13. ई-टेलरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को www.епroc.bihar.gov.in पर एवं पंजीकृत होना होगा। प्रथम तल्ला, एम.इ.एस./सी.पी.डब्ल्यू.ई./सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में विविद वित्ती विविद वेबसाइट http://brpnll.bihar.gov.in/state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखा जा सकता है।	
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2. श्री परमित कुमार शाही, परियोजना अभियंता एवं मोबाइल नं - 9471004828	
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## BJP MP Sharma found dead at Delhi residence

New Delhi/Shimla, March 17: BJP MP from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh Ram Swaroop Sharma was found hanging from the ceiling in his official residence in New Delhi on Wednesday, police said.

Delhi Police PRO Chinmoy Biswal said his body was found hanging from a ceiling fan. He was taken to a hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Sixty-two-year-old Sharma had been suffering from various ailments.

● **PRIMA FACIE**, it appears to be a case of suicide, the police said, adding that no suicide note was found from the spot.

● **BORN** at Jalpehar village in Mandi district on June 10, 1958, Sharma was a two-time MP.

He was elected to the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha from Mandi parliamentary constituency in 2014 and 2019 respectively.

According to the police, a call was made to the Police Control Room (PCR) around 7.45 am by his aide after the parliamentarian did not respond to knocks on his door.

A police team reached the spot and forced open the door and found Sharma hanging from a ceiling fan. — PTI

supporters in this sad hour. Om Shanti," Modi tweeted.

The BJP cancelled its parliamentary party meeting following Sharma's death and also called off the joining ceremony of an "eminent" person, who was not named.

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**SANDHYA 35MM**  
(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM)  
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

**BRAMARAMBA 70MM**  
11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

**SHIVAPARVATHI 70MM**  
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

**MEGHA 70MM-DSNR**  
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

**MANJU 70MM-SEC'BAD**  
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

**TARAKARAMA 70-KACHIGUDA**  
11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

**INTRA VENKATARAMANA/ PADMAVATHICOMPLEX-2.45,9.30**

**PRASAD-8.45,11.00,1.30,3.45, 6.15,8.30,11.00PM**

**OAMB 10.30,1.45,4.55,7.00,10.25**

**MULTIFLEX RAKI LAUGHING 11.00,1.55,4.50,7.50,10.50**

**ASIAN CINEMAS SIVAGANGA-11.15,2.00,6.15PM GPR-10.40,1.25,7.30,10.20PM RADHIKA-10.30,1.30,7.00,9.50PM MCUBE-10.40,1.30,4.30,7.00,10.10PM UPPAL-10.50,1.30,4.30,7.30,10.20PM CHINTHAL-11.00,2.00,6.30PM**

**10.40,1.30,4.10,7.20,10.00PM MJR-10.50,1.40,4.40,7.00,9.50PM**

**LAXMIKALA-1.15,2.15,6.15,9.15**

**INOX GSM-11.45,12.45,3.00,4.00, 6.15,7.15,9.30,10.30PM**

**GVK-10.00,1.05,4.15,7.20,10.30,10.50**

**MP-9.50,12.50,4.00,7.15,10.30PM**

**Cinépolis MANTRA-10.00,11.00,1.55, 4.50,7.45,10.30PM**

**DSL-1.00,4.10,6.15,7.20,10.30PM CCPL-10.00,11.15,1.45,4.30,7.55,10.40**

**SUDHA-10.30,1.25,4.20,7.10,10.05PM**

**PVR RK-11.20,1.10,7.45,10.25PM ICON-1.15,3.10,7.20,9.15PM**

**PRESTONE-1.45,4.40,7.35,10.30PM FORUM-10.10,11.10,2.05,5.00,7.15,7.55**

**10.10,10.50PM INORBIT-10.20,2.05,5.00,7.35,7.55,10.50**

**CENTRAL-10.05,1.25,4.10,7.05,10.30PM GALLERIA-10.05,11.10,2.05,5.00,7.55,**

**10.00,10.50PM IRRUMANZIL-12.40,2.05,5.00,7.55,10.50**

**MOOSARAMBAGH-12.40,2.05,5.00,7.55,10.50**

**MIRAJ CINEMAS CHANDANAGAR-12.00,4.00,9.45PM SHALINI-10.15,2.00,4.45,7.30,10.45PM BALANAGAR-10.15,1.15,4.15,7.15,10.15**

**2 11.00,5.05, 8.00,10.55 TIVOLI 11.00,2.10, 4.45,10.00PM**

**PLATINUM 10.05,12.15, 3.15,8.30,11.20 10.35,1.35, 4.40,7.40,10.35**

**SANTOSHABIDS SUPER 70MM 11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**SENSATION SWAPNA COMPLEX 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.15PM**

**VIJETHA 70MM VIMAL 70MM 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15**

**AMBA 70MM SREERAMANA 11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**SRLATHA 70 SAMPOORNA 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15**

**INDRA RAMAKRISHNA SIVASAKTHI 2.30,6.00PM 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**SRINIVASATO TALLURI COMPLEX 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15**

**NARTHAKI 70-11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30**

**ULS SRIDEVI 70 BHUJANGA 70 11.15,2.15,6.15,9.15 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**KRISHNA NAGARAM JYOTHI IDABL RM 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**LAXMI SHAMSHABAD VENKATASAI 11.30,2.30,6.15,9.15 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**SANTOSH 70MM SREEPREMA 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**SV CINESQUARE MAHESWARI 70 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

**VENKATESWARA 70-GUMMADIDHALA 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00PM**

**KARTHIKEYA EXHIBITORS RELEASE**



**DEVI 70MM**  
( Enjoy 4K Laser Projection & Dolby Atmos Sound )  
11.00am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00pm

