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WEATHER

Max: 37.4°C
Min: 23.4°C
RH: 29%
Rainfall: Nil
Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Max/Min temp.
37/23°C

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarakaya
Tithi: Phalguna Shuddha Chaturdasi till 3.25 am (Sunday)
Star: Pubba till 7.46 pm
Varjyanam: 4.58 am to 6.27 am (early hours); 2.18 am to 3.45 am (Sunday)
Durmuhiatam: 6.18 am to 7.55 am
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am
HJRI CALENDAR
Sha'ban 13,1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajr: 5.15 am
Zohar: 12.32 pm
Asar: 4.43 pm
Maghrib: 6.34 pm
Isha: 7.41 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.28 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.13 AM
MOONRISE NA
MOONSET TODAY 5.13 AM

COUNTER POINT



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SHORT TAKES

SC refuses to stay electoral bonds

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed pleas seeking stay on further sale of electoral bonds ahead of Assembly elections, saying the scheme was in place since 2018, the bonds were released at periodical intervals without any impediment and safeguards were in place to prevent their misuse.

Assam, Bengal Ph-1 poll today

Kolkata/Guwahati: The first phase of eight-phase elections in West Bengal begins on Saturday with polling in 30 constituencies. The fate of Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Speaker Hitenranjan Goswami, state Congress chief Ripun Borah will be decided on Saturday when polling is held in 47 of the state's 126 assembly seats.

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Urges people to follow safety norms, avoid large gatherings

KCR slams AP's lift irrigation plan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao stated in the Assembly that there will be no lockdown in Telangana state under any circumstance. He urged the people to strictly follow Covid-19 safety norms and avoid mass gatherings, against the backdrop of the rapid increasing number of Coronavirus cases.

Replying to the debate on the Appropriation Bill 2021-22, the CM said that the closure of educational institutions from March 24 was a painful decision that was taken to prevent the spread of the virus. He stated it was a temporary measure and schools and colleges will be reopened as soon as the situation improves.

Responding to speculation that the government was planning to impose a lockdown, the CM said, "We have seen the adverse effect of lockdown on all sections. This time we will not take any such decision in haste. We strongly believe that self-discipline and self-control are the only solution to contain the spread of the Covid and not a lockdown. People should duly wear masks, sanitise their hands and maintain physical distance without fail."

He said the state government has no plans to impose any further restrictions on industries or any other sectors. He said the entire world

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The CM told the Assembly on Friday that Telangana state "will go to any extent" to stop these projects and reiterated that he will not compromise on the interests of Telangana, "come what may."

He said the AP government had not responded to his friendly gesture of mutually sharing the Godavari river as the water in the Krishna at the Srisailam dam was not

adequate. "The Telangana government has filed cases against the AP government in Supreme Court and the NGT and secured stay orders. Despite this, AP is attempting to go ahead with the works and we will not sit quiet," Rao said.

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The CM added that he will talk to the Karnataka government on the RDS project and take all measures to utilise 15.9 tmc ft share of Telangana completely.

cy to encourage agriculture in a big way," Rao added. He stated that about 10.85 lakh people have been vaccinated as per guidelines issued by the Centre. "We will vaccinate the entire population as per the vaccines received. States have no role in procurement of vaccines," he added.

was suffering due to the pandemic, and TS was no exception. "Telangana is one of the best performing States which contained the spread of the virus effectively and this was certified by the Centre. TS has also performed well in terms of economic growth. This was possible due to government's policy," he added.

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SHORT TAKES

KCR GIVES FUND POWERS TO GRAM PANCHAYATS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao has empowered gram panchayats to utilise funds based on their own decisions. This would allow gram panchayats to spend funds for their own local needs, he said.

The Chief Minister also decided to construct integrated markets for the sale of vegetable and non-vegetarian items, fruits and flowers in 142 municipalities and corporations. These markets should be government land which are accessible to women, he said. The CM directed D. Prabhakar Rao, Transco and Genco CMD, to remove the power lines running over the houses in villages and urban areas at the government's cost.

The Chief Minister instructed MLAs to inspect the construction works of the collectortates and SP offices. He issued instructions in this regard to DGP M. Mahendar Reddy over the phone. The Chief Minister also decided to construct additional police stations including the traffic police stations. He wanted the formation of women police wings and guidelines to issue GOs for this to be prepared.

NO PROVISION ON UPPER LIMIT FOR QUOTA: TS

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The government noted that the Constitution doesn't have any provision related to the upper limit on reservations. The 102nd Constitutional amendment, resulting in insertion of Article 342(A), took away the powers of state legislatures to include deserving communities in the list of OBCs and enhance the reservation percentage which can go beyond cap fixed by the Supreme Court in the Indira Sawhney judgment.

"Therefore, the Telangana state government demands/requests the Supreme Court to lift the 50% upper limit imposed in Indira Sawhney judgment and leave to the State Legislatures to determine the quantum of reservations depending upon the particular circumstances existing in each of the States and also how it evolves over time," the government contended.

The TS government has already passed the Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Bill, 2017 increasing reservations for Muslims under the BC-E category to 12 per cent from the existing four and STs to 10 per cent from six, taking the quota to 62 per cent.

But these increased reservations could not be implemented as the Centre had kept the legislation pending.

Durgam Cheruvu shrank due to HUDA, GHMC

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The erstwhile HUDA and the GHMC are responsible for the shrinkage of the Durgam Cheruvu in Jubilee Hills, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has said.

According to a CAG report, the lake which was notified under the Kukatpally Zonal Development Plan in April 1986, had, over a period, seen "buildings come up in and around the lake area, with the layouts being duly approved by HUDA. Three of such approved six layouts were cancelled after the flash floods in 2000."

