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VIJAYAWADA | MONDAY | 9 NOVEMBER 2020

WEATHER

Max: 32.0°C
Min: 20.0°C
RH: 81%
Rainfall: 1.8mm
Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Max/Min temp.
32/20 °C

COVID-19 CUNT

CASES

(+43,854)

85,41,173

DEATHS

(+409)

1,26,525

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+1,440)

(+5)

TS: 2,50,331

1,377

(+2,237)

(+12)

AP: 8,42,967

6,791

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

5,05,30,449

DEATHS

12,59,562

COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES

216

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana

Tithi: Nijja Ashvayuja Bahula

Ashtami till 6.49 am; Nija Ashvayuja Bahula Navami till 5.27 am (Tuesday)

Star: Ashlesha till 8.39 am

Variyam: 8.16 pm to 9.49 pm

Durmuhurtam: 12.22 pm to 1.07 pm; 2.37 pm to 3.23 pm

Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am

HJRI CALENDAR

Rabbi-ul Awwal 22, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.40 am

Zohar: 1.30 pm

Asar: 4.30 pm

Maghrib: 5.45 pm

Isha: 8.15 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.08 AM

SUNSET TODAY 5.34 PM

MOONRISE TODAY 12.03 AM

MOONSET TOMORROW 1.59 PM

COUNTER POINT

How come we are losing even in the survey we sponsored?

AP may see harsh winter this year

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, NOV. 8

A harsher winter is likely this year due to La Nina conditions. An indication of this is below normal temperatures being recorded at several places in the state.

On Sunday, the lowest minimum temperature recorded was 18.6° Celsius at Kalingapatnam in Srikakulam district of north coastal AP. This is lower by 3.3° C than the normal at this time of the year. Rayalaseema is also witnessing fall in minimum temperatures. Night temperatures are very likely to drop further.

December and January are the winter months in Andhra Pradesh. Since the state has quite a long coastline, winters are comparatively mild.

Naval man drowns in sea

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, NOV. 8

A naval employee died of drowning and another was missing at sea off the Yarada beach here on Sunday. The victim was identified as Petty Officer Whengbam Jagajit Singh of Manipur while Subham of Uttar Pradesh is said to be missing. The New Port police said the company of *INS Sumitra* of Indian Navy comprising 54 persons came to Yarada

beach between 7.30 am and 7.45 am and played sports from 8 am to 9 am. At about 9.15 am, Jagajit Singh, Shubham, Sunil and Vinit Kumar ventured into the sea before proceeding for breakfast.

In the meantime, a big wave swept away all the four persons. However, Jagajit Singh, Sunil and Vinit were brought to the shore. Noticing that Jagajit Singh was unconscious, he was shifted to *INHS Kalyani*, where he died at 11 am.

However, in agency areas of East Godavari and Visakhapatnam, temperatures do fall to single digits. India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted last month that winter this year will likely be colder due to La Nina conditions.

El Nino and La Nina factors play a dominant role in temperatures that prevail in a region.

While La Nina brings in cold waves, El Nino is unfavourable in creation of such conditions. Increase in impact of La Nina during November and December will thus bring down night temperatures, IMD said.

La Nina is a climate pattern that cools waters in the Pacific Ocean, while El Nino is characterised by unusually warm ocean temperatures.



ZAMBIA'S WOMAN COP THANKS DGP FOR INSPIRATION

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

Doreen Mazuba Malambo, a woman police officer from Zambia, thanked DGP Gautam Sawang for being an inspiration to her and helped her become a commendable police officer. Doreen has been awarded the the United Nations Woman Police Officer honour for 2020.

Doreen had worked under Sawang, when he was working the police commissioner UN Mission in Liberia way back in 2009. Currently, Malambo is serving as Gender Advisor in Gender Advisor Mission in Sudan. During an interview, Doreen thanked the DGP for being her inspiration.

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Another TMC MLA to shift to BJP



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Dr Murthy to head Biden's Covid task force

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Messi turns the game for Barca



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India's longest cable suspension bridge



A view of the Dobra-Chanthi bridge after it was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on the occasion of state foundation day in Tehri on Sunday. The 440-metre long bridge is India's longest motorable single lane suspension bridge and it reduces travel distance for three lakh people in Tehri Garhwal district to reach their district headquarters New Tehri by 100 km.

— PTI

MGNREGA turns a boon for people in Covid time

MD ILYAS | DC
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

Even as Covid-19 has subject people to financial difficulties, ray of hope has come in the form of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), which is helping to cope up with the crisis.

Migrant workers, who returned to their native places, initially faced hardships and later MGNREGA works helped them during the Corona crisis.

According to reports from April to September, as many as 3.30 lakh new job cards were issued for 5.53 lakh beneficiaries providing work and income in all the 13 districts.

According to reports, as on October 20, about 13.62 crore households in the country received the job cards with a guarantee of employment to 26.03 crore individuals. Of them, only 13.19 crore workers from 8.57 crore households are regularly seeking work under the programme.

In Andhra Pradesh, 1.22 crore individuals from 67 lakh households received job cards, which included 24.37 percent SCs and 8.92 percent STs.

LibTech India, a collective team of engineers, social workers, and social scientists, Chakradhar Buddha, Ranadheer Malla, and Venkata Krishna Kaggga prepared the report *MGNREGA in AP: Implementation Status*.

■ Page 2: Rise in demand for MGNREGA cards

2nd time Covid kills doctor

NAGESWARA RAO BALLEDA | DC
KADAPA, NOV. 8

A children's specialist working at the Badvel Government Hospital became the first government doctor succumbing to Covid-19 in Kadapa district.

Dr Nandakumar was an alumnus of Kadapa RIMS

Hospital belonging to 2007-13 batch. He had been working as a paediatrician at Badvel Government Hospital for the past three years. He had contracted Coronavirus a couple of months ago but recovered. Last week, he was again diagnosed with Covid-19. When his condition turned critical on

Saturday, his family members shifted him to a hospital in Chennai, where he died on Sunday morning.

Scores of doctors had been diagnosed with the disease after the Coronavirus epidemic spread in Kadapa district.

■ Page 3: Kadapa RIMS staff most affected

DeMo helped to cut stash: Modi

Tax compliance, transparency increased: BJP

New Delhi, Nov. 8: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said demonetisation has helped reduce black money, increase tax compliance and gave a boost to transparency, on the fourth anniversary of withdrawal of high-value currency notes.

On November 8, 2016, Modi had announced on national television his government's decision to ban currency notes of ₹500 and ₹1,000 denomination from midnight on the same day. Certain restrictions were placed on withdrawals.

Taking to Twitter, the Prime Minister on Sunday listed the beneficial outcomes of demonetisation. "Demonetisation has helped reduce black money, increase tax compliance and formalisation and given a boost to transparency," he said. "These



Narendra Modi

outcomes have been greatly beneficial towards national progress," Modi said using the hashtag 'D e M - o n e t i s a t i o n'.

The PM also shared a graphic on how demonetisation had ensured better tax compliance, improved the tax to GDP ratio, made India a less cash-based economy and gave a boost to national security.

BJP national spokesperson Rajeev Chandrasekhar told the media

at the party headquarters here: "Demonetisation dealt a body blow to the systemic financial corruption and black money economy. Since then, it has simultaneously invigorated formal economy and brought unprecedented financial benefits to all sections of society."

He said: "If there is anybody who shouldn't talk about loot, mismanagement of the economy it should be people from the Congress. During the lost decade of the Congress-led UPA government, there was rampant black money and corruption in the country's economy."

Chandrasekhar said demonetisation had three significant and tangible impacts — cleaning up of the economy, formalisation of the informal sector as it helped reach the poor and revenue aggregation.

— PTI

2 cops held for abetting suicide

D. SIVA RAMI REDDI and MD ILYAS | DC
KURNOOL/VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

In a swift move, Nandyal Town-1 circle inspector Somasekhar Reddy and head constable Gangadhar have been arrested for allegedly abetting the suicide of four persons of a family on November 3 at Kouluru near Panyam.

The cops had been allegedly targeting the family of Abdus Salam following a theft.

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy was personally monitoring the progress of the probe. Muslim organisations thanked the Chief Minister for intervening in the case and asking the DGP to deploy top IPS officers

to probe the matter. This would instil confidence in the minority community, they said.

DGP Gautam Sawang said, "If anyone is found to be guilty of any offence, he/she will be acted against irrespective of who the person is."

Announcing the arrests on Sunday, Kurnool range DIG Venkatarami Reddy said Abdus Salam and his three family members had died by suicide on Tuesday. Before the suicide, the deceased Abdul Salam (42), resident of Nandyal, his wife Noor (36), daughter Salma (14), and son Kalandar (10) announced their intent through a video, which went viral.

■ Page 2: Probe will be completed in 3 days: DIG

4 ARMY MEN, 3 MILITANTS KILLED IN LOC GUN FIRE

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, NOV. 8

Four Indian troops, including an officer and three militants, have been killed in a fire fight raging in Machil sector close to the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir's Kupwara district since Saturday night.

The officials here said on Sunday that the slain militants were part of a large group of infiltrators engaged in the gun-fight by alert Indian Army and BSF troops the moment they sneaked into the Indian side of the de facto border.

They said that one militant was killed in initial exchange of fire and two more were 'neutralised' later during the day on Sunday.

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SHORT TAKES

JAGAN, NAIDU
GREET BIDEN AND
KAMALADC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy and leader of opposition N. Chandrababu Naidu wished winners of the US elections. Mr Reddy congratulated Kamala Harris for her winning the US Elections 2020 to become the first woman Vice-President in the history of United States.

Taking to Twitter Mr Jagan said, "Democrats or Republicans, politics apart, we are happy and proud to have Kamala Harris, someone of Indian origin as the Vice-President of America. Congratulations and best wishes. May God bless you and guide you," he tweeted.

