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## TS tries to get back Infosys' unused land

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Is the TRS government firming up its mind to take back unutilised land from Infosys? It seems so because the land allotted to software major Infosys for a second campus by the previous Congress government located on the outskirts of Hyderabad has come under the scanner of the TS government.

The previous Congress government of the undivided Andhra Pradesh, under the chief ministership of Dr Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy, had sanctioned 447 acres to Infosys in Pocharam in Ghatkesar mandal in 2007 to set up an IT park.

However, the company has utilised only 95 acres, after nearly 15 years of the allotment of land. Another 352 acres is lying vacant. The land was then allotted at a price of ₹12 lakh per acre. The land price has now shot up to few crores of rupees per acre.

The Telangana state government is facing a land crunch on the city outskirts for allotment to IT industries and other industries. After the introduction of TS-iPASS online approval

**THE INFOSYS** management urged the TSILC not to compare Infosys with other companies, which failed to utilise lands on the ground that Infosys has "slid of future expansion plans" for which it needs land.

system through self-certification for industries within 21 days, demand for setting up industries, especially IT and IT enabled services companies on the city outskirts, has shot up.

Software firms are now concentrated towards the western part of the city, popularly known as the Gachibowli IT corridor. There are no major government land parcels left in the western part of the city at present.

As a consequence, the state government had introduced a 'look east policy' last year to encourage the setting up of IT industries in the eastern part of the city, towards the Warangal highway. The land allotted to Infosys at Pocharam is towards the eastern corridor.

■ Page 2: IT firms ready to Look East for sops

## Farmers plan to block 2 NHs in city today

NAVEEN KUMAR  
with agency inputs  
HYDERABAD, DELHI, FEB. 5

The All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee has called for a state-wide rasta roka as part of the 'chakka jam' call given for Saturday by the Bharatiya Kisan Union. The AIKSCC representatives said that they expect farmers, and others to take part in the three-hour blockade in all the districts.

The programme will be held at different locations in the districts.

Around Hyderabad, these protests are planned on National Highway 163 to Warangal and National Highway 65 to Vijayawada.

**THE RACHAKONDA** police issued a traffic advisory stating that commuters coming from Warangal and Vijayawada to Hyderabad may take diversion on ORR to enter the city.

**COMMUTERS** proceeding from Hyderabad to Warangal and Vijayawada may take the alternate routes to ORR, avoiding the Uppal-Medipally and LB Nagar-Abdullapurmet routes.

Nationwide, the BKU has called for a three hour road blockade beginning at noon on Saturday and ending at 3 pm.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of the farmer unions, said in Delhi that emergency and essential services such as ambulances and school buses will not be stopped.

The Congress extended support to the farmer unions' 'chakka jam'.

## TS ALLOWS FILM THEATRES TO HAVE 100% OCCUPANCY

DC CORRESPONDENT  
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The government order was issued in compliance with the orders by the Union ministry of home affairs and the standard operating procedures issued by the ministry of information and broadcasting. It comes after a request from the Telugu Film Chambers of Commerce.

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## KCR calls for key meet tomorrow

Sudden announcement triggers speculations

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

In a sudden development, TRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao on Friday called for an emergency meeting of the party's state executive committee on February 7, triggering widespread speculations within the TRS as well as in wider political circles over a likely announcement, or at least a hint of, a widely anticipated possible change of guard in the state.

The TRS state executive committee meeting will be held at Telangana Bhavan, under the leadership of Chandrashekhar Rao.

All party leaders, including ministers, MPs, MLAs and MLCs, state committee members, state-level corporation chairpersons, zilla parishad chairpersons, mayors, municipal chairpersons, DCCB chairpersons and DCMS presidents have been invited to the



post in the state government.

The timing of the meeting being convened at such a short notice, of only two days, triggered speculations, though it is not uncommon for Chandrashekhar Rao to convene the party's executive committee meetings earlier too at a short notice. Normally, such executive committee meetings were held earlier during crucial elections like Assembly, Lok Sabha, GHMC polls or during the party's annual conclave in April every year.

The TRS annual plenary is generally held in the last week of April, which is still over three months away. This left party leaders and cadre wondering about the need and urgency to convene an executive meeting to discuss arrangements for plenary in the first week of February itself.

■ Page 2: Agenda includes election of TRS president

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## Tata, Boeing to make 747 aircraft's rudders in city

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

side slip and provides it directional stability.

The Tata Boeing JV's facility already produces aero-structures for Boeing's AH-64 Apache helicopter, including fuselages, secondary structures and vertical spar boxes for customers worldwide.

The manufacturing of the vertical fin structure marks a significant milestone for both the joint venture and for the Narendra Modi government's 'Make-in-India' initiative.

This development would incorporate a 'Made-in-India' component in

Boeing 737 aeroplanes flying around the world and would add to the heft of Hyderabad in the aerospace and defence sectors.

Telangana industries minister K.T. Rama Rao welcomed the development, calling it "a noteworthy step in the growth of India's aerospace and defence manufacturing."

He said Telangana is an established hotbed for India's defence and aerospace industry supported by a robust ecosystem.

■ Page 2: TASL teams up with Airbus, Lockheed

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## SHORT TAKES

AGENDA  
INCLUDES TRS  
CHIEF ELECTION

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Besides, the membership drive and appointment of party committees will also be generally done only at the time of annual conclave in April.

The official release issued by the party fuelled further speculations by mentioning about "election of party president" and discussion on some "internal institutional issues" of the party. Party leaders are hoping and adding fire to the speculation that the party supremo might announce or drop hints about his stepping down from the chief ministerial post, or even as TRS chief post at the state executive committee meeting or formalise the elevation of his son as the Chief Minister and the party president.

Rumours also spread within the TRS on Friday that Chandrashekhar Rao might also announce key organisational changes, such as appointing finance minister T. Harish Rao and health minister Etela Rajendar as the party's working presidents, besides giving a key position to his daughter and MLC Kalvankula Kavitha, both in the party as well as in the government.

TASL TEAMS UP  
WITH AIRBUS,  
LOCKHEED

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Commenting on the Boeing-TASL JV's new production line, Tata Advanced Systems Limited managing director and chief executive officer, Sukaran Singh, said, "This new production line for complex vertical fin structures is another testament for TASL's commitment towards making India self-reliant in defence manufacturing."

According to reports, Tata Advanced Systems could also manufacture C-295 transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force in partnership with European aircraft major Airbus.

If the deal gets the government's approval, it would be the first time that a major military aircraft would be manufactured in India.

On Friday, Tata Advanced Systems has also teamed up with another aviation major, Lockheed Martin of the US, to bid for the Indian Navy's proposed requirement of naval utility helicopters.

Lockheed Martin vice-president and chief executive Bill Blair and TASL CEO Sukaran Singh signed a deal on Friday in Bengaluru, on the sidelines of biennial defence air show Aero India 2021.

US CONSULATE'S  
WEBINAR ON  
FEBRUARY 9DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, in association with the US Consulate, Hyderabad and Education USA will organise an interactive webinar, 'Higher Education in the United States and Student Visa Session' on February 9, from 3 pm to 4.30 pm.

Interested students can register through the online link on the website [www.iaccindia.com](http://www.iaccindia.com).

The session will offer practical insights into the visa process, study options, selecting colleges, test preparation, application process, financial aid and scholarships.

It will be addressed by the Consular Officer, US Consulate General, Hyderabad, and Regional Officer and EducationUSA adviser, United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

Once the registration form is filled and submitted, a confirmation email along with a link to join the meeting will be sent to the student.

In case of additional details and queries, the students may drop in an email to [snikha@iaccindia.com](mailto:snikha@iaccindia.com).

**INTERESTED STUDENTS** can register through the online link on the website [www.iaccindia.com](http://www.iaccindia.com). The session will offer practical insights into the visa process, study options, selecting colleges, test preparation, application process, financial aid and scholarships.

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## Gross neglect



Plants placed by the GHMC in huge pots near Nagole Metro station as part of beautification of the city are getting dried up due to lack of water and care.

— GANDHI

## TS allows film theatres to become houseful

**Theatre owners asked to follow SOPs laid by the TS govt**

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The Centre had on February 1 allowed theatres to operate at 100 per cent capacity but left the decision to the discretion of state governments, depending on the situation in their respective state. The owners of the theatres and multiplexes were asked to duly follow SOPs laid by the state government.

Earlier, the state government had on November 23 allowed the state-wide reopening of cinema halls after a nine-month lockdown, with 50 per cent of seating capacity due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, cinema halls and multiplexes in the state started operating with alternate seating on December 4.

Telangana, which has about 600 theatres, was late compared to many other states in allowing the reopening of theatres but authorities justified the move in view of the pandemic situation. They moved ahead with their plans only after a significant drop in Covid cases.

