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temp. 31/16 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES (+1,092)	DEATHS (+113)
1,07,91,123	1,54,742

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+185)	(+2)
TS: 2,94,924	1,604
(+95)	(+1)
AP: 8,88,099	7,157

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

10,46,01,795
DEATHS 22,69,164
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES 219

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Pushya Bahula Saptami till 12.07 pm
Star: Swati till 7.45 pm
Varjyanam: 1.03 am to 2.34 am (Friday)
Durmuhurtham: 10.37 am to 11.22 am; 3.08 pm to 3.53 pm
Rahuakalam: 1.30 pm to 3 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Jamadi- ul- Akhir 21,1442 AH

PRAYERS
Fajr: 5.45 am
Zohar: 12.40 pm
Asar: 4.36 pm
Magrib: 6.18 pm
Isha: 7.27 pm

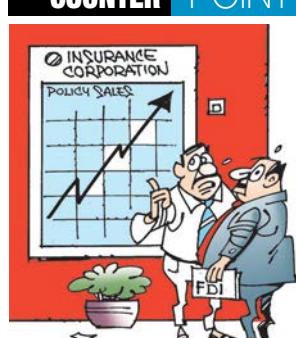
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.46 AM

SUNSET TODAY 6.13 PM

MOONSET TODAY 11.34 AM

MOONRISE TODAY NA

COUNTER POINT



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SHORT TAKES

Sebi bars Biyani from markets

New Delhi: Sebi on Wednesday barred Kishore Biyani and certain other promoters of Future Retail Ltd from the securities market for one year for indulging in insider trading in the shares of the company. Apart from Kishore Biyani, others facing ban are Future Corporate Resources Pvt Ltd, Anil Biyani and FCRL Employee Welfare Trust.

Bihar: No govt jobs for protesters

Patna: The Bihar government has landed into controversy after the police headquarters issued a directive stating that people indulging in road blockade and protests will not be eligible for government jobs or contracts. The Opposition said the order was "against the Constitution".

Full report on Page 7

Risky moves



Indian Air Force's Sarang acrobatic team, flying the made-in-India Advanced Light Helicopters, performs during the first day of Aero India at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The government formally sealed the ₹48,000 crore deal to procure 83 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, a deal described by the government as the biggest Make in India defence contract. — AFP

TS rejects Centre's graft charges in Kaleshwaram

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

THE 15TH FINANCE
Commission report pointed out that this project "invariably notches up a massive electricity bill", bringing to question the financial viability of the project, in the "absence of a guaranteed revenue stream".

The state government has found the commission's stand on Kaleshwaram to be "very strange". This is because members of the commission, who visited the Kaleshwaram project site on more than one occasion in the past, had heaped praises on the project, mostly between 2018 and 2020.

However, in its report, the Finance Commission "questioned the financial viability" of this project,

at least cover operations and maintenance cost of the project.

The report went on to argue that the state's "huge investments made in irrigation, have not yet resulted in commensurate returns" in terms of crop yield improvements.

These remarks are incongruous to past observations of the commission's members and more aligned to the criticism of opposition parties, including senior BJP leaders, who are accusing the TRS government of "wasting huge public money" on Kaleshwaram to "get kickbacks from contractors", instead of taking up this project for overall benefit of the state, or to empower and enrich the farmers.

It goes on to suggest to the state government that it "should try to generate adequate revenue" (like through user charges) to

Page 5: Panel members had praised KLIS project

Haryana's khap meeting demands farm law repeal

SANJAY KAW | DC
NEW DELHI, FEB. 3

In a show of strength by protesting farmers, Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait on Wednesday warned the government that it could find it difficult to stay in power if the new agri-marketing laws are not repealed.

Thousands of people who attended the khap maha-panchayat in Haryana's Jind adopted a five-point resolution which called for repeal of the three laws, constitutional guarantee of MSP, implementa-

tion of the Swaminathan Commission report, waiver on farm loans and withdrawal of cases registered against farmers following the Republic Day violence.

Just before Tikait was to begin his speech at the "mahapanchayat" in Kandela village, the stage on which the farmer leaders had gathered collapsed under their weight.

Nobody was reported hurt and the BKU leader went on to address the large gathering.

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(withdrawal) of the three new central laws, the BKU leader indirectly warned

the Narendra Modi government that it could lose its *gaddi* (power) if the agitation continues. "We have so far talked about 'bill wapsi'" (repealing the farm laws). The government should listen carefully. What will you do if the youth call for 'gaddi wapsi'" (removal from power)? he said

The massive turnout in different mahapanchayats has raised concerns for the BJP and given new hope to Opposition parties, especially the Congress, Rashtriya Lok Dal and the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh.

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Speculation about change of guard gives KCR's birthday a new significance

TRS plans grand birthday bash for KCR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The TRS party is eagerly looking forward to February 17, when its supremo and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao will turn 67.

Party leaders and cadre are planning a mega birthday bash for Mr Rao for a change. It will most likely be held at the LB Stadium this time. Ministers, legislators, parliamentarians, leaders and cadre started urging Mr Rao to allow them to hold grand birthday celebrations at the LB Stadium.

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POWERT POLITICS

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

THE DURATION

of the SSC exams has been

increased by 30 minutes,

that is, from 2 hours and

45 minutes to 3 hours and

15 minutes. There will

also be more choice of

questions in each paper

government reduced the

number of question papers,

as a one-time measure

for the academic year of

2020-21. This would mean

that students will have to

take only one question

paper for each subject.

The examinations will

be held for 600 marks,

including 480 marks for

board exams and 120 for

internals, that is, an average

of two formative

assessments. There will be

no change in the existing

weightage of marks (80)

for final examination and

20 marks for formative

assessment for all six

papers.

As part of the new six

question paper pattern,

paper-I and paper-II of

first language, English,

mathematics, general sci-

ence (physical science and

biology) and social studies

will be merged into a sin-

gle paper, instead of two

papers for each subject.

There will be no change in

the second language

paper," the government

notification read.

The duration of the SSC

examinations has also

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(HYMM/2021/C06469)

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SHORT TAKES
**EKADASI AT
CHILKUR TEMPLE
WITH FISHERMEN**

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The Chilkur Balaji temple said on Wednesday that it is planning to initiate celebrations of Bhishma Ekadashi with Santana Sampradaya Gangaputras or the fishermen community in both the Telugu states from this year. A meeting with the elders of the community was held at the temple to chalk out the programme for event which falls on February 23, this year.

**UoH ISSUES
STRICT NOTICE
AFTER 3 TEST +VE**

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The University of Hyderabad has advised those who came in contact with three postgraduate students who tested positive for Covid-19 to get tested. In a news release, the University said the three students have been "shifted to either quarantine on campus or to a hospital," and work spaces have been sanitised.

The university said several instances of violations of Covid-19 appropriate behaviour by students have come to the attention of the task force. These include mixing in close proximity with other students without face masks and leaving the isolation facility before the mandatory seven-day stay-in period ends. "This," the university told students, "is not acceptable," adding that the "threat of the virus and its variants still hangs over us and it will be a while before vaccination reaches younger people." "If there is any escalation in cases on our campus, the University would be compelled to return to a stricter policy regarding in-person classes," it warned.

**8-MEMBER GANG
HELD FOR DUPING
SHOPKEEPERS**

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The city police on Wednesday arrested an eight-member gang for using a Paytm spoof app and cheating shopkeepers. They had shown, using the fake app, that payment was made to the shopkeepers, when in reality the transaction had not taken place.

In this manner, they had purchased 22 trousers and 20 shirts worth ₹28,000, sports goods worth ₹8,500, groceries worth ₹10,700 and a gold ring of ₹28,000.

The accused were identified as Mohd Mustafa Hussain Muzakir, 20, a student, Syed Aamir Hassam, 24, Syed Ilyas, 25, Syed Wajeed, 27, Hafeez Rana, 23, Mohd Salman, 20, Mohd Abdul Shahed, 22, and Mohd Yousef, 18.

According to Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar, the accused enter a store and shop as usual but say that they will pay via Paytm. They use the spoof app and show that the billed amount has been paid. The fake app shows a screen saying the payment is made.

It is only later that the shopkeeper learns he has not been paid. "They learnt about this app through YouTube videos and downloaded it via Google Play Store," Anjani Kumar said. "Though some apps have been deleted by Google, some still continue to be available."