**ARJUN 70MM**  
11.30am, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30pm

**MALLIKARJUNA 70**  
11.15am, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30pm

**RAJADHANI COMPLEX**  
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00pm

**KONARK 70MM**  
11.15am, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15pm

**VISWANATH 70MM**  
11.45am, 2.45, 6.45, 9.45pm

**SANGEETHA 70**  
11.00am,2.30,6.00,9.00pm

**MAHALAXMI 70**  
11.00am,2.00,6.00,9.00pm

**PRASADS MULTIPLEX - 10.30am,11.30, 2.15,4.15,5.00,5.30,7.45,10.00,10.45pm  
LARGE : 12.15,3.00,5.45,8.30,11.15pm**

**AMB - 10.35,1.40,4.40,7.40,10.40pm**

**PVR CINEMAS**  
RK - 10.00,1.10,4.20,7.30,10.40 | CENTRAL 10.00,10.55,1.10,4.20,7.30,10.40 | FORUM 10.00,10.50,1.10,4.20,7.30,7.50,10.40, 11.00 | ICON - 12.45,1.50,3.55,7.05,10.15 MOOSARAMBAGH - 1.00,4.10,6.20,7.20, 10.30 | IRRUM MANZIL - 1.00,4.10,7.00, 7.20,10.30 | GALLERIA - 1.00,10.20,1.30, 4.40,7.20,7.501100 | PRESTON - 12.30, 3.40,6.50,10.00 | INORBIT - 10.20,10.55, 1.30,4.40,7.50,11.00 |

**ASIAN CINEMAS**  
GPR - 10.45,1.30,4.30,7.30,10.35 | M CUBE - 10.35,1.30,4.25,7.20,10.15 | CINEPLANET - 10.30,1.30,4.25,7.20,10.20 | RADHIKA - 10.50,1.40,4.35,7.30,10.25 | CINESQUARE - 10.50,1.40,4.30,7.20,10.20 | MJR - 10.50,1.45,4.40,7.30,10.10 |

**INOX**  
GVK - 11.00,12.50,2.30,4.00,7.20,10.20 MP - 11.35,3.00,6.30,7.15,10.00,10.40 GSM MALL - 10.30,11.30,1.00,1.50,3.00, 4.20,6.30,7.40,9.10,10.00,10.30,11.00

**Cinépolis**  
DSL - 11.20,1.00,2.50,6.20,9.30,10.10,10.50 MANTRA MALL - 11.00,1.00,4.00,7.00,10.00 CCPL - 10.40,1.10,1.45,4.20,5.00,7.40,10.40 SUDHA - 12.15,1.15,4.30,7.45,10.00,11.00

**MIRAJ CINEMAS**  
SHALINI - 10.00,1.15,4.30,7.45,11.00 BALANAGAR - 10.00,1.15,4.30,7.45,11.00 CHANDANAGAR - 1.00,3.00,7.00,10.00

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**AARADHANA 70 SHARADA 70**  
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**SUSHMA 70 RANGA 70**  
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**GOKUL 70MM SREERAMANA**  
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**SAI RANGA 70 ALANKAR 70**  
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**JYOTHI 70MM SAI POOJA 70**  
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**SRI KRISHNA 70 LAXMIKALA MANDIR**  
11.15,2.15,6.00,9.15 11.30,2.30,6.30,9.30

**VYJAYANTHI RAMAKRISHNA 70**  
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.30 am & 9.15pm

**SRI SAIRAM 70 ASIAN SWAPNA**  
11.15,2.30,6.15,9.30 11.00,6.15,9.15

**VENKATARAMANA GANESH 70MM**  
11.30,2.30,6.00,9.15 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

**SENSATION BR HITECH 70**  
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**SRI LAXMI 70 RAMAKRISHNA 35**  
12.00,3.00,7.00,10.00 2.30pm & 6.00pm

**RAJ LAXMI 70 MUJKUND 70**  
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

**SRIDEVI ICHGUDA**  
11.20,2.15,6.30,9.15

**SRI PREMA 70 VENKATESHWARA**  
11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00

**SRIDEVI [CHILKALGUDA]**  
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**JYOTI IDA BOLARAM 11.00,2.00,6.00,9.00**

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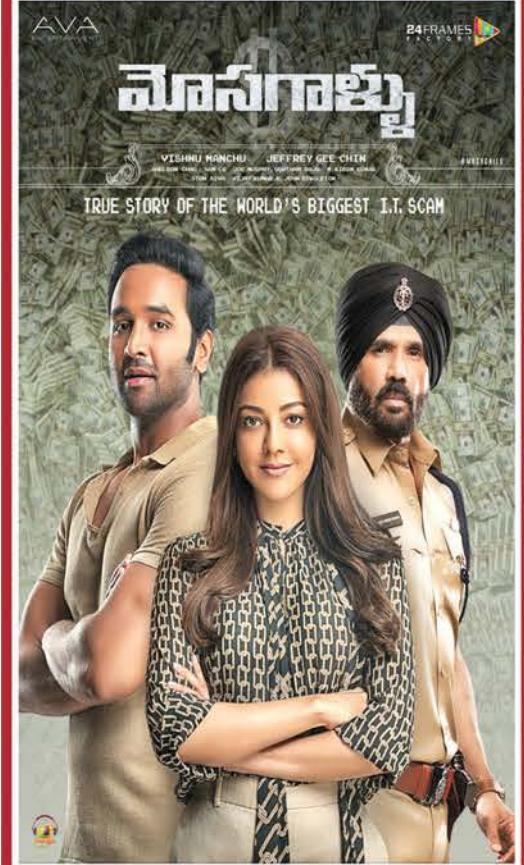
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## ATLANTA-AREA SHOOTINGS LEAVE 8 DEAD, MANY ASIANS

