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Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy.  
Misty morning. Max/Min  
temp. 30/15 °C

### COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+11,673)	(+86)
1,08,38,843	1,55,114

### STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+150)	(+2)
TS: 2,95,581	1,610
(+73)	(+0)
AP: 8,88,423	7,159

### CASES AROUND THE WORLD

10,65,08,151	DEATHS
23,23,815	
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	219

[worldometers.info/coronavirus](http://worldometers.info/coronavirus)

### ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Uttarayana  
Tithi: Pushya Bahula Dwadasi till  
3.20 am (Tuesday)  
Star: Mula till 3.21 pm

Varijyam: 1.49 pm to 3.21 pm;  
12.40 am to 2.14 am (Tuesday)

Durmuhuram: 12.53 pm to  
1.38 pm; 3.09 pm to 3.55 pm

Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am

HJRI CALENDAR

Jamadi- ul- Akhir 25,1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajr: 5.44 am

Zohar: 12.40 pm

Asar: 4.38 pm

Maghrib: 6.20 pm

Isha: 7.29 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.14 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.45 AM

MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.39 AM

MOONSET TODAY 2.59 PM

### COUNTER POINT



Not chakka jam, it is  
a regular traffic jam!

### INSIDE

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Lockdown saw surge in power theft cases

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No lockdown in airport vicinity: Officials

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TPCC to press for Rahul as Cong chief



Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao talks to senior TRS leader K. Keshava Rao in Hyderabad during the party's executive committee meeting on Sunday.

L. VENKAT RAM  
REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

Chief Minister and TRS supremo K. Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday finally put to rest months of speculation about him stepping down from the Chief Minister's post to pave for his son, minister and party working president K.T. Rama Rao to rise to the chair.

Chandrashekhar Rao made it clear that he had no plans to quit the CM's post, reiterating that he was in the pines of health to "continue as CM, for at least the next 10 years."

Rao warned party leaders not to talk or debate about the "CM change issue" either in public or in private, else they have to "face severe consequences". He asked them not to indulge in such speculations, which are totally unwarranted and harm the interests of the party.

Rao, however, maintained complete silence on the relations of TRS with the BJP in the backdrop of heated debate in political circles that the TRS boss had suddenly turned soft towards the BJP after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, soon after the

**Q**I have no health or age-related issues. I am perfectly fine. I can serve as CM for 10 more years. Why would I quit now? Why are you talking about CM change constantly in public and creating confusion?

— K. CHANDRA SHEKAR RAO  
Chief Minister

GHMC elections in December last, Rao had, during his public address during the GHMC polls thundered that he would organise a public meeting of all anti-BJP parties of the country in Hyderabad, but has subsequently taken a U-turn on the issue.

Rao, while addressing leaders at the party state executive on Sunday, repeatedly warned of "severe action" against leaders, including MLAs and MPs, if they "openly air views" and "irresponsibly deviating from party line," apparently referring to the recent controversies relating to MLAs Challa Dharmendra, Rasamayi Balakrishna and others, who created a flutter with remarks against reservations for Dalits, the Ayodhya Ram temple and describing the TRS as a "limited company".

■ Page 5: Major initiative for SCs soon, says CM

## AP HC lifts SEC's restraining order

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Sunday set aside the State Election Commission's order confining panchayat raj minister P. Ramachandra Reddy to his home.

But the court restrained the minister from interacting with the media till all phases of the gram panchayat polls are over on February 21.

The High court came up with the "via media solution" to remedy a surcharged ground situation,

with differences between and mutual accusations by the SEC and the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government between whom, the court pointed out, "there is no love lost."

Passing an interim order in a House motion, moved by the minister and state government, Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu brought to the fore the overstepping of their respective jurisdictions by both the minister and the SEC.

■ Page 2: Judge points to minister's language

### HEALTH | HOPES

4 districts also reported zero cases on Saturday

## No Covid in N'pet for a week

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

Narayanpet in Telangana state became the first district to report zero Coronavirus cases for a week.

The state health department reported that the district had no new cases on Saturday, February 6, for a seventh day in a row.

Of the remaining 32 dis-

tricts in the state, four — Wanaparthy, Kamareddy, Jangaon and Jayashankar-Bhupalpally — also reported zero Covid-19 cases on Saturday.

Only two districts have recorded new Covid-19 cases in double digits on Saturday.

While Hyderabad district, clubbed together with the rest of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

area, reported 25 fresh cases, the neighbouring Ranga Reddy district, a part of which also falls under the GHMC limits, had 10 cases.

Overall, the state recorded 150 fresh cases of Covid-19, along with two more deaths from the disease, taking the total cases as on Saturday to 2,95,581 and fatalities to 1,610 from the disease.

According to the state health department, the state, as on Saturday, had 1,939 active Covid-19 cases. Of these, 808 patients were either in home or institutional isolation.

A total of 34,805 tests were conducted on Saturday and the results of 1,061 tests were awaited, it said adding that of all samples tested, a bulk of 30,939 were done in government labs.

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## 150+ feared dead in glacier burst

7 bodies found, 16 rescued, 125 missing after floods in Uttarakhand

DC CORRESPONDENTS  
NEW DELHI, FEB. 7

About 150 labourers working at a power project in Tapovan-Reni in Uttarakhand are feared dead while several people are missing after a glacier burst in Chamoli region triggered flash floods downstream.

Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said the bodies of seven persons have been recovered while 125 are missing. The ITBP personnel have so far managed to rescue 16 persons trapped in a tunnel while efforts are on to rescue others trapped in another tunnel.

The flash floods have also caused damage to livestock and properties, the exact assessment of which is yet to be made. Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar said the glacier burst took place at about 10.45 am on Sunday, causing flash floods in the upper regions. He said downstream areas were alerted immediately and villages along the river vacated in time to save life. He added the water



Avalanche after a glacier broke off in Joshimath in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district causing a massive flood in the Dhauliganga river on Sunday. — PTI

has now reached Srinagar (in Uttarakhand) dam, where it is stable now. The state has in 2013 witnessed a similar disaster leading to the loss of several lives. Expressing grief over the loss of life, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Centre had approved ex-

gratia relief of Rs 2 lakhs each from PMNRF for the next of kin of those who lost their lives and Rs 50,000 would be given to those seriously injured.

Earlier in the day, he tweeted: "(I) Am constantly monitoring the unfortunate situation in

Uttarakhand. India stands with Uttarakhand and the nation prays for everyone's safety there. Have been continuously speaking to senior authorities and getting updates on NDRF deployment, rescue work and relief operations."

■ Page 2: No danger of flooding: Officials

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## IN BRIEF

**Allu Arjun's vanity van hit by lorry**

**Hyderabad:** Telugu film star Allu Arjun's vanity van was hit by a container lorry in Khammam district and the driver and an attendant who were travelling in the vehicle escaped unhurt, police said on Sunday. The van suffered minor damage when the lorry coming from behind rammed into it at Satyanarayanaapuram on Saturday. Neither the actor nor his make-up team was in the van at that time, a police official said. The vehicle was returning from a film shoot. Based on the van driver's complaint, a case was registered against the container lorry's driver, the official added. Arjun was recently in Andhra Pradesh in connection with shooting of his upcoming film 'Pushpa'. — PTI

**3 killed in different road mishaps**

**Hyderabad:** Three persons died in different road accidents on Sunday in Nalgonda district. Two vegetable sellers died on the spot in one accident when a lorry overturned on Sunday morning at Cherukupally of Dindigul in the Nalgonda district. The victims were identified as Narsimha Rao and Venkateshwar Rao of Keesara of Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh. They had come from Devarakonda to Dindi in a lorry filled with cement to sell their vegetables. In a hit-and-run case, near Indira Gandhi statue on the Marketpally-Addanki bypass road on the outskirts of Nalgonda, an unidentified individual was run over by an unidentified car. The victim's identity has yet to be identified. — INN

**GUV: INDIA HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE RESEARCH HUB**

**Hyderabad, Feb. 7:** Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said that with a large talent pool of scientists and better economy in satellite launches, India has a great potential to be the space research hub of the world.

"Our country is among the top six countries in space research and it is poised to witness further growth with increased support from the government," the Governor told the inaugural of the Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Space Research Payload Cubes Challenge-2021. The event was organised by the Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam International Foundation, Rameswaram, in Tamil Nadu.

Dr Tamilisai stated that the country was marching towards self-reliance in many sectors and space research was one of the key areas where India was making rapid strides. Being self-reliant and facilitating the launch of foreign satellites at a very economical rate were crucial aspects of the massive space research, the Governor said.

"Legends like Vikram Sarabhai, Abdul Kalam, Satish Dhawan and other eminent scientists have contributed to the growth of space research in the country," she added.

Referring to the launch of 100 Femto satellites at one go through the payload cubes challenge, the Governor appreciated the efforts of the Abdul Kalam International Foundation in promoting awareness and interest in space research. — INN

**DR TAMILISAI** stated that the country was marching towards self-reliance in many sectors and space research was one of the key areas where India was making rapid strides.

