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## WEATHER

Max: 30.9°C  
Min: 17.6°C  
RH: 42%  
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partially cloudy.  
Misty morning. Max/Min  
temp. 31/19 °C

## COVID-19 COUNT

CASES (+8,790*)	DEATHS (+147*)
1,05,02,548	1,51,671

\* Data not received  
from many states  
[Covid19india.org](http://Covid19india.org)

## STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+331)	(+3)
TS: 2,90,640	1,571
(+203)	(+1)
AP: 8,85,437	7,134

## CASES AROUND THE WORLD

	9,23,12,892
	19,77,850
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	218
<a href="http://worldometers.info/coronavirus">worldometers.info/ coronavirus</a>	

## ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarayana  
Tithi: Pushya Shuddha Padyami till 9.03 am  
Star: Shravanan till 5.04 am (Friday)

Variyam: 9.23 am to 10.57 am  
Durmuhuram: 10.34 am to 11.19 am and 3 pm to 3.44 pm

Rahukalam: 1.30 pm to 3 pm

HIJRI CALENDAR

Jumadi ul-Awwal 29, 1442 AH

## PRAYERS

Fajr: 5.45 am  
Zohar: 12.35 pm  
Asar: 4.25 pm  
Magrib: 6.07 pm

Isha: 7.18 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.49 AM

MOONRISE TOMORROW 6.51 AM

MOONSET TODAY 6.12 PM

## COUNTER POINT



Not drugs, he is smuggling vaccine to other countries!

## SHORT TAKES

Tunnel found near Pak border

Jammu: A 150-m tunnel constructed along the International Border (IB) to facilitate infiltration of terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan was detected by Border Security Force (BSF) personnel in Hiranagar sector of Kathua district on Wednesday.

Wednesday. This is the third tunnel unearthed by alert border guards along the IB in the twin districts of Samba and Kathua in Jammu region over the past six months and ninth in the past decade.

With the next round of



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Pence refuses to use Article 25 on Trump



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Oz coach blames IPL for Indian injuries

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Hindi actresses buy homes without advice

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DC wishes you Happy Sankranti



A girl flies a kite while her friends cheer her at Begum Bazaar on Wednesday, the eve of Makara Sankranti. — R. Pavan

**HOLIDAY NOTICE:** Deccan Chronicle wishes all its readers a happy Sankranti. The offices of Deccan Chronicle will remain closed on Thursday and there will be no edition on Friday.

## Sanitation worker to get first Covid shot in state

### Bharat Biotech ships vaccine lot

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

It will not be a doctor or a nurse who will get the first Covid-19 jab in the state. It will be a sanitation worker at Gandhi Hospital, the Covid-19 care centre of excellence in the city, when the vaccination drive begins on the morning of January 16.

At every one of the 139 vaccination centres, designated as session centres, in the state, it will be the *safai karmacharis* (sanitation workers) who will get the first dose of the vaccine.

According to health department officials, on day one of the vaccination drive, each centre will inoculate 30 persons with their first dose. The number of people receiving the vaccine will increase with each day. It is expected that the second day will see 50 persons receiving their first vaccine dose, followed by 100 on day three and so on.

Currently, the plan is to hold the vaccination drive

donated 16.5 lakh doses to the government. Each Covaxin vial contains 20 doses.

The company delivered 20,000 doses to Telangana state, sending the supplies to the state vaccine store at Koti here.

Wednesday's vaccine deliveries were made to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

By one set of shipments was sent from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport here in the morning, another set of deliveries was sent in the evening. Bharat Biotech received order for 55 lakh doses from the Centre. It

**■ Page 2: Covaxin is safer than others, says firm**

ve for four days a week with the other three days dedicated to the normal vaccination programme. Officials said as on Wednesday, 3.3 lakh

healthcare workers had registered their names to receive the vaccines.

**■ Page 2: Normal public to get jab later this year**

## Farmers burn farm law copies to mark protest

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 13

A day after the Supreme Court stayed the three farm laws and formed a committee to "study" them, the agitating farmers who had declared that their agitation would continue, burnt copies of the three laws on Wednesday to mark the harvesting season of Lohri.

The farmers' agitation entered its 50th day on Wednesday.

With the next round of

talks between farmers and the Centre scheduled for January 15, minister of state for agriculture Parshotam Rupala said that dialogue is the only way forward to resolve the deadlock.

"It is only through dialogue that a way forward can be found," Mr Rupala said on Wednesday.

Farmers unions have also shown willingness to attend the ninth round of talks but have insisted on a complete repeal of the farm laws.

By its 2018 judgment, the top court had said that Section 497 is a denial of the constitutional guarantees of dignity, liberty, privacy, and sexual autonomy, which are intrinsic to Article 21 of the Constitution.

"Mere adultery can't be a criminal offence. It is a matter of privacy. Husband is not the master of a wife. Women should be treated with equality along with men," then Chief Justice Dipak Misra had said in his judgment also speaking for Justice A.M.Khanwilkar.

PARMOD KUMAR | DC  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 13

The Centre on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court seeking to exclude armed forces personnel from the ambit of its 2018 judgment decriminalising adultery, who can be cashiered from service on the grounds of "unbecoming conduct" for committing adultery with a colleague's wife.

A five-judge constitution bench had on September 27, 2018, in a landmark judgment, decriminalised adultery after striking down a

British era law — Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code — terming it as unconstitutional, archaic and manifestly arbitrary, with Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman saying that women can't be treated as "chattel".

Issuing a notice on the Centre's application seeking clarification, Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman, heading a bench also comprising Justice Navin Sinha and Justice K.M. Joseph, said that since the clarification sought by the Centre is on a decision by a constitution bench it would

be better if goes before a five-judge bench.

The three-judge Supreme Court bench directed the registry to place the matter before the Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde for appropriate orders.

The Central government said that its judgment

decriminalising adultery

should not apply to armed forces where such acts amount to "unbecoming conduct".

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FOR SALE  
PROPERTY

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## Huge rush



A large number of passengers wait on the platform to board trains to visit their native places for Makar Sankranti at the Secunderabad railway station on Wednesday.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

## TS govt begins sending Covid vaccines to dists

Those vaccinated need to certify jab taken voluntarily

## NORMAL PUBLIC TO GET JAB LATER THIS YR

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all health teams that will be inoculating people to account for empty vials, which would have to be returned to the State Vaccine Store here.

With activities relating to the vaccination drive picking up further, Wednesday saw a video conference of health department officials and hospital heads that reviewed the process, the precautions and ways to make it smooth. Everyone who receives a Covid-19 vaccine will be required to sign a form agreeing that the jab is being taken voluntarily.

Health department authorities began sending the vaccines to all the districts after repacking the vials as per the designated

late this year.

With the safety of the vaccines — both Covishield from Serum Institute of India and Covaxin from Bharat Biotech — yet to be fully understood though both were approved by the Drugs Controller General of India as being safe, the state health department has set up separate Covid-19 Vaccine ICUs beds to handle any odd adverse reaction.

requirement of each district.

The carefully packed vaccine vials — in containers that ensure the vaccines

stay in the required temperature range of 2° to 8° Celsius — were dispatched to the districts with police escorts.

## Chinese among two arrested for online loan scam

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

A Chinese national and a Mumbai native were on Wednesday arrested by the Rachakonda police in connection with the ongoing investigation into illegal instant online loan apps. Officials froze ₹28 crore in their bank accounts.

In the initial stages, they had call centres at Thane to recover the loan amounts after that they made an agreement with Jiya Liyan Infotech Pvt Ltd in Pune.

Their companies do not have any valid licences from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the



## SHORT TAKES

## STATE IMPLEMENTS SCHEMES TO BOOST DALIT COMMUNITY

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN 13

Social welfare minister Koppula Eshwar said that many programmes were being implemented in the state to boost the confidence of the Dalit community.

He said that the Centre for Dalit Studies, being constructed at a cost of ₹26 crore, is being readied for launch on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti on April 14. He recalled that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao had laid the foundation stone on Dr B.R. Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary. The centre will have all facilities for those preparing for civil examinations.

Minister Eshwar along with Whip Balka Suman, MLAs G. Balraj, Aatram Sakku, Kale Yadaya, Maganti Gopinath and deputy mayor Baba Fasiuddin inspected work at the Centre for Dalit Studies at Rehamathnagar.

On behalf of the Dalit community, the minister thanked Chandrashekhar Rao for providing such an excellent centre. Suman said the centre was being set up with the intention of illuminating the lives of Dalits by designing programmes. It would be a focal point for studies to improve the living standards of Dalits.

## Scrap agri laws, says CLP leader

## Bhatti writes to KCR for Assembly session

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD,  
JAN. 13

Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday demanded that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao convene an emergency session of the Legislative Assembly in order to pass a resolution against the Union government's new laws on agriculture.