Police advised those accepting transactions to check the money has reached their accounts, and alert the police in case they suspect something is amiss.

Best training centre award



Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar felicitates officers and staff of City Police Training Centre in Petlaburj which won the Union home minister's trophy for best police training institution in India for 2019-20.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

**STALKER HELD
FOR ATTACKING
TEACHER**

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The 25-year-old stalker who attacked a woman at Teachers Colony in Gurranguda on Monday was arrested on Wednesday, police said. The assailant, Cheruku Rahul Goud, a real estate agent, was out on bail in a case lodged by the victim and her husband, when he attacked her.

Police said Rahul met the victim at a function and managed to secure her phone number. "He then started harassing her. The woman complained to the police and a case was registered against Rahul, following which he was arrested and sent to judicial custody. He was later released on bail," said the police.

Rahul purchased an axe and went to the woman's house on February 1 on a two-wheeler. He attacked her and fled.

**TS power sector built
without Centre's aid**

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

16,000 MW because of the measures taken by the state government.

This has ensured that Telangana was the best state as far as power production goes. The legislator said that the per capita consumption in Telangana state is around 2,000 units. As much as ₹29,000 crore had been spent on the power sector by the state government and not a single rupee had come from the Centre.

DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION

Government of India,
Ministry of Power

Applications are invited for filling up the post of Member (Finance) in Damodar Valley Corporation on deputation basis for a period of five (05) years. Willing and eligible candidates may apply for the said post by sending their application through proper channel within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News. Detailed advertisement is available on the website of Ministry of Power (www.powermin.nic.in) and Damodar Valley Corporation (www.dvc.gov.in).

(Nishat Kumar)

(INF/47/Rectt./20-21) Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Education poor in state: Report

Ability of TS Class 3 children to read Class 2 textbook worsens in two years

HARLEEN
MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

Contrary to official perceptions, a 'Financial Commission in Covid times report for 2021-26' has revealed that the educational standards in Telangana are either poorer than the national average or have substantially deteriorated over a period of time, in terms of reading and arithmetic abilities of students.

Taking from the ASER 2018 report, it further states that compared to the national average, the percentage of the ability of the State's Class three children to read Class 2 text or even perform basic subtraction has slid from 2016 to 2018. While in 2016, children who were able to read the text correctly from a lower grade textbook

stood at 18.6 per cent in 2016, it went down to 18.1 per cent in 2018, whereas the national average rose from 25.2 per cent to 27.3 per cent during the same period.

Students who were able to do basic subtraction fell from 42.2 per cent to 34.5 per cent in 2018 in Telangana, whereas the national average rose to 28.2 per cent from 27.7 per cent.

TS and AP head of Pratham Foundation that contributes to the ASER report every year, Rambabu Pendem, said that due to lack of proper education in Telangana, the condition of school children was such that they were unable to even remember the school's name.

Capabilities of young students were being adversely hit because of improper formal education, the survey shows.

The reason for this, experts say, lies in the pedagogic system. Prof. S. Kumaresan, former UoH faculty member and president of the Mathematics Training and Talent Search Programme (MTTS) Trust, said, "The situation is not just prevalent in Telangana. In order to arrest this downslide, there is an urgent need to overhaul teaching methods and to have parents understand that the final destination is not in cracking exams, but in understanding the concepts".

The report further states that in 2016-17, the expenditure on education (general education, technical education, and capital outlay on education, sports, art and culture) in Telangana as a percentage of GSDP was only 1.8 per cent against the national average of 2.6 per cent.

Chicken deaths could be due to pesticide: Experts

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
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Fears of onset of Bird Flu in the state are giving people the jitters in Vikarabad and Karimnagar districts. On Wednesday, reports came of mass deaths among chicken.

The dying of backyard poultry birds in Dornal village of Darrur mandal of Vikarabad district created panic and veterinary officials rushed to the village and its other surrounding areas to collect samples. The samples were sent to labs for investigation. The results will be

known on Thursday. Veterinary experts said the deaths could have been due to exposure to pesticides or contamination of water.

In Dornal, for the past one week, country chickens have been dying and 13 families have reported these incidents.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Dr. M. Vasantha Kumari, district veterinary officer of Vikarabad said, "There is no reason for panic. It could be either because of pesticides or water contamination. We suspect Ranikhet disease and the lab results will give us a clear picture," Dr Kiran Reddy said.

gical and Veterinary Research Institute staff will be visiting the village for an investigation.

These backyard poultry birds have a lot of resistance against diseases, compared to the commercially bred poultry."

In Chiguramidi mandal of Karimnagar district, similar deaths were reported by country chicken growers, according to veterinary doctor Kiran Reddy. "There are no traces of viral infection in the dead birds. In many cases, these chicken are reared at home and they mostly go without getting vaccinated," Dr Kiran Reddy said.

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SHORT TAKES

FIVE ORGANS OF BRAIN-DEAD FARMER DONATED

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Five organs were harvested from a brain-dead farmer and donated to the government-run Jeevandan scheme. The organs belonged to M. Balaiah, 45, of Kodair village in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh.

Balaiah met with an accident on January 31 and suffered severe head injuries. He was transferred to Continental Hospitals in the city for optimal care. Despite the efforts of doctors, there was no recovery and Balaiah was declared brain dead.

Consent from his family was secured which allowed doctors to retrieve Balaiah's liver, heart, kidneys and lungs. Green corridors were created and the organs were rushed to different private hospitals in Hyderabad for transplant into recipients.

BUDGET SESSION LIKELY IN MID-MARCH

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After Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman attracted national attention for presenting a paperless budget in Parliament for the first time, using a digital tablet, several states too seem to have joined the race to adopt the same. BJP-led States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have already announced their plans to present a paperless budget this year, in line with the Union best practice.

Following this, the Telangana state finance department too wants to adopt this digital model. Soft copies of the budget will be distributed to all members of the Legislature and media.

The budget session of the Telangana legislature is expected to be held in the second week of March.

COVID VACCINE REACTION REPORTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
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One serious case of adverse effect after immunisation (AEFI) was noted in Telangana state in a person vaccinated on January 19.

The state health department said that only 42.5 per cent of healthcare workers were vaccinated in 10 districts of Telangana state, or 6,689 beneficiaries against the target of 15,736.

Despite continuous engagement by senior doctors and counselling, healthcare workers were not coming forward to take the vaccine. They feared that there would be severe side-effects.

While doctors are coming forward to take the vaccine, a major challenge is being faced due to the resistance from ASHA workers, nursing and other staff.

The government has so far vaccinated 1,76,550 beneficiaries. The vaccination drive will go on in private hospitals till February 5.

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WHILE DOCTORS are coming forward to take the Covid-19 vaccine, a major challenge is being faced due to the resistance from ASHA workers, nursing and other staff.

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BJP cheating nation on farm laws: Cong

Agri minister gave false information in House: Uttam

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TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy addresses a press conference along with Congress MPs, (R) Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and (L) A. Revanth Reddy in New Delhi on Wednesday.

ter Narendra Singh Tomar in his written reply gave "false and misleading information" on average market price for crops, adjudication of disputes under the new farm laws and consultation with stakeholders on farm laws.

"His replies are self-explanatory that the Centre did not conduct any study on how these new laws double the incomes of farmers as claimed by the Prime Minister," the MP said.

Contrary to the UPA government's policy of incentivising states for implementing the model laws brought by it, the present government has been coercing states to adopt the anti-farmer laws and even included clauses overriding the state acts so that they have to be implemented in all the states even without the consent of the latter, he added.

The Congress MP dis-

missed the Centre's claim that discussions were held by successive governments in the last 20 years on the farm laws it had introduced recently. It is also false to claim only six states implemented the provisions such as direct purchase from farmers and de-regulation of fruits and vegetables where as 20 States implemented the model APMC Act, Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

He reiterated that the TRS had entered into a secret pact with the BJP on the new farm laws. He strongly condemned the silence of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao on the controversial laws and the ongoing agitation by farmers for the last 70 days. He said the CM's behaviour was an insult to farmers.