Islamabad, March 17: Pakistan on Wednesday appointed Air Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar Sidhu as the new chief of Pakistan Air Force. He will assume charge from March 19 after the retirement of incumbent PAF Chief, Air Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan. — PTI



★★★ For those who loved Stree Roohi is a hardhanded entertaining mix of shivers and giggles with three livewire performances by Janhvi, Rajkummar, and Varun. See it in a theatre near you. — Subhash K Jha

★★★ A must watch film for theaters. Super Entertaining — Navodaya Times

★★★ Roohi Uniquely delightful & funny horror pop corn — Olamsham

★★★ An Entertaining blend of laughs and thrills — Times of India

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SUDARSHAN 35MM

(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM)
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM
<b>ARJUN 70MM-KUKATPALLY</b>
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM
<b>RAJADHANI COMPLEX-DSNR</b>
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
<b>SANTOSH/SAPNA ABIDS</b>
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
<b>INARA VENKATARAMANA/PADAMAVATHI COMPLEX-KACHIGUDA</b>
6.00PM(ONE SHOW)

LAXMIKALACINEPRIDE

11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

10.50, 1.45, 4.35, 7.25, 10.05, 10.25PM

**OAMB CINEMAS**

**Radhika-10.55, 1.50, 7.25, 10.30**

**Sivaganga-2.00, 9.00pm**

**Sha-2.30, 9.45pm | GPR-1.35, 7.30, 10.30**

**Cinesquare-10.55, 1.55, 4.45, 7.15, 10.40**

**Mcube-11.00, 1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM**

11.00, 1.45, 7.40, 10.40

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**PVR CINEMAS**

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**GVK MALL | GSM MP MALL**

**CCPL | DSL MANTRA | SUDHA**

**SHALINI/SHIVANI CHANDANAGAR | BALANAGAR**

**BIG CINEMAS**

9.00, 12.45, 3.15

5.45, 8.15, 10.45

**AARADHANA 70MM-TARNAKA**

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**AMBA 70MM-MEHIDIPATNAM**

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**SENSATION INSOMNIA**

11.30, 2.30PM(2 SHOWS ONLY)

**SREERAMANA COMPLEX**

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**ANJALI 70MM-SECUNDERABAD**

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**SREESAIPOOJA 70-SOORARAM**

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**SVR'S SIVASAKTHI 70-KAPRA**

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**BHUJUANGA 70-JEEDIMETLA**

11.00AM(ONE SHOW)

**SRILATHA 70MM-R.C.PURAM**

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**TALLURI 70MM-ECIL X ROADS**

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**GLOBAL CINEMAS RELEASE**



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Nifty 50	14,721.30	-1.27
S&P 500*	3,945.94	-0.42
Dollar (\$)	72.54	0.02
Pound Sterling (\$)	100.96	-0.65
Euro (\$)	86.37	0.18
Gold (10gm)* (\$)	44,519.60	0.13
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	67.61	-1.14
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.185	0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.669	0.046

\* As of 8:30 PM IST

### NCLAT directs liquidation of KS Oils, blasts NCLT

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has directed initiation of the liquidation process of integrated edible oil company K S Oils Ltd and set aside an NCLT order passed against it. Terming it "unfortunate", the appellate tribunal observed that even after the lapse of 981 days and repeated compliance by the resolution professional (RP) to initiate the liquidation process, the NCLT had not considered it.

### Laxmi Organic gets subscribed over 107 times



Speciality chemicals manufacturer Laxmi Organic Industries' initial public offering was subscribed 106.79 times on the last day of subscription. The public offer garnered bids for 3,47,67,42,330 shares against 3,25,58,138 shares on offer, as per NSE data. The portion for qualified institutional buyers was subscribed 175.43 times, non-institutional investors 217.62 times and retail individual investors 20.06 times.

### CA Rover Holdings sells SBI Cards stake for ₹3,900 cr

CA Rover Holdings divested 4.25 per cent stake in SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd for Rs 3,943 crore through an open market transaction. According to the bulk deal data, four crore shares of SBI Cards were offloaded by CA Rover Holdings at an average price of Rs 985.98 apiece. This translates to a deal value of Rs 3,943.92 crore. CA Rover Holdings is a subsidiary of Carlyle Group.

### Craftsman Auto IPO subscribed 3.81 times

The initial public offering of auto component maker Craftsman Automation was subscribed 3.81 times on the last day of bidding. The Rs 824-crore offer attracted bids for 1,47,58,160 shares compared to 38,69,714 shares on offer, according to an NSE update. The category for qualified institutional buyers was subscribed 5.21 times, non-institutional investors 2.84 times and retail individual investors 3.43 times.

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## Shunwei Capital sells out to Javagal Srinath, others Newgen investors buy Chinese stake in Koo

New Delhi, March 17: A bunch of Indian A-list entrepreneurs, including Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy and former Indian Cricketer Javagal Srinath, have bought out Chinese investors Shunwei Capital's stake in the parent firm of Koo, India's answer to Twitter.

BookMyShow founder Ashish Hemrajani, Udaan co-founder Sujeet Kumar and Zerodha founder Nikhil Kamat were the others who bought out Shunwei's over 9 per cent stake in Bombinate Technologies Pvt Ltd.

"Existing investors along with a bunch of individuals have bought out Shunwei Capital's minority stake in Bombinate Technologies Pvt Ltd, the parent company of Vokal



and Koo," the company said. It, however, did not reveal the financial details of the deal.