Addressing a press conference, Bhatti said that he has written to the Chief Minister on the matter. He suggested that the state government should send the resolution to the

Centre, like they had done earlier with regard to the Central Electricity Act. He urged KCR to understand the plight and agony of the farmers as they would be badly hit by the new laws.

Bhatti alleged that the Chief Minister took a U-turn after his Delhi visit and said that it was at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Rao decided to shut down purchase centres in the state.

The Congress leader demanded that all the centres should continue to procure crops and all related products, failing which the Congress party would intensify their stir.

## Bandi demands action on cops who beat BJP cadre

DC CORRESPONDENT  
WARANGAL, JAN. 13

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay on Wednesday visited Jangaon to take stock of the situation following a police baton charge against BJP activists on Tuesday. He took out a huge rally to protest the baton charge, from the town's main centre to the government hospital.

A tense situation pre-

vailed when the party leaders tried to break open the gates of the DCP office but they were dispersed by the police. Sanjay visited the BJP workers and others undergoing treatment in the hospital.

Speaking to reporters later, Sanjay alleged that the police were working only to protect the interests of the ruling party leaders. He criticised the government's "reckless

actions" in preventing the conduct of the Swami Vivekananda jayanti celebrations.

"It is wrong on the part of the municipal commissioner to remove the banners set up by the BJP but not touching those put up by ruling party leaders. The Chief Minister, who has confined himself to the farmhouse, is still not responding to state issues," Sanjay claimed.

## Water plan lacks clarity: Shabbir

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

Former minister Mohammed Ali Shabbir said that the 20,000 litres free water scheme launched by the government in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area lacks clarity and is aimed at misleading the people.

Shabbir Ali, a senior Congress leader, in a media statement on Wednesday, said that the scheme was being implemented with many riders and would create more confusion than give relief. "When all consumers have metered connections, why are they being asked to instal a new meter," he asked.

The Congress leader said that the supply of drinking water in slums through public or community taps was

free since the beginning. Therefore, the domestic slum consumers have nothing to gain. However, it would be a burden on the individual domestic consumers who would have to spend to instal a new meter.

Shabbir Ali objected to the condition of linking the Aadhaar number to the Customer Account Number (CAN) of the water connection. He said this might lead to intrusion of consumers' privacy. He pointed out that the High Court had recently objected to linking the Aadhaar number to registration of property.

Shabbir Ali demanded that the government simplify the rules for the schemes. He said that the consumers should not be burdened with the cost of installation of new meters.



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy along with party leaders pay tributes to former chief minister Dr Marri Chenna Reddy at his memorial in Indira Park on Wednesday.

## CONG REMEMBERS CHENNA REDDY ON HIS 102nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

State Congress president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy along with party leader Marri Shashidhar Reddy and other leaders participated in the 102nd birth anniversary of former chief minister Dr Marri Chenna Reddy at his memorial in Indira Park on Wednesday.

The TPCC chief described Dr Chenna Reddy as a great visionary, administrator and statesman.

Shashidhar Reddy organised the programme which was attended by Himachal Pradesh Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Congress legislator Srihari Babu, former PCC presidents V. Hanumanta Rao and Ponnala Lakshmaiah, former minister Samarasinha Reddy, AICC secretaries Chinna Reddy and Rudra Raju, PCC general secretaries Nagesh Mudiraj, Bollu Kishan spokesperson Nirajan and others.

## Don't make provocative remarks, Errabelli appeals to Bandi

DC CORRESPONDENT  
WARANGAL, JAN. 13

Panchayat Raj minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao has once again appealed to state BJP president Bandi Sanjay

to not provoke people with his utterances. "Those in positions of responsibility are advised to have a humane touch. Sanjay, who is an MP, must not speak recklessly," he said.

The minister was addressing the media after handing over double bedroom houses to beneficiaries in Mylaram village in Rayaparthi mandal of Warangal rural district.

"People laugh at you when you speak words that undermine democratic values," Dayakar Rao said.

He said that power is not the ultimate and public service, but welfare of the people

was paramount. "Bandi's words are provocative. He must be ready for a formal meeting to let the people know who did what if they wanted to know about development activities," he said.

**OBITUARY**

**HANMULA KUSHENDER**  
B/o Late Dr. H. Raghunath Rao  
DOB: 13.05.1956 DOD: 13.01.2021  
Today Afternoon at Tadbund, Graveyard.  
Survived by: Wife: H. Nirmala Bai  
Daughter: H. Geetha  
Son: H. Bharath Kumar.  
Address: #2-127/B, Tadbund, Secbad.  
Phone: 9441365710/9866889145  
Inserted by: HANMULA FAMILY  
(CA-3505)

**2ND ANNIVERSARY OF OUR BELOVED FATHER**  
  
**Sri Butti Narasiah Garu**  
Time may pass & Fade Away but Memories of you Always stay with us  
Inserted by: [Family Members]  
Wife : B. Laxmi  
Son : Dr. B. Venkatesh  
Daughter-In-Law : B. Vasundhara  
Grand Son : Dr. B. Sai Rahul  
Son-In-Law : Dr. N. Rajaram  
Daughter : Dr. Nandhya Rani  
Grand Daughter : Dr. Mounika  
Grand Daughter : G. Sonalika  
Son-In-Law : G. Dayanand  
Daughter : G. Swarnamala  
Grand Son : G. Chaitanya  
Near & Dear -

**SHRADHANJALI**  
  
**MYADAM KISHAN RAO**  
The great philanthropist & human being  
May your soul rest in peace  
Inserted by: Mr. & Mrs. Alladi Raj Kumar & Bros Ex.MP

**FOND MEMORY**  
  
**Shri BOORUGU MURALIDHAR**  
DOB : 23-10-1948 DOD : 6-1-2021  
The golden years you blessed us with, remain etched on our hearts, mind and soul.  
May you smile forever.  
Inserted by: Debbadi Jagan Mohan

**DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
  
**Mr. DAULAT VIJENDER SHAH**  
Aged 44 S/o Anilkumar Shah from Hiriyath Nagar, Hyderabad, Telingana, expired on 01.01.2021  
The Govt. Medical College, Thiruvanthapuram. Information related to the deceased or his relatives can contact the Kovaiam police station. Ph. 0471-240255 SHO: 94979497102 SI: 9497980000

**15TH DAY CEREMONY**  
  
**of (Late) Sri. Mangina Seetha Ramanujam**  
H/o (Late) Smt. Mangina Dhanamani  
SIL/o (Late) Smt. Marideswara Rao Garu & Smt. (Late) B. Satyavathi Garu  
Co-BIL/o Smt. R.V. Ramamohana Rao  
BIL/o (Late) Smt. R. Chandramani  
Inserted by: Children & Grand Children  
Date : 16-01-2021, Venue : Residence 62-B, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad.  
Lunch: 12:30pm onwards.  
Ph: 040-27805266, 9676540808

**67th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
  
**U. VIJAYA KUMAR, IRPS**  
"The memory of the righteous is blessed."  
Fondly Remembered by Family, Near & Dear

**OBITUARY**  
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The One who believes in me will live, even though they die" - John 11:25  
  
**Mrs. ANNIE PADMINI WILLIAM**  
W/o Late Mr.N.William  
Called to glory on 13-01-2021  
Mom... your memory is a treasure, you will be missed beyond measure.  
Deeply mourned by:  
Son-S-Daughter-in-law  
Daughter - Son-in-law  
Grand Children.

**1st Death Anniversary**  
"Memory of the righteous is blessed." - Prov 10:7  
  
**Bro Daram David Sikhamani**  
DOB: 14.01.2020  
We miss you every moment in our life, your presence continues to surround us, in our hearts, you are always there.  
Believers of Gilgal Prayer House and Branches & Sons Mob.: 9912151556

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt.5:8)  
  
**WILLIAM BENEDICT GOMEZ**  
DOB: 15-01-1948 DOD: 16-06-2011  
Wishing you a very Happy 73rd Birthday, your 10th Birthday in Heaven.  
Although it has been almost TEN long years since your departure, we sorely miss your presence in our lives, even today.  
Inserted by: Everloving wife and dear sons

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
  
**V. VAMSHI MOHAN**  
Though you left us physically Always you will be in our hearts.  
From: Family Members (Padmarao Nagar)

**10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**MARRI PADMAMMA**  
W/o. M. Ramalinga Reddy  
Expired on: 15-01-2011  
Your memories will always remain in our hearts for ever  
Inserted by: Daughters: Kankar Tirumala, M.Nandini & FAMILY MEMBERS

**4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**Late Smt. SHEILA R DAVID**  
Loved Beyond Words And Missed Beyond Measure  
Family Members Ph.: 93222 65277

**7th ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**K. SRINIVASAN (Nanu)**  
DOB: 15-01-1994 DOD: 19-02-2014  
Our mind still talks to you and our heart still looks for you but our eyes tell that you are at peace the years may pass but still you stay as near and Dear as Yesterday.  
Inserted by: Dad, Mom, Sisters and Brothers-in-law J.K. Kumar, 9989827207