THREAT TO LIFE FROM TRS GOVT: REVANTH TO SHAH

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Malkajgiri MP A. Revanth Reddy, the state Congress working president, on Wednesday met Union home minister Amit Shah and requested him to arrange for Central security in view of the threat to life he faced from the TRS government. In a memorandum submitted to Shah, the Congress MP reminded the former of a March 2020 High Court order directing the Centre to provide security cover to him. The home ministry forwarded his representation to the state government, asking it provide adequate security. Revanth told Shah that he had been facing a threat to his life from the state government itself.

The senior leader gave a call to the cadre and BC communities to protest at lands allotted for community buildings on February 8 demanding immediate commencement of construction work.

In another press con-

ference, former minister Vijaya Rama Rao condemned MLA Dharma Reddy for his comments against BC communities. He demanded the Chief Minister to seek Dharma Reddy's resignation and sack him from the party for his provocative comments.

He alleged that Dharma Reddy had violated the Constitution when he jumped from TD to TRS as an elected MLA without resignation. His anti-quota comments were also in violation of the Constitution, he said.

The former minister alleged that Dharma Reddy was running schools in Warangal without permissions and was grabbing lands in his constituency.

Is Kavitha deputy CM, wonders BJP leader

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Senior BJP leader Yendala Lakshmi Narayana slammed Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for having kept pending the construction of community bhavans that catered to all BC communities in Hyderabad.

The former MLA, at a press conference here on Wednesday, alleged that Chandrashekhar Rao has been taking BC communities for a ride with his false promises. He decried the injustice meted out to those communities.

Objecting to the manner MLC K. Kavitha has been calling ministers and party leaders to her home, he wanted to know if she was Deputy

mindset of Rao, he said.

He criticised TRS leaders for making derogatory remarks that were hurting the sentiments of Hindus. Sanjay released a statement after 42 activists from Warangal, including Urban district president Ravu Padma, and Rural district president Kondeti Sridhar were released on bail on

Wednesday. They face charges of alleged involvement in the attack on MLA Dharma Reddy at his residence. He slammed the TRS government as for the first time in the history of Telangana, six women leaders were sent to jail illegally. He said such illegal arrests would not deter BJP leaders or activists. In the same vein he want-

ed to why ministers who had insulted Ramayana were yet to be arrested. Nor were TRS hooligans who attacked BJP leaders, and their houses and offices. Sanjay warned that Chandrasekhar Rao will be in a situation similar to that of Lalu Prasad Yadav and Mulayam Singh Yadav after they had humiliated Lord Ram.

Give UK fund share to female heirs: Nizam kin

VUJJINI VAMSIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

Almost 16 months after the UK High Court ruling that that funds of Nizam Osman Ali Khan, since transferred to the high commissioner of Pakistan in Britain in 1948, now worth around 35 million pounds, belongs to India, the great granddaughter of the seventh Nizam, Shafiqi Sakina, has approached the Telangana High Court challenging the exclusion of the Nizam's female legal heirs from the funds in NatWest Bank, London.

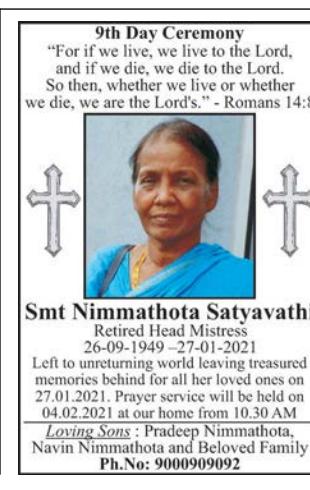
Shafiqi filed a petition before the High Court alleging that Union of India ignored the female legal heirs and had taken away their property rights by entering a confidential settlement with the titular eighth Nizam, Prince Mukarram Jah, and his younger brother Muffakham

legal expenses the amount would be a paltry 3,47,118.53 pounds. So it is an unjust and unfair settlement", Shafiqi said. When no Indian court declared that the two brothers were exclusively entitled for the funds in the UK bank and they have not obtained any succession certificate in this regard, the Centre's act to allow the two to withdraw the funds violates the law, she argued.

The seventh Nizam created 28 Trusts and the beneficiaries of these Trusts are not just the two brothers and their legal heirs. The Nizam mentioned many other relatives as beneficiaries. She wanted to know how the Union Government concluded that only those two were the beneficiaries. Moreover, as per the Mohammedan Law, female legal heirs are entitled to 50 per cent of what a male heir is entitled to, she pointed out.

Technical staff of the Hyderabad Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) repaired the leakage in the drinking water pipeline in Sultan Shahi area, which had remained unattended for many days. Due to the leakage, many localities were receiving low pressure and less quantity of water.

Following complaints by the residents, Moghalpura corporator Nasreen Sultana alerted the Water Board officials.



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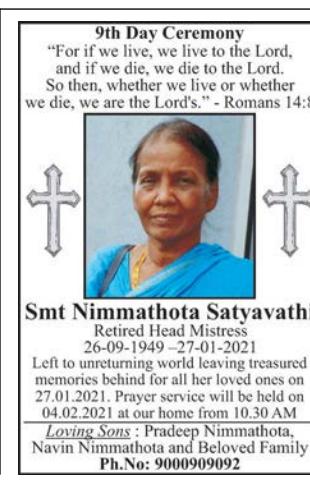
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23 FINED FOR PETITION BASED ON HEARSAY

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Observing that it was absurd to file a petition anticipating a government move, the Telangana High Court on Wednesday imposed ₹1,000 fine on each of the 23 unemployed petitioners who challenged regularisation of services of all contract lecturers. A division bench, comprising Chief Justice Hima Kohli and Justice B. Vijayesh Reddy, dismissed the petition filed by 23 unemployed Postgraduates seeking a direction to suspend GO No. 16 of 2016 that was issued by Principal Secretary (Finance).

They sought a direction to the State government not to regularise services of all such employees who are working as lecturers in various degree and junior colleges on contract basis. They said that if the government regularises services of such contract lecturers, the petitioners will not get government jobs as lecturers. The court observed that the petitioners were under assumption that the government would regularise services of contractual lecturers. The court straightaway dismissed the petition as being without merit.

Earlier, the court directed all of them to pay ₹10,000 each, but going by the fact that all of them were unemployed, it reduced the amount to ₹1,000 each, to be paid to the Telangana State Legal service authority within two weeks.

EFLU ASKED TO CANCEL NOTICE ON RECRUITMENT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

Congress spokesperson Dr Sravan Dasoju on Wednesday urged the English and Foreign Languages University (Eflu) Vice-Chancellor to cancel the notification for recruiting 58 faculty members including professors as it was against University Grants Commission norms and in violation of the rule of reservation for Other Backward Classes.

In a letter to Prof. Suresh Kumar, the VC, Dr Dasoju took objection to the former repeatedly skipping the hearings being held by the National Commission for Backward Classes. Prof. Kumar skipped a public hearing on January 22 in Hyderabad and the hearing held by the commission chairman in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Dr Dasoju said the VC should honour the Commission's directive to suspend the notification and recruitment process till February 5, when was directed to appear before the NCBC. Meanwhile, the UGC gave another notification directing all universities, deemed universities, colleges and grant in aid institutions to implement the rule of reservation strictly and the directive applies to the university also, he added. The AICC leader urged the VC to leave aside egos and fulfil the obligations of the Constitutional post.

WAKF BOARD: BE CAUTIOUS WHILE PURCHASING LAND

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The TS Wakf Board has cautioned people to be careful when buying land as it could belong to the Wakf Board. Board Chairman Mohammed Saleem said that those involved in such illegal transactions would find themselves in trouble and face action.

Saleem was speaking after inspecting Wakf institutions in Attapur on Wednesday and instructed officials to take action against illegal encroachments. He instructed officials to conduct a joint survey along with revenue department officials for demarcation of Wakf properties attached to Dargah Syed Ibrahim Hussaini in Attapur, Deen Madrasa Qutubshai at Muskh Mahal, and Dargah Mir Mahmood Pahadi and file criminal complaints against encroachers.

He also directed officials to inquire into illegal registrations of land parcels belonging to the Wakf institutions and take steps to cancel such registrations. He said, "We have already addressed a letter requesting the demolition of illegal structures that came up on Wakf properties. Recently Board officials have removed illegal fencing on a 10,000 square yards piece of land attached to the Dargah Mir Mahmood Pahadi."