The CAG said that HUDA did not take any decision on cancellation of the remaining three layouts. An area of 156.16 acres had been demarcated as the full tank level of the lake in 2005 by the irrigation department.

NON-ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS COSTS HMDA ₹20.95 CR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The HMDA sustained a revenue loss of ₹20.95 crore due to non-allotment of 355 shops in five prime commercial complexes, for periods ranging from five months to 105 months. This is besides rental arrears of ₹6.16 crore.

Deccan Chronicle had reported the issue on January 11, 2018, under the headline "Dip in HMDA rent collection, role of officials suspected". The report said that the HMDA was losing ₹5 crore in rent annually on commercial complexes. It had mentioned that HMDA had leased 235 shops with ₹34 per square ft as the average price fixed for each unit.

The HMDA has been collecting ₹4.26 crore annual rent from Maitrivanam (six floors), ₹4.40 crore from Swarna Jayanthi complex (eight floors), ₹0.55 crore from Maitriyihar (five floors), ₹3.90 crore from Hermitage complex and ₹0.88 crore from its Tarnaka complex. Against outstanding rental amount of ₹13.99 crore, HMDA collected ₹8.37 crore in 2016-17.

Water Board cooked up supply figures: CAG

Not fixing meters causes Board ₹1,209 crore loss

MADDY DEEKSHIT
| DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), supposed to supply 150 litre per person per day has been supplying only an average of 71 litres in the city. By not fixing meters, the Board suffered a revenue loss ₹1,209 crore. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in a report said analysis of the monthly water lifted from source showed that water available for supply to the HMWS&SB area ranged from 109.69 to 118.19 litres per person per day during 2013-18.

The actual supply of water, as reflected in the monthly bills of domestic customers, ranged from 66 to 71 litres during 2013-18.

The CAG said the difference between gross availability per person (based on quantity lifted) and actual supply per domestic connection (based on monthly bills) is due to water losses during transmission and distribution and water supplied beyond the Board's jurisdiction and to other consumers.

An analysis of the data furnished by the HMWS&SB revealed that the Board assessed water supply at 120-140 litres per person a day by using faulty methods.

Lack of coordination costs Board ₹5.17 cr

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) stated that lack of coordination between the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) and TS Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) has resulted overspending of ₹5.17 crore.

The Water Board, the CAG said, accorded administrative sanction in August 2012 to Phase

III of the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project costing ₹1,670 crore to bring water to Hyderabad. It was commissioned in December 2015.

Audit scrutiny showed that after receiving administrative sanction, the Water Board did not immediately inform the power utility. In March 2013, the TSSPDCL, unaware of the sanction of water pipeline, laid an underground power cable on the same route at a cost of ₹5.58 crore. The power cable got

damaged in January 2014 during digging of trial pits for laying the pipeline. A joint inspection by the Water Board and TSSPDCL found in December 2014 that it would not be possible to accommodate the power cable and water pipeline in a 6.3-km stretch from the P.V. Narasimha Rao Expressway Pillar 117 (Karwan substation) to Pillar 293 (Sivarampally). The Water Board requested the TSSPDCL to reroute the new cable and paid the cost of the exercise.

The Water Board, the CAG said, accorded administrative sanction in August 2012 to Phase

82% CONSUMERS IN HYDERABAD DO NOT HAVE WATER METERS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Eighty-two per cent city consumers do not have water meters, and that is a major challenge in measuring the actual amount of water consumed, the CAG has said in a report, covering the years 2013-18 presented in the Assembly on Friday.

To be able to measure the quantity of water used by individual units, the state government

has since the last three years made installing of the meter mandatory for residential and bulk connections in gated communities and commercial zones.

This would help to understand the actual number of unaccounted customers and ascertain those who are drawing water illegally in the supply chain. The new scheme offering 20,000 litres free makes installation of water meters mandatory.

2 CENTRAL PRISONS FACE OVERCROWDING OF INMATES: CAG

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Prisons are facing issues of overcrowding in two of three Central prisons, non-segregation of women convicts and undertrials, among others, the CAG report said on Friday. The audit also observed that during the period 2014-19, eight prisoners had escaped of whom three were at large as of September 2020.

The report noted that vacancies were at 30 per cent, suggesting lack of adequate manpower. It said the state has not prepared a manual, which could have provisions for inclusive participation and prisoners' welfare such as prisoners' panchayat and board of visitors. Industrial training for skill development and employment opportunities to facilitate their rehabilitation are not available to prisoners and the wages paid are not rationalised, said the report. It said a draft prison manual had been submitted to the government in September 2016 but had not been approved till May 2020.

8 PSUs suffer ₹5,433 cr loss

L VENKAT RAM
REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

on investment ranged between minus 10.23 and minus 17.64 per cent. Huge losses of the discoms during 2014-19 had contributed to the overall losses.

As against the paid-up capital of ₹17,770 crore, the accumulated losses reported by these PSUs were ₹28,426 crore, resulting in negative net worth of ₹10,655 crore.

Against the aggregate turnover of these PSUs in 2018-19 of ₹66,979 crore, amounting to 7.78 per cent of the GSDP and total investment ₹46,266 crore.

Of the eight, SCCL, TS Genco and TS Transco earned a profit of ₹2,587 crore and TS Southern Discom (TSSPDCL, TSNPDCL) incurred loss of ₹8,018 crore. TSREDCL, ATPL, CL incurred a marginal loss of ₹2,44 crore while TPFL broke even.