Telugu Desam National president and leader of Opposition Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday extended his greetings to US President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris on their victory in the elections.

RAILWAYS ISSUES
ADVISORY TO
FESTIVALDC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, NOV. 8

The Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has sent an advisory to the passengers travelling by trains during this festive season. The Division is operating special trains during the festival season and also running Covid-19 special trains for the convenience of the public. With the increase of train services, safety measures also enhanced at all the railway stations over the Division, a release said on Sunday.

The Division took several measures to combat the pandemic which include controlled entry and exit to stations, thermal screening, strict observation of the use of masks and social distancing, advising all the passengers to report to the station in advance and allowing only confirmed ticket holders into the station to board trains.

It is also advised to all the passengers boarding at Visakhapatnam railway station with confirmed tickets to board train at platform No. 8 side (Gnanapuram) and exit from platform No. 1 side for easy crowd management and observation of Covid-19 protocol.

400-KG STALE
MEAT DESTROYED
IN VIJAYAWADADC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

Vijayawada Municipal Commission officials destroyed 400 kg stale meat seized from two mutton shops at Vijayawada on Sunday. The VMC and veterinary officials team made surprise checks on a few mutton shops at Gollapalem Gattu near Sai Baba temple and found that stale meat weighing about 400 kgs was stored in two different shops owned by one Sai and Sambasiva Rao.

The meat was stored in unhygienic condition and worms were seen in the rotten meat as the freezer was not working properly.

'INCULCATE
JOGGING HABIT
IN CHILDREN'DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

The parents told to inculcate the habit of running and jogging early morning to their children to make them physically fit and healthy. The 5k run, 10k run and 21k run conducted by Vijayawada Runners evoked good response from the youth and children in Vijayawada on Sunday. Krishna district collector A. Md. Imtiaz flagged off the run at the camp office.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Imtiaz said marathon run is a very good for the health and pointed out that physical exercise and running help people stay fit and active. He said the parents have to inculcate the habit of running and jogging early morning to their children to make them physically fit and healthy.

Vijayawada runners founder Mani Deepak said the organisation is conducting a running event in Vijayawada the last four days. He said the running helps reduce blood pressure levels and will increase the immunity levels.

Ignoring Covid rule, people
crowd at AP beach resorts

Beach road from Coast Battery to Bhimili saw vehicular movement

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, NOV. 8

Ignoring the Covid-19 safety protocols, thousands of people thronged various beaches in Visakhapatnam city and the Sunday markets. The crowds were more atop picturesque Kailasagiri hill resort and its foothill Tenneti Park where people had a glimpse of the Bangladesh vessel that ran aground the sea.

However, the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Kambalakonda eco-tourism park, INS Kursura Museum and TU 142 were not yet opened for the public. Otherwise, the crowds would have been more, VMRDA officials said.

There were people, including tourists from outside, were seen at the Rushikonda beach, where water sports resumed, RK Beach, Bhimili, Yarada and Borra Caves. However, there were no significant visitors to Araku Valley this Sunday.

The entire 30km beach road from Coast Battery to Bhimili saw constant vehicular movement. Many were seen at Erramatti Dibbalu and



Youngsters take a selfie with the Lord Shiva Parvathi statues during their visit to Kailasagiri Hill Park in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. Most of the tourist spots seen packed with the public as they enjoy their weekend. — K. MURALIKRISHNA

Thotlakonda on the way.

Tourist officials said due to sudden fall in the temperature people came out

of their homes. The crowds will swell with the beginning of Kartika Masam, the following day

of Diwali festival which is being celebrated next Saturday. There was a congregation of people at

Fishing Harbour market, Rythu Bazaar and meat and fish vending shops during the morning hours.

Medical staff crunch hampers Anantapur GGH

NAGABHUSHANAM
HOSKOTE | DC
ANANTAPUR, NOV. 8

Lack of adequate staff, including the absence of heads, has badly hampered services in the Government General Hospital and the recently established super specialty hospital.

The general hospital has been without a regular superintendent even during the Covid-19 crisis. In a belated move, the medical and health department posted a senior doctor from Kurnool medical col-

lege as superintendent three days back. However, in a bizarre twist, the official received transfer orders to Kadapa medical college even before he took charge here.

With the local doctors expressing unwillingness to act as in-charge superintendent, the general hospital faces staff crunch at various levels. The general hospital gets more than 2,000 patients at OP ward every day while patients from the district and surrounding Karnataka depend on it for emergency medical facilities.

● The general hospital authorities had sent proposals seeking filing up of 179 professors and assistant professors posts apart from 280 nursing and non-technical staff.

● Anantapur general hospital is flooded with patients

It may be noted that Anantapur general hospital is flooded with patients and unable to provide quality medical aid forcing the critical patients to rush to Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, the super specialty hospital was sanctioned at Guntur as part of post-bifurcation projects to Andhra Pradesh. It was to cater to those in the coastal areas while the Anantapur hospital was to meet the medical needs of Rayalaseema region.

Upgrading of the Government Medical College was taken up under 'Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)' under phase-III. The super specialty hospital was designed to accommodate

eight special wings-cardiology, neurology, nephrology, medical gastroenterology and surgical gastroenterology.

Sources said the general hospital authorities had sent proposals seeking filing up of 179 professors and assistant professors posts apart from 280 nursing and non-technical staff.

CPI State secretary K. Ramakrishna demanded the government to concentrate on filling all vacancies to ensure quality medical facilities to the people of Rayalaseema.

Covid positive cases
falling down in APDC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, NOV. 8

Even as teachers and students, along with other suspected and contacted cases, are being tested for Covid-19, several cases were reportedly falling in Rayalaseema region as against outbreak of epidemic at the initial stage. A big number of cases reported in all parts of Rayalaseema region during the initial stage.

On Saturday, about 61 new positive cases were reported in Anantapur district with 1,034 active cases. About 8,259 samples were collected from different parts of the district.

Official records revealed a total of 65,469 with Covid-19 and 63,862 patients recovered after being treated at hospitals, quarantine centres and home isolation.

A total of 473 Covid-19 patients died, and two patients died on Saturday in the district. Experts observed tests were being conducted at all parts of the district along with priority for all teachers and students of 9th, 10th and other higher studies after schools and colleges opened. The quarantine centres at Sri Krishnadevaraya University and other educational institutions were closed in the view of less number of positive from all parts of the district.

Kurnool district has been reported with very less number of cases for the past few days though Kurnool had witnessed horrific conditions during the initial stage of the Covid-19 outbreak. Only 37 positive cases were reported in Kurnool district on Saturday along with 300 active cases.

Probe will be completed
in three days, says DIG

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In the video, the family said they had nothing to do with alleged theft of ₹70,000 from an autorickshaw and missing jewellery from a gold shop. DIG Venkatarami Reddy said investigations in this regard will be completed within the next three days.

Jagan Mohan Reddy had ordered a thorough probe into the matter. Following the suicide, there had been widespread resentment within the minority community in Nandyal. Representations had been made to home minister Sucharitha and DGP Gowtham Sawang on the issue.

Following this, the home minister constituted a three-member committee with IG Sankara Brata Bagchi, Guntur additional SP Arif Hafiz and Allagadda DSP Pothuraju to inquire into the inci-

dent.

Deputy Chief Minister Amzath Basha is expected to visit Nandyal on Monday. TD MLA N. MD. Farooq has demanded a thorough probe into the incident and action against the "real culprits".

Salam Nyaya Porata Committee, formed after the suicide of Abdus Salam and his family, alleged that crime branch constable Gangadhar was behind the suicide and his services must be terminated. Demanding a judicial probe, the committee said it will be holding a dharna on Monday protesting against the highhandedness of police.

AP Muslim Personal Law Board president Altaf Raza, said, "People belonging to the minority community are thanking the CM for intervening in the way he did and sending top IPS officers to probe the

matter in a manner that was never seen before. He has instilled confidence in the minority community by being there for us, just like his father was there for us."

Syed Sami Hussainy, president, Hindustan United Muslims, thanked the CM in an open letter the organisation released earlier on Sunday. He said, "We thank the CM for not only intervening and deploying top officers but also ensuring that the accused are arrested and not limiting the action to a mere suspension. I'd like to tell our minority brothers that the CM is with you and there's nothing that one needs to fear in this state." The police personnel were booked under IPC 323 (causing hurt), 324 (using dangerous weapons or means) & 306 (abetment to suicide) read with Section 34.

AG refuses to
relook at Jagan
contempt case

New Delhi: Attorney General K.K. Venugopal has refused to reconsider his November 2 decision declining consent to BJP leader and lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay to initiate contempt proceedings against the Andhra Pradesh chief minister and his principal adviser for making allegations against judges.

The topmost law officer, in his reply to Upadhyay's letter seeking reconsideration of the decision, reiterated his stand saying that the issue of contempt was between Chief Justice of India (CJI) S.A. Bobde and Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and his principal adviser Ajeya Kallam.

Mr Venugopal on Saturday also said in the response that the lawyer was not precluded from raising this issue on his own before apex court judges or during the hearing of a PIL filed by him only seeking the lifetime ban on convicted lawmakers.

Mr Upadhyay, on November 5, had urged Mr Venugopal to have a relook on the decision and said, "I humbly request you to peruse these points (particularly the fact that the question of contempt is not pending anywhere else) and kindly reconsider the granting of consent to my request."

"This is an issue of great importance at a time when our judiciary continues to be besieged by attacks, and a strong stand needs to be taken by those of us who are a part of the institution," he said.

In the November 7 reply, Mr Venugopal referred to his earlier response and said, "The very crux of the alleged contempt lies in the contents of the letter written by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to the Chief Justice of India, and thus open to the the Supreme Court to take up the matter of contempt suo motu as provided by the

Contempt of Courts Act, and the rules made thereunder."

"Given that the CJI is seized of the matter, it would not be appropriate for me to grant consent and preclude the determination of the Chief Justice of India on the matter. As you are no doubt aware, contempt is a matter between court and contemnor, and no person as of right can insist upon the initiation of contempt proceedings," he said.