**MAN VS | WILD**

# Work on reservoir for city water has halted

**Project gets delayed due to land acquisition woes**

**MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 7**

Despite completing 90 per cent of land acquisition, work on the reservoir at Keshavapuram, flagship programme of the Metro Water Board, has not moved an inch in over a year. The reservoir is part of a project to bring Godavari water to the city.

Although officials announced a ground-breaking ceremony amid fanfare last year, the project remains on the back burner. Officials claimed that the project was put on hold due to a delay in land acquisition by revenue authorities.

According to Water Board officials, Medchal-Malkajgiri revenue offi-

cials were yet to complete the land-acquisition process pertaining to 490 acres in their jurisdiction. They have not yet fixed and finalised compensation amounts that are to be paid to owners to take over their land.

Meanwhile, 1,012 acres of forest land has been cleared by the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change for use the project. The Centre has only given final instructions to the state government for releasing the relevant order to go ahead with the project construction.

The Keshavapuram reservoir requires about 3,500 acres. Eighty-seven per cent of the land in the area belongs to the government, endowments and forest departments while the other 13 per cent is owned by private persons. The Centre has laid down land compensation conditions for the remaining 1,012 acres.

A senior Water Board official told *Deccan Chronicle* that HMWS&SB has almost completed 90 per cent of the land acquisition process and it requires 490 acres of land from private persons to start the project. The official said that revenue authorities have not identified the owners whose land would be lost. He said that as soon as revenue authorities complete the process, the reservoir construction would tentatively start in mid-June. When asked about

the earlier ground-breaking ceremonies in February and December last year, the official refused to comment.

Meanwhile, the state government has redesigned the 10 tmc ft reservoir, bringing down the storage capacity to 5 tmc ft in order to minimise private land acquisition. The remaining 5 tmc ft will be directly drawn from the Kondapochamma Sagar to Ganpur in a 3,600 mm pipeline parallel to the existing Godavari pipeline. The redesign of the project is stated to avoid acquiring 850 acres of private lands. It will also bring down the project from ₹4,777.59 crore in 2017 to ₹4,369.37 crore in 2020.

## Sheer negligence



Children play near Musi nala where the boundary wall has been broken due to the heavy rain and flooding and has not been repaired. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

## MAN HELD FOR SNATCHING GOLD CHAIN OF WOMAN

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD FEB. 7**

A 30-year-old man who watched YouTube videos of chain-snatching was arrested for snatching a 27-gram gold chain and a mobile phone from a woman at her residence in Gautamgarh, Vanasthalipuram.

Police said the accused, Gaddam Naveen, was known to target houses with 'to let' boards. He would approach them by pretending that he needed a house on rent. He was an alcoholic and had run up huge debts, police said.

"He approached the victim, A. Uma Devi, posing as a tenant looking to rent a portion at around 3 pm and agreed to pay the rent through Google Pay. He asked her to type his phone number on the app and it showed his name as 'Naveen Kumar,'" Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said.

"As she handed the phone to him to make the payment, he snatched her gold chain and threatened her by attacking with a paper-cutting blade and told her not to go to the police," the commissioner said. She sustained minor injuries.

She however lodged a complaint with the police who booked a case. During the investigation, the accused was identified with the help of technical evidence including CCTV footage.

"The intel was shared with the CCS of LB Nagar police and special teams were formed to trace the accused. The coordinated efforts by the teams made the task easy and the accused person was arrested with property intact within three hours of the commission of offence. The police also arrested the receiver of the stolen lot from Sushma crossroads," added the official.

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## Fire breaks out at textile shop in Koti, no casualties

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 7**

A major fire broke out at a textile shop at Koti on Saturday night which took the fire officials about two hours to bring under control. No casualties or injuries were reported though customers were present when the fire broke out.

There was panic in the area, and the incident led to traffic congestion on road leading to Koti.

According to the police, the shop owner who noticed the fire and smoke in the shop immediately alerted the police and fire depart-

ment. The customers and staff were quickly escorted out of the premises.

"Four fire engines reached the spot and doused the fire in nearly two hours. The Sultan Bazaar police and GHMC officials took part in the rescue operation," the police said, adding that the value of the property damaged is yet to be estimated.

## City had warmest winter in a decade, says Met

**T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 7**

The city has been witnessing cooler temperatures, both during the day and the night. Officials of the Indian Meteorological Department say that this situation would not persist for long as there is an incursion of wind from the coast blowing over the state.

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## Experts say boar found dead could have been killed by dogs

# Animal at airport was civet cat

**SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 7**

ty, has shown no leopard movement, department personnel said.

The search began after airport employees, checking CCTV footage, reported that they saw a leopard-like animal moving in the area. Some of the clips from the footage that were later shared widely on social media platforms, sparked concern among locals following which the department began a thorough search.

However, investigations by the forest department

staff indicated that a civet cat was possibly moving around and it could have been mistaken for a leopard. Even reports that remains of some wild boar killed by a wild animal, which airport staff believed was a leopard, were found to have been killed by stray dogs.

The forest department has installed a total of 20 camera traps, along with two trap cages as part of their efforts to identify a possible leopard or to catch it.



Photographs released by the Shamshabad forest range, claiming that there are no traces of leopard in the surrounding areas. — BY ARRANGEMENT

## 3-yr-old run over by RTC bus

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 7**

A three-year-old boy was run over by an RTC bus that was being parked at the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) in Afzalgunj on Sunday afternoon.

The victim, Md. Aahaan, was travelling with his family back home to Kishanbagh in Rajendranagar,

and I were at our relative's place in Nizamabad for a wedding. After nine days, we boarded the bus on Sunday morning to head back home."

Following a complaint from the family, a case was booked for death by negligence against Arjun Singh, a driver from the Nizamabad II bus depot, and he was placed under arrest.

Aahaan's body was shifted to Osmania General Hospital for the post-mortem examination.

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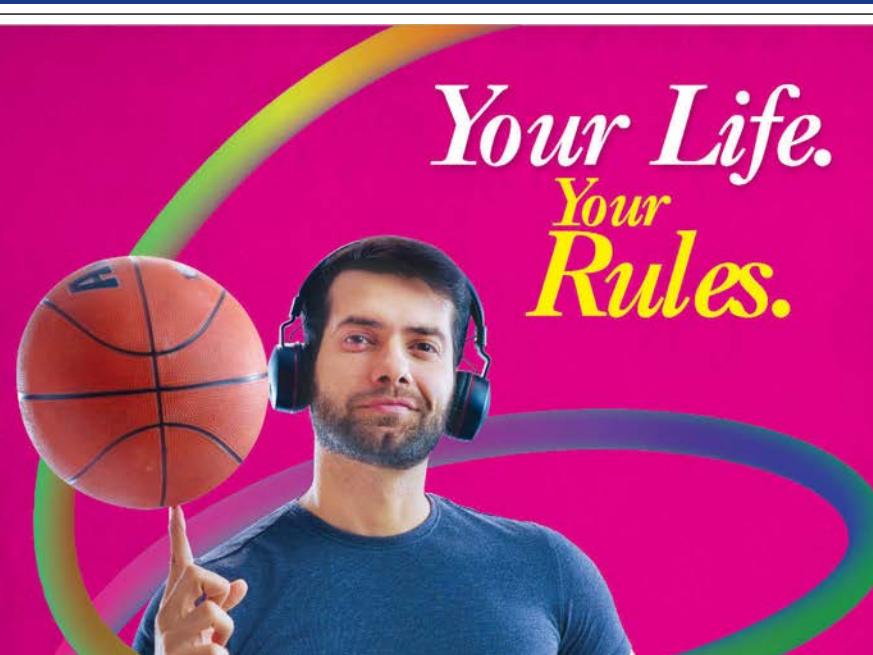
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## SHORT TAKES

**BJP LEADER OPPOSES VIZAG PSU SELL-OFF**DC CORRESPONDENT  
VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 7

Senior BJP leader and MLC P.V.N. Madhav said on Sunday that the state unit of the party would strongly oppose any blanket privatization of public sector units in Visakhapatnam.

Addressing the media here along with the BJP national general secretary Daggubati Purandeswari, Madhav said Visakhapatnam grew up with the PSUs and the 'local people are emotionally attached to these industries.'

He reminded the people that it was the BJP that had prevented privatization of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, which was then merged with the Defence department, the BHPV with BHEL and recently the Dredging Corporation of India with the Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

"The state BJP is opposing the decision taken by the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on the privatization move. We will rather suggest a strategic merger, preferably a PSU with the steel plant, to prevent losses and expand the operations further," Madhav told media persons.

**OWAISI STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR GUJARAT POLL**

Bharuch, Feb. 7: AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Sunday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to invite the farmers who are protesting outside Delhi to his residence like he had hosted then US President Barack Obama, and repeat the new farm laws.