The rate of real return

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY		GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA	
E-Tender Notice No. 79 of 2020-21 (Open)-Engg/DDU		O/o. Regional Officer, PR Mahabubnagar	
NIT.No.311-327/2020-21	Tender Notice	Dated.25.03.2021	
No. of Works-(17) Construction of 2 BHK houses (10) independent houses at Medibai Thanda (Old), Gandpur (M), Wanaparthi District and PHC Building in Narayanpet Districts. Total ECV: ₹290.40 Lakh. The Tenders will be available on eprocurement https://tenders.telangana.gov.in from 30.03.2021 to 07.04.2021. Further details can be had from the Office.			Sd/- Regional Officer, PR Mahabubnagar

PSPCL		Punjab State Power Corporation Limited	
Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001		Corporate Identity No: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in	(Contact number 9846118721)
Tender Enquiry No.	QW-287/PO-W	Dated.25.03.2021	
Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of 94,000 Nos. Earth Rods of Prime Mild Steel Round 20mm confirming to IS: 2062/1992 (Grade-A Quality) and sectional details as per IS: 1732/1989 (with latest editions) and tolerance as per IS: 1852/1985. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 26.03.2021 from 1.00 pm onwards.			
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IN BRIEF

39,790 receive first dose of jab

Hyderabad: The government said that 39,790 beneficiaries have been administered the Coronavirus vaccine as on March 25, taking the total to 10,85,091. The percentage of vaccine wastage is 0.77. The first dose has been given in 659 centres to 20,516 senior citizens, 13,178 from age group of 45-59 years, 1,056 healthcare workers and 983 frontline workers. The second dose has been administered to 2,026 healthcare workers and 2,031 frontline workers.

Gallery collapse victim succumbs

Hyderabad: A person who was injured when a portion of a spectator gallery collapsed on Monday during the 47th junior national-level kabaddi tournament in Suryapet, died on Friday. The victim, G. Saidulu, a resident of Church Compound, Suryapet, was among the 80 injured in the incident. Four persons including Saidulu who sustained serious injuries were rushed to Hyderabad and are being treated at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences. BJP state president Bandi Sanjay visited the hospital and consoled Saidulu's family. He demanded ₹10 lakh ex gratia to the victim's family and demanded an inquiry into the incident.

Inter Board plans 'at-home' exams

TSBIE to seek govt approval for proposal

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The Board of Intermediate Education has proposed to conduct the upcoming Intermediate examinations in at-home assignment format due to the shutdown of educational institutions in the state that was ordered by the government.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Calling it "irrational and illogical", the Telangana Recognised Schools' Management Association (TRSMA), a private schools welfare body, on Friday condemned the shutting down of schools barely a month after they reopened.

TSBIE secretary Syed Omar Jaleel told *Deccan Chronicle* that because there is no other way to conduct the exams starting April 1, the department will send the proposal to the government to seek an approval.

"The Ethics and Human Values exam scheduled from April 1-3 cannot be held offline, therefore we see this is the best option in front of us at this point in time. We are waiting for the government to give a go-ahead," he said.

• **THE DEPARTMENT** will send the proposal to the government to seek an approval.

time in my life, I have had to worry about my family without any money because parents didn't wish to pay the fee. Nobody is bothered about how we are living", said Ramana Rao, a language teacher at Bhagvati School in Khammam.

P Sudhakar, teacher at Pragati School, Hyderabad, said some teachers had started getting nominal salaries once the schools reopened. With the switch back to online classes, he was worried that the teaching community, especially in schools, will once again struggle for survival.

The TRSMA pointed out that the education department had failed to declare the academic calendar and assessment schedule since online classes began in September.

TS records 518 new Covid cases

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The state recorded more than 500 Covid-19 cases for the first time this year. The health department reported that there were 518 new cases on Thursday, 157 of them in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area which mark another high.

The last time the GHMC had seen such a surge was in June 2020, officials said. The department said that 44 cases were recorded in Medchal

Malkajgiri and 38 in Ranga Reddy district. Besides, Nizamabad 29, Sangareddy 21, Karimnagar 18 and Nalgonda with 15 cases also reported higher numbers.

The caseload reached 3,05,309 on Thursday, and three deaths took the toll to 1,683. The department said 57,548 samples had been tested during the day. There were 3,995 active cases, 1,767 of them in home and institutional isolation.

Hospitals said the new cases were mild in nature and the response of a large section of patients was encouraging, but those with comorbid conditions of diabetes, hypertension, cancers and other underlying diseases presented a challenge. Patients are still reporting late due to a misunderstanding of the symptoms of fatigue, muscle pains, headaches and diarrhoea. Government has asked people to wear masks properly, maintain physical distancing and follow hand washing when they touch any objects.