Mr Venugopal said his decision does not preclude Upadhyay from bringing these facts to the notice of the judges of the Supreme Court with a prayer for initiation of suo motu action.

"You may exercise this right by way of information placed on the administrative side or by bringing it to the attention of the court during the hearing of ...where you are already a petitioner in person," Mr Venugopal said in his letter.

Taking the consent of the law officer is a condition precedent for initiating criminal contempt against a person.

In an unprecedented move, the chief minister, on October 6, had written to the CJI alleging that the Andhra Pradesh High Court was being used to "destabilise and topple my democratically elected government".

Mr Upadhyay then sought consent of the Attorney General for initiating the contempt against the CM and his advisor.

Mr Venugopal, on November 2, termed as "prima facie contumacious" the conduct of Mr Reddy and Mr Kallam for making allegations against the judiciary, but had declined consent to Mr Upadhyay to initiate contempt against them on the grounds that CJI Bobde was seized of the matter.

The plea for relook has also been declined. —PTI

NHRC orders
action in 8 weeksMD ILYAS | DC
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed the Chief Secretary and DGP to take necessary actions in eight weeks in the Amaravati handcuffing incident.

It may be noted that on November 24, the police handcuffed seven farmers while shifting them to the district jail in Guntur from Narasaraopet sub-jail.

AP Civil Liberties Association state president Muppalla Subba Rao lodged a complaint with NHRC objecting to the handcuffing and NHRC issued orders in its response.

Subba Rao said that the arrested farmers were demanding that Amaravati be the solo capital of the state but the

● It may be noted that on November 24, the police handcuffed seven farmers while shifting them to the district jail in Guntur from Narasaraopet sub-jail.

● Police had violated laws by handcuffing

police arrested them and further registered cases under SC, ST Atrocity (Prevention) Act.

He said that the police had violated laws by handcuffing as this was a severe violation of human rights. He said that APCLA filed a petition in NHRC about the humiliation meted out to farmers.

Subba Rao said that NHRC issued directions to chief secretary and APDGP to take action in the handcuffing incident within eight weeks.

DAILY | RITUAL TTD told to adopt Dubai airport model for providing darshan to elders

Reviving sevas at Tirumala up to Centre

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 8

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) executive officer (EO) K. S. Jawahar Reddy has made it clear that revival of arjitha sevas for devotees and other privileged darshans at Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala will entirely depend on guidelines to be issued by Union ministry of home affairs.

Answering calls from pilgrims during his maiden "Dial-Your-EO" programme at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala on Sunday, Jawahar Reddy said

"Unlock 6.0 guidelines are still awaited from the Union government. As a result, no decision has yet

been taken as of now to revive arjitha sevas and provide darshan to senior citizens, physically challenged, infants and children.

A few callers told the EO that kalyana mandapams located on Tirumala need proper maintenance. Jawahar Reddy immediately instructed officials concerned to sort out the matter.

Another caller Ramachandra Rao from Hyderabad suggested to EO that TTD adopt the Dubai Airport Model for providing darshan to senior citizens without making them wait for hours together for darshan. Jawahar Reddy said officers will examine the possibility of implementing the same in Tirumala.

Sunil Babu from Visakhapatnam said earlier, the timings of blood donation at Aswini Hospital in Tirumala used to be from 6 am to 6 pm. Now, the timings have been reduced to between 9 am and 12 pm.

The EO said this could be due to existing Covid norms. However, he assured that the matter will be discussed and a decision taken on the issue.

Dora Babu from Vedurukuppam requested EO to reopen the TTD-run Shraavanam School, which is meant for deaf and dumb children.

It has remained closed since the past five months and the differently-abled children are facing serious problems.



Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams

Jawahar Reddy said, "We have already commenced online classes for students

of other institutes. Since this is a special school, we will take a decision soon."

Farmers happy as sweet orange prices go up

NAGESWARA RAO
BALLEDA | DC
KADAPA, NOV. 8

After a gap of 10 months, farmers of sweet orange have something to cheer about, as prices of their product have finally started moving up.

Their rates have currently touched ₹40,000 per tonne, though during Dasara last year, they had sold for ₹70,000 per tonne. Subsequently, in the wake of Coronavirus pandemic, their prices fell to ₹15,000 per tonne. This was mainly due to transportation issues following the lockdown. Exports came to a nought. Traders did not come forward to buy a tonne of fruit for even ₹10,000 per tonne. Farmers suffered severely as a result.

For the first time since lockdown has been lifted, traders from Bidinancherla and Gurizala villages under Pulivendula constituency are offering to buy the product for over ₹40,000 per tonne.

Sweet orange is cultivated over 14,000 hectares across Kadapa district. Their plant-

ations are spread over 10,692 hectares in Pulivendula constituency alone; 4,037 hectares in Simhadripuram mandal, followed by 2,764 in Lingala, 1,432 in Tondoor, 815 in Pulivendula, 787 in Vemula, 378 in Vempalle, and 368 hectares in Chakrayapeta mandal. The fruit comes to harvest within 8-9 months. After that it starts changing colour and falls off the trees.

Farmers were hoping they would get a better price during Dasara. When that did not happen, some farmers left the fruit on the trees itself. Still the prices did not go above ₹25,000 per tonne. Crop was also considerably damaged following incessant rains. Since past one week, however, the prices have started rising gradually. They now range between ₹40,000 and ₹45,000.

Horticulture Department officer Doddipalli Madhusudan Reddy told *Deccan Chronicle* that they are advising farmers to harvest sweet orange at the right time. Otherwise, they would stand to lose.

Corona recovery rate increases to 96.66%

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

The dropping of Coronavirus positive cases continued with the registration of 227 new positive cases on Sunday in AP against an earlier average of 10,000 cases per day.

No district reported more than 400 new infections and five districts reported less than 100 infections.

The total positive cases reached 8,42,967 on Sunday in which 8,14,773 were total recoveries, 21,403 were total active cases and 6,791 were total Corona deaths. The recovery rate continues to increase with more new recoveries. It was 96.66 per cent as a total of 814,773 patients recovered in the state.

The overall positivity rate of the 86.56 lakh samples tested so far slightly came down to 9.74 per cent and that of the 76,663 samples tested in the past day was 2.92 per cent.

The West Godavari district was on top in single day highest Corona cases of 379 on Sunday and registration of a huge number of Corona cases continuing in the duo Godavari districts. Further 2,256 patients were discharged after the cure in the past 24 hours.

A total of 12 Corona deaths registered on Sunday. The highest number of 3 deaths registered in Krishna district in the past 24 hours, followed by two deaths each in Chittoor and Visakhapatnam districts, one each in East Godavari, Guntur, Nellore, Srikakulam and West Godavari districts.

East Godavari registered a total of 1,18,589 cases and top

KADAPA RIMS STAFF MOST AFFECTED

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About 25 postgraduate medicos, 30 house surgeons, 25 nurses, 15 doctors, 30 supporting staff, and 20 sanitation staff on duty at Kadapa RIMS Hospitals had been affected by the virus. However, they all recovered. About 10 private doctors working at Fatima Institute of Medical Sciences have similarly recovered.

Hospital support staff, who succumbed to Coronavirus in Kadapa district, include Dadini Eshwarayya, 58, a health educator with the medical and health department. He died at Kurnool hospital while undergoing treatment. A few other non-medical staff also succumbed. But Dr Nandakumar was the first government doctor to die of Covid-19.

District Covid Hospital in-charge Dr Sureswar Reddy, speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, said he is pained at losing Dr Nandakumar, his erstwhile student. He requested all doctors to take great care when providing medical assistance to Covid patients.

among all districts and West Godavari in the second place with reaching 8,88,676 total positive cases. As many as 76,663 Corona tests conducted in the past 24-hours in which 2237 were diagnosed as Covid-19 positive. AP tested a total of 86,63,975 samples for Corona till date and is in top place in Covid-19 tests.

Central team to assess crop damage today

HOSKOTE
NAGABHUSHANAM | DC
ANANTAPUR, NOV. 8

Untimely and incessant rains have led to massive failure of groundnut crop, causing heavy loss to farmers of Rayalaseema region, particularly those in Anantapur district. This is the second consecutive year that farmers have suffered a massive loss. Kurnool, Chittoor and Kadapa districts have also suffered, though not as much as Anantapur.

An inter-ministerial central team will inspect damaged crops in various parts of Anantapur district on Monday. The team is scheduled to visit Ragulapadu, Vajrakurur in Vajrakururu mandal and Gulipalyam, Nakkaladoddi and Patha Kothacheruvu in Guntakal mandal. The team will also interact with farmers and review the situation with district officials.

Groundnut was cultivated over than seven lakh hectares in the Rayalaseema region. But continuous rains when the crop was in its peak growth have caused a massive damage. Agriculture department has assessed that 2.10 lakh metric tonnes of crop has been lost, corresponding with a monetary loss of ₹1,107 crore.

RAINS DAMAGED groundnut crop in Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor and Kadapa

Official reports reveal that 33 per cent of groundnut crop over 5 lakh hectares has been damaged due to rains between July and September.

Manjunath Gowda from Amidalagondi in Madakasira mandal lamented that the crop has been badly damaged with the nut being of poor quality. “We are unable to use the groundnut seed even for own cooking purposes,” he said.

Seasoned farmers say climate-based insurance of crops is not suitable for Anantapur district. Normally, crop insurance is applicable only when monsoon fails, but not if excessive rainfall damages the crop.

“Had the groundnut crop survived, farmers could have performed the marriages of their daughters. Now, they will have to wait for another season”, farmers’ association leader Dhanapuram Venkatrami Reddy observed.

Former minister Kalava Srinivasulu demanded that the government help farmers overcome their suffering, as they have lost their crop for the second successive season.

