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WEATHER

Max: 30.6°C
Min: 16.4°C
RH: 47%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partially cloudy.
Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 30/16 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+13,753)	(+184)
1,04,79,628	1,51,362
covid19india.org	
(+224)	(+1)
TS: 2,90,008	1,566
(+121)	(+2)
AP: 8,85,037	7,131

CASES AROUND THE WORLD	
9,09,46,072	
DEATHS	19,47,428
COUNTRIES AREAS WITH CASES	218
worldometers.info/coronavirus	

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Dakshinayana
Tithi: Margasira Bahula Chaturdasi till 12.24 pm
Star: Mula till 7.37 am; then Purvashadha till 6.21 pm
Variyam: Shesha Variyam up to 7.37 am; 4.43 pm to 6.14 pm
Durmuhuram: 9.05 am to 9.50 am; 11.06 pm to 11.58 pm
Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Jamadi-ul-Awwal 27, 1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajr: 5.45 am
Zohar: 12.34 pm
Asar: 4.23 pm
Maghrib: 6.05 pm
Isha: 7.17 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.49 AM
SUNSET TODAY 5.59 PM
MOONSET 5.11 PM
MOONRISE 5.51 AM

COUNTER POINT



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massive power outage!

SHORT TAKES

Virushka blessed with baby girl

New Delhi: A baby girl was born to cricketer Virat Kohli and actress Anushka Sharma on Monday. "We are thrilled to share with you that we have been blessed with a baby girl this afternoon. We thank you all for your love, prayers and good wishes. Anushka and the baby are both healthy and we are feeling beyond blessed to start this new chapter of our lives. We hope you can respect our privacy," Kohli tweeted.

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Democrats introduce impeachment article



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Vihari and Ashwin save Test for India

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Given gloomy box office, actresses skip promotions

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Flight record



The all-women crew of the inaugural flight of Air India from San Francisco to Bengaluru, from left, Capt. Papagari Thanmai, Capt. Zoya Aggarwal, Capt. Akansha Sonware and Capt. Shivani Manhas pose for a photo after the landing of their maiden flight, at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru, on Monday. They flew on the Polar route over the North Pole region instead of the traditional Pacific Ocean Hong Kong or Singapore route. The non-stop 16,000 km flight started at 8.30 pm (local time) on Saturday and landed at 3.07 am on Monday. — PTI

SC hints at panel on farm laws

To stay implementation of laws till committee submits report

PARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, JAN. 11

The Supreme Court on Monday expressed its strong disappointment with the Narendra Modi government's handling of the farmers' agitation seeking the repeal of three controversial farm laws. The court indicated that it intends to set up a committee that will examine the laws, and till it submits its report the implementation of the laws will be put on hold.

As the farmers' agitation entered Day 48 on Monday, Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde expressed anguish over the agitating farmers, braving the biting cold of

winter. CJI Bobde, heading a bench that also comprised Justices A.S. Bopanna and V. Ramasubramanian, said: "We propose to form a committee and if the government does not (on its own offer not to enforce the laws), then we will stay the implementation of the farm laws. We are doing this because you have failed to solve the problem. The government has to take responsibility. The laws have resulted in a strike and now you have to resolve the strike."

Attorney-general K.K. Venugopal resisted the suggestion to stay the laws. In an apparent concession, CJI Bobde said that they will put on hold

their implementation, making a distinction between the stay of a law and the stay of its implementation. The court said staying the implementation of the laws will ease tensions and prevent the situation getting violent.

Objecting to any stay of the farm laws, Mr Venugopal asserted the laws were beneficial for farmers, and said: "The laws are within the legislative competence of Parliament and are intended to benefit the farmers."

The court recalled that in past hearings, it had given the Centre an option to make a statement that it will not go ahead with the implementation of the laws.

The court heard the arguments from advocate general S. Sriram, SEC's standing counsel N. Ashwani Kumar, standing counsel for SEC and state election commissioner N. Ashwani Kumar and assistant solicitor general for Union of India represented by its secretary to the ministry of health and family welfare and also Union of India represented by home secretary, N. Haranath.

Discomforted over the court's taking a dim view of the Centre's handling of the agitation, solicitor general Tushar Mehta protested and said that the court's observations were "harsh", insisting the government did its best to break the deadlock and resolve the issue.

"You did your best, but it did not seem to have any effect", CJI Bobde then quipped.

The court is likely to pronounce orders on Tuesday on issues related to farm laws and the farmers' protests at Delhi's borders and may take a call on setting up a panel headed by a former Chief Justice to find ways to resolve the impasse.

AP High Court dismisses SEC local election order

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 11

In a major relief to the state government busy with the Covid-19 vaccination programme, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday suspended the order of the State Election Commission (SEC) to hold gram panchayat polls.

Issuing an interim order, the court posted the case for next hearing on February 15.

Vacation bench judge Justice M. Ganga Rao heard the petition filed by the state government seeking declaration of schedule of elections for local bodies, imposing the model code of conduct and the consequential proceedings banning

transfers, as arbitrary as "illegal" on the ground they violated Article 14 of the Constitution.

The government also urged the court to issue a direction to the SEC to stop further proceedings relating to the election process.

The Judge stated that the SEC issued the order for conduct of gram panchayat polls without holding proper consultations with the state government even as the Supreme Court had directed the SEC earlier to do so.

The court opined that the impugned decision of the SEC was violative of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

"The SEC's decision to conduct elections would

hamper the mammoth vaccination programme taken up by the Centre. It would also seriously affect the state government's efforts to check the Covid-19 spread as also its mutation, affecting the public health," the court observed.

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If the macroeconomic environment worsens into a severe stress scenario, the GNPA ratio may escalate to 14.8 per cent, the report said. "The stress tests indicate that the GNPA ratio of all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) may increase from 7.5 per cent in September 2020 to 13.5 per cent by September 2021 under the baseline scenario," the FSR report added.

— PTI

RBI warns NPA of banks will rise to 13.5%

Mumbai, Jan. 11: Banks' gross non-performing assets may rise to 13.5 per cent by September 2021, from 7.5 per cent in September 2020 under the baseline scenario, according to Financial Stability Report (FSR) released by the Reserve Bank of India.

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KCR tells officials to be prepared to deal with any emergency

CM prepares TS after talk with PM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao has ordered that the entire state government machinery be fully geared up for successfully implementing the Covid-19 vaccination drive starting from January 16 in Telangana as well as the country.

Addressing a meeting of district collectors, senior officials of various departments and ministers at Pragati Bhavan on Monday, the CM took stock of the

entire situation. Subsequently, he participated in the video conference on Covid-19 vaccination drive addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rao said before the vaccination process starts, officials must put in place each step needed to be taken promptly in case any of the vaccine recipients show an adverse reaction.

A separate room with doctors and medicines must be ready at each vaccination centre to deal with such cases. The Chief Minister said a committee headed by

Chief Secretary will monitor the entire exercise. He wanted all MLAs, MLCs, MPs, ZPTCs, MPPs, and ministers to actively involve themselves in the vaccination drive.

Arrangements are already in place for administering the vaccine at 1,213 centres in the state, which include the Primary Health Centres (PHCs). There are 866 cold chain points for storing and transportation Coronavirus vaccines. Government of India has already decided that Covishield vaccine from Serum Institute of India and Covaxin from Bharat Biotech will be first given to Aasha workers, staff at Anganwadis, and health, police and sanitary personnel, apart from others who are in the frontline during Phase I of the vaccination drive. Subsequently, those over 50 years will be vaccinated. It will be responsibility of police officials to ensure their personnel are vaccinated. Sarpanches and village secretaries will be responsible in making the vaccination a success, the Chief Minister said.

PM: VACCINE FOR HEALTH STAFF FREE

VINEETA PANDEY | DC
NEW DELHI, JAN. 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India aims to achieve vaccination for about 30 crore people in the next few months and added that states will not have to bear the cost of inoculating 3 crore health workers.

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SHORT TAKES
**IRAN ENVOY
MOOTS BARTER
TRADE WITH INDIA**

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

India and Iran have the potential to cater to each other's needs and starting barter trade between the two could help businesses from both countries and contribute to an increase in the volume of two-way trade, according to Mohammad Hossein Bani Asadi, Consul General of Islamic Republic of Iran.

Interacting with members of the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), Bani Asadi hoped that the Preferential Trade Agreement between India and Iran would be signed soon. This will bolster trade, as both countries have huge potential to touch the staggering figure of \$10 billion trade. On the strategic port of Chabahar, he said that along with a transport-and-trade corridor through Afghanistan, the port would give India access to global markets. The construction of this port assumes significance as it will allow bypassing the route for accessing markets in Europe and Central Asia and also save on time and cost of doing business.

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CM wants Dharani ready within a week

Portal aims to bring transparency in land sale, purchase, says KCR

**IREDDY SRINIVAS
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11**

Dharani portal should be up and ready within a week's time, ordered Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao addressing a meeting of district collectors and ministers at the Pragathi Bhavan on Monday. Whatever changes necessary, including additions to the portal, must be completed within this time, the CM underlined.

Government advisers, secretaries and heads of departments also participated in the meeting.

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that Dharani will make sale and purchase of lands 100 per cent transparent. In this regard, he

CHIEF MINISTER
asked district collectors to solve all disputes with regard to transfer of lands in agency areas within a month.

wanted officials to make sale and purchase of agriculture lands more flexible by carrying out within a week necessary modifications in the Dharani. Rao said, "Make the Dharani portal more user-friendly. Create a facility for NRIs to register lands based on their passport number. Modify Dharani in such way that companies and societies should be able to get passbooks for lands that they purchase. Earlier, details of those who did not provide their Aadhaar numbers had not been

uploaded in Dharani. Give them one more chance to do so," he stated.

The Chief Minister asked district collectors to solve all disputes with regard to transfer of lands in agency areas within a month. "Create a facility on Dharani for those who book the slot to cancel or reschedule their slots. The list of prohibited lands should be updated regularly. Make changes as per the court verdicts. Put the land collected by the government from farmers under the Prohibited List. Solve all issues under Part B except those involved in legal litigation. District collectors should examine the applications for regularisation of Sada Bainamas and resolve them. Allow on the portal

a facility to register GPA, SPA and AGPA. Collectors should personally take care of these aspects without leaving the task to their subordinates," the CM underlined.

Rao further asked district collectors to personally take initiative in solving all issues pertaining to the Revenue Department. He asked officials to invite fresh applications for pending mutations and same should also be completed within a week, he said.

The CM pointed out that before formation of Telangana state, maintenance of revenue records was in chaos, leading to litigations and clashes among people. Dharani Portal will put an end to all these, he maintained.

Yuvotsav 2021 to be held today

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Yuvotsav 2021, the 21st National Conference of Student Company Secretaries, will be held in the city on Tuesday to mark the 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Hyderabad chapter, has said.

The conference themed "Charge... Be the change. Believe... Be the best", will be inaugurated virtually by Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan as the chief guest of the event. Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy will be the guest of honour. He will also address the meeting virtually. The ICS is a statutory professional body estab-

lished under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980. It has been founded with the objective of promoting, regulating and developing the profession of company secretaries in the country.

Bharatiya Janata Party MLC N. Ramchander Rao, Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, in-charge vice chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu Univ-

**TS RECORDS 224
NEW COVID-19
CASES, 2 DEATHS**

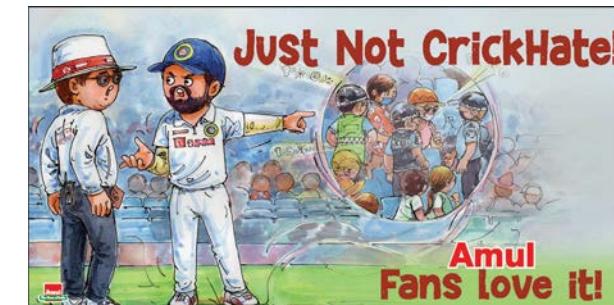
DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

With only 24,785 tests conducted to check for Covid-19 on Sunday, Telangana reported just 224 cases, down from 351 fresh Covid-19 cases on Saturday from 37,451 tests conducted that day.