Koo, which caught public attention after the government's tussle with Twitter over the removal of inflammatory contents,

has crossed over 4 million downloads with about a million active users.

Koo's investors include Accel Partners, 3one4 Capital, Blume Ventures, and Kalaari Capital.

Additionally, global venture capital firm, Shunwei,

was also an investor in Bombinate Technologies.

Shunwei Capital, which is led by a partnership team that includes people of Chinese origin, had invested in the earlier product of Bombinate, an app called Vokal.

Since Bombinate has pivoted its primary business and focused on Koo, Shunwei committed to exiting the company and the deal concluding now.

Srinath, former cricketer and fast bowler said, "I am very happy to be backing Koo—one of India's most talked-about social media platforms. The fact that they are building a platform to bring the voices of Indian language audiences onto the internet is commendable and as an Indian, I extend my support to them."

—PTI

## 10 L Chinese CCTV cameras in govt offices

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, MARCH 17

Around 10 lakh CCTV cameras from Chinese companies have been installed in government institutions and there are vulnerabilities associated with the video data captured by them, said the government. As per Industry estimates, around 10 lakh CCTV cameras from Chinese companies are installed in government institutions, Minister of State for Communications

and IT Sanjay Dhotre told the Lok Sabha.

"There are vulnerabilities associated with video data captured through CCTV cameras being transferred to servers located abroad. The orders regarding filtering of URL and IP addresses issued by the government from time to time have been implemented in all the Internet Service Provider (ISP) / Telecommunications Service Provider (TSP) networks," minister said. The video surveillance

market has grown multi-fold in India in recent years with increased installation of CCTV cameras in institutions and individual homes. Chinese companies have around 70 per cent share of the Rs 6,800-crore video surveillance products market. Using an aggressive pricing strategy, Chinese companies like Hikvision and Dahua have grabbed a dominating share in the market. Further, a large portion of the components used by branded players and those

sold in the unorganised market come from China.

"The dominant position of Chinese companies is also posing a major security risk. While data collection is largely risk-free, when it comes to data storage it has to be verified whether the storage happens in servers inside the country. Further, the analysed data should not go out of the country." Manu Tiwari, industry principal, industrial practice, Frost and Sullivan told *Financial Chronicle*.

## Fieo online platform to help secure containers

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, MARCH 17

Exporters' apex body Fieo has set up an online platform to resolve the issues related to container availability.

In order to facilitate assessment of containers requirement, Fieo has developed a first level marketplace on which exporters can post their container demands online. The e-module will help in ground level assessment of container requirement and negotiate competitive quotes. The web link has been made live and exporters across the country have started posting their requirements.

"On the first day, today, hundreds of exporters have approached us with container requirements. Most of the requests are for exports to South Asia, Europe and the US," said K. Unnikrishnan, deputy director general, Fieo. "We have also held discussions with most of the major shipping lines. In today's discussion, three shipping lines have

## GOVT IN FAVOUR OF RETAINING RBI'S INFLATION TARGET

SIDDHARTHA SINGH  
MARCH 17

The government is likely to leave the inflation targeting band for its central bank unchanged, according to people familiar with the matter while policy makers remain focused on rising prices amidst the rebound from the pandemic.

A consumer-price inflation band tracked by the Reserve Bank of India is likely to be retained at the current 2.6 per cent range, said the people, who asked not to be identified. The framework is to be finalised by March 31. The government is mulling small changes to the system, including safeguard options that offer leeway in cases of exceptional events, they said, without providing further details.

A spokesperson for the finance ministry declined to comment, while the RBI didn't immediately respond to an emailed request for comment.

Volatile food prices and a sustained rise in global oil led consumer prices to exceed the upper band several times last year.

The Sensex shed 1.12 per cent as the benchmark index closed below 50,000

## India to cut Saudi oil, buy more from US

DEBJIT CHAKRABORTY & DHWANI PANDYA  
MARCH 17

Indian refiners plan to buy less oil from the Middle East in the coming months as Opec+ supply restrictions makes US crude more attractive.

Strong petrol demand due to people favouring private vehicles amid the pandemic and a slower recovery in diesel is also giving low-sulphur American grades an edge over heavier and more sour Middle Eastern varieties, officials at three state-run refineries said.

State-run refiners, including Indian Oil Corp, the country's biggest crude processor, are planning to cut purchases from Saudi

Arabia in May, and buy more from the US and on the spot market, according to the officials who asked not to be named.

IOC has floated a spot tender seeking crude from West Africa, the Middle East, the US and Canada for April-May loading.

Around 86 per cent of

New Delhi has repeatedly called for Opec+ to pump more crude to stop prices from rising too high, but its pleas have fallen on deaf ears, with Riyadh extending its supply cuts

Arabia in May, and buy more from the US and on the spot market, according to the officials who asked not to be named.

Investors lost close to Rs 3.5 lakh crore as BSE's market cap fell to Rs 203.71 lakh crore.

Asian market indices closed flat to negative as

## AtmaNirbhar Mahila Gold Loan launched



Vidya Balan

March 17: With an aim to empower the women of India and make them self-reliant, Muthoot FinCorp has launched AtmaNirbhar Mahila Gold Loan—a unique gold loan scheme for women. This is an extension of Muthoot FinCorp's #RestartIndia Mission. The AtmaNirbhar Mahila Gold Loan scheme was launched by leading and versatile actor Vidya Balan in a virtual event this week. AMGL offers maximum 'loan to gold' value and the lowest interest rate.

Vidya Balan expressed her support for the cause and said, "Empowering women has become the fundamental aim for all of us in not only helping them achieve their dreams but also transform and boost their entrepreneurial spirit."