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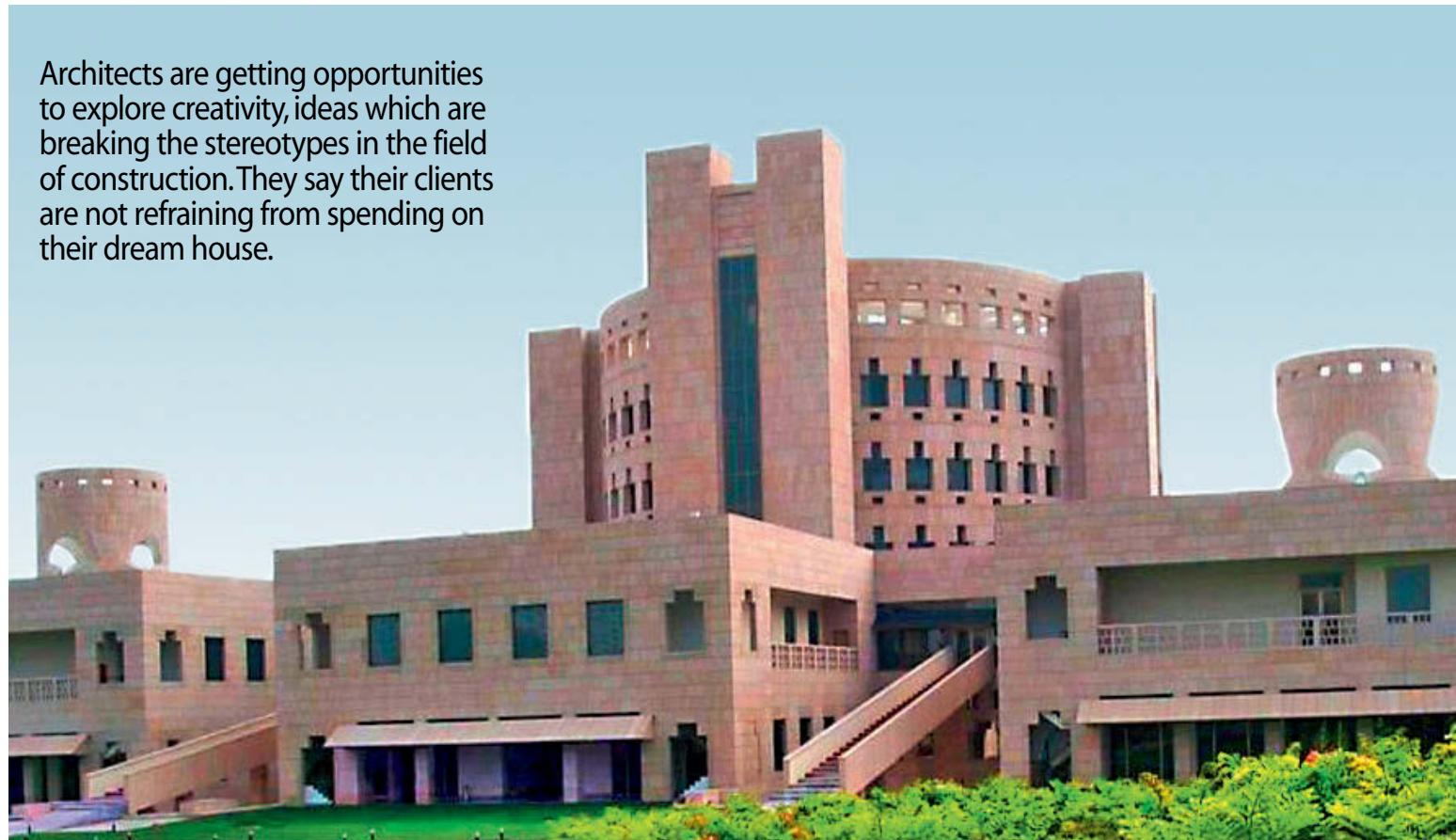
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The Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, a symbol of modern architecture

Architects giving vision to people's dream home

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL

The architecture in Telangana has witnessed a strong shift over the past few years, from the traditional to the modern. Hyderabad, a cosmopolitan city, has seen all types of traditional styles of architecture, with most of the existing buildings constructed until a few decades ago, being a combination of style and science. In recent times, the skill of an architect has come into recognition, with bold and innovative architects getting chances for experimentation, showcasing their talents resembling Howard Roark — the popular fictional character in Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*.

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Over a time, Hyderabad and its surrounding areas were densely populated, with the city witnessing a lot of in-bound migration,

with the newcomers adopting the city, adding to the demand for construction. Introduction of newer designs, be it for independent houses or group housing, also helped. A great demand for a new thinking emerged out of this, with new styles, that offer coverage with maximum utility of space dovetailing the concepts of owner's dream beginning to reflect even on the facades of some buildings.

Meghana Shekar, a new generation architect, who freelances for various projects across the country, says, "My experience working for various construction companies and individuals, is that when a client approaches, he or she may not have a very clear picture of what exactly they want. They come with a collage of ideas. People are different from each other. I make sure I understand their cultural background, and listening gives me more information about the

image of the dream home what they want. As a professional, every project I work on is challenging as I am ultimately responsible for it."

Elipay Bharathi, of Designlab, which is an architecture firm at the PSPA Junction, says

"There has been a lot of change in the requirement

in the housing s e g m e n t .

Earlier, houses used to be for living and purely utilitarian. But now, they are b e c o m i n g more of social status and the owners want to show their homes to their friends and extended families. Common

areas were made bigger and bed rooms have been made smaller, kitchens have been attached to halls. Overall, constructions have become more stylish."

She adds: "A decade or two ago, there used to be enough space for construction. Now, with open spaces coming at a premium, we have to look into how to make the best of it and

design a home that meets the client's dreams and aspirations. Vertical structures too come with their own challenges, and these demand space for elevators and stairs, with duplex or triples homes installing elevators. Exposure to media, access to information on home design, have given clients more new styles and trends to opt for."

Sonia Gala, an architect and IGBC says that throughout her collaborations with many individuals as well as companies, she found that "initially, the awareness for architectural services was low. When the boom in the construction sector, and the demand grew, clients came forward to experiment with new innovative trends and were ready to spend." She says "Usage of sunlight and the wind movement are becoming more important while designing, and clients are increasingly environment friendly. They emphasise on less carbon footstep."

She added that creativity of architects is resulting in the city turning into a beautiful one and at the same time making living spaces more comfortable and elegant.