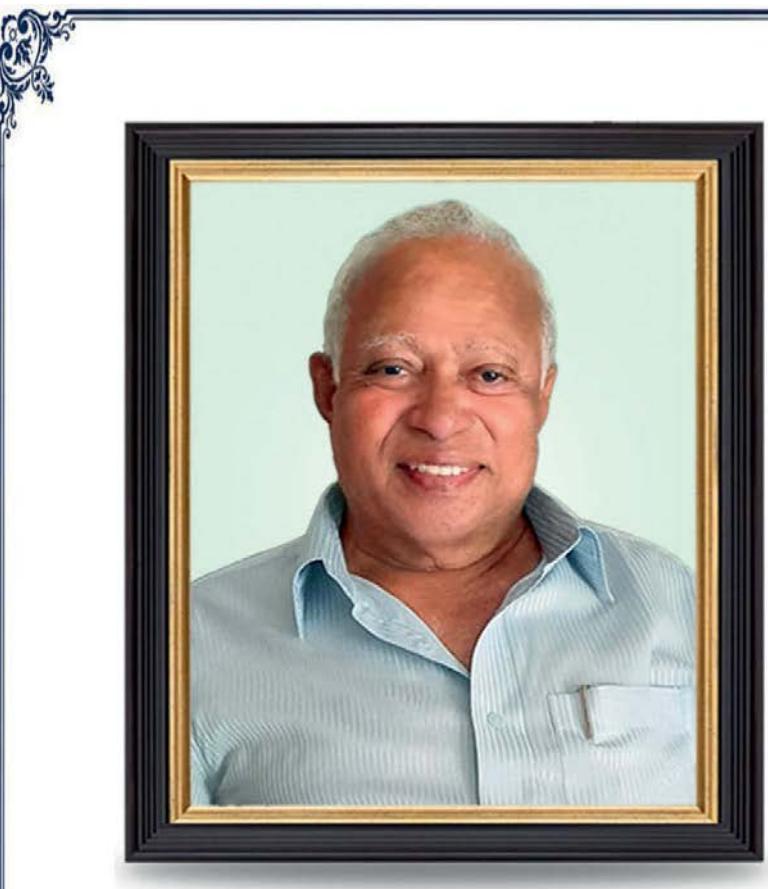
**14th ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DAD**  
  
**M. V. SUDHAKAR**  
DOB: 03-08-1959 DOD: 14-01-2014  
We miss you friend  
Inserted by D.S. Subramaniam & A.H. Manjunath  
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**16th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**K.V. GOPALA KRISHNAN NAIR (CSD)**  
DOB: 10.02.1947 DOD: 16.01.2007  
Acha, you will always be our source of inspiration and remain in our hearts forever.  
Vinitha Anil and Family

**26th ANNIVERSARY IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF**  
  
**LATE STEVEN MASIHCHARAN**  
DOB: 19.12.1952 DOD: 14-1-2005  
"Dad your memory will always Cherish"  
Inserted by: Wife: Kousalya Masihcharan  
Daughters: Ruth & Rachel  
Son: Priestly Gius Masihcharan  
Son-in-Law: Rev.J.R.Solomon Raj  
Grand Daughters & Grand Son

**3rd ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**  
  
**Dr. G. DWARAKA NATH (MBBS MD)**  
DOB: 15-01-1956 DOD: 15-01-2018  
You are not with us, but your love & memories will always last for ever.  
Inserted by:  
Jayashree (Wife), Rahul (Son), Ritu (Daughter)

**73rd ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**ANNIE & FELIX D'SOUZA**  
14-1-1948  
We love and miss you dear  
Mom & Dad  
From: Mario & Family



## Tributes to Dr. G.V.B.K Gangadhara Reddy

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For cremation information, contact Mr. Anand- +91 9848516585

**1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**Late. THAKUR URMILA BAI**  
DOB: 14-01-2020  
your memories will always remain in our hearts for ever  
Inserted by: SON: THAKUR SHIVRAJ SINGH & FAMILY

**4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
  
**SHEELA PAUL DAVID**  
A life totally committed to God has nothing to fear nothing to lose, nothing to regret - Paulatian  
Inserted by:  
Paulatian - Husband Victor H. David - Son Aarti - Daughter-in-law Jayden - Grandson Dr. Grace J. David - Daughter

**14th ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DAD**  
  
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Jayashree (Wife), Rahul (Son), Ritu (Daughter)

**26th ANNIVERSARY IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF**  
  
**NELATURI SAMUEL RAJ**  
A.O. LIC OF INDIA (Rtd.)  
Promoted to glory on 15-1-1995  
LOVING WIFE: SAROJINI, SONS, DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS & GRAND CHILDREN  
From: Mario & Family



## IN BRIEFS

## MP hooch tragedy toll mounts to 20

**Bhopal:** The death toll in Tuesday's hooch tragedy in Morena district has mounted to 20 with 8 more people, who had fallen ill after consuming spurious liquor, succumbing in the hospital on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. All the 20 deceased hailed from the villages of Manpura under Baghchini police station and Pahawali under Sumoali police station in the district, official reports reaching from Morena said on Wednesday. Preliminary police investigation has revealed that the victims had purchased liquor from an authorised person, who was also hospitalised after consuming the same liquor, at the rate of ₹50 per bottle.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan who took stock of the situation at a high level official meeting here in the morning, ordered transfer of Morena district collector Anurag Verma and local superintendent of police Anurag Sujata.

## Major fire in Kolkata

**Kolkata:** A major fire broke out at a slum in Kolkata's Bagbazar area on Wednesday evening. At least 24 fire tenders were pressed into service as the blaze engulfed several houses in the slum on Kshirode Vidyavindya Avenue beside the Bagbazar Women's College near the Chitpore Lock Gate Bridge. Blasts were heard in the slum which police suspect to be of gas cylinders at the houses on fire, officials said. There were no reports of any casualty as most of the people were evacuated on time, they said. The blaze also spread to the adjacent Sarada Mayer Bar. As the firefighters escorted the slums out, an officer of the fire department said, "The reason for the fire is not yet known. The firemen are fighting it tooth and nail and hopefully, it will soon be under control," an officer of the Kolkata Police said.

## BADAUN CASE: PRIEST REMANDED TO POLICE CUSTODY

**Badaun (UP), Jan. 13:** A temple priest and his accomplices accused of raping and killing a 50-year-old woman here have been remanded to one-day police custody by a local court. Circle officer of Bilsi, Anirudh Singh, said on Wednesday that, "The three accused persons in the Ughati incident have already been sent to jail. But there are some questions which need to be answered. For this, it is necessary to take the three accused on remand".

A request through video conferencing was made to the court of the chief judicial magistrate for police remand on Tuesday and the request was granted.

The family members of the woman had accused the temple priest and his accomplices of raping and killing the woman, an anganwadi worker.

A case was registered against the accused and two of them identified as Vedram and Jaspal were arrested on January 5. Later the priest was also arrested.

## 150-m cross-border tunnel found in J&amp;K

This is the 3rd tunnel unearthed by alert BSF guards

**Jammu, Jan. 13:** A 150-metre tunnel constructed along the International Border (IB) to facilitate infiltration of terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan was detected by Border Security Force (BSF) personnel in Hiranagar sector of Kathua district on Wednesday, officials said.

This is the third tunnel unearthed by alert border guards along the IB in the twin districts of Samba and Kathua over the past six months and ninth in the past decade.

"A nearly 150-metre-long tunnel was detected by a BSF patrol party during an anti-tunnelling operation in Bobiyaan village of Hirnagar sector on Wednesday morning," Inspector General of BSF, Jammu frontier, N.S. Jamwal told reporters at the scene. He along with other senior officers rushed to Bobiyaan soon after the detection of the tunnel.

"The opposite of this side is Pakistan's Shakergarh which is notorious for having launch pads and bases of terrorists. We have inputs available with us as a result of that we are sensitive to whatever is happening here," the BSF officer said, assuring that all necessary measures are in place to counter Pakistani designs.

He said sand bags with Pakistani markings are evidence of the hand of Pakistani establishment in the construction of this tunnel, which is identical to the previously detected tunnels hav-



Security officers investigate near the mouth of a 150-metre underground tunnel, constructed allegedly by Pakistan beneath IB, at Hiranagar sector of Kathua district on Wednesday. — PTI

ing a depth of 25 to 30 metres with two to three feet diameter.

Asked whether this tunnel was recently dug or it's an old one, the BSF officer said it is a matter of investigation.

However, he said some of the sand bags recovered from the tunnel have 2016-17 year of manufacture which suggest that it is an old tunnel.