Two more persons have been reported dead on Sunday after contracting Coronavirus. With this, the state has so far reported 1,565 deaths due to the disease, along with 2,89,784 positive cases since the first Covid-19 patient in Telangana tested positive in Hyderabad on March 2, 2020.

State health department said 415 people have recovered on Sunday while 4,756 patients are still undergoing treatment in hospitals or are under isolation at home.

While Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area recorded 65 new cases, Ranga Reddy accounted for 30 Covid instances, Medchal-Malkajgiri 28, Warangal Urban 18, and Karimnagar 16 cases, while Khammam, Peddapalli and Nalgonda districts too reported new cases in double digits.



OCTOPUS MOCK DRILL TRIGGERS TENSION AMONG LOCALS AT RTC CROSSROADS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

dpally police, the OCTOPUS team were conducting a drill to handle a situation during a road safety security management and operation.

"We feared that it was a bomb squad before the festive season. It was only later when we asked the police, we were told about the drill and asked not to panic," said an area local travelling back home from work.

Fake helmet scam busted, 2 arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

The Cyberabad traffic police spread the dragnet on Monday for fake helmet rackets and arrested two men from Ghaziabad. Police said the menace of distribution, sale and use of low-quality fake helmets is getting worse in the city.

A special team held raids on godowns storing low quality/fake helmets in Cyberabad. Police arrested Dheeraj Kumar and Anil Kumar after 11 FIRs were registered against their companies, targeting O2 helmets by Aashirwad helmets and accessories and those by Welfare enterprises, said the police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar.

As two-wheeler fatalities have increased in the city, it was noticed that two-wheeler riders/pillion riders

were either not wearing helmet or wearing a low-quality ones," said the official.

"Most of such cheap-quality helmets are manufactured in the National Capital Region, Delhi. These units either change a spelling or distort logo of the original brand and sell their low-quality stuff by also resorting to fake ISI stamping. They also show fake certificates to the officials during checks. These helmets are made with cheap plastic, fibre and thermocol materials which cannot bear the weight or pressure of a fall. The manufacturing cost will be anywhere between ₹100 and ₹200 per helmet and these are sold at ₹500 and above," the official said.

The traffic police advised the public to exhibit a sense of self-responsibility and use only quality helmets.

MAN FOUND HANGING ON NIMS CAMPUS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

The body of a man, aged about 45, was found hanging from a tree on the premises of the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) on Monday morning. Police suspect suicide.

The man, suspected to be in his mid forties, was found hanging from the tree

behind the millennium block on the hospital premises.

The hospital authorities informed the Panjagutta police who reached the spot and shifted the body to Osmania General Hospital for a postmortem examination. The police booked a case under section 174 (suspicious death) of CrPC and are investigating.

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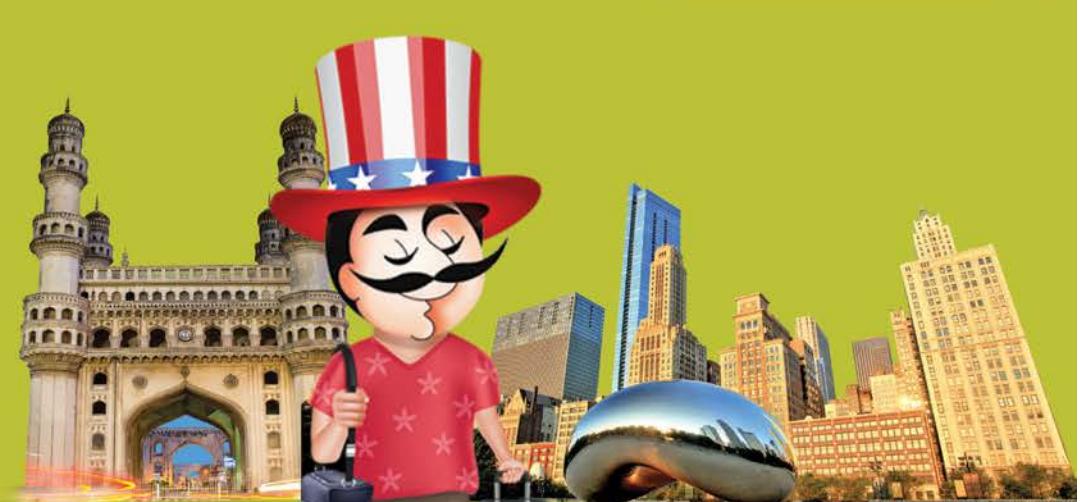
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SHORT TAKES

CONGRESS HOLDS STIR AGAINST FARM LAWS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Telangana Pradesh Congress Party on Monday organised protests against the new farm laws enacted by the central government in front of all district collectorates in the state. Addressing party workers at the Suryapet collectorate, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy demanded that in view of the continued protests by farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi withdraw the anti-farmer agricultural laws. Instead of favouring farmers, he charged that the BJP-led government at the Centre is favouring corporate companies.

"The three new farm laws will end up destroying the peasantry," he remarked.

Uttam Kumar Reddy was also critical of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for being unfair and unethical with regard to farmers in the state. He demanded that the state government procure every crop through IKP (Indira Kranthi Patham) centres at each village. He made it clear that Congress will continue its fight till the government starts purchasing agricultural products from farmers.

He questioned why the state government should not spend at least ₹7,000 crore of its ₹10 lakh crore budget on farmers.

The TPCC chief said that Chandrashekhar Rao's turn around on the new agricultural laws passed by the centre has exposed the "dark deal" between the BJP and TRS. "They fight in *gatti* but have *dosti* in Delhi," he stated. Uttam Kumar Reddy hoped the Congress would win Nagarjunasagar with a good majority. He sought to predict that the BJP will not even get back its deposit.

GOV. URGED TO ENSURE REGULAR V-Cs, FACULTY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

AICC spokesperson Dasoju Sravan criticised Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao for his 'deliberate intentions' to destroy the education system in the state by not appointing regular Vice-Chancellors to several universities.

He slammed the Chief Minister for not filling up thousands of faculty and non-teaching posts, which are vacant in various colleges and universities. He urged the Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan to intervene and direct the Chief Minister to act immediately in this regard. The AICC leader was on Monday speaking at a round-table conference on "Delay in Appointment of Vice Chancellors and other appointments" organised by OU Teaching Association (OUTA) in Osmania University campus.

Dr Sravan said that universities are the modern temples, which not only produce graduates but also transformers of the society. Historically, universities have played a pivotal role in questioning the ruling class and their anti-people policies. He assured OUTA of full support and cooperation in their efforts to present their case before the Governor on appointment of VCs and other teaching staff.

WEBINARS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

The Centre for Women Studies (CWS) of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) in collaboration with Centre for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) here is organising a series of Webinars and other activities aimed at eradicating gender-based violence.

The webinars will begin on January 12, 15, 19, and 27 and conclude on January 29.

According to Prof. Shahida Murtaza, director of CWS, an inaugural session titled 'Awareness campaign for eliminating gender-based violence' will be live-streamed at 11.30am on Tuesday. Dolphy D'Souza, project lead Mumbai of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative will be the chief guest and Ashish Shukla, managing director, CHHANV Foundation the guest of honour. Rekha Sharma, chairperson, NCW, will deliver the keynote address.

Teachers protest



Teachers stage dharna in front of the Hyderabad district collector's office demanding revision of PRC, right to vote in MLC elections to SGSTS, withdrawal of CCS policy and other demands on Monday. — P. SURENDRA

Govt urged to release funds for minorities welfare plans

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

All India Tanzeem Insaf staged a dharna at Haj House demanding prompt release of funds for various schemes meant for minorities.

According to former MP, Aziz Pasha, who led the protest, the overall performance of the Minorities Welfare department and the attitude of the government is disparaging, as the government slashed ₹485.40 crore in the current financial year and did not implement welfare schemes earmarked for minorities in the appropriate manner.

He said due to red-tapism, the sanctioned budget is not being released in time, resulting in a major portion of the budgetary allocation for bank-linked subsidy schemes. He warned if the government does not release funds immediately, they would intensify the protest.

Aziz Pasha said Shaadi Mubarak scheme also got a raw deal in that only ₹142.98 crore was disbursed against the target of ₹300 crore. Although ₹2.35 crore was allocated for promotion and preservation of Urdu language, Urdu Academy spent a paltry ₹51 lakh towards the same. Moazzans and Imams have not been paid their salaries for the last three months, he alleged.

He warned that if the government does not release allocated funds immediately, they would intensify the protest. Mannan, Shamshuddin, Munir Patel, Shaik Nadim, Shafi, Rajender, Ghousia Bee, Ameena Bee, Miya, Mujahid Hashmi of Awami Majlis-e-Amal and others participated in the protest.

remaining unused. The government has decreased the budgetary allocation for bank-linked subsidy schemes, which was ₹160 crore in 2018-19 and is a mere ₹28.31 crore. Incidentally, only ₹12 crore has been spent so far.

NO PAY FOR QQSUDA STAFF SINCE 2 MONTHS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Employees of Quli Qutub Shah Urban Development Authority (QQSUDA) have not been getting salaries since the past two months.

The authority has 168 staff, including 65 regular employees. Their salary bill is approximately ₹7 crore per annum. Its personnel have complained that the file related to disbursement of their salaries is pending with the Finance Department.

"As there has been a delay in clearing the file, we have been deprived of our November and December 2020 pays," a staff disclosed.

QQSUDA was established in 1981 for exclusively developing various areas of the Old City. Chief Minister of the state is also the chairman of the authority.

Still, the institution has remained neglected by successive governments for about two decades now. Currently, it is struggling to survive.

Employees complain that due to negligence by successive governments, Old City development authority has almost become dysfunctional.

Even formation of a separate Telangana state, has not helped the institution is getting sufficient budget to carry out any development activities within its jurisdiction.

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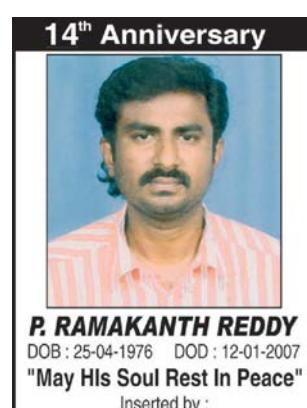
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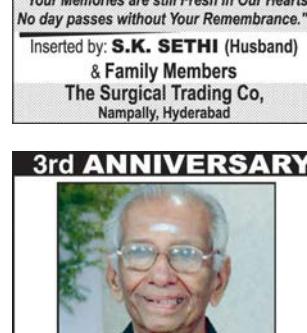
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Shri. T. H. VENKATACHALAM
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Memorial at Narayanguda: 13-10-2020

Everyday without you has been hard

A great soul, you continue to guide us

Inserted by:
Saraha Venkatachalam - (Wife)
Raghav & Vijay - (Sons)
Thara & Sandhya - (Daughters)
& Family Members

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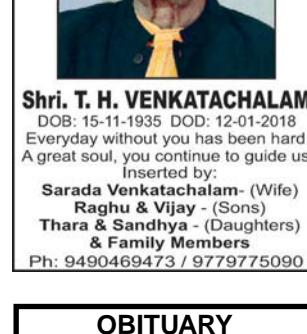
Ms. HEMALATHA SAMUEL
DOB: 24-3-1932 DOD: 12-10-2020

Funeral at Narayanguda: 13-10-2020

Mommy Ammama we love you and miss you

Greatly You were a Loving, Selfless, Generous, Beautiful, Humble, Godly, Upright Soul, Pillar of Strength & Inspiration. You will be Always Greatly Missed and Cherished in our Hearts. You left a deep void in our hearts and irreplaceable. There are no words to express the pain and sadness by your absence. Love you Mummy/Ammama.