Addressing a rally for the upcoming polls to local bodies in Gujarat, the MIM chief also asked the Prime Minister to be "large-hearted" and "understand pains" of the farmers, who have been protesting over the last two months.

The MIM is contesting its first elections in Gujarat in Ahmedabad and Bharuch in alliance with the Bhartiya Tribal Party (BTP).

"The way the farmers are being treated is not right. It is wrong. The Prime Minister should invite the farmers to his residence like he had offered tea to Barack Obama with his own hand (in 2015), which is fine as he was our guest. We expect the PM to invite the farmers, offer them tea and biscuits and tell them the laws are being repealed, and that they should be happy," Owaisi said.

Owaisi said the PM should understand the plight of agriculturists who feed the country, if he claims to have risen from poverty.

"When a poor person weeps out of helplessness, then nature tells us to help the poor; but those who have no sympathy for the poor, they remain unaffected by tears of the poor. We are with farmers, they are our 'annadatas', they work hard to get us food," he said.

Owaisi said the massive protest by farmers had "disturbed the sleep" of the PM. "They came out in thousands, shouted slogans, and took out a tractor rally in Delhi (on January 26). The BJP, with 300 MPs, is worried about how to tackle farmers," he said.

With BTP leader Chhotu Vasava by his side, Owaisi made a strong pitch for the unity among tribals, Muslims, Dalits and OBCs in Gujarat.

— PTI

**Mayor's name sealed****KCR to place Mayor, Deputy's name in sealed cover**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao addresses the TRS executive meeting in Hyderabad on Sunday.

TRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao on Sunday said that the names of the TRS nominees for the upcoming GHMC Mayor and Deputy Mayor election will be written in a sealed cover that will be opened at the time of their election on February 11.

The State Election Commission has issued the notification on January 22 stating that the elections to the posts of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be held on February 11

after the swearing-in of the newly elected corporators in the GHMC Council.

The GHMC elections were held on December 1, 2020, and the results were declared on

December 4. The TRS emerged as the single largest party by winning 56 divisions out of 150, while the BJP secured 48 divisions and the MIM 44. The Congress won two divisions.

Addressing the party's executive meeting at Telangana Bhavan here, Rao said that the party will finalise the names for Mayor and Deputy Mayor posts in a day or two.

He directed the TRS corporators-elect and ex-officio members to support the candidates announced by the party leadership during the elections.

**Beat 60L mark in members, KCR tells party**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

TRS chief and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao has set an enrollment target of 50,000 members in each Assembly constituency for party leaders in the upcoming party membership drive that is slated to begin on February 12. He asked party leaders and cadre to strive to surpass the previous record of 60 lakh overall membership.

He was addressing the party's state executive committee meeting at Telangana Bhavan here. The 150-minute meeting elaborated on issues pertaining to party membership, constitution of committees from village to the state-level, election of party president and the plenary scheduled for April 27.

He asked party leaders to make arrangements for the constitution of party committees at all levels, followed by election of the party president on April 27 that will be followed by a public meeting. Rao discussed the upcoming elections to two MLC graduates constituencies, Nagarjunasagar bypoll and also municipal elections in six urban local bodies and said the TRS would win all of them.

**Not TRS, BJP is destination for Cong. men**PILLALAMARI SRINIVAS I DC  
ADILABAD, FEB. 7

The Congress is fast losing its leaders and cadre to the BJP with many leaders inclined towards the party. They say were going by the 'political wave' and as wished by their supporters. An earlier trend was for Congress leaders, including MLAs, to join the TRS.

The latest is that the Congress in-charge of Sirpur (T) constituency Palva Harish Babu and former MP Rathod Ramesh may join the BJP.

Incidentally, many are those who were taken into the Congress without cross-checking their are now eyeing the BJP.

Atram Sakku of Asifabad, who was elected as Congress MLA in 2018, joined the TRS later. Senior leaders who had played a key role in deciding the party tickets and selection of candidates in 2018 have remained inactive.

Taking cue from the precedent set by former Nirmal municipal chairman Appala Ganesh, Harish Babu and Rathod are set to join BJP in the presence of party president J.P. Nadda, according to sources.

On the other hand, Adilabad MP Soyam Bapurao said that the BJP national leadership will welcome any senior leader irrespective of whether the individual is from TRS or Congress in order to strengthen the party base and help it come to power in 2024.

— PTI

**BOILING ANGER****3 cops hurt in stone pelting****Violence after BJP meet on TRS MLA land row**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 7

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar has accused Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao of neglecting tribal people, whose problems have remained unresolved since decades.

Sanjay, along with MLAs Raja Singh and Raghuendar Rao, apart from former MP Vijayashanti and several leaders, reached Gurrapodu village in Mattampally mandal of Suryapet district in support of tribals that are fighting against their lands allegedly being occupied.

The state BJP chief charged Rao with supporting his MLAs who are grabbing lands belonging to the tribal people. In this regard, he pointed to allegations against Huzurnagar MLA S. Saidi Reddy.

Sanjay warned ruling party MLAs and ministers that they will have to face consequences in the coming days with BJP making inroads into tribal constituencies of Huzurnagar and Nagarjunasagar.

Sanjay demanded that the Chief Minister take immediate action against the Huzurnagar MLA and district minister who are involved in grabbing lands. He announced that if BJP

comes to power, it will restore lands snatched from tribals.

Former MP Vijayashanti said she regretted working in TRS under the leadership of Rao. She stated that people of Telangana have made a mistake in handing over power to TRS for the second time.

Several activists damaged a shed that was built on disputed land and damaged the fencing and furniture. Tension prevailed for some time, with activists pelting stones and the police carrying out a lathicharge. Three police officers including DSP Raghu sustained minor injuries, sources said

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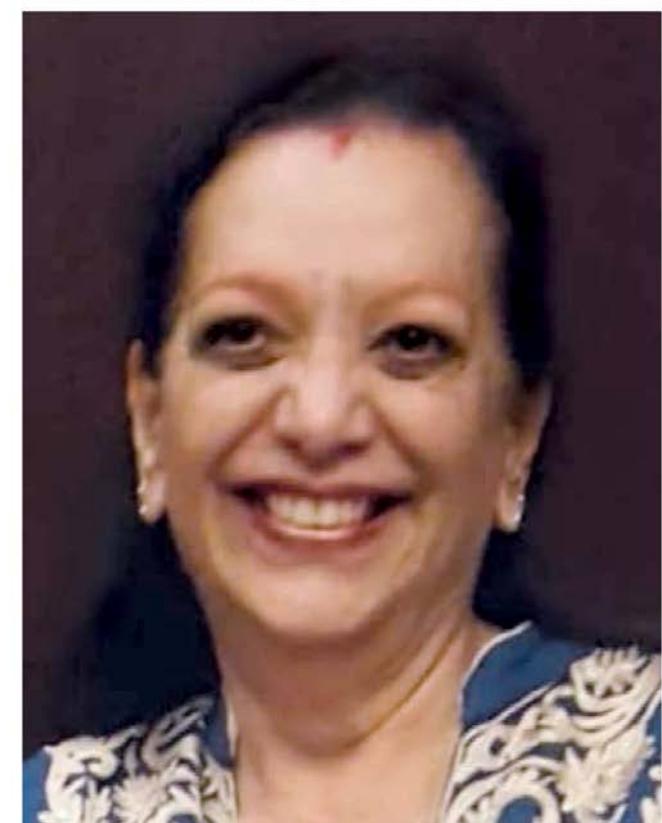
**615 KIDS EMPLOYED AS CHILD LABOUR RESCUED BY POLICE**

**Warangal:** As many as 615 child labourers were rescued during Operation Smile-7 in the erstwhile Warangal district. It is an initiative to secure a childhood for chil-

dren saved from child labour and bonded labour.

As part of Operation Smile-7 conducted in collaboration with the departments of child welfare, child protec-

tion, labour, Childline 1098 and police, the child labourers were rescued from busstands and railway stations, construction sites other hazardous work places.