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Ponzi pre-sales to lure buyers

DC CORRESPONDENT

An alleged Ponzi scheme may be gaining a strong foothold in the state with some unscrupulous land developers collecting huge sums of money from unsuspecting home buyers without even obtaining a single statutory permission for a housing project.

According to top CREDAI officials, home buyers are being promised houses under what some developers call 'undivided share(UDS)/pre-sales' schemes, with the catch being that the prospective home owner must pay, upfront, 100 per cent of the house cost he or she wants to buy from such a developer.

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The government, they said, should ensure such fly by night operators do not cheat vulnerable people who may stand to lose their hard earned life's savings. These people are trying to sell the land without any permission. They do not even have any plans to show, he said.

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Army's male bias: Slap on the wrist for now from SC

The Supreme Court's verdict on petitions filed by women officers seeking permanent commission in the Indian Army and Navy goes beyond the direction to grant the commission to eligible Short service Commission (SSC) officers. The judgment is an indictment of male-dominated society in which women are discriminated against in almost all spheres of competitive human activity. The clarion call for change as "structures of our society are created by males for males" is based on sharp insights into outright gender bias. It would serve society best if the armed forces, traditionally served by men, could be made to reform and present a level playing field and set a great example of the equality of the sexes.

An entrenched mindset shaped by history should not come in the way now of disbanding systematic and structural inequality. Men may freely acknowledge the heroic deeds of the great fighting women of history like Jhansi Rani but they would do nothing to give aspiring women warriors their due place in the modern forces. The traditional view that women are unsuited to combat roles may have caused these deep-seated inhibitions about promoting women even when they are otherwise as qualified as men who take up a career in the armed forces. The glass ceiling may have been broken by the likes of Gunjan Saxena, who became an IAF fighter pilot, but it is the systemic discrimination that works against women in the Army and Navy that must be dismantled.

The methodology of discrimination whereby evaluation criteria adopted by the Army to benchmark women officers with the lowest credentials of their male counterparts and to freeze their ACR evaluation at the fifth or tenth year of their service was found to be as "irrational and arbitrary" as the insidious patriarchal system of mankind down the ages. The Army was also pulled up for its attitude in not considering the women's eligibility despite an order of the Delhi high court. The heart of the matter, however, transcends the blame game situation. Equality should be upheld as a foundational principle governing modern life rather than just systemic correction in the forces. This is a transformational verdict and not mere rendering of justice in the specific cases of about 80 women who sued.

The professional environment is what has made the Indian military one of the most powerful forces in the world. A structural correction now would go some way towards enhancing the framework. Incidentally, the MoD decision to allow retired short service commission officers to use their ranks after leaving the Army may have been late by a few decades. It represents a change of thinking in recognising the contribution of SSC officers who could serve as long as 14 years these days. The continued use of their rank could make "service" more attractive to the youth even as it corrects another historical wrong of discrimination against a section of officers who serve in the same conditions as those permanently commissioned. It is a great sign that the Army is modernising in more ways than one.

Free speech: A morality tale

It was refreshing to find the Supreme Court last Thursday quash an FIR against *Shillong Times* editor Patricia Mukhim who had spoken out against the physical attack on non-tribal people, a small minority, by local tribal youth in a Facebook post last July.

In a judgment that will be remembered for long, the bench of Justice L. Nageswara Rao and S. Ravindra Bhat said, "Free speech of the citizens of this country cannot be stifled by implicating them in criminal cases." The judgment written by Justice Rao also pointed out, "Disapprobation of governmental inaction can't be branded as an attempt to promote hatred between different communities."

The SC said the Facebook post would indicate that the editor's agony was directed against the apathy shown by the Meghalaya CM, the DGP and the Dorgai Shnong (the local tribal council) in not taking action against the culprits.

Last November, the Meghalaya high court had turned down Ms Mukhim's petition to quash the criminal proceedings. The high court had appeared to fail to grasp a simple matter when it declared, even in an open and shut case such as this, that the investigating agency should be given a "free hand". The bench had basically ducked the issue. The stinging rebuke of the top court evidently applies to the high court as well.

It will be in the fitness of things if the civil society and political parties quote the apex court judgment in the Mukhim case and ask the executive, the police and elements in the higher judiciary some questions.

In countless cases against respected social activists, university students, journalists and editors, and political opponents of the establishment, the judiciary has looked the other way, offering no relief in citizen versus State matters and in matters concerning upright citizens versus lumpen gangs owing allegiance to the establishment. In practically each case, among other criminal provisions these entities were also charged with Section 153-A (promoting enmity between different classes of people) of the Indian Penal Code, a key provision under which Ms Mukhim was charged. This is why the Thursday judgment is a wider morality tale.

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"The verses say that I shall know
Even as I am known.
But in the confusion of days
Into which we're thrown

*There is no fate, no written plan —
We all do exactly what we can
With no thought to a future karma
Though trees whisper and rivers murmur.*

— From KeyGul The Seagull, by Bachchoo

BoJo facing flak over 'legal' graft, dodging of tax & the 'nanny state'

I suppose defiance is as ugly a word as mutiny and both come to mind this week in lockdown Albion as hundreds of protesters march and gather to challenge and defy restrictions to their freedom of movement and association.

Some of these protesters, and the pundits who urge them on in the media, are right wing purists who believe that the State shouldn't interfere in people's freedom to work, move, go to pubs and shops or travel, regardless of the fact that thousands have died through doing these things because of Covid-19.