Referring to the killing of two Pakistani infiltrators in Surankote area of Poonch district and an encounter in Srinagar last month, the IG said Pakistan is always looking for an opportunity to push terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir, whether it is through Line of Control (LoC) or

IB. "They are continuing with the attempts but we are fully alert to the situation. Our alertness resulted in detection of underground tunnels and shooting down of a Hexa-copter loaded with a huge cache of arms and ammunition," he said, adding the border protection grid comprising army, BSF and police are working jointly to scuttle Pakistan's attempts to push terrorists and weapons into this side.

Last year, the BSF detected two such tunnels in Samba district on August 28 and November 22 following successful infiltration by two groups of terrorists who were subsequently neutralised in separate encounters along Jammu-Srinagar national highway while they were enroute to Kashmir in trucks.

While three Pakistani terrorists affiliated with Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) were eliminated in a gunfight in Nagrota area near Jammu after they were intercepted aboard a Kashmir-bound truck in January last year, another group of Pakistani terrorists armed with weapons and a large quantity of grenades were killed at the same spot on November 19.

Investigations suggested both the groups infiltrated into this side through underground tunnels.

Meanwhile, Pakistani Rangers violated ceasefire by resorting to unprovoked firing on forward posts and villages in the Border Outpost area of Gurnam in Hiranagar sector, the officials said. — PTI

## SC/ST ACT: HC FIXES TIMELINE FOR BAIL PLEAS

**Allahabad, Jan. 13:** In a significant order, the Allahabad High Court has directed that bail pleas under the SC/ST Act have to be placed before the court seven days after a notice is served to the government advocate.

Noting that bail applications should be processed expeditiously and placed before the court for hearing in a reasonable and definite time frame, a single bench of Justice Ajay Bhambhani gave a slew of direction on the agency and mode for service of notice on bail pleas under the Act as well as the timeline to be followed.

Section 15 (A) (3) and (5) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 provide that a victim or his dependent shall have the right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any court proceeding under this Act.

According to police reports, the police on Wednesday found some vital clues in the murder of Rupesh Kumar Singh. Sources said that CCTV from the nearby building suggests that there were two motorcycle-borne assailants and they appeared to be following him from the airport.

The incident has triggered sharp reactions from across the political spectrum in Bihar. BJP leader and Rajya Sabha

## Airline official's murder in Patna raises political heat



Nitish Kumar

present when the incident occurred.

According to police officials, "A special investigation team has been formed to probe the case. We are also trying to find a motive behind the killing".

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MP Vivek Thakur raised questions on the law and order scenario of the state said that "the police should either reach some conclusion or hand over the case to the CBI without delay".

BJP is a part of Nitish Kumar government in Bihar. The harsh statement issued by the ruling alliance leader has aroused political temperature in the state.

On the other hand RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Wednesday demanded Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's resignation over his failure in controlling rising crime graph in the state.

"Criminals protected by those in power in Bihar killed airport manager Rupesh Kumar Singh in Patna outside his residence. He was affable and friendly. I am deeply saddened by his untimely death. It seems that now criminals are running the government in Bihar", Tejashwi said in a tweet.

## COVID | FIGHT

Maha says it has got fewer doses of the vaccine than it requires

DC CORRESPONDENTS  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

Ahead of the January 16 vaccination deadline, states have started receiving the vaccines from the Central government to be administered to the frontline health workers on priority basis among others.

## MAHARASHTRA

Even before the inoculation of Covid Vaccine began, Maharashtra health minister Rajesh Tope on Wednesday alleged that the state has received less doses of the vaccine than its requirement. Mr Tope said that the state has received only 9.63 lakh vials of Covishield vaccine from the SII (Serum Institute of India) and only 20,000 vials from the Bharat Biotech, while the require-

ment of the vaccines in Maharashtra is 17.5 lakh in first phase.

## KERALA

With the first consignment of Covishield vaccine from Serum Institute of India arriving in Kochi on Wednesday, the state is all set to launch its vaccine drive. Kerala will receive a total of 4,33,500 doses of Covishield.

## ASSAM

Assam government has completed the preparation for rolling out the vaccine on January 16 as it received the first consignment of the vaccine at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. A SpiceJet freighter ferried over 730 kg of cargo in 20 boxes having doses to be

distributed for Assam and Meghalaya. A senior health official said that in the first lot the state got 2,01,500 doses.

## ODISHA

A day after receiving 4,08 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccine Covishield from Serum Institute of India, Odisha on Wednesday got the first consignment of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin dispatched from Hyderabad. The consignment of 20,000 doses of Covaxin landed at Biju Patnaik International Airport.

## MADHYA PRADESH

The first consignment of 94,000 doses of Covishield vaccine reached Bhopal airport from Mumbai on Wednesday. The vaccine vials were transported to

the state vaccine Centre in Bhopal from Raja Bhoj airport in an insulated van of state health department, an official of state public relations department said.

## CHHATTISGARH

As many as 3,23 doses of Covishield reached Raipur in Chhattisgarh from Pune on Wednesday afternoon to kick off the first phase of vaccination in the state. "The vaccine vials were shifted in refrigerated vans to the state vaccine Centre in Raipur", Chhattisgarh's Mission Director for National Health Mission Priyanka Shukla said.

## WEST BENGAL

A vehicle carrying Covid-19 vaccine was stuck in a traffic jam in Burdwan

East of West Bengal on Wednesday for a long time due to a massive demonstration led by Trinamul Congress minister and Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind state chief Siddiquillah Chowdhury against the three farm laws. The incident took place a day after the first consignment of Covid-19 vaccine reached the state.

Mr Chowdhury however said, "It was not intentional. The truck with the vaccine was stuck at the end of a long queue of vehicles. The police, soon after coming to know about it, helped it pass by through a different route."

— With inputs from Sonu Shrivastava, Gilvester Assary, Manoj Anand, Akshay Kumar Sahoo, Rabindra Nath Chowdhury & Rajib Chowdhury

## HC: Mandate of 30 days notice under Spl Marriage Act optional

**Lucknow, Jan. 13:** In a judgement that is likely to bring relief to inter faith couples, the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday declared as optional the mandatory publication of notice of intended marriages under the Special Marriage Act, saying it violates the right to privacy.

Making such publication mandatory would invade the fundamental rights of liberty and privacy, the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court said.

It would also affect the couple's freedom to choose

marriage "without interference from state and non-state actors", Justice Vivek Chaudhary said.

He said it shall be optional for the parties to the intended marriage to make a request in writing to the marriage officer to publish or not to publish such a notice.

If the couple did not intend so, the marriage officer has to solemnise their marriage forthwith without publication of 30 days notice, the court said.

A section of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, requires

an inter-faith couple to give written notice of the marriage to the district marriage officer.

The court was considering a habeas corpus petition alleging that an adult girl is being detained against her wishes to marry her lover who belongs to a different religion.

The judgement comes against the backdrop of a recent controversial law enacted by the Uttar Pradesh government which prohibits forcible conversion for the sake of marriage. — PTI

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## Election fever grips TN as early hustings begin

It is a bit early for Tamil Nadu to go into election mode with at least four more months left for the All India Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) to relinquish power. But it has happened as the principal contender to the throne, the DMK, launched an all-out war to storm Fort St George quite early, forcing the ruling dispensation to quickly respond. Thus, the battle lines have been drawn between the two traditional rivals, who have been ruling the state alternately since 1967, after that indistinct threat that loomed for about a year in the form of actor Rajinikanth dissipated and the other actor, Kamal Haasan, with his Makkal Needhi Maiam, is not expected to play a big role.

Of course, Mr Haasan is around and has already started going around spouting rhetoric and another actor, Seeman, with his Naam Tamil Katchi is, as usual, spewing chauvinistic vitriol. But there is no scope for a third front to take on the might of the DMK and AIADMK as a plethora of smaller parties in the state, which include the BJP and the Congress that are otherwise political giants at the national level, have started rallying around the Dravidian majors, in the run-up to the state Assembly elections. But the same small parties are now promising to provide scope for some political drama.

**Another thorn in the flesh of the AIADMK is the PMK bargaining for an assurance to provide 20 per cent exclusive reservation for the Vanniyar community that it represents to remain in the alliance**

The rumblings of discontent in the two coalitions, forged during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, are signs of potential wrangling, triggered by the overt ambitions of the two lead parties that want to rule the state. Both the DMK and the AIADMK are keen on contesting in an extremely high number of seats, as both are averse to sharing power with allies. For them, alliances are for winning elections and not ruling the state and hence they expect at least a simple majority to form the government on their own. And the fallout is allies not getting the desired number of seats.

In the past, as it happened in 2016, disillusionment over seat allocation had united small parties to form alternative alliances. But this time there is no sign of such rebellions as the small parties seem to be prepared to accept whatever is given, though they have started asserting themselves in a different way. Almost all the parties want to retain their individual identity by contesting in their own symbols and names. Since that goes against the wishes of both the alliance leaders, who want smaller allies to opt for their popular election symbols, thus marking ally candidates, at least in Election Commission records, as their representative, there is bound to be friction and action.