Daughter- Shebah Joy
Granddaughter- Sophia



Mr. A.N. NARAYANAN
Passed away on 08th January 2021.
He will always be remembered.

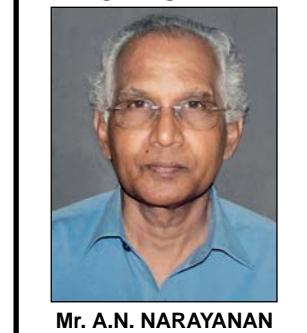
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Mrs. Naina Narayanan & Family



Vijaya/ Mala Bhadhrade
Retd. Teacher DR Dawre School
DOD: 12th January 2020

We miss you every moment in our life, your presence continues to surround us, in our hearts, you are always there.

Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
Ph: 99853 97810, 9100111290



Late Mr. M. KOTESWAR RAO
Retired Engineer HAL
H/o Mrs. Hemalatha

DOB: 12-01-1940 DOD: 07-08-2019

You are the Greatest gift we ever had

from GOD . Blessed be you in Heaven

Inserted by: Wife, Son, Daughters, Son-in-laws, Grand children and all near and dear.



OBITUARY

He died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. (1 Thes. 5:10)

Mrs. ARAVA RACHEL SAVITHRI

W/o. Rev. A.A. Charles Retd. D.E. Telecom

Funeral Service at 10.00 A.M. on 12-01-2021
at Residence No. 12-11-221, Warianguda, Sec-Bad.

thereafter burial at Bhogulada CSI Cemetery 11-01-2021

Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

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Two juveniles held for murder of neighbour

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD JAN. 11

Cyberabad police arrested two juveniles for their involvement in the murder of one Mohd Riyaz, whose body was found packed in a suitcase in Rajendranagar on Sunday.

According to the police, the two juveniles had

teamed with other abducting accused, Sohail, Irfan and his mother Tayyaba, who all hatched a plan to murder Riyaz (26), a resident of Ghousa Nagar, Bandlaguda.

Riyaz and the accused were residents of the same colony and addicted to alcohol and whitener. They used to frequently

quarrel over finances with each other in inebriated condition. Riyaz used to pick up fights with the juveniles demanding money and allegedly harassed and teased his elder sister wherever she visited their residence," said the police. Riyaz has a criminal history and was earlier involved in an attempt

to murder case. The minors were involved in an extortion case. On Friday, the accused hatched a plan to kill Riyaz following constant harassment and bullying. "Accordingly, when Riyaz went to Sohail's house to demand money on Friday, they beat him to death with a boulder and sticks and later packed his body

in an empty suitcase, which they dropped at Rajendranagar and cleaned the house. As Riyaz was missing, his worried wife lodged a complaint and an investigation led to the discovery of the body. Upon interrogating the juveniles, they confessed to the offence on Monday," police said.

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Allow us to do surgeries: Unani docs

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Unani practitioners have demanded that they too be allowed to practise surgery and emergency medication on the same ground the central government recently allowed Ayurveda doctors to do.

Over 8,000 Unani doctors are actively engaged in this treatment in

Telangana. Unani practitioners and their associations would soon send a representation to the Union Government in this respect.

According to Unani doctors, the Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery course is of four-and-a-half years along with a one-year internship.

The course duration is the same as in MBBS. Even in this course, mod-

ern medication and surgery are taught. "Then, why are we not allowed to do these even when Ayurveda doctors have been allowed to do so," they ask. Unani is an ancient form of treating ailments, a system that existed for the past 5,000 years. Allopathy medicine emerged from the roots of Unani. This can treat and cure several chronic diseases and

even some diseases for which Allopathy has no

history. From this emerged modern medicines and treatments. To keep the nation healthy and disease-free, the government should allow Unani practitioners to do surgery and emergency medication." Dr Md Minhuddin Khan, another practitioner said: "Unani medicine system originated in Greece and it came to India 2,000 years ago."

SHORT TAKES
COCKFIGHTS COME UNDER SCANNER DURING SANKRANTI

DC CORRESPONDENT
 KAKINADA, JAN. 11

Police have intensified their drive against the organisation of cockfights during the Sankranti festival by identifying grounds where the traditional fight was organised last year and by warning people against allowing their land to be used for organising the cockfights.

The police levelled the grounds and the fields where some of the organisers were making preparations for the cockfights. The East Godavari police destroyed the grounds under Thondangi, Samalkot and Allavaram police station limits on Monday.

Allavaram sub-inspector B. Prabhakar said notices were issued to 60 farmers, who had allowed their land to be used for cockfights last year, in his police station limits. He also warned them not to lease or allow gamblers to organise cockfights. "If the orders were violated, action would be taken according to law," he said.

He said 50 persons, who allegedly organised or participated in cockfights last year, were taken in bound-over. "If they will participate or organise the cockfights, stringent action would be taken against them," he said.

East Godavari Superintendent of Police Adnan Nayem Asmi said that a task force has been formed to curb the cockfights and a campaign is being conducted by the police personnel in the villages to discourage them to attend cockfights as they were against the law.

Asmi said the police are encouraging the people to participate in different games such as Kabaddi, Cricket, Badminton which helps them to maintain their health. He requested the people to celebrate the festival with their family members, relatives and friends without involving in gambling.

AEROSOLS DOWN ON SURFACES, SAYS NARL

DC CORRESPONDENT
 TIRUPATI, JAN. 11

Scientists at the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) have found decreasing trends in the surface (black carbon) aerosol concentrations at several locations in the past one decade.

Aerosols, the tiny particles suspended in the atmosphere, affect life through adverse health effects and have an enormous impact on climate. Aerosol sources include extensive burning of crop residue and forest fires, besides exhaust from vehicles, as also from other aspects of rapid urbanisation and industrialisation. Any change in the natural and human activities alters the climate and climate-related impacts.

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Court rejects Jagan's plea against ED trial

CBI was probing illegal assets into publications

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
 HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

In a blow to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and V. Vijaysai Reddy, the CBI special court here on Monday rejected their pleas for first taking up trial of cases registered by CBI in the disproportionate assets and investments into Jagathi Publications, in which both can be tried earlier.

Jagan's contentions were that ED had filed PMLA cases based on CBI charges against him. If CBI fails to establish the case against him, then, automatically, ED cases will turn infructuous. He thus requested the court to first hear cases filed by CBI, rather than conducting the trial simultaneously.

His counsel on Monday filed

provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act to be taken up later. Not agreeing to their contentions, the court made it clear that ED cases, not related to those of CBI, can be tried earlier.

The designated special court had on Saturday summoned Jagan Mohan Reddy to appear before it on Monday. The court agreed to the memo filed for exemption and adjourned the hearing to January 21. The other accused, except Sharatchandra Reddy and Ramachandra Reddy, were present before the court.

Walkers dogged



A pack of stray dogs in a lane in South Lalaguda in Secunderabad causes inconvenience to morning walkers and joggers, on Monday. — GANDHI

Three more arrested in Akhila Priya case

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, JAN. 11

Officials of the Commissioner's Task Force, along with Bowenpally police, arrested three more individuals in connection with the kidnap case reported earlier last week in Bowenpally. Former Andhra Pradesh minister Bhuma Akhila Priya is among those arrested in the case.

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AP: Covaxin for Covid warriors

DC CORRESPONDENT
 VIJAYAWADA,
 JAN. 11

reactions on the body and may even trigger autoimmune diseases thyroid, psoriasis and other health complications, stated health officials. A section of healthcare workers are worried lot and feel nervous about the impact of the vaccine on their body.

A senior health official said, "Some of us contracted the infection while some succumbed to the virus. Now, we are the first one to undergo vaccination even as its efficacy is not so high and a lot of data on human trials is yet to be out. However, we are ready to take the vaccine as it is meant to safeguard us from Coronavirus."

Andhra Pradesh is likely to administer Covaxin, India's indigenous developed Covid-19 vaccine, on healthcare and frontline workers at 332 session sites on January 16.

Though 3.87 lakh beneficiaries are earmarked to get the vaccine initially, it is only based on the number of doses supplied by the Centre that the health authorities will go ahead with the drive in the state.

Once administered, the vaccine is likely to cause side-effects like low intensity fever, headache, body pains, allergic

New ornaments for Kadapa temple

DC CORRESPONDENT
 KADAPA, JAN. 11

lord on Monday. Few days ago an unknown devotee presented the gold to the temple worth ₹70 lakhs. The temple management has renewed the copper kavacham, Kireetam and other ornaments with gold coating.

Today all the ornaments were decorated to the deities in the temple.

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RAILWAY BOARD

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CORIGENDUM-1

No. RS(S)/2020/747/3 Sub: E-TENDER NO. 2020IS202 FOR PROCUREMENT OF 79,761 MTs MILD/CORTEN STEEL SHEETS/PLATES/COILS THROUGH e-RAMETHOD

- Corrigendum 1 of e-tender No. 2020IS202 has been uploaded in ireps website vide dated 08.01.2021.
- Due date of closing of subject tender is extended from 01.02.2021, 15.00 hrs. to 12.02.2021, 15.00 hrs.
- All other Terms and Conditions of e-Tender shall remain unchanged.

Dy. Director, Railway Stores (S)-I
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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

DIVISION-14, GHMC					
NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimate Amount / ECV (Rs. in Lakhs)	Start Date / Last Date	Time for Receipts of Bids	Name & Address Officer
NIT No. 47/EE, HAC/H/2020-21	Laying CC Road, Laying of drainage & Engaging manpower at Chuchu bazar Stross	30.29	11-01-2021 / 11.00 AM	12-01-2021 / 03.00 PM	Executive Engineer-14, GHMC, 4th Floor, Abids Parking Complex, Abids, Hyderabad 500030

For further details can be seen at e-procurement website www.tender.telangana.gov.in.

R.O. No: 8386-PP/CL/Adv/1/2020-21 Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DIVISION-14, GHMC

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

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NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimate Amount / ECV (Rs. in Lakhs)	Start Date / Last Date	Time for Receipts of Bids	Name & Address Officer, Call No.
No. 19	Construction of RCC Storm Water Drain (Box Culvert) from Kothur to Venkateswara Colony by shifting open drain baling in the alignment of Banasagar Second Level Flyover towards Chintalapudi Junction, El Nizam Zone, GHMC	Rs. 185.00	Start Date: 12-01-2021 09:00 AM	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids: 21-01-2021, 04:00 PM	Ors. Superintendent for Projects-N&E, GHMC, 5099930428

Further details can be seen at e-procurement website www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Or can be contact Office of the Superintending Engineer (P-N&E), GHMC in office working hours.

RO No: 6381-PP/CL/Adv/1/2020-21 Sd/- SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Projects-N&E), GHMC

Government of India DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of President of India, sealed item rate tenders are invited for the work "Supply, Removal & installation of MS angles type busbars of 15/ST EOT crane of ZSP". Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,30,000/- Duration of work: 4 months, dates of availability of tender document: 12.01.2021 to 23.01.2021, Last date and time of submission of bid: Up to 14:00 hrs on 29.01.2021. The detailed Tender Notice is available in the website www.nfc.gov.in.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Senior Manager (EPC) invites on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders for the following work:

NIT No: NFC/EPC/INST/AMSD/2020/01 Name of Work: Cutting and cleaning of GI scrap, Damaged MS drums, MS channels, MS sheets & other miscellaneous MS items at NST, EPC. Estimated cost: Rs. 8,25,528/- Earnest Money: Rs. 16, 511/- Period of contract: 7 months Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the Polymer Treatment Plant, Environment & Pollution Control, Nuclear Fuel Complex, ECL P.O., Hyderabad - 500062 (Phone: 040-27184961/3418/3375) on payment of Rs 500/- in the form of DD/B/C drawn in favor of "Pay & Accounts Officer, NFC".