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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH (“EQUITY SHARES”) OF GLAND PHARMA LIMITED (“COMPANY” OR “ISSUER”) FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION (THE “OFFER”) COMPRISING A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹12,500 MILLION (THE “FRESH ISSUE”) AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 34,863,635 EQUITY SHARES, INCLUDING UP TO 19,368,686 EQUITY SHARES BY FOSUN PHARMA INDUSTRIAL PTE. LTD (“PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER”) AND UP TO 10,047,435 EQUITY SHARES BY GLAND CELLUS BIO CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED, UP TO 3,573,014 EQUITY SHARES BY EMPPOWER DISCRETIONARY TRUST, AND UP TO 1,874,500 EQUITY SHARES BY NILAY DISCRETIONARY TRUST (COLLECTIVELY, THE “OTHER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS”) AND COLLECTIVELY WITH THE PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER ARE REFERRED TO AS THE “SELLING SHAREHOLDERS”, AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES, THE “OFFERED SHARES”) AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION (THE “OFFER FOR SALE”), THE OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [●] OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY.

• QIB Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer

• Retail Individual Bidders Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer

• Non-Institutional Bidders Portion: Not less than 15% of the Offer

Price Band: ₹ 1,490 to ₹ 1,500 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 1 each.

The Floor Price is 1,490 times of the face value and the Cap Price is 1,500 times of the face value of the Equity Shares.

Bids can be made for a minimum of 10 Equity Shares and in multiples of 10 Equity Shares thereafter.

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UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Bidders (“RIBs”) applying through Registered Brokers, DPs and RTAs. Retail Individual Bidders also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account.

Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN.

*ASBA will be available by all the investors except Anchor Investors. UPI may be availed by RIBs. • For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA Form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section “*Offer Procedure*” beginning on page 296 of the RHP. • The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India (“AIBI”), BSE Limited (“BSE”) and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (“NSE”), and together with BSE, the “*Stock Exchanges*” and in the General Information Document. ASBA Forms can be downloaded from the websites of the Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of Banks that is displayed on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. • RIBs Bidding using the UPI Mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appears on the website of the SEBI (<https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmid=40>) and (<https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmid=43>) respectively, as updated from time to time. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Offer. For offer related queries, please contact the Book Running Lead Managers (“BRLMs”) on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at their toll free number 18001201740 and Mail ID: ipo.upi@npci.org.in.

Risks to Investors

1. The 4 Merchant Bankers associated with the Offer have handled 15 public issues in the past three years out of which 5 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.
2. There are no listed peers in India engaged in Issuer's line of business.
3. The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020 for the Issuer at the upper end of the Price Band is 30.07 as compared to the NIFTY 50 index Price/Earnings ratio of 31.43 (as on November 2, 2020).
4. Average Cost of Acquisition of Equity Shares for the Selling Shareholders is in the range of Nil to ₹ 605.12 per Equity Share, and the Offer Price at the upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 1,500 per Equity Share.

BID/OFFER PERIOD

OPENS TODAY
CLOSES ON: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company and the Selling Shareholders may, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/ Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended (“SCRR”) read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers (“QIBs”) (the “QIB Portion”) provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations (“Anchor Investor Portion”), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (“ASBA”) process providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of RIBs), if applicable, in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see “*Offer Procedure*” on page 296 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID and UPI ID (if applicable, in case RIBs) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the Depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.

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Notice to Investors - Please note that in terms of the General Information Document, the maximum Bid by any Bidder including a QIB Bidder should not exceed the investment limits prescribed for them under applicable laws. Further, multiple Bids by a FPI Bidder utilising the MIM Structure shall be aggregated for determining the permissible maximum Bid. Further, please note that as disclosed on pages 304 and 305 of the RHP read with the General Information Document, Bid cum Application Forms are liable to be rejected in the event that the Bid in the Bid cum Application Form “exceeds the Offer size and/or investment limit or maximum number of the Equity Shares that can be held under applicable laws or regulations or maximum amount permissible under applicable laws or regulations, or under the terms of the Red Herring Prospectus”.

For example, an FPI must ensure that any Bid by a single FPI and/or an investor group (which means the same multiple entities having common ownership directly or indirectly of more than 50% or common control) (collectively the “FPI Group”) shall be below 10% of the total paid-up Equity Share capital of our Company on a fully diluted basis. Any Bids by FPIs and/or the FPI Group (including but not limited to (a) FPIs bidding through the MIM Structure; or (b) FPIs with separate registrations for offshore derivative instruments and proprietary derivative investments) for 10% or more of our total paid up post-Offer Equity Share capital shall be liable to be rejected.

AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the Risk Factors on page 21 of the RHP, contained therein before applying in the Offer. Full copy of the RHP is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, website of the BRLMs, i.e., www.investmenbank.kotak.com, www.online.citibank.co.in/rhtm/citigroupglobalscreen1.htm, www.htsec.com/en-us/haitong-india and www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, respectively and on the websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered and Corporate Office of GLAND PHARMA LIMITED, Tel: +91 40 3051 0999; BRLMs : Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Tel: +91 22 4336 0000; Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Tel: +91 22 6175 9999; Haitong Securities India Private Limited, Tel: +91 22 4315 6857 and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited, Tel: +91 22 4037 4037 and Syndicate Member: Kotak Securities Limited, Tel: +91 22 6218 5470 at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. Bid Cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Achiyevs Equities Limited, Ajeon Global Services Limited, Almondz Global Securities Limited, Amrapali Capital & Finance Services Limited, Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Axis Capital Limited, Centrum Broking Limited, Edelweiss Broking Limited, Eureka Stock & Share Broking Services Limited, HDFC Securities Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, JM Financial Services Limited, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Keynote Capitals Limited, KJMC Capital Market Services Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Motilal Oswal Securities Limited, Prabhusdas Liladher Pvt Limited, Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Limited, RR Equity Brokers Private Limited, SAFAL Capital (INDIA) Limited, SBICap Securities Limited, Sharekhan Limited, SMC Global Securities Limited, Systematix Shares & Stocks (India) Limited, Tradebulls Sec Pvt Limited, Way2Wealth Brokers Private Limited and YES Securities (India) Limited

Banker to the Offer/ Escrow Collection Bank/ Refund Bank/ Public Offer Account Bank/ Sponsor Bank : ICICI Bank Limited

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

Place: Hyderabad
Date: November 7, 2020

GLAND PHARMA LIMITED is proposing, subject to, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to undertake an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on October 31, 2020. The RHP is available on the websites of SEBI, BSE and NSE at www.sebi.gov.in, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and is available on the websites of the BRLMs, i.e., www.investmenbank.kotak.com, www.online.citibank.co.in/rhtm/citigroupglobalscreen1.htm, www.htsec.com/en-us/haitong-india and www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, respectively. Potential investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to the same, please see “*Risk Factors*” beginning on page 21 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for making any investment decision. This announcement is not an offer to sell, or a solicitation of any offer to buy, the Equity Shares in the United States, Canada, Japan, the People's Republic of China or in any other jurisdiction where such an offer or sale would be unlawful. The Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”), or the securities laws of any state of the United States and may not be offered or sold in the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. There will be no public offering of the Equity Shares in the United States.

For GLAND PHARMA LIMITED
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Sd/-
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

SHORT TAKES

BOY STUCK INSIDE BOREWELL FOR 90 HOURS DIES

DC CORRESPONDENT
BHOPAL, NOV. 8

A five-year-old boy, who fell into a 200-feet deep borewell in Madhya Pradesh's Niwari district four days back, could not be saved even after a 90-hour-long rescue operation, officials said on Sunday.

Prallhad Kushwaha who fell into the borewell while playing in his family's farmland in Saitpura village of Niwari district on Wednesday was retrieved around 3 am on Sunday, he was rushed to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in a tweet expressed sadness over the boy's death and announced a financial assistance of ₹5 lakh for his family.

NCB ARRESTS NADIADWALA'S WIFE OVER DRUGS

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, NOV. 8

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Sunday arrested the wife of movie producer Firoz Nadiadwala after they allegedly found 10 gram cannabis from their Juhu residence following searches there. The officials said this arrest was made after four peddlers, nabbed earlier, revealed the sale of narcotics substance to her.

Shabana Saeed, wife of Nadiadwala, was arrested following a search carried out by the Mumbai NCB officials at their residence at Gulmohar Crossroad in the JVPD Scheme.

"The cannabis was procured by her from earlier arrested accused Wahid Abdul Kadir Sheikh alias Sultan. Shabana Saeed was issued notice and after recording her statement she was placed under arrest," said an NCB officer.

ARNAB SHIFTED TO TALOJA JAIL FOR USING PHONE

SAURABH JOSHI | DC
MUMBAI, NOV. 8

The Raigad police shifted Arnab Goswami, editor-in-chief of *Republic TV*, to Talaja prison on Sunday, after his arrest on November 4 in connection with suicide of architect Anvay Naik and his mother Kumu in 2018 over alleged unpaid dues of ₹83 lakh.

The police said that Goswami was put up at a Covid-19 centre, a school, where he was found to be using a mobile phone. The police said that the transfer was made after Goswami was found to be active on social media via a phone that did not belong to him.

The officials also confirmed that Goswami's phone was seized when he was arrested and hence they did not suspect him to possess one.

The Alibaug police are trying secure custody of Goswami to question him in the case; the journalist has been remanded to judicial custody. "The probe in the case against Goswami, Feroz Shaikh and Nitish Sarda is underway," said a police officer.

INDORE OFFICIALS RAZE 'COMPUTER BABA' ASHRAM

DC CORRESPONDENT
BHOPAL, NOV. 8

The local administration in Indore on Sunday demolished the ashram of Namdeo Das alias Computer Baba, the self-styled religious leader who enjoyed patronage from both the BJP and Congress in Madhya Pradesh at various points of time, while freeing a large patch of land of 'encroachment'.