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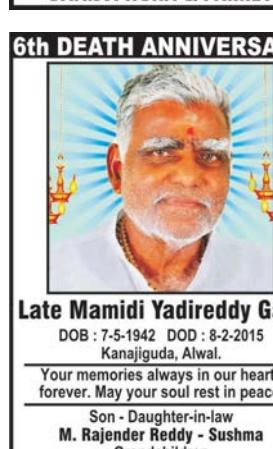
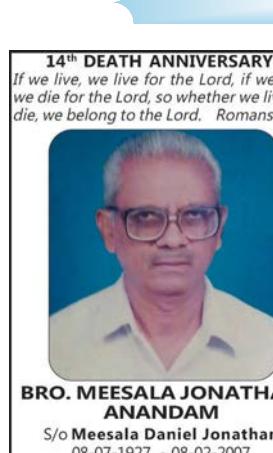
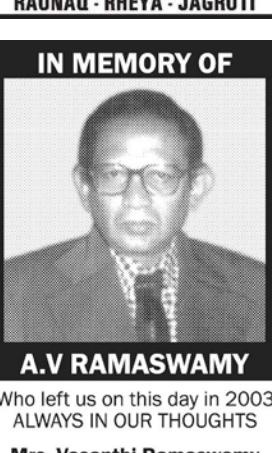
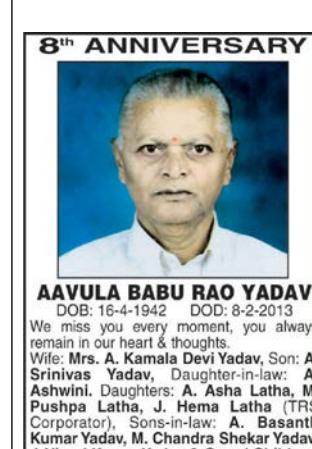
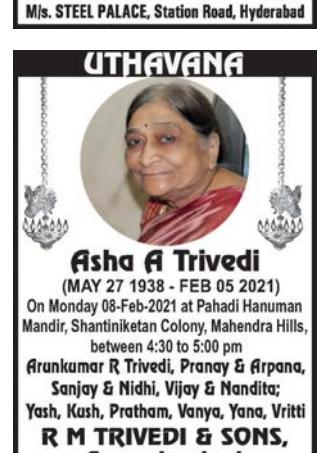
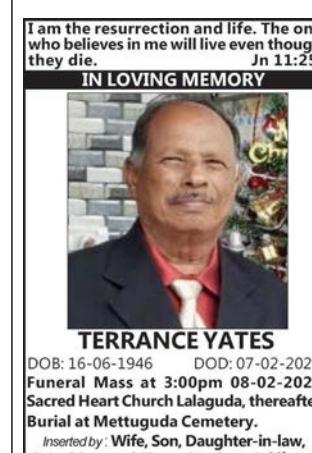
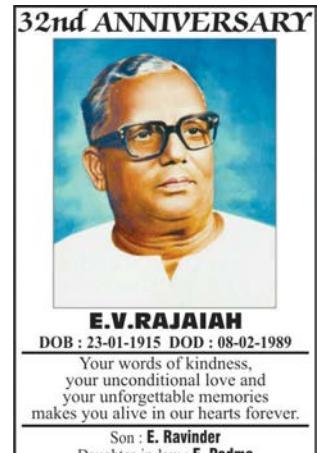
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## SHORT TAKES

## TD lashes out at YSRC govt

**Vijayawada:** Telugu Desam politician Venkat Rao on Sunday demanded that Jagan Mohan Reddy government explain why farmers should vote for YSR Congress-supported candidates in panchayat elections when they have faced many hurdles during the past 20 months.

In this regard, he pointed out that the fourth and fifth instalments under crop loan waiver scheme have not been paid, which has affected 32 lakh farmers. He said payment of over ₹2,000 crore in arrears are still pending. The much-publicised Sunna Vaddi (zero-interest) loans are not being extended by the YSR government.

## BAN ORDERS IN POLL-BOUND AP VILLAGES

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
NELLORE, FEB. 7

Ban orders under Section 144 and the AP Police Act are in force in all the villages going for Panchayat elections in the first phase on February 9, it was officially announced here on Sunday.

Prakasam district Superintendent of Police, Siddharth Kaushal has advised villagers to avoid crowding on the day of polling. Follow the queue method at polling stations and keep away from victory rallies held without police permission, he said.

He called for cooperation from all for the smooth conduct of panchayat elections. "There will be strong surveillance at polling stations," he said and added that no unethical activity will be allowed. Cases will be registered against violators and stringent action would follow.

The SP visited various villages under Martur, Addanki and J. Pangaluru police stations and issued directions to police officers and other staff involved in the first phase of the elections.

He appealed to the people to vote freely for the candidate of their choice in normal course and without allowing themselves to be under pressure or provocation from any quarter.

The SP said that 1167 out of the 2455 polling stations in the district were identified as normal booths, 754 as sensitive booths and 534 as hyper-sensitive booths. Security has been arranged accordingly, he said.

## JUDGE POINTS TO MINISTER'S LANGUAGE

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"The language used leaves much to be desired. Freedom of speech is not an absolute and a reasonable restriction can be imposed," the judge pointed out, referring to the minister's warning to returning officers of severe action if they do not announce unanimous elections.

In the same breath, the court observed that the "SEC does not have power to direct that the petitioner (minister) be confined to his residential premises."

Further, Justice Somayajulu categorically said, "The power of superintendence and control over elections and its process cannot extend to passing an order restraining the petitioner from leaving his house."

Dealing with the delicate situation involving two constitutionally empowered bodies on an incessant collision course, the court said, "The petitioner before this court is a minister, who has taken oath on the Constitution of India. The first respondent (SEC) is another Constitutional authority, with certain powers which are given to it for the smooth conduct of the elections in the state. They are the contesting parties."

On the minister's contention that he was only propagating the government's policy of encouraging unanimous polls, Justice Somayajulu said the former's "threat to officials is a clear interference in the election process".

The court's observations that no person can be deprived of life and liberty except as per the procedure established by law, also exposed the chinks in the armour of N. Ramesh Kumar, the State Election Commissioner, whose actions in certain instances have drawn widespread criticism.

The High Court order, beyond any doubt, establishes that the SEC did not follow due process of law in the instant case.



TPCC working president and MP A. Revanth Reddy addresses Congress workers on Sunday.

## TS Cong to press for Rahul as party chief

### Party to set up booth-level panels in all districts

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
KHAMMAM, FEB. 7

**CLP LEADER** Bhatti Vikramarka, who organised the meeting, said "There is no freedom for expression in Telangana state and cases are being booked against those questioning the policies of the TRS government."

Uttam Kumar Reddy, CLP leader Bhatti Vikramarka, former union minister Renuka Chowdary, DCC presidents and general secretaries of 33 districts, and town and city presidents. First on the day's agenda

was an internal meeting that passed three resolutions unanimously. The other two pertained to constituting booth-level committees (BLC) in all districts by the end of this month. It is proposed that each BLC should have a 15-member committee, including a convenor and social media convenor.

The meeting resolved to go all out to win the ensuing graduate constituency elections and Khammam and Warangal municipal corporation elections.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said, "Names of candidates for graduate constituencies will be declared in a day or two. The party will win in all graduate constituencies and corporations in the state."

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He said transport minister P. Ajay Kumar and other TRS leaders from Khammam were looting the natural resources in the district.

## KCR, Modi cheating jobless youths: Uttam

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
KHAMMAM, FEB. 7

TPCC president Uttam Kumar Reddy said here on Sunday that the TRS government has insulted state government employees by recommending 7.5 per cent fitment whereas they should be entitled for at least 49 per cent fitment.

He said with 1.91 lakh posts lying vacant in the government sector, the TRS has no right to seek votes of graduates. He said that both TRS and BJP governments are cheating graduates.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi cheated unemployed youth by not fulfilling his promise of providing two crore jobs a year. The wrong policies of Modi

should fulfill his promise by providing ₹3,016 as unemployment allowance to each of them with retrospective effect from 2018. He said that people of all sections have realised that Rao was a cheat and they are waiting to teach him a befitting lesson, Reddy said.

There are 30 lakh jobless unemployed youth in Telangana, including 19 lakh graduates, who registered themselves with the public service commission.

Chandrasekhar Rao

have resulted in the loss of even existing jobs," the senior Congress leader said.

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called the party meeting a 'mega show' and said all the DCC presidents and important leaders had attended the meeting. "Partymen from Khammam too discussed the election scenario with senior party leaders and expressed their feelings about the party's prospects," he said adding that party activists were happy

with the strong show of support at the meeting. All the arrangements were made by the DCC presidents in quick time.

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Maothu Harilal of Veernapally mandal went to Dubai a few years back. On January 31, he complained of severe pain in his chest

and died of heart attack even before being taken to the hospital.

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## SHORT TAKES

**HAVE FULL FAITH IN JUDICIARY, SAYS FARUQUI**

Indore, Feb. 7: Stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui, who has been released from jail after 35 days in a case of allegedly hurting religious sentiments, has said he has full faith in the judiciary and hopes to get justice.

Faruqui was released from the Indore Central Jail late on Saturday night after prison authorities checked Friday's bail order of the Supreme Court on its website, a jail official earlier said.

In a brief video message after he was set free, the 32-year-old comedian said, "I don't want to comment (on the case against him) now. But, I have full faith in the judiciary and I am hopeful of getting justice."

Arrested for allegedly hurting religious sentiments, Faruqui was in the jail since January 1.

On Friday, the Supreme Court granted him interim bail after the Madhya Pradesh High Court rejected his bail plea on January 28.

**NEARLY 100 PAK RETURNEES MISSING IN VALLEY**

Srinagar, Feb. 7: Nearly 100 Kashmiri youths, who travelled to Pakistan on valid visas for short durations, have either not come back or have disappeared after their return in last three years, raising an alarm within security agencies which fear that they could be possible sleeper cells of terror groups operating from across the border.