The last date for receipt of applications for purchase of tender form will be up to 14:00 hrs. on 23.01.2021. Other details/ information can be seen on website www.nfc.gov.in

Government of India Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Directorate General of Hydrocarbons

DGH

ENGAGEMENT OF SECURITY & CO-ORDINATION OFFICER, DGH ON DEPUTATION BASIS

Reference earlier DGH advertisement on 10.12.2020 for the engagement of Security and Coordination Officer, on deputation from Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, Central Police Organizations and State/UT Police. This is to inform that last date for the same has been extended and now eligible candidates may apply latest by 22.01.2021 through e-mail at: admnr@dghindia.gov.in. For further details and updates, please visit our website www.dghindia.gov.in under job opportunities section.

Head (HR), DGH

1. Jammanna (Kishatappa)
 2. Suresh (Kishatappa)
 3. Jamuna (Pedda Kishatamma)
 4. Mupati Ajay Kumar
 5. Reddy M G Rameshwari (Tirumal Reddy)
 6. Murali Bhimeswar Reddy (Narsi Reddy)
 7. M. Ranjareddy (Narsi Reddy)
 8. Kaatjaapala Krishna (Ramudu)
 9. Mahesh warama (Krishna)
 10. K. Nallu Narasimulu (Hanumantha)
 11. Kummarai Chinni ma
 12. Kumari Rangamma
 13. Buddanna (Kishatappa)
 14. Gopala Mangamma (Gopal Reddy)
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 18. Malipapala Kiran (Ramma)

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Total Extent 2.09% guntas

Under Section 15 (Central Act 30/2013) Declaration was issued after ratification of the objections raised on land acquisition.

Due to land acquisition for the project in case of alienation of the land or other parts of land if any kind of minerals, ores like Coal, Iron-ore, Black stone or other minerals available such minerals / ores if necessary can be utilised otherwise not using.

The plot of land as above stated land acquisition was kept in the office of the Land Acquisition Officer and Gazzeted Mandir Revenue Officer, Gadwal Office may be inspected in any working day during office working hours.

According to the Socio-Economic Survey report, there are no rehabilitation and resettlement proposals in the process of land acquisition as none of the families will lose their livelihood or become landless after the land acquisition shown as above.

Sd/-
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12 JANUARY 2021

Will FM offer India the mega-stimulus it needs?

With the Union Budget just 20 days away, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman must be giving the final contours to her second full-fledged financial statement for the country — the third if one were to include the interim budget that she presented in 2019. Coming in the middle of a rare pandemic that wiped out several businesses in the service sector, plummeted consumer demand and left hundreds of thousands of people unemployed, all eyes in the country will be looking at Ms Sitharaman's Budget for relief.

Though the Reserve Bank and the government had announced steps, including a loan moratorium, emergency working credit, and cash transfers to women from the economically low-income families, the concerted action fell short of addressing the collapse of consumer demand. Despite its grandstanding announcements, the government had provided a stimulus that worked to be just around 1.2 per cent of GDP and the economy continued to wobble. The government, however, promised to unleash its economic firepower at a later stage, which raised hopes of a belated stimulus in the Union Budget that could put the economy back on its tracks.

Of late, there have been several hints of the finance minister presenting an expenditure-heavy Budget on February 1. However, there is no clarity on the avenues for revenue mop-up, especially in the wake of a not-so-healthy state of tax collections in a recession-hit economy. Some reports suggested the possibility of a cess — possibly named after Covid-19 — to raise revenue to boost government spending. However, the jury is out on how a new tax that takes away money from people's pockets would help to revive consumer demand. It was suggested that it could be levied on super-rich individuals. But will it be enough to finance a mega stimulus that the people of this country are expecting from the government? The answer is very unlikely. Without a credible revenue-raising plan, the Union Budget 2021-22 may end up being a statement of intent rather than action.

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Borrowing for creating value for the future generations is always seen as better than doling out handouts — a principle that the ruling BJP always claims it has believed in. The finance minister will hopefully be guided by this principle while preparing the Union Budget on February 1.

Indonesia: Air disaster again

It is tragic but it was probably predestined that the New Year's first air disaster should occur in Indonesia, the country with the worst aviation safety record with 104 civilian airliner accidents and over 1,300 related fatalities since 1945. Not much time flies by without the nation of 17,508 islands witnessing aviation incidents. The last major disaster was a Lion Air Boeing Max going down without giving the pilots a chance of re-establishing control of the aircraft thanks to the controversial anti-stall software programme. The event last week involved a much older Boeing 737-500 plane of Sriwijaya Airlines, which went down into the Java Sea, probably from mechanical failure or pilot error, which can be established only after studying data from the black boxes that divers have located.

Air travel is no more dangerous than it was before the Covid-19 pandemic struck, but pilots are complaining the downtime in 2020 due to severe travel curbs, when they have had to do with simulator training rather than frequent flying, may be affecting their performance somewhat. While aviation experts believe the plane climbing out of Jakarta may have been going too slowly for 10,000 feet altitude, the fall within a few seconds must have been horrendous. The budget flight had already faced a weather delay and Indonesian aircraft also face unique problems like flights through volcanic ash that may affect engine performance because of ingestion. And in any case, poor maintenance is a problem that has dogged Indonesian aviation.

The families of the 62 unlucky people on board may get some sense of closure only from the fact that it appears to be an accident, and not due to diabolical corporate carelessness as in the Boeing Max disasters or the Malaysian aircraft that may have been flown to extinction. However, it is no comfort that open skies in an era of lackadaisical attitude to air safety could be an invitation to such poor advertisements for aviation. Ironically, this comes as an all-woman crew steered Air India's longest flight over the North Pole on the way from San Francisco to Bengaluru, epitomising air safety.

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This month we will celebrate Republic Day, which is different from Independence Day. The difference may not be fully understood or appreciated. On August 15 we mark the anniversary of the day that India stopped being ruled by outsiders. We refer to this as freedom. On January 26, Republic Day, we mark the day when we put in force the laws that make the people of India sovereign. It must be noted that for some reason we mark Republic Day with a celebration of militarism. The marching in formation of armed men and their machines. We might want to ask those in parts of India which have experience of the military, such as the Northeast and Kashmir, what they make of this celebration or whether they consider this a proper way to mark the formation of the republic.

A republic is more than a democracy. A democracy is a system of majority rule government through elected representatives. Universal adult franchise — meaning the right to vote for these elected representatives — is only one aspect of being a republic. The other two aspects are guaran-

tee fundamental rights and civil liberties. These are equally important and without them you can have a democracy but not a republic. These include the right to freedom of expression, right to peaceful assembly, right to freedom of religion, right to form associations and to practise any occupation and the right to life and liberty. You could have a nation where adults can vote and elections are carried out, but none of these rights and liberties exist in a meaningful way. It would be a democracy, but it would not be a republic. The rights would not really be with the people but with the State, meaning the government and those who run it.

To give you an example, Indians have the right to peaceful assembly. It is actually a fundamental right, meaning one that enjoys a high degree of protection from encroachment. But do Indians have the right to peaceful assembly? They do not. They have the right to make an application to the police and the authorities seeking permission for a peaceful protest. The State has the right to approve, reject or not respond. Similarly, the right to occupation

does not exist (there is a Supreme Court judgment which says the rights of the cow surpass those of a butcher), nor does the right to freedom of religion as the new laws in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and several old laws and judgments show. The freedom of expression is legally criminalised in India through laws on sedition, defamation and contempt. Indeed, none of the rights and liberties that the Constitution saw initially as being "fundamental" are present in the original form today. It is safe to conclude that India is a democracy, but is it a republic? The reality is that today the rights are not with the citizen, they rest in the main with the State.

This has happened with the passage of time. The Constitution initially gave Indians all the rights referred to above in more or less unrestricted form, as they exist in other republics like the United States. It was the amendments that came later which began to cut away the freedoms to the extent that it can now be honestly said that they do not exist at all. The State appropriated sovereignty from the people. This happened, as many

will know, through footnotes to the Constitution, added as amendments to Part 3, which is the part on Fundamental Rights. The right to freedom of speech was now qualified. And the footnote reads that nothing shall prevent the State from making any law imposing reasonable restrictions on free speech which affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence.

Who will determine whether these restrictions are reasonable? The State.

The people, who through the Constituent Assembly had granted themselves the right to freedom of expression, were now made subordinate to their government.

The restrictions came not because of popular demand but because the government felt that it could not allow people too much freedom.

Similarly footnotes and their interpretations took away the real meaning of other rights, including the one to life and liberty.

The State in India can jail individuals without a crime having been committed.

This is called preventive detention, and it upends Articles 21 and 22 through a footnote. What is the difference between a government that wants this power over citizens and the British Raj?

The question is what can be done about this. The solution is obviously to get the State to undo the damage it has done over the years.

Article 13 says that the "State shall not make any law which takes away or abridges the rights conferred by this Part and any law made in contravention of this clause shall, to the extent of the contravention, be void". Clearly, the State has committed overreach against its citizens.

Our pledge on this Republic Day must be to use those parts of the Constitution that are still on our side and take back our rights and liberties lawfully from the State, which has usurped them. That would be truly worth a celebration.

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Subhani



The Three Ks: Some old ideas revisited



Asad Durrani

View from Pakistan

Khusheed Ali Khan was no run-of-the-mill general. Behind a laissez-faire demeanor, he was a serious practitioner of military art, with a sterling soldierly character. In a war game, he tasked me with making a plan, but then suggested I modify it to bring out a few lessons. Nothing unusual, except whenever a visitor would pick holes in my design, K always clarified why it was forced upon me.

As NWFP governor, he asked me — as I had recently left the service — to outline a few ideas on how to address some intractable issues. The paper I wrote was titled "Three Ks that defy resolution". These were Kabul, Kashmir and Karachi. The K word was to acknowledge the proposal's sponsor. A quarter century may have elapsed, but in a discussion the other day when similar subjects came up, I had to revisit my old thesis. It was based on some ideas that we from the military used to pester the political governments with, and having headed the National Defence College, one believed our core issues needed a structured approach. The concept was heavy on strategy and avoided concrete steps unless they were required to illustrate an argument.

It was really self-evident. Issues with a long gestation period — all three Ks were brewing for decades — would need to be thought through for the long haul. Over time, there would be developments needing adaptation or modification of original assumptions, even of plans.

In Afghanistan, for instance, after the Soviet pullout, infatuated with the resistance we realised at great cost that the tribesmen may have pur-

sued a common agenda against the occupiers, but were now rivals for Kabul's throne. A historian in the decision-making echelons would have sounded the right alarm. Genuine Afghan hands were strongly opposed to using unconventional warriors in set-piece battles like Jalalabad, and later against the Northern Alliance. When the Taliban emerged as an anti-Mujahideen force, its momentum may have surprised us; but not the old Communist cadres growing beards to drive militia tanks and fly the helicopters.

Later we may have factored in the role of spoilers, but our counter-measures were mostly transactional. India's Afghan strategy was of course Kautilyan, but because of our neighbourhood advantage it could be contained. But our official sources exaggerated it to the extent that paranoid Afghans were convinced our involvement in Afghanistan was essentially to keep India out. After the Soviets left, America's interests were never aligned with ours. We still succumbed to them — and even believed post-9/11 that our bilateral ties were again "strategic".

Besides improving ties with Iran and Russia, and keeping China and Turkey on board, we did well to retain leverage with Taliban against great external pressure for two decades and could thus bring them to the table whenever required. But we now need some experts in Afghan psyche and those with credibility among the key factors to steer the intra-Afghan dialogue, or to disengage from this messy affair.