Officials said the improvement in the situation especially in GHMC

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## WEATHER

Max: 31°C  
Min: 14.9°C  
RH: 28%  
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy.  
Misty morning. Max/Min  
temp. 31/16 °C

## COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+11,702)	(+108)
1,08,14,656	1,54,954

## STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+169)	(+1)
TS: 2,95,270	1,607
(+97)	(+1)
AP: 8,88,275	7,158

## CASES AROUND THE WORLD

10,56,28,160	DEATHS
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## ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Uttarayana  
Tithi: Pushya Bahula Navami till 8.13 am; Dasami till 6.26 am  
(Sunday)

Star: Anuradha till 5.18 pm  
Varijani: 10.39 pm to 12.11 pm

Durmuhurta: 6.50 am to 8.21 am  
Rahu Kalam: 9 am to 10.30 am

## HIJRI CALENDAR

Jamadi- ul- Akhir 23,1442 AH

## PRAYERS

Fajr: 5.45 am

Zohar: 12.40 pm

Asar: 4.37 pm

Maghrib: 6.19 pm

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SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.46 AM

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MOONSET TODAY 1.08 PM

## COUNTER POINT



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## SHORT TAKES

**COPS MEET RBI TO REGULATE DIGITAL MONEY LENDING**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Cyberabad police commissioner VC Sajjanar and the officers of the Hyderabad and Rachakonda commissioners who are investigating the instant loan app frauds held a coordination meeting on Friday with the working group appointed by the Reserve Bank of India for devising modalities to regulate digital money lending.

The Cyberabad police have decided to come up with a blueprint and mark long-term targets to check the menace of loan frauds. Briefing the RBI officials on the situation, police officials pointed out that the RBI had credible information of these usurious activities in mid-2020 but this knowledge did not transform into action to curb the fraud.

It was suggested to devise guidelines to streamline the digital lending by authorised Non-Banking Financial Corporations using various platforms.

People must be able to identify genuine and legally authorised money lending agencies, and their lending process should be transparent and adhere to legal provisions, police officials said. Banks that are being used for money transactions by the fraudulent money lending apps must have a stringent mechanism for Know Your Customer and also have a periodic review of the activities to alert law enforcement agencies of suspicious transactions, they said.

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## Fighting for UoH land



Members of the University of Hyderabad Teachers Association (UHTA) organise a 'Walk against Encroachment' from Brahma Kumaris centre to TNGOS Colony, in Hyderabad on Friday.

— R.PAVAN

## PANDEMIC FEARS

## WFH safer choice for many

With the Central and state governments slowly opening up all sectors, be it business or entertainment, as well as its own offices and educational institutions for in-person work or attendance, *Deccan Chronicle* spoke to several individuals to get a feel of the pulse of the people on the issue of working from home versus returning to office.

**Azam Saberi, Dell Technologies**  
Working from home has had some adverse effects, there was a sense of complacency compared to working from the office where we are on our toes. If we can work in a controlled environment where all precautions are taken, I am ready to get back to working from the office.

— Azam Saberi, Dell Technologies

**Zeenaz Shabbir, Google**  
I feel we should be back at the office and our lives must return to normal. People with an improper workstation set up have developed serious back issues while working at home. We're missing the work environment, the fun and the socialising. I feel that working from the office gives a better work-life balance.

— Zeenaz Shabbir, Google

**Natasha Ramarathnam, Development sector professional**  
We have seen that many industries can function with a remote model. They should continue with a remote/hybrid model. Remote working will decongest cities, reduce traffic and require less energy. An output-driven work culture would give women greater flexibility in striking a balance between career and home.

— Natasha Ramarathnam, Development sector professional

**Rajashekhar Shainoju, United Health Group**  
I enjoyed work from home, spending time with the family and not having to bother about traffic. But internet connectivity challenges caused stress. I'm looking forward to going back to office because I miss the camaraderie, the bickering, the coffee breaks. Hoping that will reduce those long calls we have for no reason at times.

— Rajashekhar Shainoju, United Health Group

**S. Lakshmi Sunanda, Teacher**  
Though going to work has advantages, I am fine working from home as it is safe for everyone. I have noticed that it is easier for students to reach out to me during online classes. In the digital medium, there is an option to type which takes away the hesitation to pose a question.

— S. Lakshmi Sunanda, Teacher



**Abigail D'Souza, Freelancer**  
As a freelancer, I prefer working from home as it gives me the flexibility to multitask between activities, save travel time. This helps improve productivity and gets my tasks completed on time.

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**Neezel D'Souza, Powergas Pvt Ltd**  
I prefer working from home as it helps employee interaction to resolve matters instantly, eases work processes with printing/scanning and smooth internet connectivity.

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**P.S.S. Aditya, Copywriter**  
Working from home was difficult initially. But now that I have got the hang of it, working out of an office does seem a bit daunting.

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**Afiaz Sultana, HSBC Bank plc**  
I prefer working from home because I can get good sleep and have proper food. Working from home in the present conditions because of the Covid-19 pandemic is better than working at the office as we have to be more cautious. Functioning in a tense atmosphere will psychologically affect our performance at work.

— Afiaz Sultana, HSBC Bank plc

**Avinash Sharma, Technical specialist**  
I prefer to work from home and my team believes the same. Work life balance is maintained. The only challenge is for new hires as the training and bonding will be missing. WFH is something we can adapt to as it gives us a good amount of time for oneself and to spend with family.

— Avinash Sharma, Technical specialist

**Sumaiyya Fatima, Amazon Development Centre**  
I would prefer to work from home due to the current pandemic situation. Working from home is more comfortable and more like working from the office. The situation in the country is not yet under control and suitable for mingling with people without administering the vaccination.

— Sumaiyya Fatima, Amazon Development Centre

**Debby George, Software employee**  
I am ready to go back to the office provided precautions are taken and the number of people is reduced, like having alternate day shifts. This would provide the flexibility to work from home, cut down travel time and we can have face-to-face meetings. The lack of social interaction is a serious issue.

— Debby George, Software employee

**Harshita Gardner, Procurement analyst**  
I use public transport and I'm still skeptical about it. I would like to continue working from home as it gives me flexible hours, I can concentrate on household stuff and the travel time is cut down. It is giving me time to spend with my family, and, as a newlywed, it's a blessing.

— Harshita Gardner, Procurement analyst

**Arpita Sen, Lecturer**  
The apprehension over returning to work during these harsh times has often plagued me, particularly, as I'm extremely vulnerable because of my SJS condition and the vaccine will probably never be an option for me. I feel we need to move towards a rapidly metamorphosed society because the pragmatic working life is no longer viable.

— Arpita Sen, Lecturer

**Koushik, Teach For India**  
I prefer working from home, because I can dictate how I spend my day. I have time for my family, work on skills and do things. I have time to work because I choose when I want to. I do miss interacting with people in the office but working from home has a higher upside.

— Koushik, Teach For India

(Inputs from Ather Moin, Harleen Minocha, Naveen Kumar, T.S.S. Siddharth)

## PORTAL GLITCH New system is not allowing authorities to develop land

## Poor drafting of rules impacts LPS

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Absence of provision for gift deed, mortgage or development agreement in the new Dharni portal has landed the Land Pooling Scheme (LPS) in cold storage. This is despite Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) entering into an agreement with farmers of three villages under its jurisdiction.

According to HMDA officials, the new Dharni system has no provision for gift deed, mortgage or development agreement. In the old system, buyer and seller were not required to be present at the same time at the sub-registrar's office. But this is not the case now. Farmers have agreed to

give 340 acres of land in Malkapur village, 75 acres in Lemur and 120 acres in Bogaram.

However, the new system is not allowing authorities to develop the land, as there is no provision for gift deed, mortgage or development agreement in the Dharni portal.

As per state government's guidelines for land pooling, area development, development schemes and other land assembly projects under HMDA, urban development authority's share will be 40 per cent

of the developed land, while land owners get 60 per cent. Earlier, the land was being equally shared between HMDA and owners after development. HMDA would bear nala charges, registration and stamp duty for sale deeds of allocated sites, apart from land use conversion charges on behalf of plot owners.

A senior HMDA official said that the municipal authority in coordination with planning, engineering and deputy collectors, has finalised the agreement draft, plotting pattern and infrastructure development. "Despite writing to the state government there has been no response from including the provision of development agreement in the new system", the official said.

Once the provision is provided, agricultural lands could be developed at a brisk pace and one square yard would be sold for a price of ₹10,000. He hoped land pooling scheme would yield results in the next two months. This would help HMDA mop up at least ₹500 crore during the next financial year.

## Budget private schools struggle after reopening

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

THERE ARE about 31 lakh students in budget schools, of whom about 4.5 lakh are in Class 10 and 4.7 lakh in Class 9. Of the 11,000 budget schools, only 50 per cent with senior classes are operating, according to TRSMA.

representations to the government over these issues, the requests and demands have all fallen on deaf ears, he said.

The lockdown forced several of our teachers to either move back to their villages and hometowns, or take up a different job to earn money. We are now scrambling to find teachers to take both physical and online classes. Many times, we reach out to other schools for spare teachers," said M. Augustine, Principal, Wisdom High School in Sreeramagaram.