## ADB VENTURES INVESTS IN EV FIRM

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, MARCH 17

Asian Development Bank's new venture arm has invested in an Indian electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer and an energy efficiency services provider as part of its efforts to spur innovations in cleantech space.

In its first set of investments, ADB Ventures, which invests in early-stage technology companies, has invested in Euler Motors based in India. Euler is an EV manufacturer and fleet operator focused on last-mile commercial logistics.

Euler Motors has raised \$9.4 million in Series A funding with participation by ADB Ventures, Blume, Inventus, and other investors. This is also the first investment by ADB Ventures in an EV firm.

## INDIA-MADE JEEP WRANGLER AT ₹54L



MICHAEL GONSALVES  
PUNE, MARCH 17

Jeep, the American iconic SUV maker on Wednesday introduced the India-made Wrangler SUV priced in the Rs 53.90 lakh to Rs 57.90 lakh range, which is Rs 10 lakh to Rs 11 lakh cheaper than the fully imported fourth-generation model that was originally introduced in India in 2019. After Jeep Compass, the Wrangler SUV is the second model from Jeep to be locally assembled at the firm's Ranjangaon joint venture.

## IMMOBILE | PHONES

### Company skips introduction of new Galaxy Note this year

## Samsung warns of severe chip crunch

SOHEE KIM  
MARCH 17

Samsung Electronics Company warned it's grappling with the fallout from a "serious imbalance" in semiconductors globally, becoming the largest tech giant to voice concerns about chip shortages spreading beyond the automaking industry.

Samsung, one of the world's largest makers of chips and consumer electronics, expects the crunch to pose a problem to its business next quarter, co-chief executive officer Koh Dong-jin said during an annual shareholders meeting in Seoul. The company is also considering skipping the introduction of a new Galaxy

Note—one of its best-selling models—this year, though Koh said that was geared toward streamlining its line-up.

Industry giants from Continental AG to Renesas Electronics Corp and Innolux Corp have in recent weeks warned longer-than-anticipated deficits, thanks to unprecedented Covid-era demand for everything from cars to game consoles and mobile devices.

Volkswagen AG said this week it's lost production of about 100,000 cars worldwide. In North America, the silicon shortage and extreme weather have combined to snarl more production at Toyota Motor Corp and Honda Motor Co. The fear is the crunch, which first hit automakers hard, may now disrupt the much larger electronics industry.

"There's a serious imbalance in supply and demand of chips in the IT sector globally," said Koh, who oversees the company's IT and mobile divisions. "Despite the difficult environment, our business leaders are meeting partners overseas to solve these problems. It's hard to say the shortage issue has been solved 100 per cent."

Samsung, the world's largest smartphone maker, is working with overseas partners to resolve the imbalance and avert potential setbacks to its business, its co-CEO said. Its shares slid 0.6 per cent in Seoul on Wednesday, while suppliers and Asian chipmakers, including Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co and SK Hynix Inc, also fell.

Chipmakers like Samsung and TSMC are at the forefront of a global effort to plug a shortfall in supply of semiconductors, the building blocks of a plethora of consumer gadgets. The deficit has

closed auto plants around the world and now threatens supply of other products. While the Korean company is the leading maker of made-to-order silicon after TSMC, it relies on external suppliers and manufacturers for parts like power management and radio chips.

Larger-than-anticipated Covid-era demand for smartphones has also stretched stores of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co, the go-to processors for mobile devices. Qualcomm designs the chips, known as app processors, but relies on Samsung and TSMC to produce them and the Taiwanese chipmaker's capacity has been strained.

—Reuters

**SHORT TAKES**
**Brilliant Kartavya is chess master**

 DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Kartavya Anadkat emerged victorious in the 178th Brilliant trophy Chess Tournament here on Monday.

In the open category, Kartavya stood tall by scoring 10.5 points out of 12 rounds while Ayush Jain cemented the second place with 9.5 points. Sandeep Naidu was third with 9 points.

**THE PLACINGS**

**Open category:** 1. Kartavya Anadkat, 2. Ayush Jain, 3. Sandeep Naidu, 4. Chidvilas Sai, 5. Ritobroto Sen, 6. KVK Karthik, 7. Anirudh, 8. Purushothaman, 9. Samuel Kumar, 10. P. K. Sankaran. **U-15 Boys:** 1. I. Akash Kumar, 2. Hari Sohan Shaik. **U-15 Girls:** 1. Swaralakshmi S Nair, 2. Sahasa S.

**U-13 Boys:** 1. M. Surya, 2. Druvesh D. **U-13 Girls:** 1. Sethu Srivalli, 2. Rida Anwar. **U-11 Boys:** 1. Sriram Adarsh, 2. Purav Khandelwal. **U-11 Girls:** 1. Anmol Mathur, 2. Anjana Sahasra.

**U-9 Boys:** 1. Balanandan Ayyappan, 2. Hariram Perecharla. **U-9 Girls:** 1. Hampi Deepthi.

**U-7 Boys:** 1. Modith M, 2. Balpreet Singh. **U-7 Girls:** 1. Varnika Bahal.

**Basketball events in Hyderabad**

**Hyderabad:** The YMCA Secunderabad Basketball Alumni Association is conducting the 1st Pradeep Dako Memorial Open Basketball Tournament for Men at YMCA Secunderabad from Monday. Entries close with G. Sanjay (9160318149) or Raja Reddy (9666600091) on Friday.

Meanwhile, the YMCA 3x3 Basketball tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday at YMCA Secunderabad in the following categories: U-12 Boys & Girls (for players born in 2009 or after), U-14 Boys & Girls (for players born in 2007 or after), U-16 Boys & Girls (for players born in 2005 or after), U-19 Boys & Girls (for players born in 2002 or after, Senior Men and Women, Veterans Men (for players born 1975 or before).