The Kashmir imbroglio was no less complex. Surprised by the robustness of the popular surge for independence in early 1990s, we never really got a handle over the multi-

After August 5, 2019, the developments in the Valley showed there were hardly any experienced hands in our Kashmir policy cells

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LETTERS

FARMERS STRIKE

Some farmers protesting against the new farm laws have died. Women and the elderly are also protesting, disregarding the bone-chilling cold and rain. The Supreme Court has assured people that it is there for them. It is foolish of the Centre to think that the farmers could be knocked out.

C.V.R. Krishna
Hyderabad

REPUBLIC DAY

The 2021 Republic Day poses a challenge to the government. On one side an Army Parade will take the salute, respecting the National Flag and on the other farmers' tractors rally will demand the repeal of three laws.

G.V. Sudhir
Secunderabad

NEW I-T DEPT

Why is the government not getting back the black money of politicians getting accumulated abroad over the last 70 years? (New I-T unit to check assets of Indians abroad, DC, Jan. 11). Due to the black money of tycoons who robbed banks, the common man is suffering. After these people are brought to justice, the government can go after others.

Kanishka
Nadargul

HELPING PUPS

The work done by civic bodies in association with volunteer groups to save abandon pups is praiseworthy. Kudos to the GHMC and volunteer teams for creating awareness about the issue (15 abandoned pups find new home, DC, Jan. 11). A huge applause to all animal lovers who came to the programme and adopted abandoned pups and made them a part of their families.

Roshanara
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN
DECCAN Chronicle

3 killed, 30 hurt in firing in Varanasi

VARANASI, January 11. Three persons including an eight-year-old boy were killed and more than 30 persons were injured today in a succession of clashes between police and angry student mobs which led to a police firing and imposition of a 12-hour curfew on the city.

The deaths were announced by authorities of S.P. Gupta Hospital where 19 persons have been admitted.

Thirteen of them with bullet injuries.

Aakar Patel

On Republic Day, time to reclaim our basic rights



A republic is more than a democracy. A democracy is a system of majority rule government through elected representatives. Universal adult franchise — meaning the right to vote for these elected representatives — is only one aspect of being a republic. The other two aspects are guaran-

SHORT TAKES
PDP YOUTH LEADER SENT TO 7-DAY REMAND

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, JAN. 11

People's Democratic Party (PDP) youth leader Waheed Ur Rehman Parra was on Monday sent to a 7-day police remand in connection with an alleged politician-militants nexus and terror funding case by a court in Jammu.

A report received from the winter capital said that two days after arresting Parra, a special wing of the J&K police produced him before a court which granted it his custody till January 18 to enable it to interrogate him in connection with a case related to an alleged nexus involving politicians, militants and their Over Ground Workers (OWGs) and sympathisers and illegal money transactions.

The police sources said that the case in which the J&K police's Criminal Investigation Kashmir (CIK) wing rearrested Parra was registered by it under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 sometime ago and has since filed over two dozen FIRs at various police stations across the Union Territory. The sources said that Parra will be brought to Srinagar for questioning.

The sleuths of the CIK had taken 33-year-old Parra in custody within the premises of a Jammu prison soon after he was released from over six week long detention at the weekend.

MP WOMAN SAVES GANG RAPE VICTIM FROM ABDUCTION

RABINDRA NATH CHOURHURY | DC
Bhopal, Jan. 11

In a show of courage, a woman in a Madhya Pradesh village challenged four miscreants and rescued a 'gang rape' victim from them. Sri Bai Dhanak (54) of Abchand village under Sagar district fought single-handedly with the four men who were trying to abduct a woman after allegedly gang raping her, and saved her from their clutches.

"It was around 1 am on September 29, the woman carrying two children, ran towards me pleading to save her. She was completely naked. I was then alone in my farmland harvesting the standing crop", Sri Bai recounted the incident before Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday. She tried to calm down the woman by assuring to protect her from the four miscreants who later surfaced and threatened to burn her alive by pouring petrol on her if she resisted their move to kidnap the woman.

"I had picked a 'lathi' (stick) and dared them to come close to the woman. I held them back for nearly half-an-hour till my son, Debraj, landed there to take them on. Later, my son called the local police on his mobile phone, scaring the four accused to flee the spot", she recalled.

NHRC ISSUES NOTICE TO MAHA OVER HOSP. FIRE

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, JAN. 11

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to the Maharashtra government over the death of 10 newborns due to a fire in Bhandara District General Hospital.

Taking a suo motu cognizance of media reports on the fire incident, the NHRC has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police (DGP) calling for a detailed report in the matter within four weeks. The report must contain the fire audit reports of various hospitals in the state as well as what measures have been taken or contemplated to be taken by the state against the erring officials, said the notice.

Issuing the notices, the Commission has observed that the victim babies were in the custody of a state run hospital where they lost life. Hence, the state cannot escape its responsibility. This is a serious issue of violation of human rights for which the accountability of the negligent officials is required to be fixed, with retrospective effect, the notice added.

Meanwhile, the BJP has demanded registration of a culpable homicide case in connection with the Bhandara incident. Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis said that a case of culpable homicide should be registered.

Delhi bans livestock from other states

8 samples sent to lab test positive for avian influenza; Dy CM asks people not to panic

DC CORRESPONDENT
With agency inputs
NEW DELHI, JAN. 11

The national capital on Monday confirmed bird flu cases after eight samples sent to a Bhopal-based laboratory tested positive for avian influenza. "All eight samples — four from a park in Mayur Vihar Phase 3, three from Sanjay Lake and one from Dwarka — have been found positive for avian influenza. The report of the test results arrived on Monday morning," said Dr Rakesh Singh from the animal husbandry unit of the Development Department.

However, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia on Monday asked people not to panic as there is no cause for concern. "Only samples of duck from Sanjay Lake have tested positive for bird flu. There is no cause for concern. Reports of other samples are awaited," Sisodia said at a press briefing. The Delhi government had also decided to ban the sale of processed and packaged chicken brought from outside the city as a precautionary measure, he said.

"The Delhi government is making all efforts to check the spread of bird flu and monitoring the situation. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is constantly in touch with officials. There is no need to panic as bird flu does not spread from one person to another," he said.

He said Sanjay Lake area was sanitised after the samples of ducks from there tested positive for bird flu, he said.

Sisodia also listed steps taken by the government to prevent the spread of the disease, especially since park areas in Delhi have reported several deaths among crows and ducks in the last week.

The government has also closed down Ghazipur poultry market and banned entry of live stock from outside Delhi.

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Horticulture team members gather geese for medication following reports of bird flu cases at Sanjay Lake in New Delhi on Monday.

— PTI

Five districts in Maha hit by bird flu, health alert issued

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, JAN. 11

Maharashtra has become the ninth state in the country to be hit by bird flu as crows and birds from five districts were found positive for avian influenza by the Bhopal-based National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD). State Health Minister Rajesh Tope has called for a health alert to be issued across the state to tackle the disease.

The Bhopal-based lab confirmed that two crows from Mumbai died due to bird flu while three pond egrets and a parrot from neighbouring Thane were found positive for avian influenza virus. In addition to this, a chicken and two herons from Parbhani, while crows

from Beed and Dapoli (in Ratnagiri district) were infected by avian influenza virus.

Apart from Maharashtra, bird flu cases have so far been confirmed in Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

In Mumbai, 11 more dead crows were found near Tata Colony in Chembur's RCF area, whereas in Thane as many as 20 birds, including pond herons, parakeets have been found dead over the last four days. Some 800 chickens in a poultry farm were found dead due to bird flu at Muramban village in Parbhani.

"Culling of all birds will now be undertaken up to a 1km radius of the infected zone in Parbhani where the poultry samples were found positive. The district administration has decided to cull nearly 8,000 birds in the Muramban village," Parbhani district collector Deepak Mugalkar said.

The Maharashtra animal husbandry department has so far recorded 1,205 deaths of various birds since January 8. Tope said that there is a need to issue a health alert across the state to tackle the disease.

"It has now been confirmed that bird flu has entered Maharashtra. To prevent the spread of the disease, the health and animal husbandry departments should issue a health alert," he said.

LUCKNOW ZOO CLOSES AVIARY FOR VISITORS

Lucknow, Jan. 11: The Lucknow Zoo has suspended its bird exchange programme and closed its aviary for visitors after Uttar Pradesh confirmed outbreak of the avian influenza when samples of a couple of bird carcasses in Kanpur zoo were found positive for the disease.

The Kanpur Zoological Park has already been closed for visitors till further orders.

The bird section of the Lucknow Zoo was closed on Sunday and the bird exchange programme has been temporarily suspended. The bird-exchange programme is carried out on a regular basis. Last year, we had brought two to three birds in exchange," Zoo official said.

allowed to spread," the PM said.

It is learnt that the government has placed order with the Serum Institute of India (SII) for its Covishield vaccine at a price of ₹200 per vial for the first 100 million doses. SII CEO had told the media that the vaccine is likely to be priced at about ₹1,000 per dose in the private market once the government allows for that. If the government does not fund or subsidise the vaccines for the rest of the population then the two-dose vaccination schedule will cost a person ₹2,000.

Though the daily fresh cases of Covid-19 in India are on a decline — 16,311 cases were reported in the last 24 hours — the country is facing a fresh challenge from the new variant of the mutated Covid-19 virus that has been imported through the UK returnees. The number of persons with the new variant of the virus has reached 96. In the last 24 hours the daily fatality figures fell down below 200 and were 161 on Monday.

BJP will take care of Assam's unique culture, says Nadda

MANOJ ANANDI DC
GUWAHATI, JAN. 11

Bharatiya Janata Party president J.P. Nadda on Monday said that his party will always take good care of the state's unique culture and language. Nadda, who is on a two-day visit to poll-bound Assam, addressed a public rally in Silchar. He highlighted the Modi government's achievements while referring that the Bodo crisis which was hanging for nearly 50 decades as well the Brum Reang crisis were resolved by the BJP-led government at the Centre.

The BJP chief said, "Lotus is blooming across India. The NDA always talked about giving importance to the state of Assam in India. If the identity of Assam has been strengthened at national level, it was done by the NDA government only."



BJP national president J.P. Nadda addresses a public meeting in Silchar on Monday. — PTI

ASSAM TO WAIVE MFI LOANS FOR WOMEN

DC CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI, JAN. 11

Nadda said that Assam is 100 per cent open defecation free, and out of the 11 crore toilets built, 35 lakh were built here. He also lauded the achievement of the state in the health sector while referring to the low mortality rate from the previous regime.

The BJP chief said,

"We have decided to waive off the loans taken by our mothers and sisters from MFIs as soon as possible so that they can lead a dignified life. We cannot let them be harassed by the brokers of MFIs."

Sarma while addressing a public meeting said, "In a series of freebies announced by the government in the run up to the Assembly polls in April this year, Assam finance minister and senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Monday announced that the state government will waive off the loans borrowed by women from micro-finance institutions (MFIs)."

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"We have decided to waive off the loans taken by our mothers and sisters from MFIs as soon as possible so that they can lead a dignified life. We cannot let them be harassed by the brokers of MFIs."

The PM said India aims

to achieve vaccination for

about 30 crore people in

the next few months and

added that the state govern-

ment will not have to

bear any cost towards the

inoculation of the 3 crore

health workers (including

private sector), frontline

workers, police, paramili-

tary and civil defence per-

sonnel, sanitation workers

and revenue officials asso-

ciated with containment

and surveillance in the

first stage.

The PM, however,

remained silent on who

pays for the rest of the

population though the

Union health minister Dr

Harsh Vardhan had said

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SHORT TAKES
**MODI NOT ON
TOOTER,
CLARIFIES BJP**

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 11

The BJP on Monday clarified that neither Prime Minister Narendra Modi nor any of its leaders, including national president J.P. Nadda, Union home minister Amit Shah among others, are on the swadeshi microblogging site Tooter.

Ever since the US based micro-blogging network Twitter suspended outgoing US president Donald Trump's official handle after the Capitol Hill violence, some handles on Twitter have been promoting the 'swadeshi' site which incidentally has a 'verified' handle of the Prime Minister has featured on the platform.