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## 3-member gang held for looting 7 houses

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

A three-member interstate gang was arrested on Friday for burgling seven houses during Sankranti in Hyderabad and Rachakonda police limits and Guntur district. Osmania University police recovered cash, gold and silver ornaments worth ₹8 lakh, along with two crowbars used break into houses.

The arrested persons were identified as Areppal Durga Rao, 34, from Krishna district, P.Umamaheshwar Rao, 41, and P. Kiran Babu, 30.

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**SHORT TAKES**  
**MINISTER VOWS  
TO SECURE FUNDS  
FOR MINORITIES**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Minorities welfare minister Koppula Eshwar promised officials of the department that he would lobby with finance minister T. Harish Rao and ensure release of funds for the well-being of minorities.

While he was reviewing progress of government schemes for the minorities, officials complained that due to financial constraints minority institutions could not execute schemes. Eshwar then assured officials that he would discuss the issue with the finance minister.

Eshwar instructed officials of Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) to focus on maintaining hygiene at hostels. He reviewed the stage of progress of various buildings being constructed by different government institutions for minorities. He asked officials to expedite the remaining construction works.

He asked officials to prepare minority students for national-level competitive examinations. He launched the career counselling manual of TMREIS.

**HIGH COURT STAYS  
CASE AGAINST MP  
ASADUDDIN OWAISI**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Telangana High Court on Friday stayed all further proceedings by a special court against Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi in a case related to alleged attack on Congress leaders Uttam Kumar Reddy and Mohd Shabbir Ali in 2016 on the GHMC election day.

On a complaint by Shabbir Ali, Mirchowk police had registered a case against the Hyderabad MP and three others for unlawful assembly, causing hurt, wrongful restraint among others for allegedly attacking the Congress leaders.

Owaisi was named accused in the first chargesheet filed by police but the name was deleted in the supplementary chargesheet. This was not agreed to by the special court set up to try cases against public representatives, which rejected the discharge petition by Owaisi. Later, it issued non-bailable warrants against him as he had failed to appear before the court.

Challenging the orders, Asaduddin approached High Court. Justice A. Rajashekhar Reddy stayed all further proceedings in this case for four weeks.

The public prosecutor has been asked to file a counter.

# BJP looks to repeat poll upsets

**IREDDY SRINIVAS  
REDDY IDC**  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Having dealt a severe blow that upset the applecart of the TRS in the Dubbaka and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections, the state BJP is gearing up for a repeat performance in the ensuing Graduate MLC elections.

In the first step, it has declared candidates for two Graduate MLC constituencies. It has re-nominated N. Ramchander, the sitting MLC from the

Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahbubnagar (HRRM) seat, while for the Nalgonda-Warangal-Khammam (NWK) constituency it is fielding senior leader G. Premender Reddy.

Party in-charge Tarun Chugh conducted regular review meetings with leaders of districts coming under the two segments. He urged all leaders, including state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar, to work for the party's win in both seats.

The two candidates interacted with constituency-wise leaders and dis-

trict leaders to chalk-out the campaign trail.

Ramchander Rao is focusing on issues concerning government teachers and trying to solve them by taking it up with the authorities. He is pressuring the government to pay unemployment allowance as promised by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao during the previous elections.

Premender Reddy is demanding immediate filling up of vacant positions in all government departments. He has launched a scathing attack against the government

for its failure to issue employment notifications. He is regularly touring Nalgonda, Warangal and Khammam and interacting with graduates, government employees and unemployed youth.

In the previous election, BJP won the HRRM seat with a majority of 13,318 votes. While Ramchander Rao secured 53,881 votes, TRS candidate Devi Prasad got 40,563 votes.

In the NWK constituency, BJP candidate E. Rammohan Rao gave a tough fight to TRS candidate Palla Rajeswar Reddy, who won with a

## KCR's public meet on Feb. 10

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Lift irrigation schemes in the undivided Nalgonda district would be constructed soon, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao told elected representatives from Devarakonda, Nagarjunasagar, Munugode, Kodad and Huzurnagar Assembly constituencies.

They included Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, minister G. Jagadish Reddy, MLAs, MLCs, ZP chairpersons and other public representatives.

Speaking on the irrigation sector in Nalgonda district, the CM said that under various projects the ayacut had been covered. To supply water to the remaining areas, eight to nine lift irrigation schemes along with Nellikallu in Devarakonda would be constructed at a cost of ₹3,000 crore.

The CM will lay the foundation stone for the different lift irrigation schemes at Nellikallu on February 10, and address a public meeting at Halia.

## 13-day tour by leaders: Mallu

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Protesting against the farm bills passed by the Centre, Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said he and party MLAs and MLCs will undertake a 13-day state tour, titled Raithulatho Mukhamukhi (direct interaction with farmers). The tour would start in Adilabad district on February 9, and conclude in Khammam on February 21. Bhatti said that the party would demand continuation of agriculture produce purchase centres.

During the tour, the Congress leaders will interact with farmers to understand their problems. The tour will also visit market yards and agricultural fields. They said the programme is aimed at rebuilding confidence among the farmers who are under distress due to the pro-corporate policies adopted by the Central and state governments.

## Ponnala slams BJP for remarks on UPA budget

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Former PCC president Ponnala Lakshmaiah on Friday slammed the Centre for claiming that the erstwhile Congress-led UPA government had prepared annual Budgets just for the elections.

"If that was so, the BJP government might not be in power today," he said.

Lakshmaiah asked if the BJP government at the Centre had released ₹125 lakh crore which the party had promised during the previous Bihar elections. He said the BJP had also promised during the 2014 elections to provide two crore jobs and to deposit ₹15 lakh in every individual account. Were these not election stunts, Lakshmaiah asked.

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## SHORT TAKES

**DCR PORTAL GETS 4,073 FILES TILL JAN. 21**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

The Development Control Regulation (DCR) portal introduced by the state government, launched on November 16 last, has received 4,073 files till January 21. The portal receives applications for scrutiny and generate reports. It scrutinises the offline PreDr CAD drawing against the building rules in building plans seeking permission from the respective authority. The system notifies the applicants of the status of the drawings. Successful applicants will receive a secret key using which they can submit for the building/ layout permission through TS-bPASS.

There is minimal manual intervention and reports are generated within 45-minutes in most cases. Applicants can apply multiple times.

**ACTRESS MAADHVI FILES COMPLAINT**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

Telugu actress Maadhvi Latha lodged a complaint with the Cyberabad police about some persons making abusive and vulgar comments about her on social media on Thursday.

She met Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and submitted a complaint against some groups and individuals trolling her and posting objectionable content. Talking to the media after the meeting, she alleged that some individuals were targeting her for speaking on issues like attacks on temples in Andhra Pradesh. Maadhvi, who joined the BJP in 2018, said ever since she joined politics some people had been making personal attacks on her. She blamed some groups linked with the TRS, the YSR Congress, the Congress and the TD and a few caste groups.

**TWO COPS HELP B'DESHIS GET PASSPORTS, HELD**

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD, FEB. 5

Hyderabad police have taken into custody two Special Branch constables of Nizamabad on Thursday night for allegedly helping illegal Bangladeshi in getting Indian passports.

Special Branch is crucial in allotment of passports. Union Ministry of External Affairs issues passports only after Special Branch issues its verification report. A passport enables the bearer to travel internationally. It further serves as his or her proof of Indian citizenship as per the Passports Act, 1967.

Allegedly, a few Special Branch constables neglected their duties while enquiring about a certain Bangladeshi portrayed themselves as residents of West Bengal for issuing of passports. It is believed those who succeeded in getting passports may include Rohingyas from Myanmar.

Nizamabad in-charge police commissioner N. Swetha said she is unaware about the illegal passports issue. She also could not confirm shifting of two Special Branch constables to Hyderabad over the illegal passports issue.

**Slow work**

Work on one side of the retaining wall of the underpass at LB Nagar is being delayed resulting in inconvenience to motorists. Only a temporary railing has been fixed. The road was opened for vehicular movement in May 2020. — GANDHI

**Fear still rules Covid vaccination drive****Many asthma, allergy and heart patients are hesitant**

KANIKA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

It is a wait-and-watch policy as those who are vaccinated for Covid-19 are still being observed before they go for a second shot. Effect of the first and second doses of the vaccination and their reactions will be monitored before the vaccination schedule enters the second stage.

Immediate side-effects are no more a concern now, but long-term immunogenic alterations are. This is making many wait for a while before going in for the jab.

The private sector has met only 47 per cent of the targeted figure for vaccination per day as a large number of them have abstained. Senior doctors were constantly

urging them to come forward and get vaccinated, but the numbers remain low. A senior doctor says: "We have been working closely with Covid-19 patients and remain safe. We feel we need wait for a while longer and see the effects before opting for vaccination for ourselves." There is fear that full data about the adverse reactions is not being made public. According to sources, one doctor suffered from hypoglycemia here, and this prompted many others to back-track. The doctor has recovered, though. Others have suffered from mild reactions of pain and fever after vaccination.