The Rama Sports Mumbai in association with Telangana Basketball Association is also conducting a 3x3 basketball tournament on March 27 and 28 at Don Bosco Academy in Under 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21 (boys & girls) and for Men and Women. Registrations close with Amar Gaikwad on 9930170117, 9820127604 on March 24.



Members of the Team Origins are all smiles after leading the pack at the end of Day One of the Hyderabad Premier Golf League at Boulder Hills Golf and Country Club on Wednesday.

## Sridhar sizzles as Hyderabad golf league tees off in style

 DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Markenzo Worldwide and Golfing Nawabs (199) — at the end of the first round.

The Origins also have their man at the top of the individual scorers list. Sridhar Koripella swung well to lead with 42.5 while Sankeerth N (Civet Rangers, 38), AVN Reddy (Swans, 38), Shreyansh Khemka (Golfing Nawabs, 37.25) and Murali S (Origins, 36.5) played catch-up in the high five.

They lead the 14-team pack with an impressive score of 218.25 even as just four points separate teams in the top five — Swans (203), Villaggio Highlanders (202.75), Markenzo Fairways (202) owned by Paul Suresh's

Golfer from Team Origins got off to a flying start as the Hyderabad Premier Golf League teed off at the Boulder Hills Golf and Country Club in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

The second round will be played on Sunday at Hyderabad Golf Club.

**THE STANDINGS TEAMS**

- Origins 218.25
- Swans 203
- Villaggio Highlanders 202.75
- Markenzo Fairways 202
- Golfing Nawabs 199

**TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

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- AVN Reddy (Swans) 38
- Shreyansh Khemka (Golfing Nawabs) 37.25
- Murali S (Origins) 36.5

Competitions will be held in four categories — Open (NISA Open

## NISA goes green with local golf tournament

 DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

National Industrial Security Academy, the premier training institute of Central Industrial Security Force, is hosting its inaugural NISA Open Golf Tournament at the weekend during which more than hundred golfers across Hyderabad will be in action.

The tournament, to be played from Friday to Sunday, is being organised at the Academy's own golf course at NISA Environmental Park and Training Area (NEPTA). The event will comprise qualifying rounds on Friday and Saturday followed by the finals on Sunday.

The recently constructed nine hole golf course has lush green fairways and international standard greens. The NEPTA has all the flavours and fervours — challenging sandy bunkers, roughs, intermediate tree lines and hazards — making it challenging even for professional players.

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**The event, to be played over the weekend at the National Industrial Security Academy's golf course at NISA Environmental Park and Training Area, has attracted over 100 golfers.**

**Competitions will be held in Open, Legends, Under 14 and Ladies categories.**

Champion), Above 65 (The Legend Award), Under 14 (The Golf Dusk Award) and Ladies (The X Factor Award).

Winners will be adjudged based on their handicap calculated by double Peoria method and markings as per Stableford calculations, a release from the organisers stated.

The tournament will be played in morning and afternoon sessions every day. Spot prizes for each session include Closest to the Pin, Pin, Arrows Strike and Bull's Eye.

## SHRISHTI AND ATHARVA ARE CHAMPIONS

 DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17

Shrishti Allam and Atharva Sriramouji won the girls and boys Under 12 titles respectively at the State Ranking tennis tournament series at Emmanuel Tennis Academy on Wednesday.

Shrishti beat Yashitha Ereti 8-3 while Atharva defeated Laksh Thapliyal 8-6 in the title rounds.

**THE RESULTS**

**Girls U-10 final:** Harsha Karthika Oruganti bt Rajanya Sengupta 8-0. **Seminifinals:** Harsha Karthika Oruganti bt Zoha Qureshi 8-6; Rajanya Sengupta bt Neha Marreddy 8-7 (7-4).

**Girls U-12 final:** Shrishti Allam bt Yashitha Ereti 8-3. **Seminifinals:** Shrishti Allam bt E Nehrika Reddy 8-4; Yashitha Ereti bt Sandhya Karanth 8-3.

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## SHORT TAKES

**Pugilist Gaurav makes quarters**

**New Delhi:** Commonwealth Games gold medallist Gaurav Solanki (57kg) advanced to the quarterfinals of the Bosphorus Boxing Tournament with a facile opening round win in Istanbul in Turkey.

Solanki looked in complete control from the word go as he blanked opponent Arapov Aldos of Kazakhstan 5-0 to make the last eight.

Sonia Lather also kickstarted her campaign on a winning note. The Haryana pugilist dominated her opponent Rosario Milogros from Argentina before completing a 5-0 win in the women's 57kg. Lather will take on local favourite Sureneli Tugcaner in her second round match. Meanwhile, three other Indian pugilists suffered losses in their respective opening bouts. Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Naman Tanwar went down 4-1 against Turkey's Baki Yalcin Muhammed in men's 91kg while PL Prasad lost to Kazakhstan's Abdikadyr Damir 5-0 in the 52kg category. — PTI

**Debate on naming stadium after Pele**

**Sao Paulo:** Brazilians would agree that Pele is the greatest football player ever, but they differ on renaming the historic Maracana stadium in his honour. The stadium's name could soon change if Rio de Janeiro Gov. Claudio Castro agrees to honor the three-time World Cup winner. He has until next week to decide after being authorised by the state's legislature to rename the Maracana as "Edson Arantes do Nascimento — Rei Pele." The stadium is officially named "Jornalista Mario Filho" for the Brazilian sportswriter credited with the idea to build such a colossus for the 1950 World Cup. If Castro agrees with the legislature, Filho's name will only stay on a nearby sports complex.