INTUC slams Budget



The Indian National Trade Union Congress on Wednesday criticised the Centre for its 'anti-people, anti-farmer and anti-workers' Union Budget. At a meeting of INTUC workers chaired by INTUC president Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy, the union said the Budget was completely against the federal system of the Constitution. The meeting said the Budget proved that the Centre had adopted a dictatorial attitude in running the country. L.D. Paul was appointed as secretary of the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana branches of the INTUC.

— BY ARRANGEMENT

Centre released ₹876cr to state

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Under the Jan Dhan Yojana scheme, more than 52 lakh people in Telangana have had money credited directly into their accounts.

With assistance from Atmanirbhar Bharat, over one lakhs EPF beneficiaries covered and eight lakh

of construction and building workers received financial assistance from the Central government.

From the Central scheme of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, more than 1.8 crore beneficiaries in Telangana received 72,466 metric tonne of free food grains and more than 52

lakh benefitted from 15,804MT of free pulses during April to November 2020.

The Narendra Modi government has released financial assistance of ₹876.57 crore to Telangana towards the Covid-19 pandemic related assistance in 2020.

Of this, ₹353.13 crore

was for Covid-19 emergency response and ₹523.44 crore was released as part of the National Health Mission.

Union minister of state for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting Telangana state and its people during these tough times.

Tax devolution fell short by ₹5,000 crore

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Panel members had praised KLIS project

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In fact, the commission's remarks on Kaleshwaram have come as a shot in the arm for opposition parties to attack the KCR-led TRS government.

The government heads in the state are reportedly angry at the commission's remarks, who remind how the same commission members heaped praises on Kaleshwaram during their multiple visits to the project.

"The construction work of KLIS will be a role model for all other states in the country.

Providing drinking and irrigation water to people is a great job. So much work is taking place in a short span of time at Kaleshwaram," said Arvind Mehta, secretary finance commission, after visiting the project in February 2018.

Later, in February 2019, a six-member team of the commission visited Kaleshwaram and appreciated the quick-paced works being taken up by the state government. They opined that apart from providing a boost for irrigation, the project will also give a fillip to fisheries and tourism.

The state government was hoping to garner ₹18,000 crore towards tax devolution in 2021-22. A thorough analysis done by the finance department on the Union Budget concluded that Telangana would not get more than ₹13,390 crore.

Rubbing further salt to wounds, the Centre has imposed an agri cess on petrol and diesel, and to ensure the additional cess does not burden motorists, the Centre reduced excise duty on

fuel correspondingly. Excise duty comes under Centre's tax, which it shares with states as part of tax devolution. But the entire amount accrued through cesses go directly to the Centre and there is no need for the Centre to share a portion of cesses with the states.

This proved to be a double whammy for Telangana, which is now looking at sale of lands and liquor to cover up these losses.

Don't use wire traps to kill wild boar: Officials

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

Detailed guidelines have been discussed by senior forest and panchayat raj departments at a meeting with district-level officials from the two departments.

Boar, classified as a wild animal in the Wildlife Protection Act. The sarpanches have been told that any hunter they engage will have to agree to do the shooting for free and that there will be no remuneration or payment.

They have been told that their powers as wildlife wardens were limited to decisions on controlling only the wild boar population. The shooters will be responsible for anything

untoward during the culling operations.

Detailed guidelines have been discussed by senior forest and panchayat raj officials at a meeting with district-level officials from the two departments, during which detailed operational guidelines for the wild boar killing were discussed.

Sarpanches were told to use the Rythu Vedika buildings for creating awareness among farmers on the new wild boar control orders. Principal chief conservator of forests R. Shobha sent detailed instructions on these operations to all district collectors, district panchayat raj, police as well as forest officials.

TS temp to rise by 4°C in years ahead

Urban areas to face tougher problems as they have fewer resources at disposal

T.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
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Climate change, when it happens in the city, would be exacerbated by the many challenges that plague metropolises in the country, says a paper by *National Geographic*.

The city, which is already under stress from climate-influenced events, will face problems as it has fewer resources at its disposal, it said.

"These differences in resilience are likely to persist in the future. Rich countries or cities with stable governments are theoretically better equipped to adapt to increasing challenges than resource-poor places," the

paper said.

It said the consequences of a variable climate would be massive for the farming sector, "the hazardous rise in temperatures translates to more rainfall in cyclonic systems. It has been forecast that for every 1° Celsius rise in the temperature, the air can enhance its moisture holding capacity by seven per cent.

Projections made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) show that global warming would increase temperatures by up to 5°C. This would mean that there would be a 35 per cent increase in moisture content of atmospheric systems by the end of the century.

Going by the current models, the average monthly temperatures in Telangana will rise by nearly 4°C Celsius in the coming decades. The minimum temperatures will rise more than the maximum temperatures, he noted.

9 teams of Cyberabad cops rescue 389 kids under 'Operation Smile'

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, FEB. 3

The Cyberabad police conducted the seventh phase of Operation Smile last month and rescued 389 children, 336 of them boys and 52 girls.

Nine teams were formed division-wise in Cyberabad, each comprising

a sub-inspector, three constables and a women constable, along with one Anti-Human Trafficking Unit. The teams registered 105 FIRs under the IPC, Juvenile Justice Act and Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016.

"It was seen during the investigation that the children were made to work from dawn to dusk without any break and they were living in unhygienic conditions in small rooms without ventilation without providing any holiday. They were suffering from malnutrition, stunted growth and other health issues," said the police.

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Farmers aren't hooligans; don't act like a police state

Are India's farmers — who have mounted a full-scale agitation to secure the rollback of three agricultural reform laws passed without consultation with them — hooligans? The narrative built up by the Centre and its supporters, including in the media, has been built assiduously around exactly this idea. It's in the chaotic events of Republic Day in New Delhi that the justification is sought to be excavated to denigrate the community of food-growers thus.

From this springs the presumed validation of the rationale to deny farmers both the physical and moral space, and deny them basic human rights by choking off avenues of water supply, their prospects of securing food by blocking transport channels, and by switching off the Internet that is crucial for them to communicate their voice of protest; in short virtually stamping out their right to free speech.

These moves appear to be a prelude to the unleashing of fierce punishment on the farmer-protesters. Depending on circumstances, such punishment may take the form of brutal executive action. Or it's possible sections of civil society that ruling party outfits control are let loose on protesters. A trailer of this was seen recently when marauding young men in the hundreds, pretending to be "locals" inconvenienced by the agitation, descended on the camps of farmers and their families as the police watched. In the times we live in, it will be a surprise if the government, if so desired, fails to secure convenient judicial pronouncements.

Now that the hurdles have been cleared for a debate in Parliament on the farmers' protest, it is crucial that the Opposition parties, the ruling party, and those that are prone to sit on the fence seek to define farmers, farm agitators and hooligans. Before any judicial inquiry is instituted — if that is done — it is incumbent on the political class to tell us if they believe the men who indulged in violence and marred the spirit of Republic Day by unfurling religious flags and symbols at the Red Fort were farmers. In this narrative, these criminal elements are being called "farmers". Are they? Or are they fifth columnists tasked with maligning an entirely peaceful agitation that the government wasn't sure how to handle?

It seems extraordinary that the police and the NIA, routinely unleashed on harmless civil society protesters, has not been directed to trace the whereabouts of a loud-mouthed actor who was a BJP MP's election agent in Punjab, and his accomplices who are listed as bad characters. From this person's remarks, it would appear he is a votary of "Khalistan". While that may not be held against him, his actions on Republic Day merit scrutiny. The government is yet to exhibit due diligence. But it has shown alacrity in hammering thousands of nails in the roads, and erecting layers of barricades, presumably to ensure that the farmers don't go on the rampage on their tractors. But have they ever done so in the past? What we see here is a glimpse of Chinese or Russian police state tactics in action, not those of — what we so proudly claim — the world's largest democracy!

Putin bares his fangs

The jailing of Aleksei A. Navalny, the Kremlin's harshest critic and Russia's most visible Opposition leader, must be seen as the biggest move President Vladimir Putin has made in the pursuit of his pet pastime over the past two decades of acting brazenly against critics and oligarchs. The fiercest challenge to Mr Putin has been disposed of in the traditional manner of an authoritarian state after the politician survived an attempt to poison him with military-grade nerve agent Novichok applied to his underwear in August 2020.