A large number of those suffering from asthma, allergies and cardiovascular diseases are hes-

itating to come forward for vaccination. Dr A. Raghukanth, consultant pulmonologist at Medicover Hospitals, said: "Vaccine-related reactions can happen for any vaccine. There is misnomer and confusion between this type of reaction and allergic reactions faced among asthmatics. Fear is the major agent. Those who are allergic need follow protocols before opting for it." Colchicine is being recommended to increase vaccine efficiency but this has to be taken with advice from treating doctors. The medicine is an immune-modulator.

Dr P. Raghavendra Reddy, interventional pulmonologist at Renova Neelima Hospital, said: "There is an over-projection of side-effects. This

caused fear. Also many in the healthcare sector are mindful that the vaccine has been developed within a year. These are making acceptance a challenge. Those who are immune-compromised must not miss it as this will help keep them safe." With several colleagues, staff and others vaccinated, live examples are now available. This is expected to boost the morale of those who are yet to take the jab. A senior doctor says: "By mid-March, a lot of fears, myths and misnomers will be cleared. Data from Covaxin will be available for the scientific community to reflect upon. These will soon make the vaccine most-sought-after post March 2021."

Experts say acceptance will come slowly.

**Man abuses girls online, arrested**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

A man who was trapping teenage girls on social media platforms by befriending them as a batchmate and threatening them with obscene pictures was arrested by the cybercrime police of CCS Hyderabad on Friday.

The accused, Chilviary Santosh Kumar of Abdullaipurmet, creates a fake Instagram account and approaches innocent girls to collect their personal pictures by trapping them and thereafter blackmails them, police said.

The arrest was made after a complaint was received from the father of a 19-year-old girl. He stated that the

victim had received a request on Instagram from an unknown account who introduced himself as a schoolmate and developed friendship and shared personal contact details with each other. "They became good friends then he proposed to her and shared their personal pictures with each other on WhatsApp. Later, his daughter came to know that the accused had cheated others and began avoiding him. He then started threatening her," said the police.

The CCS police requested the general public not to share personal and private pictures with others and not to accept anonymous friend requests on social media platforms.

**Return deposit to ITC, TS HC tells APIIC, TSIIC**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

The Telangana High Court has directed the AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) and Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) to refund ₹4.5 crore, along with 12 per cent interest per annum, to ITC Limited in ratio 58.32:41.68.

This amount had been deposited by ITC with the erstwhile APIIC of undivided AP on May 29, 2007, for allotment of 445 acres for the expansion project of ITC at Sarapaka village near Bhadrachalam in composite Andhra Pradesh state.

However, as the land was listed as degraded forest, union ministry of environment and forest rejected the proposal in 2012. After bifurcation of the composite state, ITC asked APIIC and TSIIC to refund its deposit, as the liability had been pending at the time of Appointed Day.

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The bench also imposed costs of ₹10,000 each on both the industrial infrastructure corporations of AP and TS for delaying the payment.

For clarifications, if any, please contact on Tel No.

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MARWAHI  
DISTT. - GOURELA-PENDRA-MARWAHI (C.G.)  
e-Procurement Tender Notice**eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

(FIRST-CALL)

SYSTEM TENDER NO. 71206 / NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 05/SAC/2020-21 Dated: 03.02.2021

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 24-02-2021 (17.30 hours IST).

System Tender No.	Group no.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
71206		CONSTRUCTION OF TILORA ANICUT SCHEME.	Rs. 299.84 Lakhs

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Govt. of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from dated 10-02-2021 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards.

Note: All eligible/ interested contractors/ bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralized contractor/ supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, MARWAHI (C.G.)  
For, Chief Engineer, Hasdeo Basin Water Resources Deptt. Bilaspur (C.G.)

**Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
Government of India  
Financial Assistance to set up Mega Food Park under  
PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADE YOJANA****INVITATION OF PROPOSALS**

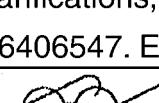
Proposals/ Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited from potential promoters/ investors for setting up Mega Food Parks under the Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) of PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADE YOJANA (PMKSY) in the country for providing modern infrastructure facilities for food processing along the value chain from farm to market.

The willing promoters/ investors may submit their proposals online only through the portal i.e. <http://sampada-mofpi.gov.in/mfp/login.aspx> as per the Mega Food Park Scheme Guidelines dated 21.07.2016. Last date for submission of application is 03.03.2021 by 5:00 PM.

For detailed operational guidelines of the scheme, Expression of Interest (EOI), requirement of EMD etc., Ministry's website: [www.mofpi.nic.in](http://www.mofpi.nic.in) may be visited.

For clarifications, if any, please contact on Tel No.

011-26406547. Email: [mfp-mofpi@gov.in](mailto:mfp-mofpi@gov.in).



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**Phase-II Covid jabs in Telangana from today**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 5

The Covid-19 vaccination drive will enter Phase II on Saturday with shots set to be administered to staff from frontline police, panchayat, municipal and revenue departments.

This was announced by health minister Etala Rajendar on Friday. The target of Phase II is to inoculate 1,88,402 beneficiaries from all these departments against Covid-19.

Officially, Friday's announcement marks end of Phase I of the vaccination drive that began on January 16 and was aimed at inoculating 3,33,595 doctors, nurses, and other staff in government and private hospitals. On Friday, the health department said that only 1,93,485 healthcare sector workers had been vaccinated, accounting for 58 per cent of the intended target.

Rajendar said that Telangana state was following directives of the Central government on the vaccination drive and will keep extending the drive to the other sections of the society.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY****Notice No.- Scrap Used Oil/E-Auction/SSB/2020-21 Dated :- 04.02.2021**

Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) registered Purchasers/Firms, as recyclers/ re-processors for used oil, are invited to attend the E-Auction for Purchasing of used oil. Qty. Approx. 68000 Kgs through bidding, conducted by General Store Depot, Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi-34 on 13.02.2021 at 11:00 A.M..

S.No.	Lot No.	Description	Qty.
1	DSL-TKD-23	Refused oil contained in M.S. Drums capacity 200 Kgs. On as is where is basis. Note:- Oil will be sold along with Drums. Location:- Near Engine Oil Treatment Plant at DSL Shed TKD.	68000 Kgs.= Nos. Drums.

Railway reserves the right to cancel the E-Auction for used oil on the said date without assigning any reasons thereof. Unsold Material (Used Oil, if any) shall again be put up for sale in ensuing E-Auction. The detail of Lots/Qty. are available on website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) auction catalogue Dated - 13.02.2021. 266/2021

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE****EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY****E-TENDER NOTICE**

सं. ईप्रेस/जरा/कन/डल्टी/ई/विवाह/जरा/५७-२०-२१, दिनांक 04.02.2021.  
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-C-N-ETN-57-20-21, E-Tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work.

Name of work : Construction of ROB in lieu of Level Crossing No. 38 at Islampur-yard between Islampur and Khudagam Stations at Chainpur 517m from Islampur Station of Danapur Avnpr. Approx cost of the work in (₹) : ₹0.60,69,797.88. Cost of tender form in (₹) : ₹0.00, Earnest money in (₹) : ₹0.00, Period of work completion : 24 [Twenty Four] Months. Date and time for closing of tender : 26.02.2021 at 15.30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted.

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1. Name of work with it's location Construction of platform and FOB at Manigachi, FOB at Lohna Tamuria, RCC over head tank with tube well at Jhanjharpur, RPF Post at Jhanjharpur. Blanketing for loop lines between Manigachi-Nirmali and other miscellaneous works in connection with gauge conversion of Sakri-Nirmali section of Samastipuri Division.

2. Approx. cost of the work of ₹16,29,49,442.76, 3. Date and time for closing of tender : 02.03.2021 at 14.30 hrs. 4. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form to be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.reps.gov.in>.

Note : In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.reps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender.

Any change/adendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Engineer-in-Chief (R&amp;B) State Roads, CRN-IT No.1415/KMNR-90/CCE (R)/EE-R/DEE-3/AEE/2019 DT- 05-02-2021. (1) Online tenders are invited for Vehicular Under Pass (VUP) work under Plan work (1) No. Karimnagar District. Karimnagar Circle under e-procurement platform, in R&amp;B department

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## FOR SALE AUTOMOTIVE

## FOUR WHEELERS

**BENZ C-CLASS C220, 2014 Model, White Colour, 53000kms, Good Condition, TS Registration, Immediate Sale, Contact: 9849123137, 9855289195.** (HYMM/2021/C06579)

## FOR SALE PROPERTY

## COMMERCIAL

**COMMERCIAL GROUNDFLOOR 3000sqft occupied by long term tenant with 15yrslease good rental income in Dammaguda mainroad for sale whatapp: 9865817898** (HYMM/2021/C06060)

**COMMERCIAL JUBILEEHILLS, residential 600-400 sqyds, Banjara hills 500 sqyds, Gachibowli, DLF 400 sqyds, 900 sqyds, Manikonda 800 sqyds commercial, residential, Sneha hills 1000 sqyds East. Sudershan Yadav: 9392403570.** (A/2021/C0514)

**SRINARAYA COLONY Krishna Nagar: Commercial office space available for sale, second floor, third & fourth floor, 1200-1600sqft, ample car parking, lifts power backup, vastu compliant & all facilities. Ready to move property. Limited Units Left grab it.** Ph:910095973 (HYMM/2021/C06341)