Filho's grandson, Mario Neto, said that he recognizes the importance of Pele in Brazilian football culture but said the proposed change is "irrational."

"There's no sense in removing my grandfather's name," Neto said on Monday. — AP

**India bag two equestrian golds**

**Greater Noida:** The Indian team won two gold medals on the second day of the ITPF World Cup Qualifiers for Tent Pegging. The Indian team won the gold medal in Team Sword competition with 111 points. Nepal won the silver with 98 points and the bronze medal was won by Pakistan with 89.5 points. Dinesh G Karlekar, B. R. Jena, Mohit Kumar and Sandeep Kumar were part of the winning Indian team. In Individual Sword competition, Dinesh G Karlekar from India bagged the gold medal. Sandeep Kumar from India won silver and Muhammad Nasir Abbas from Pakistan and Golam from Nepal both won the bronze medals. Ahmad Afas, coach cum manager of the Indian team, said,

"I'm really satisfied with the way all the riders are performing in the competition so far. I hope our riders continue the good form on the final day tomorrow and eventually qualify for the World Cup." — PTI

**Bopanna-Qureshi out of Mexico ATP**

**Acapulco, Mexico:** The 'Indo-Pak pair' of Rohan Bopanna and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi lost its first match after rejoining forces, bowing out at the ATP 500 event here on Wednesday. Up against second seeds Bruno Soares and Jamie Murray, the unseeded Indo-Pak team lost 7-6(4), 2-6, 1-0 in the opening round of the \$1,204,960 hard court tournament.

After trailing 0-2 in the Super tie-breaker, it was an enormous task for them to pull back. Both the players had made it clear that their reunion was one-off arrangement since their low combined ranking won't let them enter the bigger tournaments. — PTI

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# Perform or perish

**India need to peg back England to stay in contention**

**Ahmedabad, March 17:** India would aim to take the toss out of equation and put up a much improved all-round show against a formidable England in their bid to level the series in the fourth Twenty20, here on Thursday.

The template of win the toss and bowl has been set in the series with the chasing team getting home rather comfortably.

However, India skipper Virat Kohli has repeatedly stressed on the need to do well whether they are posting totals or chasing as part of their preparation for the T20 World Cup at home later this year.

In the two games they lost after batting first, India struggled in the powerplay, which impacted their final total despite one batsman (Shreyas Iyer and Virat Kohli respectively) going on to make a significant contribution.

The express pace of Mark Wood and Jofra Archer has also made life tough for the Indians in the first six overs. They have been able to extract disconcerting bounce from the surface, putting the batsmen in two minds.

Going by Kohli's words post the third game, a third all-rounder alongside Hardik Pandya and Washington Sundar can be drafted into the side with the choice between uncapped Rahul Tewatia



Indian captain Virat Kohli (right) along with his teammates during the third T20 match against England at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.

and Axar Patel. Unlike the first game, Kohli's sublime 77 ensure India did have some runs to defend but the bowlers hardly troubled the opposition batsman with Jos Buttler running away with the contest.

Hardik Pandya's return as a bowling all-rounder

has been promising but he is yet to take a wicket. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has kept things tidy in his comeback series but the team expects him to provide regular breakthroughs with the new ball.

Washington Sundar has been the stand out bowler

for India with four wickets at an impressive economy rate of 6.95. Despite India being 1-2 down, no major changes are expected in the playing eleven.

England, like India, also want to win in all conditions and will be buoyed by their emphatic win in the previous game. — PTI

## Virat leaps to fifth in rankings

**Dubai, March 17:** Following his stellar performance in the ongoing series against England, India skipper Virat Kohli on Wednesday broke back into the top of the ICC T20 batsmen rankings.

Kohli, a formerly top-ranked batsman in the format and currently number one in ODIs, gained one slot and a massive 47 rating points after unbeaten knocks of 73 and 77 in the second and third matches against England, to be placed fifth.

K. L. Rahul remains the top-ranked Indian batsman at the fourth spot despite three failures in the series so far.

Shreyas Iyer is up 32 places to the 31st spot while Rishabh Pant gained 30 spots to be ranked 80th.

Among bowlers, all-rounder Washington Sundar is up two places to 11th while seamers Shardul Thakur (up 14 places to 27th) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (up seven places to 45th) have

also gained. Jos Buttler has re-entered the top 20. His match-winning 83 not out in the third match has helped him advance five places to 19th position, just two shy of his career-best 17th position attained in October 2018.

There were also some other fine performances in the series, between the top two sides, which England leads 2-1.

Jonny Bairstow, who chipped in with 40 runs and was associated in an unbroken 77-run stand

with Buttler in the eight-wicket win on Tuesday, has moved up two slots to 14th position in the list led by his compatriot Dawid Malan.

Jason Roy has advanced four slots to 24th with scores of 49 and 46 in the first two matches.

Jofra Archer (up 43 places to 34th) and Mark Wood (up 59 places to 39th), as well as left-arm seam bowler Sam Curran (up 41 places to 74th) have gained in the weekly update for men. — PTI

"He's been a pioneer, as a player to start with. And certainly as a captain and a leader. He's taken English white ball cricket to a place, it's never been before, to be honest. He's done that in quite an incredible way.

"Everyone enjoys playing for him. The environment that he's created, the group we have at the moment is as much fun to play in as ever. As a really good team, he's been a huge driver of that along-side a few others.

"He is a selfless guy. Today is really about him and no mean feat to achieve 100 caps," he added. — PTI

## KL is a champion player, says Kohli

**Ahmedabad, March 17:** India captain Virat Kohli on Friday threw his weight behind struggling opener KL Rahul, calling him "a champion player" who remains the best candidate along with Rohit Sharma for the opening slot in the shortest format.