Other protesters are eccentric theorists, some who deny that the Covid-19 virus exists at all, others who see con-

siderations of all sorts and perhaps some who probably assert that there are giant lizards in the cosmos who control the universe through lizard using lizard fields and lizard microchips hidden in vaccines. And then there are the goons who attend the rallies to fight the police who turn up to arrest those who violate the lockdown.

In Parliament, there are those Tory stalwarts who accuse BoJo's government of being anti-Tory and non-Conservative as it proposes lockdowns and passes legislation to enforce the proposition counting on the volunteered support of the Labour Party.

Commentators on platforms like the *Daily Telegraph* (for which BoJo was until recently a regular columnist) profess bewilderment at what they characterise as "socialistic" restraints on the freedom of the individual. The term for such governments is "the nanny state", which forbids this and that and punishes you for breaking the rules, however sensible these rules are. They are, BoJo and his advisers insist, directed at saving lives and seeing that the National Health Service is not overwhelmed.

His government has, because of the Covid-19 crisis, done some peculiar

things for a Conservative Party to have contemplated or proposed. Very many of their proposals and actions remain true to the ideological biases and predilections of conservative Conservatism. The Freeport and Export policies of this government are in line with what one would expect, regardless of the fact that any fool knows that Freeports, though touted as a boost for the economy, will only result in dodgy money-laundering investments and cause the loss of jobs in the country as capital shifts to the provided low-tax enclosures. Freeports are also known all over the world as light regulation conduits for drug trafficking.

As for the new immigration policies, related now to the "deport" agenda, they will deprive several British industries and sectors of vital labour and lead to a decline in these industries worse than that caused by Covid-19.

There are other ways in which BoJo's government behaves in an unsurprising manner. Its ministers have, during the Covid year, handed out several million-pound contracts to friends, relatives and individuals and companies who have gifted the Tory party sums of money. The contracts

are mostly for necessary tasks such as the testing, tracing and tracking of the Covid spread. It is alleged that these have been handed, without being put out to competitive tender, to organisations owned or concocted by cronies who have no experience of the tasks for which they are getting paid millions of taxpayers' money. I say "alleged", gentle reader, because though the media have been tracking and tracing this corruption, it's not a legally proven crime or misdemeanour — yet! It may soon be as there is a public demand for an independent inquiry into the process of handing out these contracts. And guess what? Boris Johnson says no such inquiry is necessary. Everything is above board. Now will there be attempts to bury that board so that everything is above it?

Watch this space.

Apart from the lockdowns this government has imposed, it has moved, through its noble chancellor of the exchequer Rishi Sunak, in what again some Tories and commentators see as an anti-Conservative way. He has announced the raising of corporation tax — albeit two years in the future, but with the current budget voted on, it

passes into law. Rishi says this is necessary to make up for the unprecedented loss of revenue that the economy and consequently the treasury has suffered through this plague year.

If I was the chancellor, gentle reader, I would examine several other avenues to put the economy to rights. The first among these would be the tax-dodgers. Notable amongst these are the owners of national right-wing oriented newspapers — the *Daily Telegraph*'s owners and Lord Rothermere, the owner of the *Daily Mail* group, are Britons who have registered themselves as citizens of other countries and have used loopholes in British tax laws to avoid paying millions into the British exchequer.

There are other multinational companies who trade here but register themselves abroad and dodge British taxes. And then there are the individuals who register as non-domiciled persons, or "non-doms", who can bring their money from internationally registered earnings and spend it in Britain but pay no tax. If this applied to, say, the wife of a Cabinet minister with imported earnings from abroad, it would be a prime bit of "legal" corruption, wouldn't it?

Subhani

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National interests hurt if politics, diplomacy mixed



K.C. Singh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, of course, has no inhibitions about electioneering from any platform, in India or abroad

LETTERS

HIKE PENSIONS

It is sad that the government does not consider those who are struggling to manage with ₹1,000 pension. With the decision to raise the amount to ₹3,000 being put in cold storage, I request the government to hike the pension amount as they increased it for former MLAs and MLCs (*Pension hike for ex-MLAs, MLCs, DC, March 26*).

Nanda Kishore
Hyderabad

It is ironical that while pension to government employees are withdrawn, it is being increased for lawmakers. Telangana gives highest pension to lawmakers. The state's resources cannot be looted by the politicians who are supposed to imbibe service motto.

P.R. Ravinder
Hyderabad

COVID VACCINATION

India's Covid vaccination drive is suffering due to lukewarm response by private hospitals and people's apprehensions, especially in rural areas. It is a pity political parties failed to give wide publicity as they are busy with election campaigns. There is an urgent need to reach out to people in this regard like the way Jandhan zero balance accounts were opened in 2014. Vaccines must be door delivered.

Kshirasagara Balaji Rao
Hyderabad

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Freedom for Bangla Desh: Mujib declaration

SHILLONG, March 26

Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, speaking over 'Swadhin Bangla' (Free Bengal) Betar Kendra today proclaimed the birth of an independent Bangla Desh.

The unilateral declaration of independence (UDI), long considered a possibility, was made shortly before Gen. Yahya Khan went on the air in the west wing to announce that the Army had been instructed to reassess its authority in Pakistan's east wing.

"We shall not die like cats and dogs, shall not die as worthy children of Bangladesha (Mother Bengal)," Mr. Rehman declared defiantly.

SHORT TAKES

SECTT.: STONES FOR THREE PLACES OF WORSHIP AT ONE GO

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The foundation stone for the new mosque in the Telangana Secretariat premises to replace the one that was brought down last year during the demolition of the complex, will be laid along with those for a temple and church, legislative affairs minister V. Prashant Reddy informed the Legislative Assembly on Friday.