**PRAKASHNAGAR INDEPENDENT Building east facing ground, first, second floors, 400 Sq.yds, 9200 Sft, adequate parking MNCs occupied. Contact: 9391040039/ 9100093932.** (S/2021/C0217)

**COMMERCIAL FLAT for sale. Fortune 9, Flat No.601, 6th Floor, B Block, 1953st, 2 car parkings, Somajiguda, Hyderabad. Rs.7,500/- per sqft Negotiable. Contact: 8897782225.** (HYMM/2021/C02579)

**FOUR STORED building plinth area 9000sft 3 sides road, 220 sqyds. Commercial use for sale - Srinagar colony Yellareddiguda Hyderabad Contact: 9848014329 - 9.00am to 6.30pm (W/2021/AT00138)**

**AMBIKA REALESTATE: Vanasthalipuram Semi commercial 340sqyds, Hashinapuram 260, 600sqyds, B.N.Reddy 300sqyds& Peddamerpet, Tooppanpet,Kothur Ibrahimpatnam open plots for sale. Ph:1.8376714528/ 8125374928** (HYMM/2021/C06274)

**FARM HOUSES-SITES**

**11 GUNTAS Farm Land Suitable for Farmhouse in Peaceful Gated Community, Chilkur, Behind Moinabad Police Station, Near Global College, N Agents. 9963870812** (HYMM/2021/C02590)

**1 ACRE 25GUNTAS Clear Title Beside Full Farm Land For Sale, Near ORR Airport. With Compound Wall, Bore, Coconut, Guava, Mango Trees ph:912081234, 966899925.** (HYMM/2021/C06298)

**CONTAINER HOMES for 5.99 lacs with area 400 Sft, livingroom, bedroom with attach bathroom move anyware you like Contact: 7277331199.** (S/2021/C02201)

**NARSINGA VILLAGE, Near Pargi 1 Acre 10 Guntas Farm House with Swimming pool for Sale. Contact Ph:9545459430. (HYMM/2021/C02671)**

**CUSTOMIZE VILLAS Rs.7299/- offer 6300 per sq.yard. Farm villas 100 acres gated organic fruits sandal wood, Sadashivnagar mumbai highway, 7416613247.** (HYMM/2021/C06504)

## FLATS

## SINGLE BEDROOM

**1BHK FLAT 35sqft 2nd floor in SVL Complex, Ashok Bazaar, Near Gurudwara, Atzalganj. For Sale Contact: 9866130573** (HYMM/2021/C06548)

**AT ANITHA Enclave, Yaprak, 645 st, south facing, 1BHK deluxe flats for sale @3500/- 9394022033** (HYMM/2021/C06402)

## DOUBLE BEDROOM

**ALWAL, WALKABLE Distance to Main Road, 1206 Sft, 2BHK, All amenities, Carparking, Flat for sale. Contact: 9912125854/ 9966212888.** (HYMM/2021/C02627)

**1ST FLOOR 2BHK 1160Sft Apartment, 50 Sq.yds UD Share, Suitable for Office/ Clinic/ House, Behind RS Brothers, Ameerpet, No Agents. 9963870812** (HYMM/2021/C02588)

**BEGUMPET, PRAKASH Nagar, W/F, Area 1575Sft & 1820Sft, Ready to Occupy, New Deluxe Flats Available for Sale. Ph:9679651479, 9491616396.** (HYMM/2021/C06588)

**NEAR ECIL, Dammaguda, Nagaram X Roads and RL Nagar Open Plots for Sale in Gated & Non-Gated Venture Site: 9912225591/ 9948662106.** (HYMM/2021/C06257)

**OMAIKAJUDA, LAKE Residency Apartments, 3 Bedroom Flat, 603, 1450 sqft, Wardrobes, Kitchen, Cupboards, AC, Car Parking, Plenty Drinking & Bar Water,Jay Garden Road besides Babukhan Millennium Business Center, Opp Vijay Diary for Inspection. Ph:9441442221.** (HYMM/2021/C06535)

**SHANKIPET, 3BHK Luxurious Flat for Sale Under Construction with Excellent Connectivity to all parts of the City. Limited Stock. Price Starts from Rs.1.5 Cr+ onwards. Contact for Site Visit: 9912225591/ 9948662106.** (W/2021/AT00106)

**SHANTHI NAGAR (A.C.Guards) "Vijaya Towers Apartment", A-Block, 2200sft each flat, total 10 flats, 112sqyards (undivided share) with water supply, electricity & carparking. Contact: 9441442221.** (HYMM/2021/C06535)

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# Centre to give 1 more chance to UPSC aspirants

New Delhi, Feb. 5: The Centre on Friday told the Supreme Court that it is agreeable to give an extra chance as a one-time relaxation to UPSC civil service aspirants, who had appeared in their last attempt in the 2020 exam amid the Covid-19 pandemic and are otherwise not age-barred.

"As per the suggestion of this court, the Union of India is agreeable for the following ex-gratia, one-time, restricted relaxation to be granted to the prospective candidates, subject to the same being part of a consent order, disposing off the petition," the note, filed by Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, said.

The bench told Raju to circulate the note and asked the petitioners to file their responses to it. The top court said it would hear the matter on February 8.

The bench is hearing a plea seeking grant of one more chance in the UPSC's civil services exam to those aspirants who could not appear in their last attempt in 2020 due to the pandemic.

On February 1, the Centre had told the top court that it cannot grant an extra chance to civil services aspirants who could not appear or prepare well for their last attempt in the UPSC civil service exam in 2020 due to the pandemic, while reiterating that it would amount to extending "differential treatment" to similarly placed candidates. However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had on February 1 sought time to discuss the issue once again.

## After 18 mnths gap, 4G restored in J&K

**YUSUF JAMEEL | DC**

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High speed 4G internet services were restored in entire Jammu and Kashmir late on Friday evening, exactly after a gap of 18 months.

The authorities said that the decision to this effect was taken after the review of the security situation in the Union Territory and in view of the recommendations of a committee set up by the government to look into the issue some time ago.

The announcement was made by Principal Secretary Information, Rohit Kansal, who is also government spokesperson, through a tweet.

'experimental basis' in two districts of the erstwhile state-Udhampur and Ganderbal, more than a year after a complete communication blackout was enforced in both Jammu region and Kashmir Valley regions ahead of the Centre's abrogating Article 370 and bifurcating the state into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Though the landline and mobile phone and 2G bandwidth internet services were restored in a phased manner across what is now called the UT of J&K earlier, 18 out of 20 of its districts continued to be deprived of the high-speed 4G internet.

A formal order signed by Shaleen Kabra, principal secretary (home), said that in view of the advice of the special committee constituted on the directive of Supreme Court and upon "careful review" of the overall security scenario the restrictions on mobile data services and fixed line Internet connectivity is revoked "except to the extent that the pre-paid SIM card holders shall be provided excess to the Internet connectivity only after verification as per the norms applicable for post-paid connections".

In August last year, the J&K authorities had restored high-speed 4G internet service on all secular parties."

## BIG | RELIEF Top court stays MP HC order, production warrant

### SC grants Munawar Faruqui bail

New Delhi, Feb. 5: In a relief to comedian Munawar Faruqui, arrested in a case for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by passing objectionable remarks about Hindu deities during a show, the Supreme Court on Friday released him on an interim bail.

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The top court sought response from Madhya Pradesh government on both the pleas filed by Faruqui and from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra governments on the plea seeking clubbing and quashing of FIRs.

This being the case, we issue notice in both the petitions, and stay the Judgment of the High Court. The petitioner is released on ad-interim bail on conditions to the satisfaction of the trial court. In the meantime, there shall be stay of the production warrants as well, the bench said.

At the outset, advocate Saurabh Kirpal, appearing for Faruqui said, This is a case of victimisation.

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## PFIZER PULLS OUT OF VACCINE RACE

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with agencies input**

NEW DELHI, FEB. 5

the deliberations at the meeting and our understanding of additional information that the regulator may need, the company has decided to withdraw its application at this time," a company spokesperson said in a statement. Pfizer will continue to engage with the authority and resubmit its approval request with additional information as it becomes available in the near future, the statement

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Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	59.57
IN 10-Yr bond yield*	6.071
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.153
* As of 8:30 PM IST	0.014

## Forex reserves jump to record \$590.18 billion

Foreign exchange reserves rose \$4.85 billion to touch a record high of \$590.18 billion in the week ended January 29, according to RBI data. In the previous week ended January 22, the reserves rose by \$1.09 billion to \$585.33 billion. Foreign currency assets rose by \$5.03 billion to \$547.22 billion. The gold reserves declined \$164 million to \$36.29 billion. The SDRs with the IMF were down \$4 million to \$1.51 billion.

## Brookfield India Reit gets 8 times subscription



The IPO of Brookfield India Real Estate Investment Trust (Reit) got subscribed 8 times on the final day of subscription on Friday. It received bids for 60,59,44,400 units against 7,62,78,200 units on offer. The category meant for institutional investors was subscribed 4.80 times and those of other investors 11.78 times. Brookfield India hit the capital market with its Reit public issue on Wednesday to raise up to Rs 3,800 crore.