"Please note that neither the BJP or any of its state units, nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President J.P. Nadda have a presence on Tooter," BJP's IT cell head, Amit Malviya tweeted after the confusion created by Mr. Modi's handle on Tooter.

Describing itself as a 'swadeshi' social network, Tooter has an account with a blue tick that has the same display picture and posts shared on Mr. Modi's official Twitter handle.

**AAP MLA
SOMNATH BHARTI
ARRESTED**

Amethi/Rae Bareli, Jan. 11: Aam Aadmi Party MLA Somnath Bharti on Monday had ink hurled at him in Rae Bareli and was arrested later for allegedly making objectionable remarks last week.

He was arrested for criminal intimidation and promoting enmity between groups, police said, following remarks allegedly referring to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the state's hospital.

Minutes earlier, a youth hurled ink at the Delhi MLA when he was emerging out of a guest house.

Superintendent of Police (of Rae Bareli) Shlok Kumar said, "Ink was thrown on the AAP MLA, and the matter is being probed."

According to a purported video link, the AAP MLA recently said in Hindi, "Children are being born in hospitals, but they are of dogs."

Shortly after ink was flung at him, Bharti also retweeted a video clip in which he is heard using a derogatory term for Adityanath, while talking about "atrocities on women" in the state.

Amethi police arrested Bharti, a former Delhi minister, in Rae Bareli on Monday morning, on the basis of a complaint filed by BJP worker Somnath Sahu over the alleged remarks made last week.

The arrest took place less than an hour after the ink-throwing incident.

Reacting to the ink-throwing incident, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal hit out at Adityanath.

"Yogiji, our MLA Somnath Bharti ji was going to see your government school. Ink was thrown at him? Are your schools so bad? If someone goes to see your school then why do you get so scared? Fix the school. If you do not know how to do, then ask Manish Sisodia," he tweeted.

**LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL POLLS IN
U.P. ON JAN. 28**

Lucknow, Jan. 11: The Election Commission of India on Monday issued a notification for the biennial election to 12 legislative council seats in Uttar Pradesh, which will fall vacant later this month.

The MLCs whose terms are ending include UP Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma, Chairman of UP Legislative Council Ramesh Yadav and UP BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh.

The 12 seats in the UP legislative council will get vacant on January 30 as the term of the members is coming to an end, UP's Chief Electoral Officer A.K. Shukla said.

Polling will be held on January 28 and counting of votes will be done one hour after the completion of polls as per established practice.

Nominations for the biennial polls can be filed till January 18 and scrutiny of the same will be held on January 19. The withdrawal of names can be done till January 21.

Country staring at food crisis: Mamata

There will be famine if BJP continues to remain adamant on the farm laws, says Bengal Chief Minister

Ranaghat (WB), Jan. 11: The country is staring at a food crisis and famine because of the "adamant" approach of the BJP to the continued agitation by farmers for withdrawal of the three new farm laws, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Monday.

She also called the BJP a "junk" party for inducting "rotten" leaders from other political outfits.

Reaffirming her opposition to the NRC, CAA and NPR, Banerjee, while reaching out to the Nadia district's Matua population, said all refugees will be granted land rights, and no one can banish them from the country.

"The country is staring at a food crisis. There will be famine and food shortage if the BJP continues to remain adamant on the farm laws. The Centre is trying to create famine through these farm bills.

"The farmers are assets of our country and we should not do anything that goes against their interest," she said, addressing a TMC meeting.

The TMC supremo also demanded immediate repeal of the three farm laws as sought by farmers agitating at Delhi's borders.

"We stand by the farmers and their demands. On one hand the BJP is lecturing us on farmers' issues and on the other it is torturing the farmers who are protesting against the laws. So many farmers were beaten up in Haryana and Punjab," she said.

Slamming the saffron camp over the Citizenship Amendment Act, the TMC boss said, those born in this country are its legitimate citizens.

"All refugee colonies in the state have been recognised by the West Bengal government. All refugee families will have land holding rights. We have started the process and several families have already got it.

"No one can remove you from here. You are born here and are citizens of this country. You don't need the BJP's certificate to prove your citizenship," she asserted.

Reaching out to the Matua community that

Leaders walk out of panel meeting

New Delhi, Jan. 11:

Congress MPs Partap Singh Bajwa and Chhaya Verma and former Akali leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa on Monday staged a walkout from a meeting of the Standing Committee on Agriculture after the panel chairman refused to discuss Centre's three farm laws and their aftermath, sources said.

Citing the large-scale protests undertaken by various farmer unions that have seen thousands of farmers protest at the borders of Delhi for over 40 days, the three Rajya Sabha MPs raised the issue with the chairman of the standing committee.

constitutes roughly 40 per cent population of Nadia district, Banerjee said, the BJP was trying to "fool" them with the promise of citizenship.

"I want to assure everyone that no one needs to be afraid of the NRC, NPR and CAA."

The Matuas, originally from East Pakistan, are a scheduled caste group, who entered India, particularly West Bengal, after Partition and creation of Bangladesh. While many of them have got Indian citizenship, a sizeable number has not.

The BJP had made significant gains in the district in the last Lok Sabha poll and bagged the Ranaghat seat. Nadia has two Lok Sabha seats.

She exuded confidence about returning to power for the third consecutive time with an even bigger mandate.

Calling BJP president J.P. Nadda's lunch at a tribal household in the state on January 9 a "show off", Banerjee claimed that the food items served to him were cooked at five-star hotels.

Accusing the BJP of being a "party of outsiders" trying to "destroy" the state's culture, chief ministers Manohar Lal Khattar and Yogi Adityanath after taking note of their actions that caused damage to public property.

Reacting to Banerjee's comments, West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said the TMC leader has sensed that the days of her government are numbered.

"Why is she now calling leaders who have joined the BJP corrupt? If they were corrupt, then why did the TMC government not take any action against them for so many years?" he asked.

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Monday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to the farmers of the country and repeal the three farm laws which are being opposed by them, after the Supreme Court rapped the Centre over the handling of the agitation.

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Due to the refusal of the chairman to allow the situation to be discussed by the committee, the three MPs decided to walk out of the meeting in protest, the sources said.

The panel is chaired by BJP MP P.C. Gaddigoudar.

The meeting held at the Parliament annexe building was to take note of the evidence of the representatives of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying) in connection with the examination of the Subject "Status of Veterinary Services and Availability of Animal Vaccine in the Country".

- PTI

Banerjee said West Bengal will never allow the saffron party's "hate politics" to triumph over secularism.

"BJP leaders from other states are coming here with money bags. If they offer you money, take it but don't cast a single vote for them," she said.

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An artist with a physical disability gives finishing touches to a painting on the theme of farmers protest, during their ongoing agitation over the farm reform laws at Singhu border in New Delhi on Monday. - PTI

BUKU CHIEF: CENTRAL GOVT SHOULD LEAVE ITS STUBBORN ATTITUDE

Muzaffarnagar (UP), Jan. 11: Bharatiya Kisan Union president Naresh Tikait has said the central government should abandon its "stubborn" attitude and resolve the issues of farmers through dialogue.

He said the prime minister, the home minister and chief ministers of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh directly responsible for the current agitation, saying they stopped the farmers from coming to Delhi and expressing their anger and opposition to the farm laws in a Gandhian manner.

"The Supreme Court is the protector of laws and the Constitution and we all have faith in it. If someone opposes the laws in a Gandhian manner, then the court will also support such an opposition, as protesting peacefully is a basic right enshrined in the Constitution.

"The prime minister and home minister are responsible for the current situation. We are confident that the Supreme Court will take note of the anti-national action of the prime minister and the home minister as well as

the chief ministers of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and register cases against them," he added.

He said the Supreme Court should take note of the actions of the prime minister, Shah, Manohar Lal Khattar, Dushyant

Chautala and Adityanath whose governments dug up roads and blocked roads by putting up barriers, and register cases against them for causing losses to the state exchequer and damage to public property. - PTI

India returns captured PLA soldier to China

**DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 11**

The soldier was caught on Friday morning near Gurung Hill, which is one of the peaks in Kailash range, which Indian Army had pre-emptively occupied in August in tit for tat action against Chinese aggression on North bank of Pangong Tso.

The move meant that Indian soldiers dominated peaks in the area and had checked PLA movement in the sector.

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There has been no breakthrough in talks on disengagement between India and China despite eight round of Corps Commanders meeting between the two sides.

Due to differences there has been no further rounds of Corps Commanders meeting since November 6.

The soldiers deployed in front bases in Ladakh are now fighting the elements with temperatures dipping way below sub-zero temperatures.

It further claimed that China had informed India as soon as the incident occurred, and sought help from the Indian side.

Earlier in October also Indian army had apprehended a Chinese soldier in Demchok sector of Eastern Ladakh, who was returned back.

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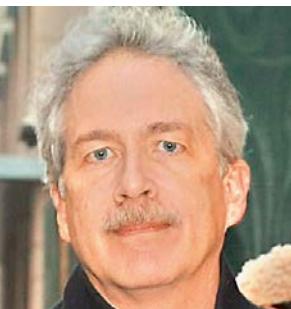
Asked if donations for temple construction would be accepted from foreign countries as well, he said they are not being allowed at present as FCRA (Foreign Contributions Regulation Act) facility is not available. However, FCRA facility (permissions as per FCRA) is expected to be available in two months, he said.

"We don't want to build just a temple of stones and bricks. We want to build the nation. We want to build the national spirit. The spirit of love, the spirit of philanthropy, the spirit of universal

Biden taps career diplomat William Burns as CIA chief

Veteran diplomat had helped lead secret talks with Iran

Washington, Jan. 11: US President-elect Joe Biden on Monday announced William Burns as his pick to lead the Central Intelligence Agency, tapping a retired veteran diplomat who helped lead secret talks with Iran.



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But Burns has deep experience in security and intelligence matters after spending over three decades in the US foreign service,

including a stint as ambassador to Russia from 2005-2008.

“Bill Burns is an exemplar

Bill Burns is an exemplary diplomat with decades of experience on the world

stage keeping our people and our country safe and secure," Biden said in a statement.

In the agency included taking part in the torture of Al Qaeda suspects after the September 1, 2001 attacks, now clearly illegal activity that is one of the darker blemishes on the CIA's reputation — though Trump

One of Trump's most trusted aides, politically ambitious Pompeo was accused of catering to his boss's whims and allowing intelligence material to be twisted to serve Trump's policy desires while he led the agency.