Another thorn in the flesh of the AIADMK is the Pattal Makkal Katchi (PMK) of Dr S. Ramadoss bargaining for an assurance to provide 20 per cent exclusive reservation for the Vanniyar community that it represents to remain in the alliance. How the AIADMK deals with the belligerent PMK and how both the lead partners coax their allies to settle for a smaller numbers of seats would form the next act of the long-drawn electoral drama, whose climax is, as said earlier, four months away.

## Policy not court's domain

**T**he value of the committee of four experts appointed by the Supreme Court in arbitrary fashion in an effort to defuse the national political crisis caused by the prolonged agitation by tens of thousands farmers is questionable.

The farmers are knocking on Delhi's gates to protest three farm laws recently passed by the Narendra Modi government. In such haste was the regime that it first brought the legislations in the form of ordinance — or executive fiat — in mid-June and then rushed these through Parliament in three days flat by the end of September, short-circuiting and bypassing norms and procedures.

The top court waded into the delicate situation caused by the agitation, which has attracted world attention, when neither the government nor the farmers called for its help, although during negotiations the government's ministers did tell the farmers' representatives to try their luck in the Supreme Court if they weren't satisfied with what the government was offering. The farmers didn't take the bait. But the court stepped in anyway.

The Supreme Court has held the three laws in abeyance. Maybe, this is in order to appear even-handed. But this is not cutting ice outside government circles. The farmers' demand is the repeal of the laws, which they see as bad policy, adversely impacting their lives. Evidently, the top court does not understand this. Nor does the Supreme Court see that it has no role in determining policy, which is the exclusive domain of the executive.

As per the Supreme Court, the committee it has brought into being will hear all sides and help the apex court understand whether the farm laws are in the "public interest". This self-given assignment is outside the top court's remit. The job of the Supreme Court is to determine the constitutionality or otherwise of a legislation, not whether it is in the public interest. That is for the people to decide. When court-appointed experts seek to do so, it is the ayatollah syndrome that looms.

For the sake of record, all the four experts in the committee are strongly pro-government on the agric laws, and yet the Chief Justice of India expects farmers' representatives to appear before this committee. Instead of seeming the honest broker, the CJI may be courting disdain. What a pity!

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**I**PS officer D. Roopa, who was the first woman home secretary of Karnataka has been transferred as the managing director of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation amid her private spat with another IPS officer Hemant Nimbalkar, who, too, was transferred. Mr Nimbalkar was the additional commissioner (administration) in Bengaluru before being transferred to the internal security department.

Public spats are rarely pretty and the one between these two senior IPS officers of Karnataka over the tender process to procure CCTVs has brought out in the open the intense rivalries in the service. The two IPS officers locked horns after Ms Roopa accused Mr Nimbalkar of irregularities in the tender process of the ₹619 crore Bengaluru Safe City project under the Nirbhaya scheme. Mr Nimbalkar, on the other hand, accused Ms Roopa of interfering with the tender process without jurisdiction.

Ms Roopa had written to state chief secretary T.M. Vijaya Bhaskar alleging that Mr Nimbalkar was trying to favour a private company in the Bengaluru Safe City Project and demanded a probe against Mr Nimbalkar, alleging, in turn, that while the Home Department has started an enquiry against her, it has hesitated to do the same against Mr Nimbalkar, even after months since the CBI sought sanction for his prosecution.

According to sources, Ms Roopa wrote to the chief secretary after media reports that suggested she was under investigation by the chief secretary for allegedly "impersonating" the home secretary and interfering with the tendering process for the multi-crore project. It is unclear where the question of impersonation arises, as Ms Roopa was the home secretary of Karnataka! The content of the report is on the lines of a complaint written by Mr Nimbalkar to

the Karnataka chief secretary. As the two trade charges, sources say that the government has started an inquiry in the matter. Expect more salvoes in the days ahead!

**KHEMKA DIGS IN HIS HEELS**  
Haryana IAS officer and whistleblower Ashok Khemka never gives up on his first principles.

Now principal secretary in the state's archaeological department, the indefatigable Mr Khemka continues to pursue the case which brought him into the national limelight. Last year, Mr Khemka had appealed to the Haryana State Information Commission under the Right to Information Act.

He had sought information relating to the inquiry commission that probed the grant of change of land use licences in Gurugram during the Congress government's tenure, including the alleged role of Robert Vadra, son-in-law of Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi. He informed the information com-

mission that the complete information sought had not been provided to him.

The commission has now issued notice to the office of chief secretary (political department) and the town and country planning department to give their response to the rejoinders filed by Mr Khemka. Sources say that the IAS officer has sought "penal action" under Section 20 of the RTI Act against those who failed to provide the information he had sought, claiming there is a "cover-up attempt". This, too, is the letter of the law.

**J&K BABUS DEFY INSTRUCTIONS**  
The government has taken serious note of several IAS officers of the Jammu and Kashmir cadre openly flouting instructions on the online filing of immovable property returns (IPRs). Non-compliance can lead to disciplinary proceedings and denial of vigilance clearance.

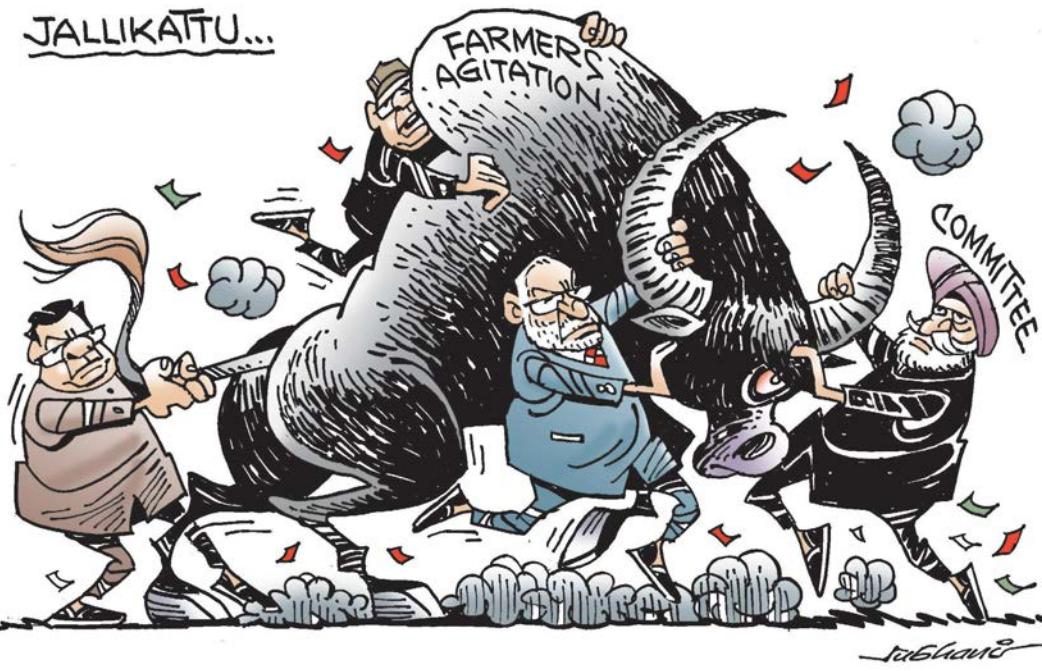
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**K'taka home secy shunted out for calling Safe City 'scam'**

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## Is 'new normal' really a return to the old ways?

Patralekha Chatterjee  
Dev 360

**P**overty. Inequality. Vulnerability. These are mere words, until they hit us directly or confront us in a way which makes it difficult to look away.

A flood of images of migrant workers walking down national highways burst into middle class India's living rooms following the nationwide lockdown announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March last year. The lockdown came into effect with barely four hours' notice. All economic activity came to a grinding halt, and there was no transport.

Those searing images of migrant workers —men and women reduced to collateral damage for the State in its battle against the coronavirus — jolted many people. Suddenly, everyone was talking about the heart-breaking conditions in which all daily wage earners — the face of the country's vast informal sector — lived and worked.

For a fleeting while, optimists wondered if the Covid-19 pandemic had sledgehammered some fundamental lessons about the need for solidarity between the "formal" and "informal" sectors, if not for anything else but enlightened self-interest. Almost a year down the line, as we get ready for the vaccine rollout and for the economy to recover fully, what really has changed?

Are we trying to do science and fix the economy in a way that factors in the needs and rights of our most vulnerable? Or is our "new normal" really going back to the old ways?

Last week, once again, images of precarity and poverty came together through the testimonies of desperately poor people who had volunteered to participate in the ongoing clinical trial of Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine candidate, Covaxin, in Bhopal.