## Hero MotoCorp Q3 consolidated PAT rises 14%

The country's largest two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp has posted 13.7 per cent rise in its consolidated profit after tax at Rs 1,029.17 crore for the third quarter against Rs 905.13 crore in the year-ago quarter. Revenue from operations rose to Rs 9,827.05 crore from Rs 7,074.86 crore. On a standalone basis, the company reported a 23.17 per cent increase in its PAT at Rs 1,084.47 crore against Rs 880.41 crore.

## Paypal to shut payment services within India

Digital payment solutions provider Paypal said it will stop offering domestic payment services within India from April 1. The US-based firm will instead focus on enabling more international sales for Indian businesses. "We will continue to invest in product development that enables Indian businesses to reach nearly 350 million Paypal consumers worldwide, increase their sales internationally," a Paypal spokesperson said.

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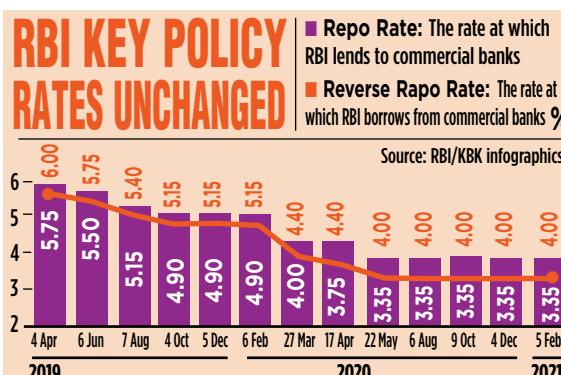
## RBI sees growth at 10.5% in FY22, inflation in 5-5.2% range in H1 Rate cut cycle seems over

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CHENNAI, FEB. 5

In order to revive "durable" growth in the economy, the Reserve Bank of India kept the record low repo and reverse repo rate unchanged while continuing its accommodative stance to ensure enough liquidity in the system. The RBI has also projected a real GDP growth of 10.5 per cent for the next fiscal.

The six members of monetary policy committee (MPC), which ended its three-day deliberations on Friday, unanimously voted to leave the policy repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent. The repo rate had been slashed by 115 basis points since late March last year when the pandemic hit the economy.

The reverse repo rate stands unchanged at 3.35 per cent. This is the fourth time in a row that the MPC



has decided to keep the policy rate unchanged.

"MPC also decided to continue its accommodative stance of monetary policy as long as necessary—at least through the current financial year and into the next year—to revive growth on a durable basis and mitigate the impact of Covid-19, while ensuring that inflation remains within

the target going forward," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said.

Finding inflation within the tolerance band, the RBI projected 10.5 per cent real GDP growth for 2021-22 in the range of 26.2 to 8.3 per cent in the first half (H1) and 6 per cent in Q3. Consumer Price Index inflation has been revised back in some segments, core inflation will likely see some upside pressure

March (Q4) of FY21 from 5.8 per cent predicted earlier. CPI inflation could be 5.2 per cent to 5.0 per cent in H1 of FY22 and 4.3 per cent for Q3 of FY22.

"After breaching the upper tolerance threshold continuously since June 2020, CPI inflation moved below 6 per cent in December for the first time in the post-lockdown period, supported by favourable base effects and a sharp fall in key vegetable prices," the RBI said.

"Today's upbeat policy statements on growth and inflation restate our view that the rate cut cycle is over. Even as headline inflation trends lower with economic recovery being underway, services gradually starting to open up, and pricing power coming back in some segments, core inflation will likely

open up space for a variety of market operations of the RBI to inject additional liquidity," Das said. CRR—the amount of deposits banks must set aside as reserves—of all banks was reduced by 100 basis points to 3 per cent for a period of one year ending on March 27, and 4 per cent from May 22, 2021.

"CRR normalisation will allow small investors to borrow from the bank directly through the retail bond platform on BSE and NSE, but it has not gained any traction.

While no country allows a direct retail participation in government bonds via the Gobid platform on BSE and NSE, till March 2023.

In a major move, the central bank opened an infinite source of lending to the government through the retail bond programme. The RBI said it will allow retail investors to directly buy government debt, making India the first Asian country to do so and among a handful globally.

The central bank, tasked with managing Rs 12 lakh crore in government borrowing target next fiscal, hopes the move will allow greater depth to the gilt market in particular and the overall debt market in general, thus deepening the financial markets as lack of depth has been the biggest bane of the domestic debt market all this while.

In effect the RBI has opened a long, endless tap

through the year," said Suvodeep Rakshit, vice president and senior economist at Kotak Institutional Equities.

Ensuring liquidity, the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate were left unchanged at 4.25 per cent. Further, signalling a rollback of pandemic-era policies, the RBI said it would gradually restore the cash reserve ratio (CRR) in two phases to 3.5 per cent from March 27 and 4 per cent from May 22, 2021.

"CRR normalisation will

allow small investors to buy government bonds via the Gobid platform on BSE and NSE, but it has not gained any traction.

Currently, the RBI allows small investors to buy government bonds via the Gobid platform on BSE and NSE, but it has not gained any traction.

This is the second major step that the RBI is taking to encourage retail investors to enter the gilt market after it had allowed entry through the stock exchanges a few years back but did not elicit the intended result.

Further, the RBI allowed FPIs' investment in defaulted corporate bonds outside the short-term limit set from time to time. "In order to further promote investment by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) in corporate bonds, FPI investment in defaulted corporate bonds will be exempted from the short-term limit and the minimum residual maturity requirement under the Medium-Term Framework," RBI said.

Soon, retail investors can directly buy gilts



RAVI RANJAN PRASAD  
with agency inputs  
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The RBI on Friday announced online access to government securities for retail investors directly through the bank in a path breaking reform. It also sought to ease the worried bond market by extending statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) holdings under the held to maturity (HTM) category for one more year till March 2023.

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## DEMAND NOW ACTUAL, NOT PENT-UP: DAS

Mumbai, Feb. 5: RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said demand in the economy has moved from being of pent-up nature to actual one, and the momentum is likely to sustain.

"Demand has now moved beyond pent-up demand to actual demand coming up. I think the demand curve is expected to be now much more sustained," Das told reporters during the post-policy conference call. He said high-speed indicators are pointing towards a growth in demand.

—PTI

## Centre to induct more pvt sector specialists in depts

New Delhi, Feb. 5: In a major move, the Centre has decided to induct more private sector specialists into different government departments at the crucial decision-making level of joint secretaries and directors.

As per the requisitions received from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T), talented and motivated Indian nationals willing to contribute towards nation building are being invited to join the government at the level of joint secretary on contract basis in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Financial Services, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of School Education & Literacy, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Revenue, Ministry of Finance and

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Civil Aviation and in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, it said.

The detailed advertisement and instructions to the candidates will be uploaded on the Union Public Service Commission's website on 6th February, the statement said.

Interested candidates can apply from 6th February to 22nd March, it said.

Candidates will be short-listed for interview on the basis of the information provided in their online application, the statement said.

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The 2021-22 Budget has lowered the time limit for reopening of tax cases to three years from six years. For serious tax fraud cases involving income concealment of Rs 50 lakh and above, 10-year old cases can be reopened.

The chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes said the rationalisation of reopening of cases announced in Budget would bring in more certainty to taxpayers. "What was a heavily litigated area, we have tried to rationalise it to the extent that it is no longer left to the discretion of assessing officer. It would be more of information-based attempt to reopen the cases," he said at a CII event. —PTI

## TAXPAYERS TO BE INFORMED OF REVIEWS

New Delhi, Feb. 5: Taxpayers will be informed upfront about the reasons their IT returns are getting reopened for scrutiny and only in case of non-satisfactory reply would the case get opened up again, CBDT chief P.C. Mody said on Friday.

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## PNB clocks ₹506 cr profit in Q3

New Delhi, Feb. 5: Punjab National Bank (PNB) reported a standalone net profit of Rs 506.03 crore for December quarter 2020-21. It had posted a net loss of Rs 492.28 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income during the

quarter rose to Rs 23,298.53 crore as against Rs 15,967.49 crore a year ago.

On a consolidated basis, there was a profit of Rs 585.77 crore during the latest quarter. The lender had posted a net loss of Rs 501.93 crore in same period

of 2019-20.

Consolidated income rose to Rs 23,639.41 crore from Rs 16,211.24 crore. PNB said the current results are not comparable with the year-ago period since the previous figures are of pre-amalgamated period. —PTI

and multidisciplinary—people who know about a number of different domains.

On Coursera, I'd suggest "The Science of Well-Being," which is all about how we make choices that make us happier and mentally healthier, and "Finding Purpose and Meaning in Life," which is about how to find a centred, meaningful path in a chaotic life.

And then I'd suggest "AI For Everyone," which teaches everyone with any background the basics of AI.