The Indore district administration said 46 acres allotted to the Jamburdi Hapsi panchayat in 2000 for development of a cow shelter was encroached by Computer Baba. Sources said a rifle and an air gun were recovered from the ashram during the demolition drive.

The ashram was built in a two-acre plot land in the 'encroached' patch. Namdeo along with six of his associates were taken into preventive custody by police.

Local sub-divisional magistrate Sashwat Sharma said the administration has issued a notice to remove the encroachment but had received no response.

The district administration announced plans to build a temple and a modern cow shelter on the land.

Light in the darkness



Visually impaired workers make candles for Diwali in New Delhi on Sunday. The festival which falls on November 14 this year, will see more demand for lights as many states have banned firecrackers.

— PTI

Modi looks forward to working closely with Biden, hails Harris

India might have to step up its focus on human rights, CAA issues

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 8

Getting ready to work with the Democrat-led administration in Washington that will assume office in January next year, India on Sunday congratulated President-elect Joe Biden who defeated President Donald Trump in the US Presidential polls. New Delhi also congratulated Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted congratulatory messages on Twitter to Biden and Harris shortly after midnight on Sunday after the Democrat challengers were declared winners.

Modi said he looked forward to strengthening Indo-US ties by "working closely together once again" with Biden who was US Vice-President in the Barack Obama administration when Modi had become Prime Minister in 2014. Modi also hailed the success of Kamala Harris — who is partly of Indian origin — as "pathbreaking", and a matter of "immense pride for all Indian-Americans".

It may be recalled that India had on Friday said the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership between both nations has "very strong bipartisan support" in the US, thereby hinting that bilateral ties would continue to grow stronger. At his weekly media briefing two days ago, MEA spokesper-

son Anurag Srivastava had also said that Indo-US bilateral ties "rest on strong foundations" and that this "encompasses cooperation in every possible sphere" ranging from strategic ties to the defence sector, trade and investment as well as people to people ties.

India may well have to deal with an increased focus on human rights from Washington during the tenure of Biden and Harris on the Kashmir issue and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). However, bilateral ties are expected to remain strong especially in the defence and strategic sectors. Biden's stand on China in the Indo-Pacific region and on Pakistan in the context of both cross-border terrorism and the

Afghan situation will also be watched closely by New Delhi as it will have major implications for India.

In a statement on Sunday morning, the Prime Minister's Office said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Joe Biden on winning the US Presidential election," adding also that the PM "has congratulated US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris."

Modi tweeted, "Heartiest congratulations to Joseph R. Biden on his election as President of the United States of America and @KamalaHarris, as Vice President. I wish @JoeBiden a successful tenure and look forward to working with him to further strengthen India-US relations."

Modi also tweeted, "Heartiest congratulations to Kamala Harris! Your success is pathbreaking, and a matter of immense pride not just for your 'chittis' (aunts in Tamil), but also for all Indian-Americans. I am confident that the vibrant India-US ties will get even stronger with your support and leadership." Harris' mother was from Tamil Nadu.

President Kovind said in his Twitter message: "My sincere felicitations to Joseph R. Biden on his election as President of the United States of America and @KamalaHarris, as Vice President. I wish @JoeBiden a successful tenure and look forward to working with him to further strengthen India-US relations."

Himanta to work out Naga accord

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, NOV. 8

With ongoing Naga peace talks in an advanced stage, the Union home ministry has tasked senior BJP leader and Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma with working out a consensus formula on the demand of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) for a separate flag and constitution for Nagaland. The Centre has rejected the demand.

Security sources pointed out that NSCN (I-M) general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah had backed out from his position of October 31, 2019, the day formal negotiations between the NSCN (I-M) and R.N. Ravi, interlocutor for Naga talks, had concluded; he was now insisting that the Nagas will never be part of the Indian Union nor will they accept India's

Constitution. The sources told this newspaper that Sarma has been asked to make a last attempt to bring all stakeholders including the NSCN (I-M) on board.

Informing that Sarma was in Kohima on Sunday to hold talks with Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Leader of Opposition T.R. Zeliang, who is leading the political affairs mission (PAM) to expedite the peace process, security sources indicated that the Union home ministry had not diluted its stand on the NSCN (I-M) demand. The home ministry affairs was set to take a call on deciding the date for signing of the peace accord soon after the electoral process is over in Bihar, the sources said.

Sources indicated that the state may be allowed to adopt its own flag through some executive decision at the state level.

COVID CURE MAY REACH COMMON MAN ONLY IN 2022: AIIMS DIRECTOR

SANJAY KAW | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 8

Amid the rising Coronavirus cases in the country, Delhi-AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria, has said that common man will have to wait till 2022 to get the Covid-19 vaccine.

Dr Guleria, who is also a member of the national task force on Covid-19 management, asserted that it will take "more than a year" for an authentic vaccine to hit the Indian market.

"In our country the population is large; we need time to see how the vaccine can be bought from the market like a flu vaccine and take it.

That will actually be the ideal situation. So it could be by the end of 2021 or the beginning of 2022", he said in an interview to a news channel.

Asked about the challenges India would have after the vaccine is available, the AIIMS director said that the prime focus would be on its distribution so that it reaches every part of the country.

"Maintaining the cold chain, having adequate syringes, adequate needles and being able to deliver it to the remotest part of the country in a seamless manner is the biggest challenge," he said.

Another TMC legislator revolts against Mamata

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, NOV. 8

After state transport minister Shubendu Adhikari, Mihir Goswami, another key Trinamul Congress MLA, has revolted against party supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in what appeared to be growing dissent over her style of leadership ahead of the Assembly elections in West Bengal next year.

The two-time legislator of Coochbehar South in North Bengal also called election strategist Prasant Kishor's firm Indian Political Action Committee a "contractor" and accused it of "destroying" the TMC amid the Chief Minister's "silence."

"Today when I see a contractor think-tank company destroying the home after entering Didi's party while insulted public representatives are protesting but Didi remains in dark and silent, is it not natural for long-standing faith for



Mihir Goswami

Didi to get destroyed like that home? (sic)," Goswami posted on Facebook on Friday.

On Saturday he alleged neglect of development in North Bengal by the Mamata Banerjee government as was done by the previous administrations. "Did we ever imagine a Deputy CM from North Bengal," asked the TMC MLA before warning his party of "suffering the outcome in future for creating a division and distance between the north and south."

Rattled by his attacks, the TMC dared him to quit his Assembly seat and the party. "Criticism of Ms Banerjee while

staying in her party is not suitable. We also have not got anything. But we do not have the guts to criticise her. Goswami should quit the MLA post and the party," said TMC Coochbehar district general secretary Abdul Jalil Ahmed.

On Sunday, Goswami, whom BJP MP of Coochbehar Nisith Pramanik met recently, did not hide his desire to leave the TMC.

Without naming the BJP, he wrote on Facebook, "Requests from well-wishers to me to join another party is true. I will inform all about my visit to New Delhi if there is time and opportunity. I know the people will be divided with the news of my entry to another party in future. One section wants me to join the new camp soon, another feels sad. But all can not be made happy simultaneously. In that case, working for the people with honour will be my only condition (sic)."

Indian troops at LAC stock up to sustain for 1 year

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

With the beginning of the harsh winter, Indian troops deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh are stocked up to sustain for a year. From provisions, arms and ammunition, warm clothing to medical supplies, among other essentials, they have double what is required.

With snowfall being reported in the upper reaches over the last few days, soldiers of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China are mostly huddled in and there is hardly any activity visible on their side.

Top sources told *Deccan Chronicle* that the Indian troops have been "all stocked up" to keep them going for a year, if not more. Once the winter gets harsher towards December, when Ladakh witnesses heavy snowfall, all supply routes will be hit.

On the hilltops and ridges at more than 15,000 feet, the temperatures plummet to -25° Celsius and even lower while the windchill factor makes the situation worse, even leading to deaths.

"The ration, medical supplies, arms and ammunition and winter clothing have been provided two-three times more than what had been requested for. So much so that we have exhausted the space to stock up. It is only after a year that we may require anything, if at all," sources said.

Besides purchasing about 11,000 sets of extreme cold weather clothing from the US, lakhs of sets have been

procured from multiple suppliers to ensure each soldier has more than one set. The use of special clothing began with the arrival of the snow. In winters, frostbites, chilblains, blood clots, lung infection and even memory loss is a regular affair and keeping this in mind medical supplies too have been doubled.

With unpredictable weather throwing a major challenge, large quantities of kerosene, canned food, repair equipment for uninterrupted communication, vehicles among other logistics have been supplied to the strategic locations. Supplies have been divided among all the Army posts, which, in the event of getting cut off due to the harsh weather, can sustain themselves.

High altitude warfare is nothing new for the Indian Army who have battled the elements at Siachen glacier, Ladakh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and several points along the Line of Control with Pakistan. Across the Pangong Tso and Chushul, most of the hilltops and ridges are located at an altitude of over 15,000 feet.

Unlike China, officers in the Indian Army are compulsorily posted at high altitudes for five to six years which gives them all the exposure they need to work in harsh weather.

India, China to exercise restraint along frontlines

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 8

India and China during the eighth round of Corps Commander-level talks on November 6, agreed to ensure that their frontline troops will exercise restraint and avoid misunderstandings and miscalculation, said a joint statement issued on Sunday. This even as a news agency report said that India and China were likely to disengage from some of the friction points in the next few days and they have been discussing the modalities for doing so in a phased manner.

The report said that the discussions between the two sides include pulling back tanks and armoured vehicles, and some development in this regard is likely to take place in the next few days. There was no clarity on the flash points from which Chinese and Indian troops will disengage.

Earlier, first in June and then in July, India and China had agreed to mutually move back from Galwan Valley, Gogra Post, Hot Springs and Pangong Tso. However, it was only in Galwan Valley that troops had moved back to some extent. In Pangong Tso the Chinese army had refused to move back from

the ridgelines of Finger 4 and whole of Finger 5 which it had illegally occupied in May. In Gogra Post and Hot Springs there was no clarity on Chinese disengagement. In Depsang Plains, Chinese troops have been preventing the Indian Army from patrolling.