Most of those who offered their testimonies on camera are victims of the horrific Bhopal gas tragedy, the world's largest industrial disaster in December 1984; and many said that they could not read or write.

What leaps out from among the many statements in the Bhopal Covaxin trial is the stark reality of "informed consent" when it comes to poor people with no education and little bargaining power.

As is widely known, there are four key parts of informed consent in a clinical trial — information, comprehension, voluntariness and documentation.

"Giving information does not mean it

has been comprehended. According to the new clinical trial rules in India, there should be an 'impartial witness' while informed consent is being taken from an illiterate participant," says Dr Anant Bhan, a well-known researcher in global health and bioethics.

Additionally, for vulnerable participants, there is a requirement for audio-visual documentation of the process, Dr Bhan points out.

"The recent testimonies of volunteers, many of whom are illiterate and poor, for a Covaxin trial site in Bhopal, show big gaps in oversight in the regulatory process," he adds.

Doing science must not mean playing with the basic human rights of vulnerable people, says Dr Bhan emphatically. Clearly, this is in no one's interest and will also raise questions on the quality of data coming out of such trials.

"The seriousness of the allegations made by some volunteers in public in full view of the national media raises a question about whether audio-visual recordings of the informed consent process were done in line with the protocol laid down by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)," says Amar Jesani, another leading expert on ethics, rights and health systems and editor, *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*.

"This is not filming a wedding party," says Jesani acerbically. "There is a specific protocol on how these situations need to be filmed. Many of the volunteers are from highly vulnerable groups who did not know their rights. But just because someone does not know his/her rights does not mean rights don't exist."

There are many legitimate questions. Do audio-

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### LETTERS

#### WELCOME SHOT

The arrival of vaccines for Covid-19 in India is exciting ('Safety must even after the vaccination,' DC, Jan. 13). However, the people should follow Covid-19 safety measures even after the vaccination. During the process of vaccinating the entire population, the people must remain calm.

**Madhla Hyderabad**

#### PAPER DEALS

If the government allows for sada bainama registration, many people can fraudulently grab government and private land and get it registered in their name, by bribing the officials (*Sada bainama to benefit TRS leaders: BJP MLA*, Jan. 13). The government should withdraw this plan and not allow land to be easily grabbed.

**John Samuel Secunderabad**

#### WHY NOT NUMAISH?

Every new year has started with Numaish for almost eight decades but, this time, Hyderabadi are missing it due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But, when malls, cinema theatres, Metro Rail and flights, where people are in closed air-conditioned spaces, are permitted, why is the All India Industrial Exhibition which is held outdoors in the open not permitted?

**T. Kailash Ditya Hyderabad**

#### SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Though I agree with Devi Kar that admission into nursery classes should not be based on interviews (*Educational activism of a different kind is needed*, DC, Jan. 13) we cannot entirely blame the school authorities. Thousands of applications for admission are received for a limited number of seats. There must be a way to short-list the children for admission.

**S. Nageswara Rao Hyderabad**

### 50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

#### 5 City players in India team

**HYDERABAD**, January 13 It was a red-letter day in the sports circle here today. Never before in its history have five players been selected from Hyderabad to represent the country.

But pathways and mechanisms to operationalise this vision are still not clear, Ms Naik says.

That much-needed clarity could make all the difference.

India doesn't have to let millions lead a precarious existence. It could use its resources to build back better.

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ing of IPRs was introduced in 2017. In terms of the extant rules, the busines have to necessarily file IPRs electronically as there is no provision for manual submission.

But much to the disappointment of the department of personnel and training (DoPT) and the general administration department (GAD), several IAS officers have not acted on the instructions issued repeatedly since 2017. Now, sources say, the commissioner secretary of GAD, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, has issued a circular stating that failure to comply would "constitute good and sufficient reason for the institution of disciplinary proceedings". The IAS officers have been advised to follow the instructions in letter and spirit or face the consequences. The government has clearly decided that it will not give further leeway to the defaulters.

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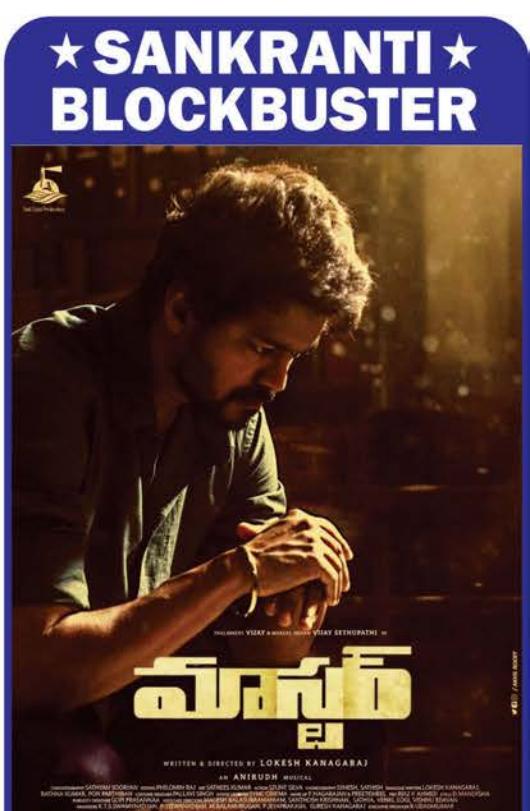


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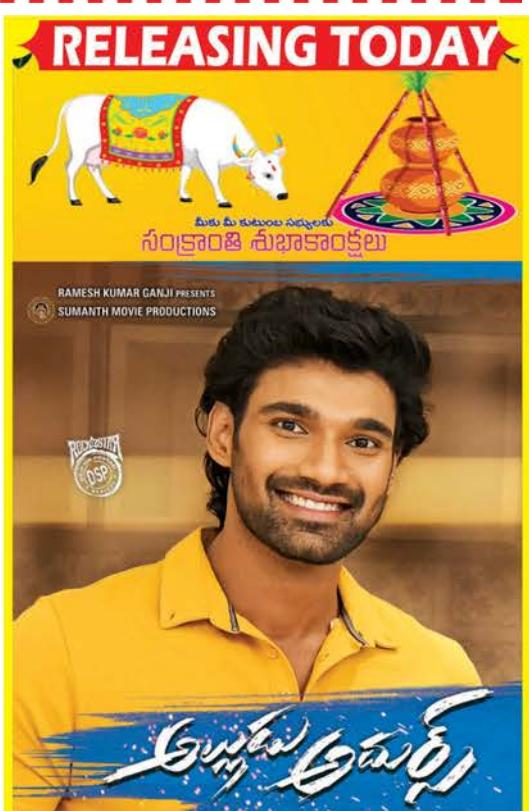
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**SHORT TAKES**  
**FLOYD CASE:  
EX-COP'S TRIAL  
IN MARCH**

Washington, Jan. 13: The trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin — charged with murdering African American man George Floyd — will begin as scheduled March 8, but his co-defendants will appear separately in late August, a judge ordered in a decision made public Tuesday. Both the prosecution and defence had requested to postpone the start of the trial in Minnesota due to the Covid-19.

Even in the largest courtroom in the county, it would be "impossible to comply with Covid-19 physical restrictions in a joint trial involving all four defendants," Judge Peter Cahill said in his decision.

He ordered the court maintain in the original trial date for Chauvin, the 44-year-old white former officer who on May 25, 2020 knelt on Floyd's neck for eight minutes while Floyd protested that he couldn't breathe.

**POMPEO, U.S.' UN AMBASSADOR SCRAP TRIPS**

Washington, Jan. 13: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo cancelled his final official visit to Europe, while Washington's UN envoy scrapped a trip to Taiwan, officials said Tuesday, as President Donald Trump faces an impeachment vote in Congress.

The two-day stay in Europe would have been Pompeo's last foreign trip as Washington's top diplomat before Democrat Joe Biden takes the oath of office on January 20.

The State Department said Pompeo was staying in Washington to ensure a "smooth and orderly" transition to the new administration.

The United States' UN ambassador Kelly Craft cancelled her planned trip to Taiwan, due to start Wednesday, in line with the State Department cancelling trips abroad ahead of Biden's inauguration.

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US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.107
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**Adani Green's promoter sells ₹1,840-cr shares**

Adani Trading Services LLP, a promoter entity of Adani Green, sold 2 crore shares of Adani Green Energy Ltd worth over Rs 1,840 through open market transactions. Block deal data with the BSE shows Adani Trading Services had divested 2,00,96,000 scrips in the price range of Rs 906 to 916.15, amounting to Rs 1,840.20 crore. The shares were purchased by Acme Trade and Investment Ltd.