Rahul has been in woeful form with scores of 1, 0, 0 in his last three T20Is.

Kohli, who was dismissed for naught in the fourth Test and the first T20I against England before he turned it around with unbeaten scores of 73 and 77, said it is a matter of few balls.

"I was going through a lean patch two days back. He (KL Rahul) has been a champions player. He'll continue to be one of our main players along with Rohit at the top of the order," Kohli said in the post-match presentation.

"It's a matter of five-six balls in this format," Kohli said.

"You don't want to play knocks which don't help the team in any way. It was a bit difficult to bat against the new ball. Their bowlers were hitting good areas," the Indian skipper further added.

Talking about Pandya, Kohli said, "We want to give Hardik a bit more responsibility with the ball; we know what he can do with the bat." — PTI

**Proteas women boss over India, claim ODI series 4-1**

**Lucknow, March 17:** South Africa added salt to India's wounds by registering a five-wicket win over the hosts in the low-scoring fifth and final women's ODI to seal the series 4-1 here on Wednesday.

Mithali Raj played a captain's knock by hitting a well-crafted 79 not out but it was only enough to take India to 188 all out.

South Africa then rode on Anneke Bosch (58) and Mignon du Preez's (57) half-centuries to chase down the target in 48.2 overs.

The series marked India's return to international cricket after 12 months. They were naturally rusty to start with and by the end of the series, it seemed that they have a lot of work to do if they want to be title contenders for the World Cup early next year.

The batting needs more firepower and bowling concerns too need to be addressed.

"Clearly, we do need some camps before series. We were underprepared, coming from a gap. The batting unit tried to

improve consistently match by match. Our spinners need to improve," said Mithali.

For India, left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad picked up three wickets conceding just 13 runs off her 10 overs while Medium pacer de Klerk was the pick of the bowlers for South Africa with figures of three for 35. — PTI

**Brief scores: India 188 in 49.3 overs (Mithali Raj 79; Nadine de Klerk 3/35) lost to South Africa 189/5 in 48.2 overs (Anneke Bosch 58; Mignon du Preez 57; Rajeshwari 3/13).**

**Anybody can have a lean phase and KL has been our best batsman in T20 format. He is averaging 40 plus with a strike rate of 145 and 3 failures doesn't change the fact that he is the best batsman we have in this format.**

— VIKRAM RATHOUR

India batting coach

International on Tuesday. "This is the time when we need to support him and I am absolutely sure he will come back out of the lean phase," the batting coach spoke in the same vein as Kohli did at the presentation ceremony.

However, Rathour did agree that rustiness could be a reason and all it would take is one good shot to get back into the

groove. "I agree they do tend to get rusty when they are sitting out but only thing we can do is to provide them practice. They are having a lot of net sessions and even on middle (centre strips)," he said.

"That's all they can do and we can just hope that one innings or one shot and they will be back in form. People like KL Rahul," he added. — PTI

## MAN CITY, REAL CRUISE INTO CL QUARTERFINALS

**Budapest, March 17:** Pep Guardiola told his Manchester City players to forget their previous Champions League failures after cruising into the quarterfinals with a 2-0 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach on Tuesday that sealed a 4-0 aggregate victory.

The Champions League is the one trophy that has remained elusive to Guardiola during his five years in Manchester with City failing to ever get beyond the last eight under the Catalan. But the runaway Premier League leaders will get the chance to break that barrier next month as they showed why they are the bookies' favourites. Early goals from Kevin De Bruyne and Ilkay Gundogan killed off any hope of a fightback from the Germans.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid avoided another early Champions League exit by beating Atalanta 3-1 to win the tie 4-1 on aggregate and reach the quarterfinals for the first time in three years. Sergio Ramos converted a penalty after Karim Benzema continued his scoring streak as Marco Asensio fired in a third for Madrid. — AFP

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## Srikanth beaten by rookie Nhat

**Birmingham, March 17:** World champion P. V. Sindhu made an impressive start on the opening day of the prestigious championships but compatriots Kidambi Srikanth and Parupalli Kashyap suffered early exits after losing their respective opening round men's singles matches here on Wednesday.

The Indian women's duo of Ashwini Ponnappa and N. Sikki Reddy and men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also progressed to the second round with straight wins.

Olympic silver medallist Sindhu gave a good account of herself as she covered the court well and dished out a disciplined performance to outwit world number 32 Sonia Cheah of Malaysia 21-11, 21-17 in 38 minutes.

Seeded eight, Srikanth lost to Ireland's unseeded player Nguyen Nhat 11-21, 21-15, 12-21.

Three Indian shuttlers and a support staff had tested positive on Tuesday while a few were awaiting confirmation on their inconclusive samples, leaving the players without much practice ahead of the tournament.

In an email to team managers on Wednesday, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and Badminton England also informed that "following further investigations and testing, all team members have been returned to the draw having successfully retested negative." — PTI



Telangana's Agasara Nandini (left) poses with the women's 100 metres hurdles silver medal alongside coach R. N. Ramesh at the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships in Patiala on Wednesday.

## Nandini snatches silver from seniors

**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, MARCH 17**

Rising star Agasara Nandini clinched a silver medal at the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships being held at the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports in Patiala, Punjab, on Wednesday.

The 17-year-old from the Telangana Social Welfare College, Narsingi, clocked 13.88 seconds in the Women's 100m hurdles to finish second behind C. Kanimozi of Tamil Nadu who timed 13.63 for gold. Nithya Ramraj of Tamil Nadu was third in 14.08.

Later, Nandini missed out on a medal in the long jump as she finished fourth with a leap of 6.02 metres, .5 behind Tamil Nadu's

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