China had been pushing India to vacate strategic heights which the Indian Army had occupied on the south bank of the Pangong Tso in a surprise action in August. The PLA had even made attempts to occupy these heights which were foiled by the Indian Army. India had maintained that it will discuss disengagement from friction points in Eastern Ladakh and not just the south bank of the Pangong Tso.

The statement issued by India and China on Sunday said that during the meeting both sides agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries. Both sides also agreed to have another round of meeting soon.

"The two sides had a candid, in-depth and constructive exchange of views on disengagement along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector of India-China border areas," said the joint statement.

WILDLIFE | PROTECTION Move to save endangered species under consideration

Purple frog to be Kerala's state amphibian

Kochi, Nov. 8: The purple frog, one of the rarest frog species endemic to the Western Ghats, would soon be declared as Kerala's official amphibian.

A senior forest officer said a proposal for declaring the purple frog, also known as pignose frog, as state's amphibian, is in the active consideration of the state government.

"The proposal is in the active consideration of the government and soon it will be declared as the state's amphibian,"

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden Surendrakumar said.

The matter will be discussed in the next meeting of the state wildlife board.

Official sources said the move to declare it as the state's amphibian as it was mostly endemic to Kerala region of Western Ghats.

According to Delhi University professor S.D. Biju, who discovered the frog a few years ago in the Idukki district, said it is not only a rare frog species



Pignose frog

but is also one of the unique amphibians.

Biju said the purple frog, which remains underground most of the year, is found mostly in the Kerala part of the Western Ghats.

The frog was found in one forest area of Tamil Nadu

also, Biju said. The purple frog, scientifically called "Nasikabatrachus sahyadrensis" is listed as endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as its "Extent of Occurrence is less than 5,000 km, all individuals are in fewer than five locations, and there is continuing decline in the extent and quality of its habitat in the Cardamom Hills."

According to WWF, the leading organisation in wildlife conservation and endangered species, purple

frog has been acknowledged by bio-geographers all over the world as one of the rarest kinds and a "once in a century find."

It said the purple frog has a bloated body with short stout limbs and is dark purple to greyish in colour. "Reaching to about 7 centimetres, it has a small head in comparison to the body length, and an unusually pointed snout. Its short and muscular forelimbs with hard palms help it to burrow underground."

— PTI

IN BRIEF

BUBBLY MOOD: RUSH FOR CHAMPAGNE

Washington, Nov. 8: Joe Biden's election as US president on Saturday sparked a scramble for champagne in the capital Washington and some stores were already close to running out of stock in the Democratic stronghold. It seemed many were ready to toast an end to a tumultuous four years under President Donald Trump.

Calvert and Woodley, known for its selection of wines from around the world, sold up to 75 percent more bottles than a usual Saturday.

DOGS SET FOR WHITE HOUSE COMEBACK

Washington, Nov. 8: Joe Biden promises to bring many things back to America now that he's in and President Donald Trump's out. Unity, accountability, compassion -- and a dog in the White House.

Not just one, but two German shepherds, one a rescue.

One is Champ, who has been with the Bidens since 2008. The other is Major, who the Bidens fostered and then adopted in 2018.

Canines sniffing around the lawns of the presidential mansion are a long-standing staple in America.

Barack Obama muzzled playfully with one Bo, a black Portuguese water dog. George W. Bush had a Scottish terrier, Barney. Bill Clinton? A chocolate Labrador retriever called Buddy.

Enter Trump, a famously finicky germophobe, and the first president in over a century to not have a dog.

"How would I look walking a dog on the White House lawn," Trump asked, with a grimace, in a video included in a Biden campaign ad.

Now, make way for team Biden's canine crew.

Biden officials say Major will become the first rescue dog to live in the White House.

"Choose your humans wisely," says the Biden ad about presidential pooches.

TRUMP FAIR GAME FOR SM RULES

San Francisco, Nov. 8: When US President Donald Trump departs the White House, he also leaves behind any immunity he might have from social media rules. Efforts by Twitter and Facebook to balance letting political leaders speak to the people unfettered with enforcing rules about hateful and misleading posts have afforded Trump leeway not given to regular users.

But any special treatment that Trump has enjoyed ends with his presidency.

"Twitter's approach to world leaders, candidates and public officials is based on the principle that people should be able to choose to see what their leaders are saying with clear context," a spokesman for Trump's go-to messaging platform said.

The winner: Biden vows virus action on 'day one' Ethiopia vows to replace Tigray government

"This policy framework applies to current world leaders and candidates for office, and not private citizens when they no longer hold these positions." So, Trump posts masked by warnings or amended with labels could qualify to be deleted instead. "I assume that the argument around not completely removing content from world leaders is because what they say is important for us to know," said Casey Fiesler, a professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder.



US President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris deliver remarks in Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, after being declared the winners of the presidential election.

— AFP

After poll win, Biden pledges to unite US

Prez-elect seeks an end to the 'grim era of demonisation'

Washington, Nov. 8: Pledging to be the president of all Americans, Joe Biden has sought an immediate end to the "grim era of demonisation" in the deeply-polarised nation, as he and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris celebrated their historic triumph over Donald Trump in a bitter and closely-fought presidential election.

Biden has also said that America is a "beacon for the globe" and that efforts must be made to "restore the soul" of the country. "Tonight the whole world is watching America, and I believe that at our best, America is a beacon for the globe. We will lead not only by the example of our power, but by the power of our example," Biden said while addressing the nation for the first time as president-elect.

"I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide, but to unify; who doesn't see red states and blue states, only sees the United States," Biden, 77, said in his victory speech before a drive-in audience in his hometown, Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday night, nearly ending the uncertainty over the out-

Joe recites deceased son's favourite hymn

Washington, Nov. 8: US President-elect Joe Biden concluded his victory speech by reciting his deceased son Beau's favourite popular Catholic hymn "On Eagles' Wings", hoping that the carol will give comfort to many Americans grieving the loss of their loved ones due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Biden, 77, who is a practising Catholic, said the hymn has inspired him through the final days of his election campaign. He would be the second Catholic to hold the office of the President after John F Kennedy in 1960. The Democrat leader lost Beau, an Iraq war veteran

who had served as Delaware's attorney general, in 2015 to a brain tumour at the age of 46.

Biden defeated Donald Trump in a bitter and closely-fought presidential election. He gave his victory speech before a drive-in audience in his hometown, Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday. On Eagles' Wings "captures the faith that sustains me and which I believe sustains America, and a hope, and I hope it can provide some comfort and solace to the 230,000 Americans who have lost a loved one due to this terrible virus this year," said Biden.

— PTI

come of Tuesday's election. Biden, who has succeeded in his third bid to the White House, thanked his supporters, saying he had earned votes from the "broadest and most diverse coalition in American history." "I am humbled by

the trust and confidence you've placed in me," who will be the oldest US president when he would be sworn-in on January 20, 2021, said amid applause and cheers from the audience.

"The people of this nation have spoken, they've

delivered us a clear victory, a convincing victory, a victory for 'We the People'," he said, referring to more than 74 million voters who backed him. Biden ran twice unsuccessfully for president - in 1988 and 2008. Noting that he ran as a proud Democrat, Biden said that he will now be an American president. "I will work as hard for those who didn't vote for me - as those who did. Biden criticised Trump without naming him in his nearly 15-minute address, saying that he wanted to end "this grim era of demonisation in America here and now."

"Let this grim era of demonisation in America begin to end - here and now. The refusal of Democrats and Republicans to cooperate with one another is not due to some mysterious force beyond our control," he said. 'Trump has so far refused to concede the election that attracted a record number of Americans to cast their votes amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. He has announced filing multiple lawsuits against the election results in key battleground states like Pennsylvania.

— PTI

Indo-US Murthy expected to co-chair Joe's virus task force

Washington, Nov. 8: Indian-American physician Dr Vivek Murthy is expected to co-chair the coronavirus task force which President-elect Joe Biden is going to announce on Monday. Murthy, 43, who originally hails from Karnataka, was appointed America's 19th Surgeon General by then president Barack Obama in 2014.

Born in the UK, he was the youngest ever to hold the office at the age of 37. He was later asked to step down by the Trump administration. Biden, in his victory speech in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday night, said: "On Monday, I will name a group of leading scientists and experts

as Transition Advisors to help take the Biden-Harris Covid plan and convert it into an action blueprint that starts on January 20th, 2021".

The President-elect, however, did not announce who would lead that task

force. The Washington Post said that the task force would be co-chaired by Dr Murthy, the former Surgeon General, and David Kessler, a former Food and Drug Administration commissioner. "The task force... could begin meeting within days," the daily said. In his victory speech, Biden said that the plan will be built on a bedrock of science. "It will be constructed out of compassion, empathy and concern. I will spare no effort -- or commitment -- to turn this pandemic around," he said.

During the campaign period, Murthy emerged as one of the top advisors of Biden on public health

and Coronavirus issues. Many believe that he might end up being the Health Secretary in the Biden administration.

In May, the Biden Campaign appointed congresswoman Pramila Jayapal and Murthy as co-chairs to the Healthcare Task Force. At a fund raiser organised by Indian-Americans in September which was addressed by Biden, Murthy had said that Biden is the kind of guy he would like to invite home for dinner. "Joe Biden is the kind of guy I would love to bring home to have dinner with my mom and dad," Murthy had said in his opening remarks.

— PTI

5 lakh Indians likely to receive US citizenship

Washington, Nov. 8: US President-elect Joe Biden will work towards providing a roadmap to American citizenship for nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants, including over 500,000 from India, and will also establish a minimum admission number of 95,000 refugees annually.