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# Pence refuses to invoke 25th Amendment to oust Trump

House of Representatives passes resolution urging VP to remove Don



Members of the US National Guard deployed around the US Capitol in Washington, DC. The Pentagon is deploying 15,000 National Guard troops to protect Biden's inauguration on January 20, amid fears of new violence. — AFP

## 160 FBI investigations against Capitol rioters

Washington, Jan. 13: The FBI has opened more than 160 investigations against the January 6 Capitol Hill rioters, officials said here, and asserted this is just the tip of the iceberg. The agency has worked hand-in-hand with the United States Attorney's Office and law enforcement partners in DC and across the country to arrest and charge multiple individuals who took part in last week's breach of the US Capitol, FBI Wash-

ington Field Office Assistant Director In-Charge Steven M D'Antuono said. "In six days, we have opened over 160 case files, and that's just the tip of the iceberg," he said, adding the FBI has received more than 100,000 pieces of digital media. D'Antuono said the FBI will be knocking on the doors of the people who participated in the attack on the Capitol. "But before we do this, this is your opportunity to come forward as several

individuals involved in Wednesday's riots have done," he added.

In the weeks leading up to the January 6 rally, the FBI, D'Antuono said, developed some intelligence that a number of individuals were planning to travel to the DC area with intentions to cause violence.

This was immediately shared and action was taken as demonstrated by the arrest of Enrique Tarrio by the Metropolitan Police Department. — PTI

## IMPEACHMENT MANAGERS FOR TRIAL NAMED

Washington, Jan. 13: Speaker Nancy Pelosi has named a Maryland Democrat grieving his son's recent death as leader of the nine House Democrats who would prosecute US President Donald Trump during his expected Senate impeachment trial. Team includes three women, four people of colour and lawmakers from states stretching from Rhode Island to California. Rep. Jamie Raskin will be lead manager. — AP

# US Covid-19 toll hits new daily record of 4.5K

Washington, Jan. 13: The US death toll from Covid-19 hit a new daily record of nearly 4,500, Johns Hopkins University said Tuesday evening.

As the health crisis rages out of control in the US, this was the first time the toll in the country hardest hit by the pandemic surpassed 4,000 in 24 hours. The US recorded more than 235,000 new cases of Coronavirus infection and 4,470 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins tally as of 8:30 pm (0130 GMT).

Around 131,000 people are now hospitalised in the US with Covid-19, said the Covid Tracking Project.

The weekly average of fatalities is at its highest level since the pandemic started, it said.

Faced with these grim numbers and the presence of the new, more contagious Covid variant, authorities announced Tuesday that people wishing to fly to the US must show proof of a negative Covid test prior to departure.

The country, where health restrictions vary drastically between states and compliance can be spotty, is ultimately counting on a massive vaccination campaign begun in mid-December to bring the health crisis to an end.

But the effort is running behind, with just 9.3 million people having received the first of two injections of the two vaccines authorized in America. That is less than 10 percent of the population.

The nation with the world's largest economy has now recorded 22.8 million Coronavirus cases and more than 380,000 deaths since the start of the pandemic. — AFP

**VIRUS TEST FOR PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN U.S.**

New York, Jan. 13: Anyone flying to the US will soon need to show proof of a negative test for Covid-19, health officials have announced. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requirement expands on a similar one announced late last month for passengers coming from the United Kingdom.

Covid is already widespread in the US, with more than 22 million cases reported to date, including more than 375,000 deaths. The new measures are designed to try to prevent travellers from bringing in newer forms of the virus that scientists say can spread more easily.

The CDC order is to take effect in about two weeks, on January 26. It requires air passengers to get a Covid-19 test within three days before their flight departs to the US, and to provide written proof of the test result to the airline. Travellers can also provide documentation that they had the infection in the past and recovered.

Airlines are ordered to stop passengers from boarding if they don't have proof of a negative test or a prior infection. "Testing does not eliminate all risk," CDC Director Robert R. Redfield said. "But when combined with a period of staying at home and everyday precautions like wearing masks and social distancing, it can make travel safer," he added. — AFP

## Q3 net profit rises 17% to ₹5,200 cr Infy raises FY21 revenue outlook



### WIPRO Q3 NET PROFIT UP 20.8%

New Delhi, Jan. 13: Infosys on Wednesday posted a 16.6 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 5,197 crore for the December 2020 quarter, and increased its revenue growth guidance for FY21 to 4.5-5 per cent on the back of large project wins and strong deal pipeline.

The Bengaluru-based company, whose large deal total contract value rose to an all-time high of \$7.13 billion in the quarter under review, had registered a net profit (after minority interest) of Rs 4,457 crore in the year-ago period.

Infosys' revenue grew 12.3 per cent to Rs 25,927 crore in the quarter ended December 2020 from Rs 23,092 crore in the year-ago period.

Buoyed by the strong performance, Infosys increased its FY21 revenue growth forecast to 4.5-5 per cent in constant currency terms from its previous guidance of 2-3 per cent growth.

"We have had an exceptionally strong quarter across multiple dimensions... We achieved the highest large deal win in our history with the deal value of \$7.1 billion. This includes the largest deal in our history and what we believe is the largest deal in the history of the Indian IT services industry," Infosys CEO and MD Salil Parekh told reporters in a virtual conference.

He added that overall large deal value for the nine-month period of this financial year was at more

than 1.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent for the March quarter.

For the December quarter, IT services revenue grew 3.9 per cent sequentially to \$2,071 million,

exceeding the forecast of 1.5-3.5 per cent that had been given by the company in October.

"Wipro has delivered a second consecutive quarter of strong performance on order booking, revenue and margins.

Five of our sectors grew over 4 per cent sequentially.

We closed our largest ever deal win in Continental Europe," Wipro CEO & MD Thierry Delaporte said in a statement. — PTI

Rating firm Icra too finds that the recovery will be supported by the opening up of economies and markets, improved consumer confidence levels and continued pick up in discretionary spending. This builds on the growth seen in the recent months due to pent-up demand and festive buying.

However, the growth in some segments involving discretionary spends or aspirational buying such as formal, party wear and mid to high-value casual wear, is likely to remain lower compared to other essential product categories such as active/lounge wear and affordable-to-medium value casual apparel, given the shift witnessed in consumer usage and preferences.

Within fabrics, the cotton knitted fabric segment as well as blended fabrics are likely to perform better, given their higher usage in casual or lounge wear.

## TEXTILE SALES RECOVERING EVEN AFTER FESTIVE SEASON

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, JAN. 13

The domestic textile sector, which started recovering during the festive season, is keeping up the momentum even in Q4.

"People are buying on e-commerce platforms and they have started going out also. Vaccine is acting as a feel-good factor. The recovery momentum would continue till the end of the fiscal," said Sidharth Rajagopal, executive director of Texprocil.

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## Sebi bans CNBC Awaaz show host from market

New Delhi, Jan. 13: Regulator Sebi on Wednesday barred CNBC Awaaz show host Hemant Ghai, his wife and mother from the capital markets for indulging in fraudulent trading practices.



Hemant Ghai had the advance information about the recommendation to be made on the "stock 20-20" show, co-hosted by him, and that he directly or indirectly used it to his advantage, Sebi said in an interim order.

The show features recommendations on certain stocks to be bought and sold during the day.

In addition, he has been directed to cease and desist from undertaking any activity related to giving investment advice, publishing of research reports related to the securities market, till further directions.

Further, the Sebi has also directed to impound the proceeds of Rs 2.95 crore generated by carrying out fraudulent trading in respect of recommended stocks.

The regulator found that shares were consistently purchased in the trading accounts of Hemant Ghai's wife and mother, one day prior to the day of recommendation on the show.

Hemant was prima facie using the trading accounts of his wife and mother.

— PTI

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, JAN. 13

The United Nation's trade body has upwardly revised its projection of global merchandise trade for 2020 from a double-digit decline to a single-digit drop. However, it would still be the lowest growth for merchandise export volumes since the 2008 financial crisis.

In June, Unctad had predicted that merchandise trade would see an annual decline of 20 per cent in 2020. In the second quarter, trade had dropped by 27

per cent. However, there has been a recovery in the third quarter and the fourth quarter of the previous quarters. Taking this recovery into account, Unctad now predicts that global merchandise export values and volumes for 2020 are expected to be -5.6 and -8.7 per cent lower than levels seen in 2019.

The third quarter saw a robust recovery in values, which grew by 20.1 per cent from the bleak second quarter. Third quarter official statistics have not yet been released for merchandise export volumes, for which growth is nowcast by Unctad at 8.1 per cent quarter-over-quarter. The recovery in merchandise export values and volumes is likely to continue in the fourth quarter, though not at quite the same pace. Values and volumes are nowcast to grow in the fourth quarter by 11.6 and 3.3 per cent quarter-over-quarter, respectively. This growth comes despite the continuing spread of Covid-19, especially in the US and Europe, which has necessitated the reinstatement of lockdown measures.

## SHORT TAKES

**Saina, Srikanth win, Kashyap hurt**

**Bangkok:** Shuttler Saina Nehwal and former world number one Kidambi Srikanth entered the second rounds of their respective events but Parupalli Kashyap made an early exit from the Thailand Open Super 1000 tournament here on Wednesday.