Mr Navalny has gained stature as the anti-corruption champion who exposed the President and his cronies with investigative reports followed by six million people on YouTube and another two million on Twitter. Surviving the assassination attempt and recuperating in a German hospital, he returned to Russia to carry on his campaign. Mr Putin's government had tried to muzzle him with typical Kremlin tactics through the spy agencies, short jail terms or orders preventing him from running for President. As Mr Navalny's presence then ballooned into a growing threat, with thousands of Russians taking to the streets now to protest against his arrest and sentencing, Mr Putin may have thought it best to send him away to a far-flung prison in Siberia or thereabouts.

In two decades of Mr Putin's rule in post-Soviet Russia, whatever little resistance was there from critics had been ironed out with brutal state repression tactics. Boris Nemtsov, who spoke up against Russia's military action against Ukraine, was found dead and the oligarch Mikhail Khodorkovsky was detained for 10 years. The case of Mr Navalny may be no different, though as a lawyer in the field of politics he has become a rallying figure against the State. The Russian economy may struggle in the face of low oil prices, curbs on imports due to Western sanctions and a depreciating rouble, but Mr Putin's popularity as the strong man who takes on the West has not faded. He could come under pressure if the movement for freeing Mr Navalny picks up steam. Not without reason is it said that Mr Putin fears him the most.

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Reflections

Future unclear in Suu Kyi country: Do generals have a post-coup plan?

The pre-dawn coup in Myanmar on Monday recalls the worldwide outrage that Singapore's patriarch Lee Kuan Yew caused in 1996 by questioning Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's ability "to govern if ever she came to power". He said he had told the Americans, who were pressing for democracy to be restored, that they should be around to pick up the broken pieces if the experiment collapsed.

It is tragically ironic 25 years later that the only way Ms Suu Kyi can prove her mettle may be another prolonged spell of imprisonment by the ruthless military junta. The sufferings of the 1.3 million persecuted Rohingyas will be much greater. But the worst victims of Monday's coup are more than 55 million Myanmarese whose long delayed and hard-won democratic rights have again been brutally suppressed.

The 75-year-old Ms Suu Kyi has been accused of doing nothing to stop the rape, murder and possible genocide of Rohingyas. She was suspected of sharing the deep-seated prejudice of her Buddhist Mongolian compatriots against the darker skinned and largely Muslim, Bengali-speaking Rohingyas of Myanmar's Rakhine

province. Even under British rule, the old Burma was periodically ravaged by massacres of the immigrant Indian, mainly Tamil, community. While those immigrants were evicted at independence, the Rohingyas remained and today bear the brunt of Myanmar's racism.

Ms Suu Kyi has reason to be grateful to the Rohingyas who supported her 1988 democracy movement. The Rohinya-led National Democratic Party for Human Rights returned four members to Parliament in the 1990 election when her victorious National League for Democracy should have formed the government. But the military suppressed all opposition, placed Ms Suu Kyi under house arrest, banned the NPD, and jailed and tortured its leaders. Myanmar does not now have a single Rohingya MP. The Rohingyas have no voting rights.

Politically, Ms Suu Kyi was blamed for acquiescing in the 2008 constitution which entitled the Tatmadaw — the military — to choose the vice-president and the home, defence and border affairs ministers, as well as control 25 per cent of parliamentary seats. But she probably knew the limits of her authority. Monday's coup,

the military's declaration of another year-long state of emergency, and the appointment of the commander-in-chief, Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, as the national leader, confirmed that the military insists on obedience.

As the daughter of liberation hero, Gen. Aung San, who was assassinated on the eve of independence in 1948, she may be an iconic figure, and quite popular with Myanmar's majority. But the military wanted her only to bestow legitimacy on their iron grip by letting the government turn a pretty face to the world.

Like all those who stage coups, the Tatmadaw says it will hold a "free and fair general election" after the emergency ends. When that will be and how free the exercise can be is anybody's guess. But if the future is uncertain, there are no prizes for identifying the cause of the present crisis. The timing of this second suppression of civilian government — there were two other coups in 1962 and 1988 — is easily explained.

Myanmar's Parliament was scheduled to meet on Monday to approve of the new government formed as a result of the general election held in November 2020. The Army was determined to prevent this because more

than 70 per cent of voters defied Covid-19 and stringent pandemic restrictions to ensure a landslide victory for Ms Suu Kyi's NLD party. They inflicted a resounding defeat on the military-supported Union Solidarity and Development Party, which has been clamouring ever since for just such action. The military has now obliged the USDP by accusing the country's election commission of failing to address "huge irregularities" in the November election and is trying to justify its action by citing the need to preserve the "stability" of the state.

But it is difficult to understand the Tatmadaw's long-term plans. If the emergency is for only a year, does it intend to restore truly civilian rule in February 2022? Since President Win Myint, the only person authorised under the constitution to declare a state of emergency, has also been detained, Monday morning's coup becomes an illegal operation.

Moreover, Ms Suu Kyi's prompt and instinctive response was to urge her supporters to "not accept this" event and to "protest against the coup". In a letter written in preparation for her impending detention, she said the military's actions had put

the country back under dictatorship. The armed forces ruled Myanmar until 2011 when democratic reforms spearheaded by Ms Suu Kyi ended military rule. She spent nearly 15 years in detention between 1989 and 2010 and was internationally hailed as a beacon of democracy and awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991. She is now a global heroine, and Monday morning's widely condemned coup was seen as much as an outrage against her as a national betrayal.

Nevertheless, Lee Kuan Yew had feared that only the military could save Myanmar from civil war. Not for him P.V. Narasimha Rao's faith, expressed in Singapore to thunderous applause, that the answer to the problems of democracy was more, not less, democracy. He even saw Rao's defeat in 1996 as retribution for such colossal naivete. Despite a low opinion of Myanmar's generals, Lee saw the military as the only institution that could avoid civil war.

Perversely, that may be true even now. The military remains the main protagonist in any Myanmarese power struggle, the only one that can crush all other contenders.

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Subhani



No new taxes? Budget's Mahabharata lessons

Mohan Guruswamy

While reading out the Budget proposals for 2021-22, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman crowed several times that there were "no new taxes". It reminded me of US vice-president George H.W. Bush, the 1988 Republican presidential candidate, who proclaimed at the nominating convention the famous words: "Read my lips, no new taxes!" These words defined his next three years at the White House, and the US economy, which cried loudly for a spending boost and hence higher taxation, tanked. His 1992 opponent was Bill Clinton whose campaign manager had the words "It's the Economy, Stupid!" printed/pasted on every desk of Mr Clinton's election office. George Bush Senior, whose tenure saw the collapse of the Cold War and a huge military victory in Iraq, lost the presidency to Bill Clinton after just one term.

Even in a much poorer country and smaller economy like India, in the ultimate analysis it's the state of the economy that determines political longevity. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hucksters kept repeating all day on Monday and Tuesday this week that even a huge contraction of the economy and despite tens of millions of migrant workers being rendered jobless and homeless in a massive drop of the guillotine with the March 21, 2020, lockdown, Mr Modi won the state elections in Bihar later that year. But did he? The NDA polled 34.86 per cent of the popular vote while the Tejaswi Yadav-led UPA got 36.20 per cent of the popular vote. The NDA

came to power with a very slim majority in the Assembly and the margins in as many as 11 seats were by just a few hundred votes. So to believe Mr Modi always wears a Teflon suit is quite erroneous. It's always the economy, stupid!

But were there indeed "no new taxes"? Not only are there no new taxes for annual incomes below ₹15 lakh, there are reductions. But for those with incomes above ₹2 lakh per month, the new taxes impose a substantially higher burden. For a person with an annual income of ₹26.50 lakh, the tax burden increases from ₹3.40 lakh to ₹5.30 lakh, or almost 60 per cent. This is not small change. There are taxes beyond I-T, which are borne directly by taxpayers, like those on petrol and diesel. Petrol will now cost ₹2.50 more per litre, while diesel will cost ₹4 more per litre. There will necessarily be a cascading effect on the economy. The transport sector consumes 72 per cent of the diesel refined in India so the five per cent hike in retail prices will have a noticeable ripple effect. Every lower middle class household will have at least a two-wheeler and higher petrol prices will be felt. Think of the consequences to the home delivery gig economy. Amazon, the biggest e-commerce player, pays a flat ₹10 per package, irrespective of weight, distance and volume. The deliveryman uses his own vehicle and pays for the fuel and other costs. We can now expect e-commerce goods to cost more. Individuals will also have to pay more for mobile phones, cars and imported titte, among other things. So why claim "no new taxes"?