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like once the pandemic is over? My dream in the new normal is to become a nomadic CEO, to travel with my wife everywhere around the world where we have offices—Bulgaria, London, India—and see our customers, our employees and partners. Rather than just be there for a few days, I'll stay there for two or three weeks.

Also, in a world where we're not all tethered to offices, we can spend more time with people that we love. I'm really into creating family traditions—Bulgaria, London, India—and see our customers, our employees and partners.

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## SHORT TAKES

Nortje's high five  
packs Pakistan

**Rawalpindi:** Pakistan took four early South African wickets to dominate the second Test in Rawalpindi on Friday, despite a five-wicket haul by touring fast bowler Anrich Nortje.

South Africa were in trouble at 106 for 4 after the second day's play on a tricky Rawalpindi stadium pitch, trailing Pakistan's first innings total of 272 by 166 runs.

At close, South African skipper Quinton de Kock was on a breezy 24 with five boundaries and Temba Bavuma — surviving two close appeals — was unbeaten on 15 after Pakistan's medium pacer Hasan Ali took two wickets off two balls.

Hasan had opener Dean Elgar caught behind for 15 with the fifth delivery of his third over, and at the next ball bowled Rassie van der Dussen. — AFP

**Brief scores:** Pakistan 272 in 144.3 overs (B. Azam 77, F. Ashraf not out 78; Nortje 5/56) vs South Africa 106/4 in 28 overs (Markram 32).

Bangla take grip  
of Test vs WI

**Chittagong:** Mehidy Hasan followed up his first test century with 4-58 as Bangladesh stayed in control of the first test against West Indies on Friday.

Bangladesh reached 47-3 in its second innings at stumps on day 3, stretching its lead to 218 on an increasingly deteriorating pitch. Captain Mominul Haque (31) and Mushfiqur Rahim (10) are at the crease.

West Indies were bowled out for 259 in their first innings in reply to Bangladesh's 430. Skipper Kraigg Brathwaite led the charge with 76.

The captain's innings was vital in resisting Bangladesh's spinners. Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam (2-84) broke through on the opening delivery, dismissing Nkrumah Bonner for 17. But Brathwaite led the repair job, sharing a 55-run partnership with Kyle Mayers. — AFP

**Brief scores:** Bangladesh 430 & 47/3 in 20 overs (M. Haque batting 31; Cornwall 2/28) vs WI 259 in 96.1 overs (Brathwaite 76; M. Hasan 4/58).

Seto wins 1st race  
after suspension

**Tokyo:** Japan's top Olympic swimmer Daiya Seto thanked his wife for standing by him after winning his first race following a suspension for having an affair. Seto, a medal hopeful for the virus-postponed Tokyo Games, was banned in October from competitions and official training until the end of 2020 after a tabloid exposed his extramarital affair.

The 26-year-old star, who quit as captain of Japan's swimming team and was dropped by a sponsor in the wake of the scandal, returned to the pool at the Japan Open in Tokyo on Thursday, his first competition since September. "My wife and I confronted it seriously and talked about a lot of things. I want to show her that I can grow as a competitor and as a person. My wife said: 'where I can support you, I will,' and I'm really grateful that she would do that for me," Seto was quoted by local media as saying after winning the men's 400 metre individual medley. — AFP

## Live on TV

**CRICKET**  
India vs England: First Test, Day 2 from 9.20 am on Star Sports 1, HD

**Pakistan vs South Africa:** Second Test, Day 3 from 10.30 am on Sony Ten 2, HD

**Big Bash League:** The Final — from 1.45 pm on Sony Six, HD

**TENNIS**  
ATP Cup: Day 5 from 11.30 am; Semifinals from 4 pm (Saturday) on Eurosport, HD

**HOCKEY**  
FIH Pro League (men): Spain vs Belgium from 5.30 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD

**FOOTBALL**  
English Premier League: Aston Villa vs Arsenal from 6 pm; Newcastle vs Southampton from 8.30 pm on Star Sports Select 1; Burnley vs Brighton from 8.30 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD; Fulham vs West Ham from 11 pm; Manchester United vs Everton from 1.30 am (Sunday) on Star Sports Select 1, HD

**Indian Super League:** Odisha vs Mohun Bagan from 7.20 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

**Italian League:** Atalanta vs Torino from 7.30 pm; Juventus vs Roma from 10.30 pm; Genoa vs Napoli from 1.15 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

**UFC**  
Fight Night: Alistar Overeem vs Alexander Volkov from 6.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

## BLUES BOSS OVER

Tuchel touch takes Chelsea into English top six

**London, Feb. 5:** Chelsea climbed into the Premier League top six as Thomas Tuchel earned the first major victory of his short time in charge of the Blues with a 1-0 win at Tottenham on Thursday.

Jorginho's penalty midway through the first-half was scant reward for Chelsea's dominance on another damaging night for Spurs boss Jose Mourinho against his former club.

Since a 2-0 victory over Arsenal in early December, they have won just twice in their last 10 league games to not only see hopes of a first league title in 60 years disappear, but their chances of even making the top four rapidly recede.

Spurs now sit eighth, seven points off the Champions League places, and behind Chelsea, who saw fit to make a managerial change last week after a drastic dip in form under Frank Lampard.

Tottenham were again without the injured Harry Kane, but that still did not excuse a complete lack of attacking threat from Mourinho's men as they failed to score for the second consecutive game.

Timo Werner's poor form played a major part in Lampard's dismissal, but the German international is slowly finding his feet under his compatriot and could have scored inside a minute with a looping header that sailed just wide.

Chelsea did not concede a single shot on target to Burnley or Wolves and quickly established complete control of the ball once more with Son Heung-min's free-kick.

Spurs started the second-half with far better intent to press Chelsea high up the field, but in doing so opened themselves up to some slick passing from Tuchel's men.

Callum Hudson-Odoi fired a low shot just side before Aurier's last-ditch tackle denied Werner his first Premier League goal since November.

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Despite the absence of Kane, Gareth Bale was again left on the bench for the entire match after failing to make an impact in defeat at Brighton on Sunday in his first league start for nearly three months.

Mourinho introduced Lucas Moura and Erik Lamela instead in a bid to make a breakthrough.

Lamela produced his side's only shot on target of the game with a long range effort that Edouard Mendy comfortably parried to safety.

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Chelsea's Italian midfielder Jorginho (left) vies for the ball with Tottenham Hotspur's French midfielder Tangy Ndombobe (centre) during their English Premier League match at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London on Thursday. Chelsea won 1-0. — AFP

three penalties already this season, but cut out his usual stutter-step run-up and smashed the ball low past Hugo Lloris.

Tottenham could have gone in level at the break against the run of play when Serge Aurier headed wide from Son Heung-min's free-kick.

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## Worth the weight



Telangana sports minister V. Srinivas Goud (third from left) felicitates weightlifters from the State on their selection for the Khelo India training camp, in Hyderabad on Friday. Sports Authority of Telangana State chairman Allipuram Venkateswar Reddy is second from right.

## Injury dampens Serena's victory

**Melbourne, Feb. 5:**

Serena Williams pulled out of a semifinal clash against world number one Ashleigh Barty with a shoulder injury on Friday, days before the Australian Open, while Simona Halep and Sofia Kenin both crashed to defeat.

Williams, 39, had ousted fellow American Danielle Collins 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 in the Yarra Valley Classic but it wasn't enough to stave off defeat for Serbia in the ATP Cup on Friday, with Germany making the semifinals alongside a Spanish team missing injured Rafael Nadal.

The American, who is aiming for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, has looked in ominous form in Melbourne thus far.

Barty now has a bye into the final where she will meet either two-time Grand Slam winner Garbine Muguruza or Marketa Vondrousova.

World No.3 Naomi Osaka recovered from a shaky start to power past Irina-Camelia Begu 7-5, 6-1 in 76 minutes in the Gippsland Trophy, and will face fifth-ranked Elina Svitolina or Elise Mertens in the last four. World No.2 Halep, however, slumped out after being thrashed by Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-2, 6-1 in the Gippsland Trophy, where she appeared hampered by a lower back injury. — AFP

**Melbourne, Feb. 5:**

Novak Djokovic fought past Alexander Zverev but it wasn't enough to stave off defeat for Serbia in the ATP Cup on Friday, with Germany making the semifinals alongside a Spanish team missing injured Rafael Nadal.

The world number one, who is ramping up preparations to defend his Australian Open crown, was tested in his singles rubber before outlasting Zverev 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

But the German got revenge in the deciding doubles, teaming with Jan-Lennard Struff to edge Djokovic and Nikola Cacic 7-6 (7/4), 5-7, 10-7 and ensure they made a last four clash against Daniil Medvedev's Russia.

Struff earlier beat Dusan Lajovic in the other singles tie.

"It was so difficult to play against (Zverev) today. Missiles from the other side of the court, both first and second serve," said Djokovic, who led his country to the inaugural title last year.

— AFP

## Tee off



Hyderabad Cricket Association joint secretary Naresh Sharma (centre) and treasurer Surendra Aggarwal (left) present a jersey to India 'A' player Rahul Singh (right) ahead of the HCA One-Day Knockout tournament starting at various grounds in Hyderabad on Saturday.