Alarm bells rang in April last year when a group of five terrorists were killed in jungles of the border area of Handwara in North Kashmir. One of them was a local who went to Pakistan in 2018 and had not returned since, various officials from security agencies said.

Between April 1-6 of last year, youths hailing from Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag districts of South Kashmir were seen as part of the infiltrating groups of terrorists and all of them had travelled to Pakistan on valid documents and never returned thereafter, they said.

**MoU FOR 1ST-EVER GEOTHERMAL FIELD SIGNED IN LEH**

Leh, Feb. 7: A historic tripartite agreement for establishing India's first-ever geothermal field development project here has been signed, with Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R.K. Mathur terming it a step towards achieving the goal of carbon-neutral Ladakh.

The pact was signed between Union Territory Administration, Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Leh and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Energy Centre in presence of Mathur and MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal on the sidelines of the first developmental conclave here on Saturday, an official spokesperson said.

Ladakh Power Development Department Administrative Secretary Ravinder Kumar and LAHDC Chief Executive Officer Sachin Kumar Vaishya signed the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ONGC Energy Centre.



ITBP personnel carry out search and rescue operation at Tapovan Tunnel on Sunday.



Locals inspect site near damaged Dhauliganga hydropower project at Reni village on Sunday.

# Tranquil morning turns tragic for villagers

## Horrifying memories of 2013 Kedarnath deluge that killed thousands returns to haunt locals

Raini (U'khand), Feb. 7: It was a tranquil winter morning in Raini village until the residents were jolted at around 10 am on Sunday by a loud sound and the sight of huge torrents of water and sludge in the Rishi Ganga river hurtling towards them.

"Before we could make out what was happening, the raging muddy waters of Rishi Ganga had devastated the landscape," says 50-year-old Dharam Singh, a resident of the village.

The scenes brought back to the people horrifying memories of the 2013 Kedarnath deluge that killed thousands.

Rescue operations underway near Dhauliganga hydropower project on Sunday.

Damaged dam of the Rishi Ganga Power Project, after a glacier broke off in Joshimath in Chamoli district.

### NTPC: TAPOVAN HYDRO PROJECT DAMAGED

New Delhi, Feb. 7: State-run power giant NTPC on Sunday said that an avalanche near Tapovan in Uttarakhand has damaged its under-construction hydropower project.

NTPC tweeted, "An avalanche near Tapovan in Uttarakhand has damaged a part of our under-construction hydropower project in the region. While rescue operation is on, situation is being monitored continuously with the help of district administration and police."

### ITBP RESCUES WORKERS STUCK IN TUNNEL

Dehradun, Feb. 7: Covered in mud, several men were safely pulled out one after the other from a slush-covered tunnel by ITBP personnel in the Tapovan power project area on Sunday.

In a video of the operation shared by the border force, the rescuers can be seen raising slogans of 'dum lagakay haisha' while retrieving a couple of men through the vertical and narrow snout of the tunnel with the help of a rope line.

### UP MONITORS WATER LEVEL OF RIVER GANGA

Lucknow, Feb. 7: The UP on Sunday asked authorities in all districts on the banks of river Ganga to be on high alert and continuously monitor the water level. In the disaster alert issued on Sunday, the Relief Commissioner said, "Report of breaking of a part of Nandadevi Glacier in Uttarakhand has been received. The districts on the Ganga river (banks) need to be on a high alert."

### MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS IN UTTARAKHAND

**1991 UTTARKASHI EARTHQUAKE:** An earthquake of 6.8 magnitude hit the undivided state of Uttar Pradesh in October 1991 in which at least 768 people were killed and thousands of homes destroyed.

**1998 MALPA LANDSLIDE:** The small village of Malpa in Pithoragarh district was wiped in the landslide in which about 255 people, including 55 Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims, were killed. The resulting debris partially blocked the Sharda river.

**1999 CHAMOLI EARTHQUAKE:** An earthquake of 6.8 magnitude hit Chamoli district killing over 100 people. The adjoining Rudraprayag district was also heavily affected. Several ground deformations were reported as a result of the earthquake, and landslides and changes in water flow were also recorded. Cracks were observed in roads and on the ground.

**2013 NORTH INDIA FLOODS:** In June 2013, a multi-day cloud-burst centered on U'khand caused devastating floods and landslides. According to state government, more than 5,700 people were presumed dead in the disaster. As bridges and roads were destroyed more than 3 lakh people were trapped in the valleys leading to the Char Dham pilgrimage sites.

Am constantly monitoring the unfortunate situation in Uttarakhand. India stands with Uttarakhand and the nation prays for everyone's safety there. Have been continuously speaking to senior authorities and getting updates on NDRF deployment, rescue work and relief operations,

— NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

### TN | POLITICS Ex-leader to come in motorcade of 500-1,000 cars from B'luru

## AIADMK panics as Sasikala returns

R. MOHAN | DC  
CHENNAI, FEB. 7

Vivekanandan Krishnaveni Sasikala's return to her home state after four years in a Bengaluru jail has created a sense of anticipation in many and even fear in the minds of the mandarins of Tamil Nadu's ruling party. If Monday looms like some kind of D-Day for the AIADMK in state politics, it is a reflection of how the party had become the personal fiefdom of former CM J. Jayalalithaa and even more so that of her confidante, who was the virtual regent operating from her residence in Poes Garden until convicted in a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act. "To give her a warm welcome is our only aim. I trust the police will remain neutral," said T.V.

Dhinakaran, Sasikala's nephew and AMMK party's honcho, on Sunday. His comments about the kind of welcome planned for Sasikala, who sources say is likely to come in a motorcade of 500-1,000 cars from a resort in Bengaluru to her niece's residence in T. Nagar in Chennai, come in the wake of complaints to the state's DGP by AIADMK ministers and other leaders about her posing a "threat" to law and order.

The government's anxiety was apparent as a strange parade of ministers dropped in at the DGP's Marina Beach office, preferring oral complaints about Sasikala's use of the AIADMK party flag on her car as she emerged from the Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru, where she was admitted for a touch of Covid-19. A point of inter-

est about her return will be whether that flag will continue to flutter on the bonnet in one of Jayalalithaa's Toyota MUVs which may carry Sasikala on her journey home.

The symbolism of the car and flag was high on her agenda when she came out of hospital. That pushed Tamil Nadu minister D. Jayakumar to threaten action against Sasikala if she continues to use the party flag. The chances are that she will enter Tamil Nadu with the flag as this is the challenge she can throw at her former party now. When she departed for Bengaluru, she was general secretary of the party, and was subsequently removed by the EPS-OPS combine, but without any notice being served on her. Legal challenges may be planned on these aspects in the future.

Sources say trouble is anticipated if she travels with the party flag on the car when she enters Hosur in Tamil Nadu from Attibelle in Karnataka. Dhinakaran's AMMK party has prepared a big reception there. In Chennai, Sasikala may skip the AIADMK headquarters and the (closed) Jaya Memorial on Marina Beach and head straight to Ramavaram Gardens to pay homage to AIADMK founder MGR at his old home to convey a political message and try to pin relevance to her coming back to Chennai.

Jayakumar has threatened action if Sasikala tries to enter the party HQ on Lloyds Road, where security has been beefed up, so too at the old Jaya residence in Poes Garden, which is now a museum and memorial. What the AIADMK fears is

unknown. Their biggest threat would not be lengthy legal challenges in court but a rebellion from within the ranks with Jaya-Sasi loyalists walking off on being tempted by the old Poes Garden path of allegiance.

Sources say a challenge could be mounted for the party headquarters on Lloyds Road that could be in the names of old trustees and complications could arise if legal questions are raised now. Right now, Sasikala is not a legal entity in the party and her fight would have to begin from zero in terms of occupation. An AIADMK minister was quoted as saying that AMMK and Sasikala are "DMK's B Team" in current political scene as her role could be disruptive of the parent party AIADMK now fighting for re-election after two terms.

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## People of Bengal victims of 'Nirmamata', says PM

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC  
KOLKATA, FEB. 7

Kickstarting the BJP's poll campaign in grand style for the forthcoming West Bengal Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday tore into the dynasty politics of ruling Trinamul Congress with a pitch for Hindutva to bring "parivar-tan" (change).

He declared the people of the state would soon remove "Bua-Bhatijabad" and show the "Ram card" to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's party for scoring many "fouls" during its two straight terms in power.

"Bengal is a state that loves football. So, in the language of football, I want to say that the TMC scored fouls one after another. From misgovernance to attacks on the Opposition to looting people's money, there are plenty of

### FORCES ABROAD CONSPIRING TO DESTROY INDIAN TEA, WILL NOT LET IT HAPPEN: PM

MANOJ ANAND | DC  
GUWAHATI, FEB. 7

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fouls. People are watching everything. That is why Bengal is going to show the 'Ram Card' to the TMC soon," Modi told a BJP rally at Haldia in East Midnapore.

He also attacked the CM for blocking Central schemes for patronising corruption.