—

utation — though Trump thought it was a good thing. Broadly respected and having served in top positions under both Democratic and Republican administrations, Burns and Haines should have little trouble gaining approval by the

Burns, 64, served in the US diplomatic corps for 33 years, in jobs that took him around the world, including important roles in the Middle East in addition to

his final months in office when Trump rejected intelligence that Russia was Middle East in addition to his Russia posting. — AFP

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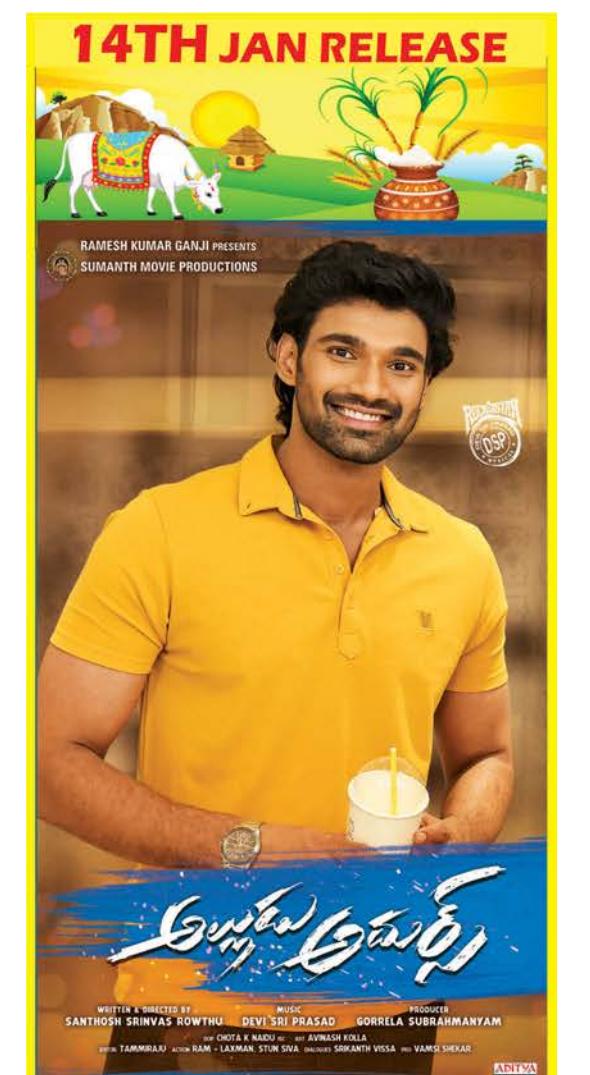
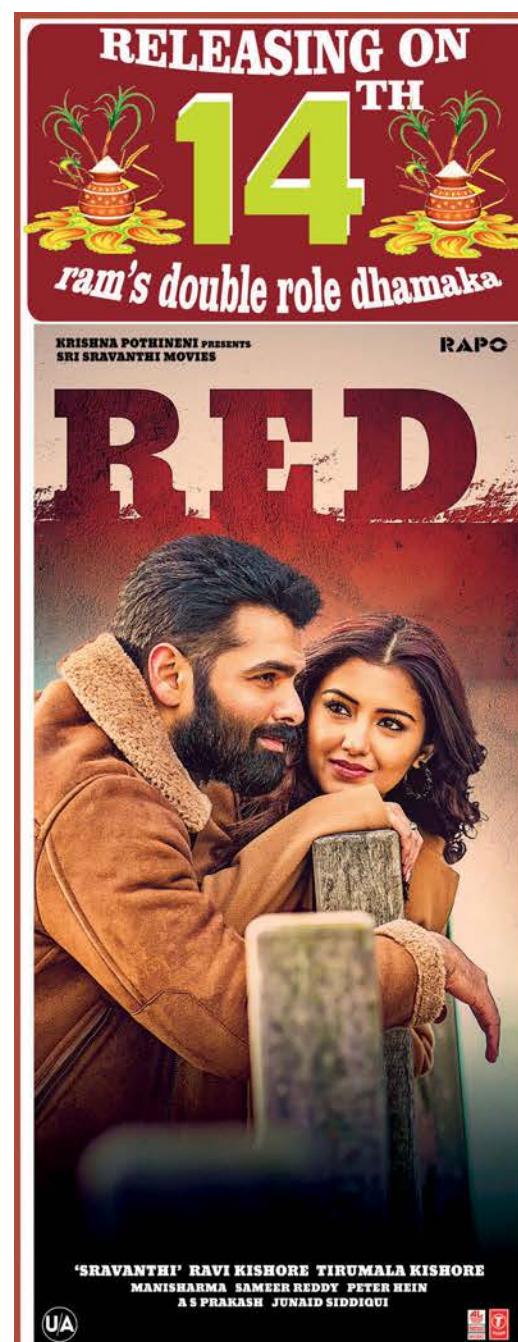
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US 10-yr T-bill yield*	1.131 2.14

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Govt not to print Budget documents

The voluminous budget documents will not be printed this year following the Covid-19 protocol and will instead be distributed electronically to the MPs. This will be the first time since the presentation of independent India's first budget on Nov. 26, 1947, that the documents containing income and expenditure statement along with finance bill, detailing new tax and other measures for the new financial year, will not be printed.

Vani Manja is Boehringer's country MD



Drug firm Boehringer Ingelheim said it has appointed Vani Manja as country MD for India, effective Jan. 1. Vani will look after the businesses in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. She will also join the board. Vani succeeds Sharad Tyagi, who retired on Dec. 31. She was formerly the global head of Boehringer Ingelheim's go-to-market and business steering organisation, based in Germany. She joined the group in the US in 2011.

Agdhi's AI-based tech to check quality of seeds

Agri-start up Agdhi launched an Artificial Intelligence-based technology to check quality of seeds. Traditionally seeds are inspected manually. The Bengaluru-based firm said its AI vision technology—along with photometry, radiometry and computer vision—offers efficient methods for seed classification and seed quality analysis. The colour, texture, size, and shape, is extracted from images of seeds.

Gail to consider share buyback, dividend on 15th

GAIL (India) Ltd, the nation's largest gas distribution firm, will on Friday consider buyback of shares with a view to returning surplus cash to shareholders, the biggest being the Government of India. In a stock exchange filing, the company said its board will meet on January 15 to consider share buyback as also payment of interim dividend for the fiscal year ending March 2021. It did not give details.

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■ Closer to ₹200-L cr m-cap milestone Sensex moves past 49K-mark

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

MUMBAI, JAN. 11

India's most widely tracked equity index, the Sensex, seemed cruising to the 50,000-mark, an unthinkable milestone a few years ago, as it closed above the 49,000-mark for the first time, gaining 486.8 points to close the day at 49,269.32.

The new record high came on positive global cues and third quarter earnings expectations, fall in daily Covid cases and high expectations from the upcoming union budget.

The Nifty 50 Index, too, closed at a new high of 14,484.75, up 137 points, or 0.9 per cent.

With the ongoing massive rally, the BSE's market capitalisation is getting closer to the Rs 200-lakh crore mark, as it is now at Rs 196.56 lakh crore.

After the IT sector bellwether Tata Consultancy Services posted impressive third quarter performance last Friday, IT stocks made hefty gains on Monday, with the BSE IT Index moving up 3.63 per cent.

Another sector that helped market benchmarks gain close to 1 per cent was automobile. The BSE Auto Index was up 2.56 per cent.

The top gainers included Infosys (4.90 per cent), Wipro (3.87 per cent), Tech Mahindra (2.54 per cent), TCS (1.75 per cent) and HCL Technologies (6.09 per cent).

TCS hit a new all-time high of Rs 3,224 before closing at Rs 3,175. TCS market capitalisation soared to Rs



NSE launches derivatives on NIFTY FINANCIAL SERVICES INDEX

New Delhi, Jan. 11:

The National Stock Exchange on Monday launched derivatives on the Nifty Financial Services Index, which will give more flexibility to institutional and retail investors to manage their hedge. This is the first time the exchange has made available weekly futures for the stock index derivatives.

The first day witnessed volumes of 1.4 lakh contracts being traded.—PTI

11.91 lakh crore, close to top company by market-cap, Reliance Industries (Rs 12.02 lakh crore) as the latter's stock price fell 1.8 per cent to Rs 1,897 on the BSE.

Recounting the day's market movement Shrikant Chouhan, analyst-equity technical research, Kotak Securities, said, "Another day with tremendous gains for the market. Markets closed higher for the day, led by auto, IT, pharmaceuticals and select FMCG stocks...It seems that the market has gained momentum due to the bright possibilities of bold announcements in the forthcoming union budget."

The top auto sector gainers included Tata Motors (11.11 per cent), Ashok Leyland (3.8 per cent), Maruti (2.75 per cent), Bajaj Auto (2.40 per cent) and Mahindra & Mahindra (2.37 per cent).

Foreign portfolio investors were net buyers on Monday of equities worth Rs 3,138.90 crore while the domestic institutions were net sellers by Rs 2,610.13 crore.

At present, about 19 major approvals or clearances are required before starting a coal mine. In the absence of a unified platform for clearances, the companies were required to approach different departments, he said.—PTI

NEXT TRANCHE OF MINING AUCTION SOON: MINISTER

New Delhi, Jan. 11: Coal minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday said the next tranche of commercial mines auction will be launched this month and stressed that further rounds will continue thereafter.

Speaking at the agreement signing ceremony for commercial coal mining and launch of single-window clearance system, he said commercial coal mining has been made a part of the system now.

"The next tranche of commercial mining auction would be launched in January 2021, and further tranches will continue thereafter," he said.

Speaking at the function, home minister Amit Shah said the country has reached a position where the coal sector can be the biggest contributor towards the target of India becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025.

He said despite having the world's fourth-largest coal reserves, India is importing coal and this is not right for the country.

The coal minister said the single-window clearance portal is in the spirit of minimum government and maximum governance.

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Pandemic shrinks women workforce more than men

SANGEETHA G

CHENNAI, JAN. 11

The coronavirus pandemic has affected women workforce disproportionately compared to men. The women labour force in India shrank by 10.5 per cent against 2 per cent for men between October 2019 and October 2020, finds the Asian Development Bank.

Despite being a universal crisis, the Covid-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on women, says an ADB blog.

Between March and April 2020, 37 per cent of the female workforce, or 15.4 million women, lost their jobs versus 28 per cent of men. The labour force shrank by 10.5 per cent for women versus 2 per cent for men between October 2019 and October 2020.

Women-owned small businesses, which largely operate in consumer-facing sectors such as textiles, food processing and handicrafts, witnessed a sharp demand shock, with revival being slow.

In the informal sectors, anecdotal evidence points toward men being preferred for re-employment as the economy opens.

Women also face additional mobility restrictions. Even before Covid-19, only 54 per cent of women were allowed to go to a nearby market alone.

Further, the digital gender divide has worsened inequity in access to education, health and work opportunities. In India, 63 per cent of adult women own a mobile phone compared to 79 per cent adult



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Housing launches grow YoY for first time since lockdown

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The December quarter saw yearly growth in new launches of housing units, the first time after the pandemic. While new launches of housing units have gone up in the October-December quarter both on a quarterly basis and yearly basis, sales were actually down against year-ago quarter.

As many as 54,329 new units were launched in the eight prime residential markets during the three months.

New launches grew by 173 per cent over 19,865 units launched in the July-September quarter. This also reflected a 12 per cent growth over the 48,530 new units that were launched in the December quarter in 2019.

This was the first quarter that witnessed a yearly growth since the onset of the pandemic, signalling a turnaround in the market, finds PropTiger.

The effort underscores how frigid temperatures have suspended energy markets across Asia, catching some companies flat-footed and sending prices for electricity, fuel and vessels to record highs. And with temperatures showing no signs of easing in key markets in Japan, China and South Korea, it could be weeks before any return to normalcy.

With the help of an ice-breaker ship and a cannon loaded with hot water, workers spent 20 hours clearing a pathway for the tanker to dock and discharge its cargo of liquefied natural gas in Tianjin.

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This winter has definitely caught the market off-guard," said Henning Gloystein, a director at Eurasia Group. "My hunch is that this spike will end with springtime."

A La Nina weather phenomenon has sent a wave of cold air across North Asia this winter. Beijing last week recorded its lowest temperature since 1966, while Seoul had its coldest day since 1986, and record snowfall is sweeping across Japan's west coast.

The chill is creating a surge in heating demand across the region. Japan's spot electricity prices have soared more than 10-fold to record levels.

— Bloomberg



December quarter of 2019 despite showing 68 per cent improvement over the preceding quarter. As many as 58,914 units were sold during the December quarter. However, compared to the overall sales registered in 2019, 182,639 units sold in the pandemic-hit 2020 showed a 47 per cent decline.

Except Ahmedabad, home sales increased across all other cities when compared to the preceding quarter.

Stamp duty cuts by the Maharashtra government supported sales in Mumbai and Pune markets. Low interest rates, stagnant housing prices and attractive offers by developers were the other factors which supported sales.

According to Knight Frank India, driven by the Covid-induced need for larger homes, the share of Rs 50 lakh and above ticket sizes in total sales has gone up from 44 per cent in the second half of 2019 to 57 per cent in H2 2020.