Prashant Reddy said Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao planned to start the work on all three houses of prayer at the same time.

"The construction of all three will be completed before inauguration of the Secretariat," the minister said.

Prashant Reddy was responding to questions from AIMIM members on when the foundation stone for the mosque will be laid. The Majlis MLAs wanted the same to be done before the month of Ramzan begins in mid-April.

HC slaps ₹5,000 fine on Siddipet collector

Official delays filing affidavit in contempt petition

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

The Telangana High Court imposed ₹5,000 costs on Siddipet collector Venkatrami Reddy for a delay in filing the reply affidavit in a contempt petition filed by an oustee of the Kaleshwaram project.

The court had directed that the land belonging to one Nagaiah of Vemulghat village be taken only after he was paid compensation and extended the rehabilitation package. The order was violated and the land was taken over.

Nagaiah filed a contempt case upon which, the court sought the collector's contention. Counsel for the government submitted that the collector

the orders of the court passed 10 three ago had not been implemented.

The court had issued the orders when Vikas Raj was principal secretary, Panchayat Raj. He was subsequently transferred to the GAD. Government counsel on behalf of Vikas Raj submitted that the government order had been issued and the court orders would be complied within two months.

The single judge bench of Justice M.S. Ramach-

andra Rao was angered by the reply and observed that the court does not want reasons for the delay or whether the GO was issued or not.

The bench directed that all the workers in government schools, who are getting a meagre amount in the range of ₹1,623 to ₹4,000 per month should be paid ₹13,000 (the existing minimum time pay scale in 2018) by the end of April. Otherwise, the officers should face consequences, the bench said.

had gone abroad. Observing that the intention of the officials was to delay by giving 'silly

reasons', the court imposed the penalty.

Court slams TS for delay in pay hike to workers

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

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Etala: TS to sack erring doctors

DC CORRESPONDENT

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2 INTERSTATE CRIMINALS ARRESTED, TWO PISTOLS SEIZED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

A Special Operations Team (SOT) of the LB Nagar police nabbed two interstate criminals and seized two

country-made pistols along with four live rounds of 7.65 mm ammunition from them on Friday. The accused, Nanda Kishore and Rohan Rajeev Chandaliya, from Pune, were involved in more than 13 cases and were part of a gang based out of Pune.

The accused belongs to the 'Ravan' gang, is active in the Pimpri-Chinchwad area of Pune.

BJP N'sagar ticket aspirant files papers, stuns leaders

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 26

Before the BJP could finalise its nominee for the Nagarjunasagar bypoll, K. Niveditha Reddy, an aspirant for the party ticket, filed her nomination papers on Friday, taking the leadership by surprise.

This came about even as party state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar was holding meetings with party seniors and Nalgonda leaders to finalise the candidate after analysing data from the constituency, including on the community votes. He also spoke with ticket aspirants

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Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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S&P 500*	3,943.31
Dollar (₹)	72.5
Pound Sterling (₹)	100.00
Euro (₹)	85.50
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	44,081 ▼147
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	64.69
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	4.42
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	6.123
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.641
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.027

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Ex-deputy guy of RBI Chakrabarty passes away

Former deputy governor of Reserve Bank K. C. Chakrabarty passed away following a heart attack on Friday. He was 68. Chakrabarty died at his home in Mumbai suburb Chembur. After his stint at Bank of Baroda, Indian Bank and PNB, the outspoken Chakrabarty had joined the RBI as a DG in 2009 and resigned in 2014, three months before his term ended. Chakrabarty had taught at the Banaras Hindu University.

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Low HNI interest, mkt swing key factors IPOs make tepid debut this week

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High-priced initial public offerings (IPOs) that hit the primary market to take advantage of the bullish share market sentiments have failed to sustain the investors' enthusiasm for such new issues in a market dominated by high net worth, or non-institutional, investors.

On Friday, Kalyan Jewellers and Suryoday Small Finance Bank, which made their stock market debut at 15 per cent and 3.93 per cent discount to their public issue prices.

As the day progressed Kalyan Jewellers, which raised Rs 1,175 crore in the public issue, marginally reduced its losses while Suryoday SFB, which issued shares worth Rs 582 crore, extended the losses. Kalyan Jewellers finally closed at Rs 75.30, down 13.45 per cent from its public issue price of Rs 87 on the BSE while Suryoday SFB closed at Rs 276.20, down 9.44 per cent to its public issue price of Rs 305 on the BSE.

This month, select public offerings have got poor response from high net-worth investors and as result they have also listed at a discount, as the secondary market has also suddenly turned bearish on the second Covid wave surge, said analysts.

On Thursday, shares of auto component maker Craftsman Automation also made a tepid market



debut and closed with a discount of 5 per cent to the issue price of Rs 1,490 at Rs 1,415 on the NSE.

Similarly, Anupam Rasayan India made a weak market debut on Wednesday, falling over 6 per cent against its issue price of Rs 555.

While market response was somewhat muted to IPOs of Suryoday Small Finance Bank (subscribed 2.37 times), Kalyan Jewellers (2.61 times) and Craftsman Automation (3.81 times), Anupam Rasayan had a reasonably good response at 44.06 times subscription.

The relatively low subscriptions in these IPOs were compared to other recent public offerings, which was mainly due to lower high net worth investors' participation.

In contrast, a recent listing, MTAR Technologies, which was subscribed over 200 times, listed at

more than 80 per cent premium and has been rising after its listing on March 15.

The market also turned volatile in the second half of March and companies that are not niche players like MTAR but rushed to the market with their public offerings failed to generate enough response from HNI investors, resulting in their tepid listing.