As a largely immigrant community, but in some cases with American roots reaching back generations, Indian-Americans know firsthand the strength and resilience that immigrants bring to the United States of America, according to a policy document issued by the Biden campaign.

"He (Biden) will immediately begin working with Congress to pass legislative immigration reform that modernises our system, with a priority on keeping families together by providing a roadmap to citizenship for nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants -- including more than 500,000 from India," it said.

The Biden administration will support family-based immigration and

● **PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE** Biden will continue strengthening India-US relationship, think-tanks and prominent Indian-American experts have said. "A Biden administration will be mostly positive for India," said Rick Rossow from the Centre for Strategic and International Studies think tank.

preserve family unification as a core principle of the US' immigration system, which includes reducing the family visa backlog, it said.

"And, he will increase the number of refugees we welcome into this country by setting the annual global refugee admissions target to 125,000 and seek to raise it over time commensurate with our responsibility, our values, and the unprecedented global need. He will also work with Congress to establish a minimum admissions number of 95,000 refugees annually," the policy document said.

— PTI

BIDEN PLANS TO INCREASE H-1B VISA LIMIT

Washington, Nov. 8: US President-elect Joe Biden plans to increase the number of high-skilled visas, including the H-1B, and eliminate the limit on employment-based visas by country, both of which are expected to benefit tens of thousands of Indian professionals impacted by some immigration policies of the outgoing Trump administration.

With Kamala Harris as his deputy, Biden is expected to reverse the move of the outgoing Trump administration to revoke work permits to the spouses of H-1B visas, which had adversely impacted a large number of Indian families in the United States.

All these are part of a comprehensive immigration reform that the Biden administration plans to work on, either in one go or in separate pieces.

— PTI



Women of Thulasendrapuram near Mannargudi draw rangolis congratulating Kamala Harris for winning the US election on Sunday.

— DC

You assured new day for US: Harris to Americans

Ancestral village celebrates her win

G. SRINIVASAN | DC
THANJAVUR, NOV 8

It was pujas and celebrations at Thulasendrapuram, ancestral village of Kamala Harris, Indian origin vice-president elect of the US, near Mannargudi on Sunday, as news about her victory and president elect, Joe Biden, reached out to the people of the world.

People started gathering at the Dharma Sashta temple in the village on Sunday morning itself. Contributions from Kamala Harris' family continue for the temple and her name is mentioned in an epigraph there. While people burst crackers and distributed sweets, food minister R. Kamaraj, Tiruvallur MLA and district secretary of DMK,

AUNT: FEEL VERY HAPPY OVER KAMALA WIN

Chennai, Nov 8: City-based maternal aunt of US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris Dr Sarala Gopalan, is elated over her niece's feat and now hopes to attend her swearing-in ceremony. "How do you think I should feel about her victory? I feel very happy," a proud Gopalan, a senior consultant at the Voluntary Health Services here, said.

— PTI

Poondi Kalaivanan, performed pujas, offered worship at the temple and distributed sweets to people.

woman in this office, she would not be the last. "We are so grateful to Joe and Jill for welcoming our

family into theirs on this incredible journey," she said.

— PTI

POLL | RESULT Son-in-law Kushner approached Prez about conceding the election to rival Biden

Don is 11th sitting US President to lose re-election

Washington, Nov. 8: President Donald Trump's reelection defeat has made him the 11th sitting president in US history to lose the White House in a general election campaign.

Ten of those were outright reelection bids. Gerald Ford, who ascended to the presidency following Richard Nixon's resignation, also lost his campaign to remain president in 1976. The last president to lose a reelection bid was George H.W. Bush in 1992. Grover Cleveland lost his reelection campaign in 1888 but

won back the White House four years later by defeating sitting President Benjamin Harrison. He is the only president to have served two nonconsecutive terms, CNN reported.

This list does not include sitting presidents who did not receive their party's nomination for the next general election, it said. Democratic Party's nominee Joe Biden defeated Trump, a Republican in the November 3 presidential election after the former US vice president secured 279 electoral college votes,



Donald Trump

three more than the required 270 votes. Jared Kushner, Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior

approached a defiant President about conceding the closely-fought election to his Democratic rival Joe Biden, according to media reports on Sunday.

The move comes following Trump's assertion in a statement from his campaign -- after major US media outlets projected that President-elect Biden will become the 46th president of the United States -- that Biden is "rushing to falsely pose as the winner" and that the race is "far from over."

Joe Biden-Kamala Harris

deputy campaign manager Kate Bedingfield said that there has been no communication between Biden and Trump, or between any representatives from either campaign, since the race was called on Saturday after the 77-year-old former US vice president crossed the 270 electoral college votes required to win the race for the White House.

Kushner has approached the President about conceding the election, CNN quoted two unidentified sources as saying. Kushner has told others that he has urged

the president to accept the outcome of the race -- even if Trump won't come to terms with how it was reached, the Associated Press also reported on Sunday. Two sources told Fox News that Trump would concede and execute a peaceful transfer of power if his campaign's legal challenges fall short of changing the projected outcome. A lack of concession by Trump would not prevent Biden from assuming the presidency on January 20, 2021.

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Nifty 50	12,263.55	1.18
S&P 500*	3,509.44	-0.03
Dollar (₹)	74.19	0.27
Pound Sterling (₹)	97.54	-0.71
Euro (₹)	87.86	0.00
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	51,717.91	1.52
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	39.52	-1.41
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.871	0.013
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.827	0.049

* As of Friday/Saturday

IOB seeks about ₹1,000 cr capital support from govt

Indian Overseas Bank has sought a capital support of about Rs 1,000 crore from the Centre to create a buffer for any exigency. IOB, which has posted profit for the last three consecutive quarters, expects to continue the trend in the remaining part of the current fiscal year. "We expect the trend to continue and book profit quarter after quarter aided by prospects of better recovery," managing director P. P. Sengupta said.



GAMES

SHORT TAKES

Holding new MCC Foundation patron

London: West Indies pace legend Michael Holding has been appointed patron of the MCC Foundation. The MCC Foundation is the charitable arm of the Marylebone Cricket Club, custodians of the game's laws, and was created with the aim of enhancing lives through cricket. The 66-year-old Holding is a passionate advocate for equality in cricket and the wider community. Throughout a professional career that spanned 15 years, Holding carved out a reputation as one of the best fast bowlers of all time. Since retirement, he has worked as a commentator on Sky Sports' cricket coverage. Holding said he was "thrilled" by the opportunity to join the MCC Foundation. "I am thrilled to support the MCC Foundation and its work to make cricket a game that champions respect and equality for all." — PTI

Pak thump Zim to clinch T20 series

Rawalpindi, Pakistan: Pakistan proved too strong for Zimbabwe as they won the second Twenty20 international by eight wickets in Rawalpindi on Sunday, taking an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Riding on half centuries from skipper Babar Azam (51) and 20-year-old Haider Ali (66 not out), Pakistan made short work of a modest 135-run target, achieving victory with 29 balls to spare. Zimbabwe, who were sent in to bat, never recovered from early strikes by paceman Haris Rauf (3-31) and spinner Usman Qadir (3-23) as they were restricted to 134-7 in 20 overs. — AFP

Brief scores: Zimbabwe 134/7 (Burl 32 not out, Qadir 3/23, Rauf 3/31) lost to Pakistan 137/2 (Haider Ali 66 not out, Babar Azam 51.)

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■ Risk-reward less attractive after recent rise in stocks

Economy holds key to new Samvat fortunes

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, NOV. 8

The equity market has had a historical journey in Samvat 2076, as it marked a year of huge volatility, unpredictability, pessimism, divergence and optimism. All in all after a turbulent past year, investors can look forward to a relatively sedate but selectively rewarding year, said brokerages in their outlook for Samvat 2077 which is dawning on this Diwali on November 14, according to the Gujarati Vikram Samvat calendar followed by Dalal Street.

The Nifty-50 touched an all-time high of 12,431 in January 2020 and then hit a three-year low of 7,511 in March'20 as the Covid-19 pandemic gripped the whole world, threatening the global economy.

However, the recovery has been quite sharp as Sensex and Nifty-50 are once again back to close to their all-time-high mark.

The pandemic has accelerated the shift towards a digital economy. In Samvat 2076 the leadership shifted from banking to the technology sector.

USA's Nasdaq Composite Index went up 33 per cent while the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index has remained flat. When other economies went for massive fiscal stimulus India went tight-fisted, which impacted India's GDP in the June quarter.

Now, when most European nations are going in for fresh lock-



Brokerages Diwali Pick

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downs, the Indian economy is recovering fast and returning to normalcy. India has a chance to come out stronger and report healthy growth in CY21/Samvat 2077, provided it doesn't see a big second wave of Covid cases.

"We think markets could face some profit taking after the final results of the US Presidential elections sink in. This period also coincides with calendar year-end when tax selling by investors happen. This corrective period could last a few months... In the second half of 2021, we may witness some sustained rise in the indices," said HDFC Securities.

"The overall structure of the market remains positive. At 18 times FY22 earnings, Nifty-50 valuations is also not very expensive as it is trading closer to its long-period averages. With

the economic activity recovering fast, more earnings upgrade cannot be ruled out," said Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

"Further strong global markets can keep the liquidity abundant in the system, thus providing support to the overall market. However, intermittent corrections cannot be ruled out as there is a risk of a second wave of Covid-19 and thus sustenance of economic recovery holds the key," Motilal Oswal added.

"From a next 12-months perspective, we are positive on IT, healthcare, rural-agri, telecom, consumer along with select financials. We believe another round of fiscal stimulus could help elevate sentiment further," Motilal Oswal said.

"As we advance towards getting the vaccine (by

middle of next year) and the economy gets back to normalcy, we can expect the economy-driven sectors to outperform the defensives in Samvat 2077. Banks, NBFCs, automobiles, oil & gas, telecom, utilities, capital goods, cement and metals could come into focus in Samvat 2077," said Rasmik Oza, head of fundamental research, Kotak Securities.