## Right Track



National athletics coach and Dronacharya awardee N. Ramesh being felicitated by Cyberabad Commissioner of Police V. C. Sajjanar (right) as chief guest and film actor K. Ramcharan (centre) applauds at the closing ceremony of Cyberabad Police 3rd Annual sports and games meet at Gachibowli in Hyderabad.

## LeBron leads LA to fantastic win

**Los Angeles, Feb. 5:** LeBron James had a triple double of 27 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers rallied from a double digit half-time deficit to pull away in the second half for a 114-93 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

**SHORT TAKES**  
**Shastri pitches for break post IPL**

**Chennai:** Indian cricketers must get a two-week break after this year's IPL to recover from fatigue since staying in bio-bubbles is "mentally draining", head coach Ravi Shastri said on Friday.

The Indian players have not taken a break since the IPL 2020 in September in the UAE. The IPL was followed by a challenging Australia tour comprising four Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is. With the final spot in the World Test Championships at stake, India is currently hosting England in a bilateral series consisting of four Tests, five T20Is and three ODIs.

"I do believe you need a break from international cricket at some point. After the England series, yes they go into the IPL. Again after the IPL, a couple of weeks off is a must," Ravi Shastri told Star Sports. "Because in these quarantines, in these bubbles, it is mentally draining. You are a human, at the end of it all," he further added. The 14th edition of the IPL will held between April and May this year. — PTI

**Shthalekar in Oz Hall of Fame**

**Sydney:** Former Australia women's cricket team captain Lisa Sthalekar has been inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, the country's board (CA) announced on Friday. One of the world's elite spin-bowling all-rounders, the Pune-born cricketer has represented Australia in eight Tests, 125 ODIs and 54 T20Is in a career spanning 12 years from 2001-13, scoring almost 4,000 runs. Sthalekar was a member of four Australian World Cup-winning teams across the ODI and T20 formats and captained Australia in three ODIs against New Zealand in 2006.

She was named Women's International Cricketer of the Year in 2007, and was awarded the Belinda Clark Medal recognising Australia's best women's international cricketer in 2007 and 2008. In August 2020, Lisa Sthalekar became the 27th Australian to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. — PTI

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# Sweeping success

Root sweeps his way to 20th Test ton, puts England on top

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With a ringside view from behind the stumps, Rishabh Pant could easily see it. Shoulders drooped and heads bowed — the team's body language, at one time, was as flat as the surface. The wicket-keeper's constant egging, urging his teammates to lift themselves, summed up Team India's frustrating opening day on the field.

Joe Root (128 not out) and Dom Sibley (87) gave a masterclass on how to play spinners in subcontinental conditions with a brilliant 200-run stand for the third wicket as England stole a march over India on a featherbed in the opening Test here. At stumps, England, who won the toss, were 263/3 for 89.3 overs. Opener Sibley was dismissed lbw by Jasprit Bumrah in the last over of the day.

While Root, playing his 100th Test, unleashed his most potent weapon, sweep, in all possible ways — reverse, slog and even switch hit — to slam his 20th Test hundred, third in as many matches, Sibley personified resilience and proved to be the perfect foil for his in-form skipper.

The pitch had little to offer the bowlers, but the England batsmen had to show a lot of patience. Sibley's marathon stay in the middle — 286 balls and 382 minutes — was significant as the 25-year-old not only absorbed the pressure early on, but also wore the Indian bowlers out with his dogged defence. With classic old-school technique, Sibley used his long strides effectively. He got closer to the pitch of the ball, didn't have any qualms in defending good deliveries and rotated the strike diligently to keep the Indian spinners at bay.

Root joined forces with Sibley after Rory Burns (33) and Dan Lawrence (five-ball duck) fell to R. Ashwin and Bumrah, respectively, before lunch. Burns, who made a solid opening stand of 63, plotted his own downfall when he played a reverse sweep to lob a simple catch to Pant. It was Ashwin's slowest ball of the first



England's Joe Root celebrates after scoring a century against India on the first day of their first Test match at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday. — PTI

## SCORECARD

**England 1st innings:** Rory Burns c Rishabh Pant b Ravichandran Ashwin 33, D. Sibley lbw b Jasprit Bumrah 87, D. Lawrence lbw b Bumrah 0, J. Root not out 128. Extras (LB-4, NB-11) 15. Total (for 3 wickets in 89.3 overs) 263.

FoW: 1-63, 2-63, 3-263.

**Bowling:** Ishant Sharma 15-3-27-0, Jasprit Bumrah 18.3-2-40-2, Ravichandran Ashwin 24-2-68-1, Shahbaz Nadeem 20-3-69-0, Washington Sundar 12-0-55-0.

session. When Bumrah off the attack post-lunch trapped Lawrence with was inexplicable. The help of a reverse swing, England were two down for 63. India had the visitors under the pump, but Kohli may be guilty of letting the guard down later. His decision to take both Ashwin and Ishant

purple patch. The contest between Ashwin and Root was fascinating. The England skipper cleverly negated the offie by not employing sweep shot. As Root grew in confidence, the sweeps were a delight to watch.

More than three years after making his Test debut, Bumrah got to play his first match at home. He bowled just a three-over opening spell before Ashwin was introduced as early as in the eighth. Shahbaz Nadeem, who made it to the side following a knee injury to Axar Patel couldn't trouble the batsmen and bowled a bunch of no-balls.

## NUMBERS GAME

JOE ROOT SCORES HUNDRED IN 100TH TEST MATCH:

- Joe Root became the 15th Englishman and 69th player overall to complete a century of Test matches after appearing in the Chennai Test on Friday (February 5).

- The England skipper who made his debut in India, at Nagpur in 2012, also played 50th Test match on Indian soil, at Visakhapatnam, in 2016.

- After making an unbeaten 128 off 197 balls with 14 fours and one six in England's first innings, the right-hand top-order batsman, also became the ninth batsman to score hundred in 100th Test match.

- Australian Ricky Ponting is the only batsman to make two hundreds in 100th Test match. England's Colin Cowdrey, Alec Stewart, South African Graeme Smith and Hashim Amla, Pakistan's Javed Miandad and Inzamam-ul-Haq and West Indian Gordon Greenidge also scored a century in their 100th Test match before Joe Root..

- The 200-run stand between Joe Root and Dom Sibley is England's second best third wicket stand in India and fifth best overall. Alastair Cook and Kevin Pietersen's 206-run stand is England's best third wicket stand in India.

- Anil Choudhury became the 63rd Indian umpire to officiate in Test cricket. He made his debut as a Test umpire after stood in 20 one-day internationals and 28 Twenty-20 internationals.

- Nitin Menon and Anil Choudhury are the two Umpires in this Test match. The last time two Indian umpires stood in a home Test was in the Ahmedabad Test against Sri Lanka in February 1994, when Kapil Dev went past Richard Hadlee's record of most wickets in Tests. The umpires then were A.L. Narasimhan and V.K. Ramaswamy.

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# Captain targets total of 600-700

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I think we have to try and get as many runs as we can. We want to bat the whole of tomorrow and possibly a bit into the third day, then things could fall in place. We will try and score 600-700. — JOE ROOT

England Test captain

surface, get used to the bounce, and as I got in, I found it easier," added Root.

Root was all praise for his opener Dom Sibley. "It was a fantastic innings. He had a few question marks over his game after the Sri Lanka series. To go out there and put a performance early on in the series is amazing. It's a high quality attack and we had to deal with spin and reverse swing," he added.

Root knows it's not easy to bat long in the humid conditions here. "But, I am ready for more. We have to try and consolidate our position. It's an impressive start, but we have to make it count. That's the most challenging part for us," he added.

The flat surface had nothing for spinners on Friday, but Root expects the track to wear out. "It's an unusual looking surface but it played pretty well. I think it's going to spin as the game goes on. With a bit of reverse swing, it was a good contest against India's bowlers. I was just trying to get used to the

## WE BOWLED WELL IN PATCHES: BUMRAH

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It turned out to be a challenging 'home' debut for Indian speedster Jasprit Bumrah. Operating in short spells, Bumrah picked up two England wickets, but found the dry conditions difficult for a pacer.

"It was an interesting first match for me here. The pitch was on the flatter side and there was no lateral movement. The ball got scuffed up as the wicket was hard and dry. We are not trying to complain about the wicket. We are trying to figure out the options and resolve the issues," said Bumrah.

"When the ball becomes soft, it doesn't shine as well as we want it to. In India, the ball gets scuffed up easily. So to make the ball heavy, you have to shine one side sometimes, with sweat, and it doesn't really serve the purpose. You can't make one side heavy with sweat and it doesn't really work that way. But these are the rules and we have to do with what we have at the moment," added Bumrah.

Bumrah said India bowled well in patches. "I felt we created a lot of pressure. We didn't give too many runs except in the last session. In the beginning of the last session, I think our body language was a bit down with not many wickets coming in. And also, it's not easy to keep yourself going in the searing heat," he added.

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