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spent this year. Similarly, Assam and West Bengal, also scheduled for the hustings soon, get ₹23,000 crore and ₹35,000 crore respectively. This is not even slight of hand, its just political chicanery. The Centre intends to increase capital expenditure by ₹1.14 lakh crore and proposes to spend ₹5.54 lakh crore in FY21-22. This item rose by ₹1.30 lakh crore in FY20-21 over FY19-20, so in effect the rate of climb has fallen. But on the morning after, every major newspaper lauded the increase in capital expenditure. Everybody has his or her own compulsions. Big brother is watching?

Our leading pink newspaper had a banner headline shouting: "82% jump in health outlay". Another newspaper screams: "137% increase in health and well-being spend". But it adds sotto voce that this increase is mostly due to bringing the drinking water and sanitation (₹60,030 crore) and nutrition (₹27,000 crore) outlays, previously under different departments, under one caption of "health and well-being". There is a hike in outlay for health (₹71,269 crore), but it is a more modest nine per cent.

When the Pandavas shouted "Ashvathama is dead", Drona, the commander of the enemy forces, assumed they were referring to his son. Refusing to believe them, he decided to check with Yudhishtira. "Tell me," said Drona to Yudhishtira, "Is my son dead?" Yes, Ashvathama is dead. Maybe it is an elephant? Maybe a man? He knew it was an elephant but had been forced by Krishna to lie or tell half-truth. In the din of the war, all Drona heard Yudhishtira say was: "Yes, Ashvathama is dead." Clearly, Nirmala Sitharaman knows her Mahabharata well.

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LETTERS

PENSIONS FOR ALL

The plight of senior citizens who worked in private organisations in their prime is terrible. Though they contribute as much as government staff to the country's growth and pay taxes, they do not enjoy pension and health benefits upon retirement, something that government staff do throughout their career and after superannuation. The Centre should pass legislation to provide pensions to those who were not in government service.

P.L. Krishna
Hyderabad

VACCINE SAFETY

It is unfortunate that children were administered hand sanitiser instead of polio drops because of callous workers (*Kids get sanitiser instead of polio drops in Maha, Feb. 3*). The lesson should be learnt across the country that health workers should be very careful in selecting drugs and medicines.

SPARE THE RATH

We request that political parties do not destroy the sanctity of the Rath yatra for political gains (*Haldar joins BJP; party plans Rath Yatra in WB, Feb. 3*). If no progress is there to show to public, I beg do not degrade religion and its values.

Prasad
Madhapur

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Co-op. officials charge-sheeted: fertiliser scandal

HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 3 One Deputy Registrar and a Co-operative Sub-Registrar are among the six persons on whom charge-sheets were filed in connection with the fertiliser scandal.

The State Crime Branch which is investigating into the fertiliser scandal involving embezzlement of over Rs. 6.5 lakhs worth of chemical fertilisers in the District Co-operative Marketing Society, Mahabubnagar, has filed the charge-sheets in the First Class Munisif Magistrate Court at Mahabubnagar on January 28.

SHORT TAKES



Shashi Tharoor

THAROOR, PANDE, OTHERS MOVE SC TO QUASH FIRSPARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, FEB. 3

Congress member of parliament Shashi Tharoor, senior journalist Rajdeep Sardesai, Mrinal Pande, Zafar Agha, Vinod K Jose Pareesh Nath and Anand Nath on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court for the quashing of multiple FIRs registered against them for alleged misreporting of violence relating to farmers' agitation in the national capital on Republic Day.

The FIRs have alleged "mis-reporting" and "spreading disharmony" by their tweets and reports on the ongoing farmers' agitation seeking the repeal of three farm laws which farmers' are contending aims to corporatise agriculture.

Describing the FIRs as "frivolous", the petitioners have invoked their right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and their freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

Several FIRs were filed against the petitioner in Delhi, Gurugram, NOIDA, and Madhya Pradesh.

SIVASANKAR GETS BAIL IN KERALA GOLD SCAM CASEGILVESTER ASSARY | DC
KOCHE, FEB. 3

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's former principal secretary M. Sivasankar was granted bail in dollar smuggling case by economic offences court here on Wednesday. He was released from Kakkad sub jail in the evening.

The additional chief judicial magistrate court (economic offences) granted bail to the former principal secretary and directed him to furnish a bond of ₹2 lakh, two sureties for the like amount and appear before the investigating officials here every Monday.

With this Sivasankar has secured bail in all the three cases registered against him by the Customs and the Enforcement Directorate.

He was accused by the Customs of smuggling dollars worth ₹1.3 crore.

Sivasankar's alleged involvement in the gold smuggling and currency smuggling case had triggered a major political controversy in the state with the Opposition Congress-led UDF and the BJP alleging that the Chief Minister's office had become a den of smugglers and money laundering agents.

Mamata says polls will be announced within a week

Accuses ex-TMC leader Rajib of anomalies in appointmentsRAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, FEB. 3

Triggering speculation of an early Assembly Election in West Bengal, chief minister and Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday indicated that the polls would be announced within a week in the state.

She also accused TMC turncoat Rajib Banerjee of malpractice, during his tenure as the state forest minister, which

has come under a probe of her government. Hitting back at her within few hours, Mr Banerjee, however, gave himself a clean chit.

Addressing a TMC rally in Alipurduar of North Bengal, the CM said, "Remember, only seven-eight days are left for the polls to be announced. So time is less in hands."

Without taking the name of Mr Banerjee she alleged, "The boy who was with us but left us did some anomalies in the appointments of Bon Sahayak (Forest Assistant). Lot of people gave me this complaint. We are investigating it. One should ask him about his role in such malpractice when he makes tall talks. He joined the BJP after stealing."

Hitting back at the TMC chief, Mr Banerjee said at a BJP rally in Gurupur Hooghly, "She claimed of anomalies in the recruitment of Bon Sahayak workers in all the districts."

He told the Chief Minister, "I remained silent so far. But you

forced me to open my mouth. I still have the messages and copies of recommendations from Kalighat and ministers and leaders. You are only opening a can of worms. You are now in Alipurduar where your district party president was among those who made the recommendations. You rather cancel the panel of recruitment to know the truth. If needed, cancel all the government recruitment for contractual jobs. But you

can do it?"

Farmers dig in their heels

Barbed wires put across a road by Delhi Police at Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Wednesday to stop farmers from entering the national capital during their protest against the new farm laws. Blocking of borders is causing inconvenience to residents of Delhi and neighbouring states, besides financial loss to the people and the exchequer, the Rajya Sabha was informed.

IT'S TIME TO EXTEND HAND OF PEACE IN ALL DIRECTIONS: PAK ARMY CHIEF

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC
NEW DELHI, FEB. 3

In what is being seen as a possible outreach to India, Pakistan's powerful Army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa has said "it is time" for his country to "extend the hand of peace in all directions", even as he called on India and Pakistan to resolve the

Kashmir issue in a "peaceful and dignified manner".

Addressing a graduation ceremony at the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Academy earlier on Tuesday, Gen. Bajwa, however, referred to the Kashmir situation as a "human tragedy" that must be brought to its "logical conclusion" as per the "aspirations" of its people.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

No govt jobs for protesters blocking roads: Bihar cops

NAYEER AZAD | DC
PATNA, FEB. 3

The Bihar government has landed into a controversy after the police headquarter issued a directive stating that people indulging in violent protests and road blockages will not be eligible for government jobs or contracts.

The circular says that the police will issue a verification report about the person's character and also find out about his past criminal history.

If anyone found indulging in a criminal act by engaging in any law and order situation, protests or road blockages and is charged for this, then it should be mentioned in the person's character verification report by the police. Such people should be prepared for serious consequences as they will be barred from getting any government jobs or contracts", director general of police S.K. Singh said in the circular.