Similarly, home sales declined by 27 per cent compared to

the preceding quarter.

Hyderabad, Kolkata and Pune saw yearly growth in new launches. An increase in home-buying interest and muted new launches in the prior three quarters helped growth.

Units in the sub-Rs 45 lakh category were the largest contributor to the overall supply, with a 46 per cent share.

However, for the entire 12-month period in 2020, only 122,426 units were launched and this was about half the new supply in 2019 at 244,256 units.

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SHORT TAKES
Hyd dist meet for jumps & hurdles

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Hyderabad: The Hyderabad District Athletics Association is conducting the Jumps, Hurdles, Middle and Long Distance Championships at the GMC Balayogi Stadium in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, on Friday, January 15, from 6.30 am.

Following are the events and age categories in which competitions will be held:

Boys and Girls 14 years: High Jump.

Boys and Girls 16 years: 80 metres hurdles, high jump.

Boys and Girls 18 years: 110 metres hurdles, 400m hurdles, high jump, triple jump and 2,000 metres steeple chase.

Boys and Girls 20 years: 110 metres hurdles, 400 metres hurdles, high jump, triple jump and 3,000 metres steeple chase.

India, Oz retain top-2 Test spots

Sydney: Australia and India on Monday held on to their top two positions in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings following the engrossing draw in the third Test here.

India's remarkable show saw them stay marginally ahead of third-placed New Zealand in the WTC points tally.

"An incredible battle in Sydney has helped both teams retain the top two spots in the ICC World Test Championship standings. A difference of 0.2 per cent between India and New Zealand," ICC wrote on its twitter handle.

New Zealand had earlier achieved the number one position in the ICC Test Team Rankings for the first time in history following their clean-sweep of Pakistan and West Indies. Both Australia and India bagged 10 points each after the draw. — PTI

Racial abuse is upsetting: Rahane

Sydney: India skipper Ajinkya Rahane on Monday said the racial abuse that his teammates endured from the crowd during the third Test against Australia here was unacceptable and found support from his Australian counterpart Tim Paine, who said he stands with the tourists on this issue.

"We have lodged a complaint and I spoke to the match referee and umpires whatever I had to speak. Whatever happened is not acceptable at all and shouldn't happen anywhere in the world and we were upset about it," Rahane said.

Paine, who had won hearts by joining the Indian team's huddle on Sunday, said he did so to "make sure that the visitors knew that he and his team were against any sort of abuse." — PTI

Ind-Oz final Test is on at Brisbane

Sydney: The Indian cricket team is all set to leave for Brisbane on Tuesday after BCCI secretary Jay Shah's assurance to Cricket Australia ended the uncertainty over the fourth and final Test at the venue, which has reduced its crowd capacity to 50 per cent for the game.

"I want to thank the Queensland Government for their cooperation and willingness to working closely with CA and the BCCI so we can deliver the fourth Test as planned," CA interim CEO Nick Hockley said in a statement.

"...but more importantly delivering on a plan that places the safety and wellbeing of the players, match officials and the wider community as a top priority," he added. — PTI



Ravichandran Ashwin (left) is congratulated by captain Ajinkya Rahane as Hanuma Vihari (second from right) is congratulated by teammate Mohammed Siraj after play on the final day of the third Test against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday. — AFP

DRAW SOME!

Vihari, Ashwin pull off memorable draw to keep Test series alive

SCORECARD
Australia 1st Innings 338
India 1st Innings: 244
Australia 2nd Innings 312/6 decd.

India 2nd Innings (Overnight 98/2): Rohit Sharma c Starc b Cummins 52, Shubman Gill c Paine b Hazlewood 31, Cheteshwar Pujara b Hazlewood 77, Ajinkya Rahane c Wade b Lyon 4, Rishabh Pant (wk) c Cummins b Lyon 97, Hanuma Vihari not out 23, Ravichandran Ashwin not out 39. Extras (lb-3, w-2, nb-6) 11. **Total (for 5 wkts in 131 overs) 334.**

FoW: 1-71, 2-92, 3-102, 4-250, 5-272.

Bowling: Mitchell Starc 22-6-66-0, Josh Hazlewood 26-12-39-2, Pat Cummins 26-6-72-1, Nathan Lyon 46-17-114-2, Cameron Green 7-0-31-0, Marnus Labuschagne 4-2-9-0.

Sydney, Jan. 11: Ravichandran Ashwin and Hanuma Vihari battled pain and a hostile Australian bowling attack while resolutely displaying the largely extinct art of Test-saving batsmanship to snatch a remarkable draw for India after Rishabh Pant raised visions of an improbable win here on Monday.

Chasing a herculean target of 407, Pant (97 off 118 balls) and the ever-steady Cheteshwar Pujara (77 off 205 balls) produced an amazing 148-run stand before India were forced to down the shutters finishing on 334 for 5 in 131 overs when players shook hands.

The series stands at 1-1 going into the fourth Test in Brisbane but an Indian team which has turned into a 'mini-hospital' would be walking away with a lot of pride. They put up a proper fight in

adverse circumstances already soured by racist chants and abuses from the crowd here during the course of the game.

Pant's innings will be remembered for a long time but none can forget

that Ashwin (39 no, 128 balls) and Vihari (23 off 161 balls), battling a hamstring injury, put their bodies on line to save a game which could have been lost in a jiffy after their two best batsmen were gone on the day.

Pat Cummins (26-6-72-1),

Josh Hazlewood (26-12-39-2), Mitchell Starc (22-6-66-0) and Nathan Lyon (46-17-114-2) threw everything they had, peppering them with short balls, hitting the patches with a few jumping from the spot.

"...this one's a tough one to swallow. Our bowlers were superb, Lyon bowled well. Just that we (especially me) didn't hold onto our catches," said

Australian skipper Tim Paine after the match.

The duo, in 42.4 overs,

scraped their way for a 62-run stand, which certainly would have made Rahul Dravid proud on his 48th birthday.

Vihari hobbled with a torn hamstring but defended durably. Ashwin got hit on the ribs but carried on manfully while also engaging in some chatter with Tim Paine and close-in fielders.

Catches landed in no man's land and that was the slice of luck they needed. When Marnus Labuschagne was brought in the 112th over, one knew that they had done their job. — PTI

Draw is as big as win for Rahane

VIHARI'S KNOCK WAS EQUAL TO SCORING A TON: ASHWIN

Sydney, Jan. 11: India captain Ajinkya Rahane on Monday said the heroic draw that his side pulled off in the third Test against Australia was as good as a victory and especially commended Hanuma Vihari, who battled the excruciating pain of a hamstring injury to stay at the crease.

"...today we all saw that special knock. I think this knock was more special than his hundred (in 2019 in the West Indies) especially the way he batted after getting injured," Rahane said after the Test.

"To show that kind of motivation, hunger and hang in there for your team, that's what shows the character of an individual. It's all about what the team wants and credit to him. There was pressure and the way he batted was special," said Rahane, lauding the

young man from Andhra Pradesh.

For Rahane, the credit of the draw goes to all those, who performed in pressure

responding to the team's requirements.

"This is as good as winning a Test match. When you come abroad and play a match like this, it was

really special as I said. It's as good as victory."

"Credit to Vihari, Ashwin, (Rishabh) Pant, (Cheteshwar) Pujara, the way they batted. Rohit (Sharma) at the start. Everyone chipped in but credit to those two guys in the end."

Pant, who has coped so much flak in the past few months, came good on Monday with his exhilarating 97-run knock and the skipper couldn't have been happier for him.

"The way he played the knock was really good and unfortunately he was out on 97. Yes, he can drop catches but as long as he is learning, that is very important. I am really happy for Rishabh for the way he batted today. It was a really special knock."

Pant was promoted to No.5 on the day and Rahane gave him credit for executing the plan to perfection. — PTI

Jaweed, Swachit, Sameer, Sarthak top performers

Sagar, Abhishek, Askari, Anurag, Rohit, Yash, Shreyas, Shanawaz, Vinay, Jayasuriya, Sankeerth, Radhakrishna, Trishank, Pramod also shine

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did well were Hyderabad Bottling's M. Radhakrishna (5/25), G. Trishank Gupta (5/47) of Charminar CC and K. Pramod (5/82) of Goud's XI.

Brief scores (Day-1):

A-1 DIVISION (THREE-DAY)

Group-B

Evergreen 53 in 18.5 overs (K. Swachit Kumar 6/35 — 9.5-3-35-6, Neel Chakravarthy 4/17 vs Zinda Tilismath 155/8 in 58 overs (Shashank Lokesh 72, G. Aniketh Reddy 3/28)

■ Cambridge XI 432/8 in 90 overs (Rishabh Sisodia 39, Sridhar Asok 142 — 21B, 19x4, 2x6, Sagar Chaurasia 12 — 15B, 19x4, 3x6, Abhishek 65 n.o., Praneeth Raj 3/82) vs MP Colts.

■ Concorde CC 123 in 47.5 overs (M. Pratay Kumar 51, M. Radhakrishna 5/25 — 11.5-4-25-5, Kavin Gupta 3/37) vs Hyderabad Bottling 109/3 in 26 overs (M. Radhakrishna 35 batting)

Group-C

■ Sportive CC 493/7 in 90 overs (Shaik Sameer 71, Mir Jaweed Ali 237 n.o. — 204b, 32x4, Divesh Singh 103 — 116b, 8x4, M. A. Khader 3/69) vs Union Bank of India.

■ Jai Hanuman 457/9 in 90 overs (Anurag Vittal 169 — 20b, 19x4, 5x4, Rohit Rayudu 110 — 92b, 11x4, 6x6, Sai Purnanand Rao 35, Irfan Khan 55, C. Durgesh 3/68, Chiranjeevi 3/104) vs BDL.

■ Deccan Chronicle 421/7 in 90 overs (Yash Kapadia 155 — 272b, 16x4, 2x6, Shreyas Vala 128 — 215b, 11x4, 2x6, Varun Goud 55) vs Central Excise.

■ Continental 419/7 in 90 overs (S. Vaishnav Reddy 38, N. Vigneshwar 96, Y. Sai Varun 71, M. Samithi Reddy 60, G. Sankeerth 103 n.o. — 66b, 8x4, 4x6, Mehdil Hasan 3/61) vs Enbounce.

■ ACP 113 in 36.0 overs (Sachin Shinde 32, Md Khayum 4/34) vs Combined Districts 110/5 in 371 overs (B. Vikram 47, Rahul Singh 3/23)

■ Balaji CC 145 in 43.2 overs (H. K. Simha 35, Geeta Krishna 31, G. Trishank Gupta 5/47 — 14.2-2-47-5, Mohd Adnan 4/38) vs Charminar CC 129/4 in 39 overs.

■ Mahmood CC 264 in 85.3 overs (Tanay Neman 56, Srikrishna Reddy 45, Durga Balaji 43, Naresh Kumar 3/42, Amir Bin Ali 3/70) vs Apex 24 for no loss in 5 overs.

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Really proud of #TeamIndia! Special mention to @RishabhPant17, @cheteshwar1, @ashwinravi99 and @Hanumavihari for the roles they've played brilliantly. Any guesses in which dressing room the morale will be high? #OneTeamOneCause #AUvIND.

— SACHIN TENDULKAR cricket legend



Hope all of us realise the importance of pujara, pant and Ashwin in cricket teams..batting at 3 in test cricket against quality bowling is not always hitting through the line..almost 400 test wickets don't come just like..well fought india..time to win the series.

— SOURAV GANGULY BCCI president and former India captain



Loved the fight and determination of India all day today. Starting with Pant and Pujara, and then for Vihari and Ashwin to withstand Australia and look largely in control for most of the day was very impressive. Can't wait for Brisbane now. #AUvIND

— RICKY PONTING Former Australia skipper



A fitting birthday gift for Rahul Dravid. An extraordinary display of resistance, fight and patience by India today.