High net worth individual investors participation decides the listing premium of an IPO, said a person familiar with private market public offerings.

Easy Trip Planners (subscribed 159 times) also saw humble listing gains in a volatile market, Laxmi Organics (subscribed 106 times) with high HNI participation at over 217 times, has managed to do well post-listing.

ADANI GREEN ACQUIRES 75 MW SOLAR PLANTS IN TELANGANA

New Delhi, March 26: Adani Green Energy on Friday said it has acquired 100 per cent stake in two special purpose vehicles (SPVs) that own 75 MW operating solar projects in Telangana from Sterling & Wilson.

The projects, commissioned in 2017, have long-term power purchase agreements (PPA) with the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana. "Adani Green Energy Limited has completed acquisition of 100 per cent of the share capital and all the securities of Surakiran Technologies Private Limited and Dinkar Technologies Private Limited from Sterling & Wilson Private Limited," it said in a BSE filing.

Earlier this week, Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) had signed definitive agreements with Sterling & Wilson, a Shapoorji Pallonji group company, for the acquisition. The enterprise value of the two SPVs is Rs 446 crore, the company had said.

With this acquisition, AGEL will increase its operating renewable capacity to 3,470 MW with a total renewable portfolio of 15,240 MW, it had said.

Vneet S Jaain, MD and CEO, AGEL, had said, "Strengthening our portfolio through organic and inorganic growth opportunities is an integral part of our vision."

—PTI

No El Nino or La Nina; close to normal monsoon this year

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India's all-important monsoon will probably be close to normal this year amid the absence of El Nino or La Nina weather patterns during the four-month wet season, according to AccuWeather Inc.

The monsoon, which typically runs from June to September, is considered normal when total rainfall is between 96 per cent and 104 per cent of the national average of just over 88 centimeters (35 inches), the weather forecaster said.

"It doesn't look like a drought year across India," Jason Nicholls, a senior meteorologist at AccuWeather in Pennsylvania, said in a



response to questions. "We are leaning toward a close to normal monsoon overall for the nation."

The wet season is critical for Indian agriculture as it not only irrigates fields directly, but also fills reservoirs for crops sown in the winter. It shapes the livelihood of millions of rural Indians and influences food prices. Insufficient rainfall in the country, the

world's second-largest producer of rice and wheat, often leads to drinking-water shortages, lower crop output and higher imports of commodities like edible oils.

About 60 to 90 per cent of India's total annual rainfall occurs during the monsoon, except for the state of Tamil Nadu that gets only about 35 per cent of its rainfall during the period, according to the India Meteorological Department.

"There is some concern the Indian Ocean Dipole goes negative in late summer or early autumn, which may mean rainfall comes up short of normal in northwest India with an easing of monsoon rains later in the season," Nicholls said.

—Bloomberg

PALM OIL IMPORT TO SOAR AS USERS SHUN PRICEY OILS

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Palm oil purchases by India will probably jump almost 11 per cent this year, with a relatively faster rise in prices of competing cooking oils prompting some users to switch to the tropical oil.



Imports of palm oil by the nation, where consumption of fried foods generally surges during festivals, wedding seasons and long holidays, may climb to 8 million tonnes in the year ending in October, according to the median of six estimates in a Bloomberg survey of traders, analysts and importers.

Still, overall edible oil use

prices some demand destruction is happening," said Sandeep Bajoria, chief executive officer of Mumabi-based Sunvin Group.

Soybean oil imports will likely drop to 3.25 million tonne in 2020-21, from 3.38 million tonne a year earlier, while sunflower oil purchases may slump to 1.75 million tonne, from 2.52 million tonne, according to the survey. India may buy 12.6 million tonne of edible oils in 2020-21, Dorab Mistry, director of Godrej International Ltd, said at a seminar this week.

Some consumers may shift to palm oil from other oils, said G.G. Patel, managing partner of GGN Research.

—Bloomberg

GAMES

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Srihitha is golf junior champ

Hyderabad: Hyderabad golfer Srihitha Mandava emerged winner at the Shubhangi Sharma All India Junior Invitational golf tournament held at Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club in Hyderabad.

Srihitha scored 77 to finish ahead of Lavanya Jadon (81) and Lavnika Chordia (82) in the event contested by 40 golfers.

One-wicket win for Yadadri

Hyderabad: Siddipet and Yadadri scored contrasting victories in the Telangana Cricket Association's U-19 Inter Districts West-Central Zone tournament at IOC Grounds in Gajwel. Siddipet chased down Medchal's 113 with seven wickets in hand while Yadadri made 186 thanks to a half-century by Rohit (58) and edged out Vikarabad by one run despite an unbeaten 63 by Aman.

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- Medchal 113 in 22 overs (Karan 32, Charandeep 3/24, P. Rajesh 2/29) lost to Siddipet 116/3 in 14.2 overs (A. Sumanth 58).
- Yadadri 186 in 25 overs (Rohit 58, Praveen 3/18, R. Mahender Goud 3/34) beat Vikarabad 185/6 in 25 overs (Aman 63 n.o., Abhyasai 30, Pavan Kumar 2/22).

Live on TV

FOOTBALL
European Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup:
Portugal vs Slovakia 7pm, 7pm
Sony Ten 1; The Netherlands vs Latvia from 10.30 pm on Sony Ten 2; Serbia vs Portugal from 1.15 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2; Czech Republic vs Belgium from 1.15 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 1

Vamshi, Arfaz are best bowlers

Rohit, Wasiq, Saketh, Aravind, Rajashekhar, Om, Raghavan, Aashay also shine

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