This comes almost a week after Bihar Economic Offences Unit (EOU) in a circular had said that offensive social media posts against the

government, ministers and officials will be treated as cybercrime and invite penal action.

uses his democratic right to protest against the system then he will be denied a job. This also means that they will not give jobs and will not allow anyone to protest", Leader of the opposition Tejaswi Yadav said in a tweet.

"Why is the Chief Minister with 40 seats so scared?" he added. Hitting out at Nitish government, RJD leader Shivanand Tiwary said that "The Constitution of India has provided us with the right to protest. The Chief Minister of Bihar himself had been part of many protests against several ruling regimes. Instead of taking harsh measures against the protesters, he should ask the administration to look into the problems of common people".

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The unit had also informed all state government departments about the decision and asked them to report about individuals and organisations involved in such posts on social media.

The development has triggered strong reactions in Bihar.

The RJD which is the main opposition party in the state has termed the state government's directive "against the constitution".

It seems that Nitish Kumar is trying to compete with Mussolini and Hitler by issuing such kind of directives. It means that if a person

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SHA-2.45PM | CINESQUARE-4.35, 10.35PM
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CHANDANAGAR-10.30PM
BALANAGAR-2.55, 9.55PM
INOX GVK-11.35, 6.40, 10.00PM
MP-2.40, 6.05, 10.20PM
GSM-11.05, 3.20, 7.45, 10.10PM
Cinépolis CCPL-11.15, 2.00, 9.00PM
MANTRA-11.30, 2.55, 7.15, 10.20PM
DSL-12.10, 6.40, 10.10PM
PVR RK-3.00, 9.45PM | CENTRAL-1.20, 7.40, 10.45
IRRUMMANZIL-12.00, 3.05, 6.10, 9.15PM
ICON-3.35, 6.40, 9.45PM
FORUM-10.40, 1.45, 4.50, 7.55, 11.00PM
MUSARAMBAGH-12.30, 3.35, 6.40, 9.45PM
GALLERIA-11.05, 2.10, 7.45, 10.50PM
INORBIT-1.05, 3.20, 6.25, 9.30PM

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SUDARSHAN 35
(Enjoy 4k laser projection & dolby atmos sound)
11.00AM(ONE SHOW)

OAMB LAXMIKALA-11.30AM
AMB-4.10, 10.00PM
CINESQUARE-10.50AM
RADHIKA-4.35PM
MCUBE-4.45PM
NARAPALLY 4.20PM TIVOLI 4.30 PM
PVR Forum-2.15PM | INORBIT-10PM
Central-10PM | Icon-3.40PM
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SANDHYA 35MM
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ASIAN CINEMAS RADHIKA-10.45AM
CINESQUARE-11.00AM
CINEPLANET 11.00AM NARAPALLY 1.30PM
INOX GVK-4.50PM | MP-7.45PM
GSM-10.00PM
PVR CENTRAL-2.05PM | INORBIT-2.05PM
FORUM-8.15PM | GALLERIA-10.40PM
MUSARAMBAGH-4.30PM
GOLD 10.25PM MALLAPUR 1.55PM
DILSHUKNAGAR-2.00PM BALANAGAR-2.00PM
CCPL-6.30PM DSL-3.40PM | MANTRA-3.40PM
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ASIAN CINEMAS LAXMIKALA CINEPRIDE-11.30AM
CINESQUARE-4.20PM
PRASAD MULTIPLEX-11.00AM
ASIAN CINEMAS MCUBE MALL 1.25PM TIVOLI XTREME 11.30AM
PVR PRASAD MULTIPLEX-11.00AM
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MUSARAMBAGH-12.10PM

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DEVI 70MM
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TARAKARAMA 70MM
11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

MALLIKARJUNA 70MM
11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30PM

ARJUN 70MM-KUKATPALLY
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

KONARK 70MM-DSNR
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

OAMB	10.35, 1.25, 4.25, 7.20, 10.20PM
PRASADS	8.45, 8.45, 8.45, 11.30, 2.15, 4.00, 5.00, 7.45, 8.45, 10.30PM
ASIAN CINEMAS	SHA-11.15, 2.30, 9.15PM
	SIVAGANGA-11.00, 6.15, 9.0
	GPR-10.55, 1.45, 4.40, 7.25, 10.15
	RADHIKA-10.55, 1.45, 7.25, 10.20
	UPPAL-10.40, 1.35, 4.35, 7.25, 10.15PM
ASIAN Planet	10.55, 1.45, 4.35, 7.25, 10.15PM
	10.30, 1.20, 7.15, 10.10
TIVOLI	11.15, 2.10, 4.50, 7.40, 10.30PM
MULTIPLEX	11.00, 1.55, 4.45, 7.45, 10.45PM
PVR	RK-11.00, 7.50PM
	INORBIT-11.30, 2.25, 8.05, 11.00PM
	MUSARAMBAGH-12.30, 3.25, 6.20, 9.15
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RTC X ROADS
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MEGHAT 70MM-DILSKUNAGAR
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

MALLIKARJUNA 70MM
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

MAHALAXMI COMPLEX
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

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

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
11.15 & 6.15PM(2 SHOWS)

OAMB
10.30, 10.55, 1.30, 1.45, 4.25, 4.40, 7.10, 7.45, 10.10, 10.35PM

PRASAD MULTIPLEX
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ASIAN CINEMAS
UPPAL-10.50, 1.45, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30
RADHIKA-10.45, 1.35, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20PM
MCUBE-10.40, 1.35, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20PM
GPR-10.40, 1.35, 4.30, 7.35, 10.25PM
SIVAGANGA-11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
KOMPALLY-10.50, 1.45, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30

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FORUM-10.40, 11.20, 12.00, 1.45, 03.05, 04.50, 06.10, 07.55, 09.15, 11.00PM	RK PLEX-10.40, 1.45, 04.50, 07.55, 11.00PM
INORBIT-10.00, 11.50, 1.05, 2.55, 4.10, 06.10, 7.15, 09.15, 10.20PM	CENTRAL-10.40, 12.05, 1.25, 1.45, 4.50, 7.55, 11.00PM
ICON-01.15, 4.20, 6.10, 7.25, 9.15, 10.30PM	GALLERIA-10.00, 12.05, 1.05, 3.10, 4.10, 6.15, 7.15, 9.20, 10.20PM
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CCPL-10.30, 12.15, 3.40, 5.30, 7.05, 10.30	CINÉPOLIS 11.45, 2.30, 5.15, 8.00, 10.45PM
DLS-10.30, 12.30, 4.00, 7.25, 9.00, 10.50	MANTRA-11.00, 12.30, 2.25, 3.55, 7.20, 9.00, 10.45PM
SUDHA-11.45, 3.10, 6.35, 10.00PM	RK-10.40, 1.45, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30PM
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S2 CINEMAS MALLAPUR 10.50, 12.00, 3.05, 6.10, 7.25, 9.15, 10.30PM	BVK MULTIPLEX LBNAGAR 10.45, 1.45, 4.45, 7.45, 10.45PM
MULTIPLEX 10.45, 1.45, 4.45, 7.45, 10.45PM	PLATINUM GACHIBOWLI 11.00, 1.30, 4.45, 7.15, 10.30PM
CHANDA-12.00, 3.15, 6.30, 9.45PM	CHANDA-12.00, 3.15, 6.30, 9.45PM
BALANAGAR-10.20, 11.00, 1.30, 2.00, 4.40, 7.50, 11.00PM	KOTHAPET-10.20, 11.00, 1.30, 2.00, 4.40, 7.50, 11.00PM
INOX GV-10.40, 12.05, 3.30, 6.55, 9.15, 10.20PM	GVK-10:40, 12:05, 3:30, 6:55, 9:15, 10:20PM
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GSM-11:00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:40, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30	GSM-11:00, 12:15, 2:30, 3:40, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30
SANGEET 70MM-R.C.PURAM (Fully renovated with latest equipment) 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM	SANGEET 70MM-R.C.PURAM (Fully renovated with latest equipment) 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM
SRISAIRAM 70MM-MALAKAJGIRI 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM	SRISAIRAM 70MM-MALAKAJGIRI 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
RAMAKRISHNA 35MM-ABIDS 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM	RAMAKRISHNA 35MM-ABIDS 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
SUSHMA 70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM	SUSHMA 70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
VJAYANTHI 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	VJAYANTHI 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM
RANGA 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	RANGA 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM
EESHWAR 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	EESHWAR 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM
BR HITECH 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	BR HITECH 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM
AMBA 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM	AMBA 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM
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SEERAMANA 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	SEERAMANA 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM
SENSATION 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	SENSATION 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM
BHUJANGA 70 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM	BHUJANGA 70

SPACEX ROCKET IN FIERY CRASH, AGAIN

Washington, Feb. 3: A prototype of a SpaceX rocket the company hopes will one day journey to Mars crashed in a fireball as it tried to land upright after a test flight

Tuesday. It was the second such accident after the last prototype of Starship met a similar fate in December.