"The potential upside in most of these sectors based on one-year price targets ranges between 20 and 39 per cent (vs single digit potential upside in Nifty-50). Since most of the economy-driven sectors are prone to market correction one should have an accumulation strategy in them rather than investing at one go," Oza said.

The risk-reward balance is less attractive after the recent recovery in stock prices. The earnings yield of Nifty-50 works to 4.5 per cent which is way below the 10-year government securities yield of 5.9 per cent. However, the very low global bond yields are supporting flows into risky assets like equities that are keeping valuations at elevated levels, Kotak Securities said.

According to HDFC Securities, "Key worrying points remain—asset quality at lenders, stress in MSMEs, fiscal deficit, inflation, job creation etc. However, a bull market never requires all worrying points to be eliminated."

Bigbasket's customer data stolen?

New Delhi, Nov. 8: Grocery e-commerce platform Bigbasket has faced a potential data breach which could have leaked details of its around 2 crore users, says cyber intelligence firm Cyble.

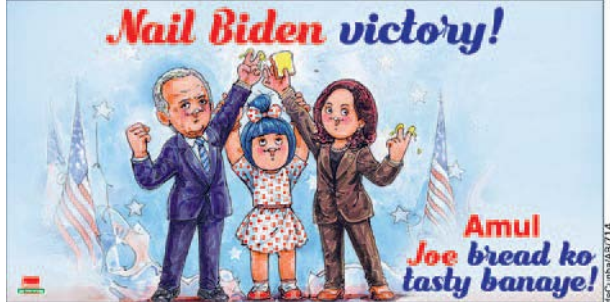
Bigbasket has filed a police complaint with the Cyber Crime Cell in Bengaluru and is verifying claims made by cyber experts.

Cyble said a hacker has put data belonging to Bigbasket on sale for around Rs 30 lakh. "In the course of our routine dark web monitoring, the research team at Cyble found the database of Big Basket for sale in a cyber crime market, being sold for over \$40,000. The leak contains a database portion; with the table name 'member member'. The size of the SQL file is about 15 GB, containing close to 20 million user data," Cyble said in its blog.

It added the data put on sale includes names, email IDs, password hashes, contact numbers, addresses, date of birth, location, and IP addresses of login among many others.

While Cyble has mentioned "passwords", Bigbasket uses a one-time password sent via SMS which keeps changing. "The only customer data that we maintain are email IDs, phone numbers, order details, and addresses so these are the details that could potentially have been accessed," Bigbasket said.

— PTI



Kerala too may accept GST compensation option

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Kerala will have one more round of discussions with some of the states that have been opposing the Centre's stance in the GST compensation issue, before accepting the borrowing option. However, it will continue to question the legality of the Union government taking a decision outside the GST Council.


"States have no option other than taking the money. We have to run the government. The states cannot indefinitely say no," Kerala finance minister Thomas Issac told Financial Chronicle.

However, he will consult like-minded state governments like Punjab and Chhattisgarh and take a joint stance. "They have been busy with the Bihar elections. Now that it is over, we will talk to them and take coordinated action," he said.

Nevertheless, the state will continue to raise the issues pertaining to the GST compensation decisions taken by the Centre. It feels that the decision taken outside the GST Council is illegal. He said

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—Thomas, Issac



decisions have to be taken and ratified at the GST Council. "Further, as there was a dispute, there should be a dispute redressal mechanism," he said.

In August, the Centre had given all states two options of borrowing either Rs 97,000 crore or Rs 2.35 lakh crore to meet the GST compensation shortfall. The borrowing limit of the first option was later increased to Rs 1.1 lakh crore. Last month, 21 states and two union territories had gone with the first option. As some of the opposition-ruled states have been protesting, the Centre has agreed to borrow the money and give it to the states, ending the impasse with the states.

Harmanpreet & Co target third crown

Sharjah, Nov. 8: The momentum is with defending champions Supernovas as they eye a third straight Women's T20 Challenge title, with a determined Trailblazers standing in their way in the final here on Monday.

In the winners-take-all T20 final, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will have momentum behind them, having beaten Smriti Mandhana and company in the last round-robin game on Saturday.

Supernovas, champions in 2018 and 2019, just about managed to ward off their rivals in a last-over thriller.

The two-run win enabled the Supernovas to enter the final, while knocking the Mithali-Raj led Velocity out of the competition. For the defending champions, opener Chamari Atapattu (111 runs) has been in brilliant form. The Sri Lankan veteran is the top scorer for Supernovas this season.

Against the Trailblazers, she played an aggressive innings (67 off 48-balls) to notch up the first fifty of the tournament. Skipper Harmanpreet, who had scored two half-centuries including in the final last year, has been dismissed for 31 in both the matches and the big-hitting Indian T20 captain will look to get back to her destructive best.

They will be up against Trailblazers, who started their campaign on a sensational note. Their bowlers, led by England's Sophie Ecclestone and veteran Jhulan Goswami, bundled out the Velocity for a paltry 47. However, they were unable to dish out a similar display on Saturday.

Skipper Mandhana, who has scored 39 runs in two games and will be keen on coming good with the bat. Opener Deandra Dottin has also been among runs but will be keen to notch up a big one. Deepthi Sharma and Harleen Deol almost led the Trailblazers to victory and the two will look to build on their performance.

— PTI



Delhi Capitals players celebrate the wicket of Manish Pandey of Sunrisers Hyderabad during their IPL Qualifier 2 match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Sunday. Capitals won by 17 runs.

— BCCI

Delhi eclipse Sun

All-round Capitals beat Hyderabad to book maiden final spot

Abu Dhabi, Nov. 8: Delhi Capitals beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 17 runs in the second Qualifier to reach their maiden final in the Indian Premier League here on Sunday.

Delhi Capitals will face Mumbai Indians in the summit clash on Tuesday. In-form Shikhar Dhawan smashed 78 off 49 balls to lead Delhi Capitals to a challenging 189 for three. Marcus Stoinis (38) and Shimron Hetmyer (42 not out) were other notable contributors for Delhi.

Chasing, Kane Williamson led the charge with 67 off 45 balls but could not see his team through as he lacked support from other end. Kagiso Rabada (4/29) and Stoinis (3/26) shone with the ball for the winners.

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Delhi Capitals: M. Stoinis b Rashid 38, S. Dhawan lbw Sharma 78, S. Iyer c Pandey b Holder 21, S. Hetmyer (not out) 42, R. Pant (not out) 2. Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-3, nb-2) 8. Total (for 3 wkts, in 20 overs) 189. FoW: 1-86, 2-126, 3-178. Bowling: Sharma 4-0-30-1, Holder 4-0-50-1, Nadeem 4-0-48-0, Khan 4-0-26-1, Natarajan 4-0-32-0.	Sunrisers Hyderabad: Priyam Garg b Marcus Stoinis 17, David Warner b Kagiso Rabada 2, Manish Pandey c Anrich Nortje b Marcus Stoinis 21, Kane Williamson c Kagiso Rabada b Marcus Stoinis 67, Jason
Holder c Pravin Dubey b Axar Patel 11, Abdul Samad c sub (Keemo Paul) b Kagiso Rabada 33, Rashid Khan c Axar Patel b Kagiso Rabada 11, Shreevats Goswami c Marcus Stoinis b Kagiso Rabada 0, Shahbaz Nadeem (not out) 2, Sandeep Sharma (not out) 2. Extras (lb-1, w-5) 6. Total (for 8 wkts, in 20 overs) 172. FoW: 1-12, 2-43, 3-44, 4-90, 5-147, 6-167, 7-167, 8-168. Bowling: Ravichandran Ashwin 3-0-33-0, Kagiso Rabada 4-0-29-4, Anrich Nortje 4-0-36-0, Marcus Stoinis 3-0-26-3, Axar Patel 4-0-33-1, Pravin Dubey 2-0-14-0.	

It turned out to be a good decision to bat first as Dhawan and Stoinis (38) got the team off to a flying start with their 86-run stand.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer (21) could not do much but Shimron Hetmyer, who

was brought in for Sunday's match, chipped in with an unbeaten 42-run knock.

Dhawan, in his well-paced innings, hit six fours and two sixes. He added 52 runs for the third wicket with Hetmyer

towards the end, though it did not cost them much.

Yet again, Afghanistan spinner Rashid Khan (4-0-26-1) was the most effective bowler though T Natarajan bowled well in slog overs.

Stoinis was asked to open the innings by the Delhi Capitals. After being dropped by Jason Holder off Sandeep at short mid-on, the Australian punished the SRH bowlers with a flurry of boundaries.

Stoinis, on three at that time, was nicely set up by Sandeep but the opportunity was not taken.

It was Holder, who was then taken to task by Stoinis, who creamed off 18 runs from the West Indian's over with three fours and a soaring six. — PTI

SUPER SUBSTITUTE MESSI FASHIONS BARCA'S WIN

Madrid, Nov. 8: Lionel Messi came on at half-time to rescue Barcelona by scoring twice, including his first goal from open play this season, in a 5-2 victory over Real Betis on Saturday.

Messi had been rested by Ronald Koeman but was thrown on with the game in the balance after Antoine Griezmann missed a penalty in the Argentinian's absence, before Antonio Sanabria cancelled out Ousmane Dembele's opener.

But within four minutes of his introduction, Messi gave Griezmann an open goal with a superb dummy and then scored twice himself, the first a penalty that saw Betis' Aissa Mandi sent off for a handball on the line. In between, Loren Moron had given Betis brief hope but Messi's second and a late strike from Pedri ensured Barcelona ended their four-match winless run and climbed to eighth in La Liga.

Messi gave a resounding answer to those suggesting his performances this season have been evidence of decline. "Leo finished the match against Kiev with some problems. He wasn't in a position to play in the first half but we talked about him being on the bench and said he would come on if he felt good," said Koeman.

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