Saina got the better of Selvaduray Kisona of Malaysia 21-15, 21-15 in the women's singles opening round to set up a clash with Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan. Earlier in the day, Srikanth took just 31 minutes to prevail over compatriot Sourabh Verma 21-12, 21-11 in the men's singles, but Kashyap was forced to retire midway in his opening-round match against Jason Anthony Ho-Shue of Canada after pulling his calf muscle while trailing 8-14 in the third game.

Kashyap had lost the first game 9-21 before making a comeback to take the second 21-13. — PTI

**Manchester Utd on EPL table top**

**Burnley:** Paul Pogba sent Manchester United to the top of the English Premier League by scoring with a deflected volley in a 1-0 win at Burnley.

United came into the match at Turf Moor knowing at least a point would move the team into first place for the first time at this stage of the season since Alex Ferguson was in charge of the title-winning 2012-13 side. Pogba met a cross from Marcus Rashford with a first-time effort from the edge of the box that deflected off Burnley defender Matt Lowton and through the legs of goalkeeper Nick Pope in the 71st. It gave United a three-point lead over Liverpool heading into their meeting at Anfield on Sunday.

The video assistant referee provided the main talking point, with Burnley's last man, Robbie Brady, avoiding sanction for bringing down Edinson Cavani outside the area because of a foul by United left back Luke Shaw. — AP

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**Australia vs India:** Fourth Test, Day 1 from 5.30 am (Friday) on Sony Six, Ten 1, HD

# Oz coach blames IPL

Langer says 2020 edition cause for growing injury list

## LIMPING INDIA TRAIN AHEAD OF BRISBANE TEST

**Brisbane, Jan. 13:** He loves the IPL but Australia coach Justin Langer on Wednesday questioned the timing of the last year's edition, which he believes could have been a contributing factor in the injury setbacks that both his and the Indian team have endured in the series.

The IPL was held in the September-November window in 2020 in the UAE due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The lucrative tournament is usually held in India during the series-deciding fourth Test against Australia.

Ruled out of the last Test with an abdominal strain, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah still accompanied the visiting team for its training session.

The likes of Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, skipper Ajinkya Rahane and others were seen in their training kits. Bumrah, though, was not in his training outfit as he got involved in a discussion with bowling coach Bharat Arun.

"After an epic fightback in Sydney, it is time to regroup. We have begun our preparations for the final Test at the Gabba!" the BCCI tweeted.

Chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav was seen bowling at the nets and there is a chance that he could be picked for the match with influential all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, ruled out due to a fractured thumb.

Also at the session were seamer Shardul Thakur and all-rounder Washington Sundar. Either T. Natarajan or Shardul is likely to replace Bumrah in the playing XI at Gabba, forming a new-look pace attack alongside Mohammed Siraj and Navdeep Saini. — PTI

India have had a spate of injuries since the IPL and also in the current Australian series. Ravindra Jadeja, Jasprit Bumrah, K. L. Rahul, Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav were ruled out of the series due to the various injuries they suffered.

Australia too has had its share of injuries in David Warner. "It is really interesting how many injuries (it) has been throughout this summer. I can't help and think that the IPL this year (2020) was in really, probably wasn't ideal timing for anyone, certainly for such a big series like this," Langer said. — PTI



Australia's David Warner (left) and coach Justin Langer attend a training session at the Sydney Cricket Ground in this file photo. — AFP

## Jaisimha and his lion-hearted battle in Brisbane

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

With the Indian cricket team battling injuries before the Brisbane Test starting on Friday, here's a Hyderabad connection to the venue as well as bruises. M. L. Jaisimha will be most remembered for his epic endeavour at Brisbane over half-a-century ago. His knocks of 74 and 101 saw the chase for India's first victory overseas fall agonisingly short by 39 runs.

Omitted from the original touring side for the 1967-78 series in Australia, he was called up after B. S. Chandrasekhar had to return home with an ankle injury. The lead-up to that leap across continents was anything but pleasant.

From the depths of despair to being hailed by doyens of cricket and its writing, the career-defining journey is recounted in *My way — The biography of M. L. Jaisimha* (Amazon, Apple Books).

Leg spin legend Bill O'Reilly noted: "Indian cricket must be possessing riches... if it could afford



M. L. Jaisimha

to overlook a performer so abundantly gifted as Jaisimha."

O'Reilly's Bodyline teammate Jack Fingleton was even more effusive.

Jaisimha is a naturally good cricketer. He must be so to bat so assuredly today after not even one good net practice. Jaisimha is an extremely pleasant batsman to watch, with correct upright stance, free and flawless backswing of the bat with strokes on all sides. His footwork is exemplary. So one fell to wondering why this debonair and elegant batsman shaping excellently in a crisis was not in India's original side," he observed.

To later generations who

do not know the 'Victorious Lion,' that his name translates to, 'Jai' packed a panache all his own, be it as Test player, South Zone captain, Indian team manager, national selector and TV commentator.

His famed acumen always placed team interests above his own. Post-playing days, that same keen sense saw him alone forecast a tie in the 1986 Chennai Test against Australia. On July 7, 1999, the dashing Hyderabadi took his last walk to that great pavilion in the sky.

Punnaiah, Varun best performers

**Ronald, Chaitanya, Kaustab, Nitesh, Takshit, Vidyayanand also do well in top league**



**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 13

**5/42 — 7.4-0-42-5, Rahul Reddy 4/23.** Deccan Chronicle 8, Central Excise 0.

**R. Dayanand 251 in 40 overs & 203/6 in 40 overs (K. Nitesh Reddy 101 — 121b, 12x4, 2x6, B. Yathin Reddy 39, Raju Yadav 3/40) lost to Income Tax 395 in 80.1 overs & 61/2 in 10.3 overs. Points: Income Tax 6, D.**

**Budding Star 482/8 in 90 overs & 207/6 in 40 overs (Mir Jaweed Ali 41, Amol Shinde 3/40, Neeraj Bist 3/27) bt Union Bank of India 410 in 87.3 overs (Arjun Yadav 83) & 25/1 in 40.3 overs. Points: Ronald Rodrigues 110 — 104b, 6x4, 2x6, Abhinav Kumar 60, Amol Shinde 36, Mir Jaweed Ali 4/52). Points: Budding Star 6, UBI 0.**

**Jai Hanuman 457/9 in 90 overs & 239/7 in 35.3 overs bt BDL 120 in 34.1 overs & 154 in 40 overs (Hima Teja 37, KKN Harish 30, Rohit Rayudu 3/26). Points: Jai Hanuman 6, BDL 0.**

**Group-B**

**Cambridge XI 432/8 in 90 overs & 77 in 20.5 overs (B. Punnaiah 8/28 — 8-1-28-8) bt MP Colts 286 in 83 overs & 193 in 38.3 overs (A. Akash 66, Rahul 46, Abhishek 4/35). Points: Cambridge XI 6, MP Colts 0.**

**Continental 419/7 in 90 overs & 248/7 in 40 overs (Y. Sai Varun 150 — 119b, 20x4, 2x6, Sankeerth G 40, Atul Yasa 3/41) bt Enscore 365/6 in 90 overs & 263/8 in 40 overs (Sai Varth Reddy 36, Md Junaid Ali 32, V. Sahasra 69, Owais Abdul Wahed 53, S. Nikhil 4/42). Points: Continental 6, Enscore 0.**

**AOC 113 in 36.1 overs & 297/4 in 40 overs bt Combined Districts 177 in 52.2 overs & 101 in 25.4 overs (A. Ruthwik Surya 37, G. Ganesh 46, G. Rahul Singh 4/28). Points: AOC 6, Districts 0.**

**Group-C**

**Khalisa 342 in 80.5 overs & 124 in 28.4 overs (Harshit C 42, Kaustab Rao 5/38 — 8-1-38-5, Takshit Rao 3/15) lost to Secunderabad Nawabs 236 in 67 overs & 234/7 in 38.1 overs (A. Takshit Rao 101 — 64b, 19x4, Jaidev Goud 90). Points: Secunderabad Nawabs 6, Khalisa 0.**

**Mahomed CC 264 in 85.3 overs & 228 in 34.2 overs (Taran Neman 88, Ranjit Kumar 34, Amin Bin Ali 4/49) lost to Apex CC 431/8 decl in 82.1 overs & 62 for no loss in 10.3 overs. Points: Apex 8, Mahomed 0.**

**Balaaji CC 145 in 43.2 overs & 236/6 in 40 overs bt Charminar CC 178 in 43.2 overs & 193/8 in 40 overs (Al Diamond K 46, Md Omer Rizwan 36, B. Gopinath Reddy 32, G. Arjun 4/32). Points: Balaaji CC 6, Charminar 0.**

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