Lashing out at Banerjee, he argued that the people of the state have been the victim of "Nirmamata" though the TMC supremo has "Mamata" in her name.

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**OAMB**  
**1.15, 7.15**  
**10.30PM**

**PRASADS**  
**1.45, 4.30, 7.15PM**

**CINESQUARE-1.25, 7.30, 10.25PM**

**RADHIKA-10.35, 7.15PM**

**SIVAGANGA-2.00PM**

**CINEPLANET-4.25, 10.20PM**

**MCUBE-4.30, 10.25PM|GPR-1.35, 7.15PM**

**NARAPALLY**  
**1.40, 4.20PM**

**TIVOLI**  
**1.30, 7.30PM**

**FORUM-11.10, 1.55, 4.10, 7.15, 10.20PM**

**RK-1.00, 7.10PM|PRESTON-1.30PM**

**CENTRAL-10.40, 1.45, 4.50, 7.55, 11.00PM**

**INORBIT-12.15, 3.20, 6.25, 9.30PM**

**MUSARAMBAGH-12.30, 3.35, 6.40, 9.45PM**

**GALLERIA-10.10, 1.15, 4.20, 7.25, 10.30PM**

**ICON-12.00, 3.05, 6.10, 9.15PM**

**IRRUMMANZIL-12.15, 3.20, 6.25, 9.30PM**

**CCPL-12.15, 6.40, 10.05PM**

**DSL-12.15, 6.15, 9.35PM**

**MANTRA-12.15, 6.30, 9.55PM**

**SUDHA-12.30, 7.20, 10.30PM**

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**CHINTHAL**  
**6.00PM**

**SHALINI-2.00, 4.30, 10.15PM**

**BALANAGAR-2.10, 4.25, 10.15PM**

**GEETA-12.30, 7.00, 10.00PM**

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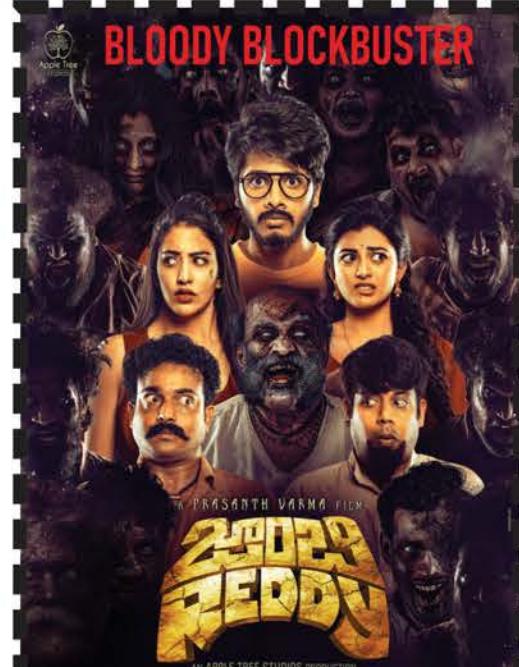
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**SHA-11.15, 2.30, 9.15PM**  
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**GPR-10.55, 1.45, 4.40, 7.25, 10.15**

**RADHIKA-10.55, 2.15, 7.25, 10.20PM**

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**RK-11.00, 7.50PM**

**INORBIT-11.30, 2.25, 8.05, 11.00PM**

**MUSARAMBAGH-12.30, 3.25, 6.20, 9.15**

**FORUM-10.10, 11.35, 1.55, 5.20, 7.35, 10.45**

**CENTRAL-11.15, 2.10, 7.10, 7.35, 10.30PM**

**GALLERIA-11.00, 1.55, 4.50, 7.45, 10.40PM**

**ICON-1.20, 7.20, 10.15PM**

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**CHANDANAGAR-3.45PM**

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**INOX**  
**GVK-12.40, 6.25, 10.00PM**

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**CCPL-3.50, 10.15PM**

**SUDHA-3.20, 9.50PM**

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**11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM**

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**LAXMIKALA-2.30, 9.30PM**

**INOX**  
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**GSM-12.05, 1.05, 2.55, 4.10, 7.15, 9.00, 9.45, 10.20PM**

**MP-10.10, 11.00, 1.10, 4.10, 10.80, 10.40PM**

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**GEETHA-12.15, 7.15, 10.15PM**

**SHALINI-11.00, 1.45, 5.00, 7.30, 8.00, 11.00PM**

**BALANAGAR-11.00, 5.20, 8.10, 11.00PM**

**PLATINUM**  
**10.30, 12.45, 3.15, 5.30, 8.00, 10.20PM**

**SRILAXMI 70**  
**12.00, 3.00, 7.00, 10.00**

**MAHALAXMI 70**  
**11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM**

**SRI SAIRAM 70**  
**11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM**

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**11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM**

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BHUJANGA70 JEEDIMETLA	AARADHANA70 TARNAKA
SRINIVASA70 UPPAL	LAXMI 70MM SHAMSHABAD

AMB CINEMAS-GACHIBOWLI

PARASAD'S MULTIPLEX NTR GARDENS

SHA-CHINTHAL GPR-KUKATPALLY RADHIKA-KAPRA

CINESQUARE-UPPAL SIVAGANGA-DILSKUNNAGAR

FORUM MALL-KUKATPALLY CENTRAL-PANJAGUTTA ICON-MADHAPUR GALLERIA-PANJAGUTTA MUSARAMBAGH|IRRUMMANZIL RK PLEX|PRESTON PRIME INORBIT MALL-MADHAPUR

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PRASAD MULTIPLEX 5.30, 8.30PM

PVR INorbit MALL-5.20PM | FORUM MALL-10.30PM IRRUMMANZIL-7.45PM

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KUMAR 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.00

TIVOLI EXTREME 4.40PM

FORUM MALL 2.30PM

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## 1 lakh turn up for protest at Yangon

Chanting protesters hold up 'Justice for Myanmar' banners, wave Suu Kyi's NLD party flags

Yangon, Feb. 7: Tens of thousands of protesters poured onto the streets of Yangon Sunday in the biggest rally yet against the Myanmar coup, as an internet blackout failed to stifle growing outrage at the military's ouster of elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Some estimates put the number of protesters in Yangon at 100,000 and there were reports of large demonstrations in other cities, with rallies condemning the coup that brought Myanmar's 10-year experiment with democracy to a crashing halt.

Backed by a din of car horns, chanting protesters in Yangon held up banners saying "Justice for Myanmar", while others waved the signature red flags of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) party as they marched to City Hall. "I completely despise the military coup and I am not afraid of a crackdown," said Kyi Phyu Kyaw, a 20-year-old university student.

"I will join every day until Amay Suu (Mother Suu) is freed." Protesters announced that they would return to the streets at 10 am local time on Monday, defying the state of emergency imposed by the military and indicating no let-up in their resistance to the coup.

They also called on civil servants and people employed in other industries to



Protesters hold up the three finger salute as they demonstrate against the Myanmar military coup outside the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok on Sunday.

— AFP

not go to work and join the protests.

Many flashed the three-finger salute inspired by the "Hunger Games" films, which became a symbol of resistance during the pro-democracy protests in Thailand last year.

"We will fight until the end," said Ye Kyaw, an 18-year-old economics student. "The next generation can

have democracy if we end this military dictatorship." There was a large demonstration also in the capital Naypyidaw, despite the heavy military presence there, while tens of thousands rallied against the coup in Mandalay, Myanmar's second-biggest city. Both those protests included people on armadas of motorcycles, waving flags and banners as they rode through the cities.

There were also demonstrations in Mawlamyine city and the Magway region. The surge in popular dissent over the weekend overcame a nationwide internet blockade, similar in magnitude to an earlier shutdown that coincided with the arrest of Suu Kyi and other senior leaders on Monday.

Online calls to protest have prompted bold displays of defiance, including the

nightly deafening clamour of people banging pots and pans -- a practice traditionally associated with driving out evil spirits. Monitoring service NetBlocks said internet access was partially restored on some mobile networks in Myanmar Sunday afternoon, but social media platforms remained blocked and it was unclear how long the connectivity would last.

— AFP

## INTERNET ACCESS RESTORED PARTIALLY

Yangon, Feb. 7: Internet access was partially restored in Myanmar on Sunday, Netblocks reported, as a nationwide web blockade failed to curb public outrage and protests against the coup that ousted elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi. "Partial restoration of internet connectivity confirmed in #Myanmar from 2PM local time on multiple providers following information blackout," the internet monitoring service said on Twitter. Myanmar was plunged into cyber darkness on Saturday at the military's orders. Netblocks said social media platforms remained off limits on Sunday afternoon.

But mobile phone customers using services with MPT, Ooredoo, Telkor and Mytel are now able to access mobile internet data and Wi-Fi.

Earlier on Sunday Netblocks said connectivity in Myanmar was at 14 percent of usual levels.