"We had again another great flight," said

SpaceX announcer John Insprucker on an online broadcast.

"We've just got to work on that landing a little bit," he added.

The

company's

founder

Elon Musk

was uncharacteristically quiet on social media, having announced the night before he was "Off Twitter for a while."

The stainless steel rocket, dubbed SN9 or

"Serial Number 9," was cleared for lift-off from Boca Chica, Texas by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) less than a day earlier.

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MCUBE-1.35, 7.35, 10.20
GPR-11.00AM, 10.00PM
RADHIKA-1.45, 4.35, 10.10PM

MJR SQUARE-NARAPALLY 11.00, 4.35, 10.20PM

LAXMIKALA-11.30AM

CHINTHAL 9.45PM KOMPALLY 1.25, 7.35PM

INOX GVK-7.40PM MP-4.05PM | GSM-9.45PM

MIRAJ CINEMAS SHALINI-2.00, 7.30PM
BALANAGAR-2.00, 7.30PM
CHANDANAGAR-3.30PM

PVR CINEMAS FORUM-11.05, 4.35, 10.00PM
INORBIT-11.25, 7.20PM
CENTRAL-11.25, 7.20PM

RK-5.10PM | PRESTON-2.20PM
MUSARAMBAGH-5.15, 10.45PM

IRRUMMANZIL-1.20, 10.00PM
ICON CITY-1.00, 9.45PM

GALLERIA-2.10, 7.50, 10.30PM

CCPL-3.35PM | DSL-4.40PM
SUDHA-12.50PM | MANTRA-3.35PM

11.10, 10.20PM Contact: 9963 883444



Formal charge against Suu Kyi

She can be detained at least till mid-Feb; charge entails three years in prison

US in touch with India and Japan

Washington, Feb. 3: Terming the detention of Myanmar's top civilian leaders by the military 'a coup', a senior State Department official told reporters during a conference call on Tuesday.

The United States categorically said the military action in Burma is a coup. "After a careful review of the facts and circumstances, we have assessed that Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of Burma's ruling party, and Win Myint, the duly elected head of government, were deposed in a military coup on February 1," the State Department official said. Myanmar was called Burma before 1989 when the ruling junta, backed by the armed forces, changed its name. This was done to maintain the country's global image after a total crackdown on a pro-democracy movement. "We continue to call on the Burmese military leadership to release them (the elected leaders) and all other detainees immediately," the official said. — PTI

Naypyitaw could not immediately be contacted. At the same time that authorities were working to keep Suu Kyi in detention, hundreds of lawmakers who had been forced to stay at government housing after the coup were told Wednesday to leave the capital city within 24 hours and go home, said a member of Parliament from Suu Kyi's party who is among the group. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared drawing the attention of the military.

The coup was a dramatic backslide for Myanmar, which had been making progress toward democracy, and highlighted the extent to which the generals have ultimately maintained control in the Southeast Asian country. In response to the coup, Suu Kyi's party has called for non-violent resistance, and people in Yangon honked car horns and banged on pots and pans on Tuesday night. — AP

US extends N-arms treaty with Russia

Washington, Feb. 3: The United States joined Russia on Wednesday in extending the two countries' last remaining treaty limiting their stockpiles of nuclear weapons, two days before the pact was set to expire.

An unstrained nuclear competition would endanger us all." The treaty, signed in 2010 by President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, limits the number of US and Russian strategic nuclear weapons. The outgoing Trump administration made a late bid to extend the treaty, but Russia rejected its conditions.

The treaty was due to expire Friday. Both houses of the Russian parliament voted unanimously last month for the extension, and President Vladimir Putin signed the bill.

That was after President Joe Biden and Putin talked and agreed on the extension, part of a quick round of diplomacy by the less than month-old US administration to keep the treaty going.

The extension doesn't require formal congressional approval in the United States. — AP

SHOOTING IN FLORIDA: 2 FBI AGENTS KILLED

Miami, Feb. 3: Two FBI agents were shot dead and three were wounded on Tuesday while serving a search warrant on a suspect in a child pornography case in the southern US state of Florida, the FBI said.

The suspect is also dead, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement.

The FBI and media reports said the shooting took place around 6:00 am in Sunrise, Florida, when agents arrived to execute a search warrant at the suspect's home.

Director Christopher Wray identified the two slain FBI special agents as Daniel Alfie and Laura Schwartzberger. "The FBI will always honor their ultimate sacrifice and will be forever grateful for their bravery," Wray said in a statement.

Two of the wounded agents were taken to hospital and are in stable condition, the FBI said.

— AFP

Iran won't free captain of seized Korean ship

Tehran, Feb. 3: Iran said Tuesday it has allowed all crew except the captain from a South Korean tanker seized last month for alleged pollution to leave the country in a "humanitarian move".

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seized the Hankuk Chemi and arrested its multinational crew of 20 sailors near the strategic Strait of Hormuz on January 4, saying it had polluted

the waters. The development came as Tehran urged Seoul to release billions of dollars of Iranian assets frozen in South Korea due to US sanctions.

In a humanitarian move by Iran, the crew of the South Korean tanker accused of polluting the environment of the Persian Gulf were allowed to leave the country," foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatabzadeh said in a statement.

Permission had been granted upon "the request of the South Korean government and (with) the cooperation of the judiciary in Iran", he added.

He did not specify whether the crew had already left.

Seoul-based news agency Yonhap cited the South Korean foreign ministry as saying the captain would remain in Iran to look after the tanker. — AFP

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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	50,255.75
Nifty 50	14,790.00
S&P 500*	3,837.05
Dollar (₹)	72.95
Pound Sterling (₹)	99.59
Euro (₹)	87.80
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	47,387 ▾232
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	58.75
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.084
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.124
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.017

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Christie's Intl. Real Estate enters India

Global real estate consultant Christie's International Real Estate said it has entered into India in partnership with Delhi-based Himmat and Rohini Singh LLP to tap opportunities in luxury housing market. Christie's International Real Estate is a global network offering exclusive home and luxury real estate services to buyers and sellers worldwide. The company is part of British auction house Christie's.

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■ Nifty-50 inching towards 15K milestone Sensex breaks 50000 barrier

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The Sensex finally closed above 50000 for the first time, as the post Budget rally continued for the third consecutive session, with banks leading the gainers.

The index shot up to a new all-time high of 50526.39 before closing at 50255, gaining over 458 points, or 0.92 per cent.

The Nifty-50 Index too clocked a new all-time high of 14868.85 and finally closed at 14789.95, up 142.10 points, or 0.97 per cent.

The broader market outperformed the benchmarks. The BSE Mid-cap Index gained 1.38 per cent while the BSE Small-cap Index gained 1.47 per cent.

The all-round rally helped BSE's market capitalisation touch a new all-time high of over Rs 198.43 lakh crore.

The 15000 milestone for the Nifty-50 looks possible with the Budget announcement adding to the upward market momentum right now, said analysts.

"We can expect some resistance to set in the Nifty-50 at around 15,000 level. The budget is fueling a rally in all economy-driven sectors, along with banking. The uptick in global markets, resumption of FII flows and strong earnings trend coming from Q3 results are other factors that are taking markets higher," said Jaideep Hansraj, MD & CEO, Kotak Securities.

"In the last three sessions, almost all sectors have participated with many stocks showing eye-popping moves. While the banking space already has rallied sharply in the last couple of sessions, other sectors such as Pharma and the PSE's were seen buzzing on Wednesday. The Nifty continues to clock new records and is now not far from creating a new history of 15000 mark," said Ruchit Jain, senior analyst-technical and derivatives, Angel Broking.

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