— AFP

## Move Pearl killer to rest house: Sindh govt

Karachi, Feb. 7: Pakistani authorities have issued a notification to shift British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the main accused in the sensational kidnapping and murder of US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002, from jail to a newly-built facility within the boundaries of the Central Prison in Karachi.

The notification on Saturday came days after a three-member bench of the Supreme Court headed by Justice Umar Ata Bandial ordered to shift 46-year-old Sheikh

from the death row cell to a rest house run by the government. All

suspects "are to be shifted to the newly constructed rooms for meeting of spouses with prisoners situated outside of main prison and within boundary of Central Prison

Karachi, the Express Tribune newspaper

reported, citing the notification issued by the Sindh Home Department on February 6. However, "NO internet, telephone and for that matter any device/ means of communicating with outside world is to be provided," the notification read.

It allowed only suspects' families access to them from 8am to 5pm everyday but restricted them from bringing anything from outside of the prison, the paper said.

To maintain maximum security, however, a list of family members is to be provided by the counsel of detainees to the advocate general Sindh, secretary home or IG prison, Sindh and only the ones mentioned in the list will be allowed access to the detainees during permitted hours.

The families of the suspects will also be

offered space in Qasre-Naz, a federal government owned building in the city along with transport to and from the place of detention, the notification said.

The apex court had rejected the government's appeal to suspend the Sindh High Court's verdict on the acquittal of the accused and asked it to file an appeal against the high court's decision.

Pearl, the 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was abducted and beheaded while he was in Pakistan investigating a story in 2002 on the links between the country's powerful spy agency ISI and Qaeda.

In April 2020, a two-judge Sindh High Court bench commuted the death sentence of Sheikh to seven years imprisonment. The court also acquitted his three aides.

— PTI

## Opposition prepares new protests in Belarus

Kiev, Feb. 7: Winter's cold and harsh police actions in Belarus have put a chill on the protests against President Alexander Lukashenko that gripped the Eastern European nation for months. But opposition forces are preparing to turn up the heat in the spring and observers say Lukashenko doesn't have a clear strategy to overcome new unrest.

Here's a look at the country's situation six months after the start of an unprecedented wave of protests that attracted world attention.

The protests ceased to be an existential threat to Lukashenko's power when it became clear that people were not ready for violent resistance," said Artem Shraibman, an independent analyst.

"Lukashenko opened a new portal to violence — we were shocked and not ready," said Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya,

Lukashenko's main challenger on the presidential ballot who fled to Lithuania under pressure just after the election. At one point, as protesters demanding his resignation massed outside the presidential palace, Lukashenko strode the grounds carrying an automatic rifle.

That moment "exposed the tragedy of the situation — he is ready to shoot back, but not to leave," Tsikhanouskaya said. Barbed wire, water cannons, soldiers on the streets, and internet shutdowns have become common in Minsk over the past six months.

Thousands of Belarusians were forced to flee the country. But harsh actions by security forces have only temporarily muted the protests, Shraibman said. "Lukashenko does not have a clear vision of a future strategy. He doesn't know what to do with the majority of the urban population who have turned their backs on him," he said.

A \$1.5 billion loan from the Kremlin and a promise to send in Russian security forces if Lukashenko requests them helped Lukashenko maintain control over the security forces and officials. In return, Lukashenko promised to reform the constitution and transfer a significant part of his powers to parliament and the government, and then leave.

But these plans have been confused and contradictory.

— AP



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## quick BITES

INDICATORS	%
Sensex	50,731.63
Nifty 50	14,924.30
S&P 500*	3,886.83
Dollar (₹)	72.92
Pound Sterling (₹)	99.84
Euro (₹)	87.35
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	46,738▼163
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	59.57
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.071
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.153
* As of Friday/Saturday	0.014

## Defence, railways among largest buyers on GeM

Ministries of defence and railways and central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) are among the largest buyer organisations on the public procurement portal, GeM. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal was launched in August 2016 for online purchases of goods and services by all central government ministries, states and departments. GeM CEO Talleen Kumar said they are introducing a range of new functions.

## FPIs purchase net equities worth ₹10,793 cr in Feb.



Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) remained net buyers to the tune of Rs 12,266 crore in the Indian market in the first five trading sessions of February, as positive sentiment post-Union Budget 2021 sparked a rally in investment. As per depositories data, overseas investors pumped in a net Rs 10,793 crore into equities and Rs 1,473 crore in the debt segment between February 1 and February 5.

## Sun recalls over 36K cartons of injection in US

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries is recalling 36,275 cartons of a drug used to treat low testosterone levels in the US market for incorrect labelling. The US arm of the domestic pharma major is recalling Testosterone Cypionate Injection in the American market. The affected lot of the intramuscular injections was manufactured by the drug maker in India and distributed in the US by Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Inc, FDA said.

## BHEL reports ₹217-crore loss in Dec. quarter

BHEL reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 217.86 crore for the December quarter due to lower revenues. The consolidated net profit of the firm was Rs 16.81 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total income dipped to Rs 4,532.39 crore from Rs 5,827.74 crore. The company said, "During the quarter, the group operations recovered as compared to Q2/20-21 but pre-Covid level of operations are yet to be achieved," it said.

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## Sharp asset quality slide now less likely Banks' earnings on recovery path

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MUMBAI, FEB. 7

Both state-owned and private lenders reported a good set of numbers for the December quarter. The banking sector's asset quality came out better than what was anticipated six months ago in terms of both slippages and restructuring of loans. Almost every bank has taken provisioning to a very high level.

Analysts expect one more quarter of elevated provisioning after which the FY22 earnings growth is expected to be very strong for the banking sector. Strong deposit growth further enhances liquidity and helps reduce funding costs. Deposit growth outpaced loans at most banks through the third quarter of fiscal 2021 as consumers and businesses cut spending amid economic uncertainty, bolstering robust liquidity at these banks.

While most private sector lenders have raised good amounts of capital, the public sector banks too will see an infusion of Rs 20,000 crore from the government, which would take care of stress and support growth. With the RBI deferring the deadline for meeting the last tranche of capital conservation buffer (CCB) by another six months till October 2021 due to continuing stress on account of the pandemic, analysts have a positive outlook on the sector.

Anil Gupta, vice-president financial sector rat-



ings at Icra Ltd said: "Most banks reported a sharp rise in retail slippages, most of which came from unsecured loans but these were lower than anticipated. The RBI's loan moratorium ended in August as a result the December quarter numbers show the bad loans for those borrowers who paid less than one instalment between September to December. For Q4 2021, there will be seven EMIs and the borrower has to pay four EMIs out of seven EMIs. But we rule out further rise in slippages in retail as the collection numbers are up to 95 per cent for lenders. So, while system wide overdue will be there and there could be some pain in Q4FY21, we expect it to be relatively lower than what we saw in Q3."

Autosut Mishra, head of research, institutional equity at Ashika Stock Broking, said, "Both public and private sector banks did extremely well with the asset quality not being as bad as what we had anticipated in the light

of the RBI's recent Financial Stability Report. Almost every bank has taken provisioning to a very high level and so the profit and loss impact of asset quality is mostly behind us. With the government expected to spend around \$400 billion in four years, the economy will get a major push and the banking system will be a key beneficiary. We expect one more quarter of elevated provisions post that the FY22 earnings growth is expected to be very strong for the banking sector."

A case in point was State Bank of India (SBI) with asset quality holding up well in 3Q with 97 per cent collection efficiency. Reported proforma slippages of 0.4 per cent of loans in 3QFY21 was below analyst expectations and even adjusted for high proforma bad loans in 2Q it would be 0.8 per cent which is lower than private banks' 1.1-1.2 per cent. This reflected its lower share of retail and unsecured lending.

## BIZ CONFIDENCE IMPROVES WITH ROLLOUT OF VACCINES: NCAER

New Delhi, Feb. 7: The Business Confidence Index (BCI) developed by the Delhi-based think-tank NCAER rose 29.6 per cent between second and third quarter of the current financial year on the back of rollout of Covid-19 vaccines in different countries, including India.

The proportion of respondents expecting that overall economic conditions will improve in the next six months increased by 4.8 percentage points, from 29.8 per cent in 2020 21:Q2 to 34.6 per cent in 2020 21:Q3, said the NCAER's Business Expectations Survey (BES).

The proportion of respondents expecting that the financial position of firms will improve in the next six months increased by 3.1 percentage points, from 27.7 per cent in 2020 21:Q2 to 30.8 per cent in 2020 21:Q3.

The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said the BES findings are based on responses from 500 firms. It said the 115th round of BES was carried out in December 2020, during a period of "both hope and despair".

The Indian economy continued its recovery and was forecast to show positive growth in 2020 21:Q3.

"Business sentiments have shown the same V-shaped pattern of a sharp drop followed by a rise in Q1 and Q2, and then a flattening out in Q3 of 2020 21," NCAER said.

—PTI

## Effective tax devolution to states could be 32%

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CHENNAI, FEB. 7

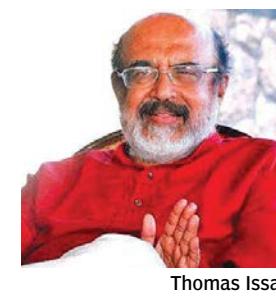
States estimate that the effective tax devolution to them would be around 32 per cent now against the share of 41 per cent promised by the Centre and the Finance Commission. This is because the divisible pool has been shrinking over the years, with the share of cesses and surcharges increasing steeply in recent years in central revenues.

"While the Finance Commission as well as the government has agreed upon 41 per cent devolution of taxes to the states, effectively states will be receiving around 32 per cent. A large part of the excise duties in the form of cesses and surcharges are outside the divisible pool. In the recent Budget also the Centre has introduced Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Cess (AIDC) by lowering the basic excise duty. This will further shrink the divisible pool," said T. M. Thomas Isaac, finance minister of Kerala.

While the basic duties are shared between the states and the Centre, cesses and surcharges are excluded from the divisible pool and those revenues directly go to the Centre.

According to Rahul Bajaria, chief economist, India, Barclays, the effective tax devolution has been around 34 to 35 per cent in the past few years despite the states' share being 42 per cent. The 14th Finance Commission had raised the share of states from 32 per cent to 42 per cent.

In the recent Budget, the government has reduced the basic excise duty on petrol and diesel and levied AIDC of Rs 2.5 per litre on petrol and Rs 4 per litre on diesel. The AIDC cess will also be levied on imports of items, including alcoholic beverages, gold and silver dore bars, crude palm oil, crude soyabean oil, peas, kabuli chana, apples and Bengal gram by lowering the



Thomas Isaac

basic customs duty. But the major chunk of the cess revenue will come from petrol and diesel.

At a press meet in Mumbai on Sunday, Sitharaman said the government stands to get up to Rs 30,000 crore from the agricultural infrastructure development cess.

The 15th Finance Commission in its final report released recently also had raised concerns about the increasing share of cesses and surcharges. As per the report, total cess and surcharge as a percentage of the gross tax revenue was 10.4 per cent in 2011-12 and this has gone up to 19.5 per cent as of FY21.

"FC-XIV had highlighted the somewhat problematic growing share of cesses and surcharges in Union revenues. Article 270 of the Constitution enables the Union Government to levy and retain any cess levied for specific purpose. Hence, the Union Government merely acts as a custodian of funds so collected in the Public Account till these are appropriated for the mandated purpose. Similarly, surcharges are meant to be levied only for short periods," the Commission pointed out.

## MFs withdraw ₹12,980 cr from equities in Jan.

New Delhi, Feb. 7: Continuing the selling spree for the eighth consecutive month, mutual funds pulled out Rs 12,980 crore from equities in January as surge in markets provided an opportunity to

book profits. MyWealthGrowth.com co-founder Harshad Chetanwala said investors may prefer to book profits for some more time.

Mutual funds withdrew a net of over Rs 56,400 crore

in 2020, Sebi data showed. But the markets have continued to rise as flows from FPIs have been robust, with Rs 19,472 crore net inflow in January after investing Rs 1.7 lakh crore in 2020. —PTI

## Kerala asked to start getting land for ₹64K-cr speed rail project

KJ BENNYCHAN  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
FEB. 7

The Centre has also directed K-Rail to re-engage with Japan International Cooperative Agency (Jica) to finalise the funding for the Rs 63,941 crore semi-high-speed rail project connecting Kerala capital Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod and covering the 529.45-km ride in four hours against over 12 hours now. The line will cover Thiruvananthapuram-Ernakulam/Kochi stretch in flat 90 minutes, against over four hours now.

The Japanese development agency Jica had earlier committed to provide Rs 33,700 crore, which was approved by the Union finance ministry as well in 2019, but later Jica massively curtailed its exposure, following which the Union finance ministry asked the state to submit a revised debt raising plan.

In a Jan. 5 letter to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked Kerala Rail Development Corporation (K-Rail), the nodal implementation agency, to expedite land acquisition for the most ambitious project of the state till date, the official said.

## MALAYSIA TO HOUSE MIGRANT WORKERS IN HOTELS



CHAN TIEN HIN  
FEB. 7

Malaysia's government has kicked off a plan to temporarily house migrant workers in nearly-empty hotels across the nation to tackle the worsening spread of Covid-19 cases due to workplace clusters.

Malaysia's Tourism, Arts and Culture Ministry said in a statement that the programme will help curb the virus outbreaks and indirectly assist hotel operators hurt by the pandemic.

"The initiative is the best alternative at the moment," the ministry said.

Oversized conditions in employee dormitories have been a key source of infections, spurring record cases and pressuring Malaysia's health system. The nation has more than 1.5 million documented migrant workers, 91 per cent of whom live in accommodation that doesn't meet minimum housing standards, according to the Ministry of Human Resources.

The government's plan also provides a lifeline for the tourism industry. More than 100 hotels have closed since the outbreak began almost a year ago, according to a February 5 statement by the Malaysian Association of Hotels.

A recent video of a hotel manager selling the hotel's food by the roadside in a popular hawker area is an example of many who have resorted to scaling down to cover expenses and employees' payroll, the association said.

— Bloomberg

## FM for scaling up well-run PSUs



### MAJOR PORT TRUSTS, AAI NOT PART OF STRATEGIC SALES PLAN

New Delhi, Feb. 7: Refuting charges of 'selling family silver', finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said the government has devised a clear strategy on divestment for the first time so that taxpayers' money is spent wisely.

She said the government wants a few public sector enterprises in the specified sectors to do well, so that "we can ensure that taxpayer money is spent wisely".

Addressing a meeting of business people here, she said, "Family silver should be strengthened, it should be our takat (strength)... Because you've spread it so thinly, there are many of them (PSUs) that are not able to survive; and the few that can perform do not get the due attention."

She also said the government's aim is to prime them through this policy. "You need them, you need them to scale up so that they meet the aspirations of growing India."

Speaking to reporters, she said the government will work with the Reserve Bank for execution of the bank privatisation plan announced in the budget.

Sitharaman also said that the government has no plan to form any bank

investment company to house the government stakes in banks.

In the Union Budget presented last week,

Sitharaman had announced the privatisation of two banks as part of its disinvestment plan.

would be limited to CPSEs, public sector banks and public sector insurance companies.

"The policy, however, does not apply to certain classes of public sector entities," according to the scope of the PSE policy announced in the Budget.

The Budget unveiled the PSE policy for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, which classifies public sector commercial enterprises as strategic and non-strategic sector,

The Budget unveiled the Disinvestment/Strategic Disinvestment Policy, which had four strategic sectors in which "bare minimum" number of CPSEs will be retained.

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"There is no such discussion. I don't know where it is coming from. At least it is not before me. I am not discussing that, she said.

—PTI

## More than \$60 bn invested in India's internet start-ups in 5 years

## Internet start-ups on cusp of listing: HSBC



"Many of these leaders, which operate businesses ranging from food delivery, e-commerce to online insurance, are now on the cusp of listing," the report said. India has 42 Unicorns and over 45 soonicons, HSBC said. E-commerce is the largest opportunity, worth

an estimated \$67 billion by 2025, it said adding this was worth \$31 billion 2019 after expanding at an impressive five-year CAGR of 39 per cent.

Amazon and Flipkart control over 80 per cent of the industry today but the contours of the competitive landscape are still evolving. For example, Reliance Jio is set to emerge as a significant competitive threat, along with multiple vertical e-commerce players and hundreds of brands that are now delivering direct to consumers," it said. "We see e-commerce logistics companies such as Delhivery as lucrative opportunities."

Food delivery is getting back on track, with gross merchandise value almost back to pre-pandemic levels.

"We expect 6 million online food orders a day by 2025. This is well behind China where 40 million orders are delivered every day," the report said.

The online insurance market remains lucrative, with PolicyBazaar likely to maintain its lead for the foreseeable future.

But ride-sharing faces significant challenges,

travel is the most penetrated market and hotels are an example of many who have resorted to scaling down to cover expenses and employees' payroll, the association said.

**SHORT TAKES**  
**Boxing champ**  
**Leon Spinks dead**

**Las Vegas:** Leon Spinks, who won Olympic gold and then shocked the boxing world by beating Muhammad Ali to win the heavyweight title in only his eighth pro fight, has died. He was 67.

Spinks, who lived his later years in Las Vegas, died Friday night, according to a release from a public relations firm. He had been battling prostate and other cancers.

His wife, Brenda Glur Spinks, and a few close friends and other family members were by his side when he passed away. A lovable heavyweight with a drinking problem, Spinks beat Ali by decision in a 15-round fight in 1978 to win the title. He was unranked at the time, and picked as an opponent because Ali was looking for an easy fight. — AP

**Moseley killed in road accident**

**Kingston:** Former West Indies pacer Ezra Moseley has died after his bicycle was hit by a car in a tragic road accident. He was 63 years old.

According to a report in Nationnews, "Moseley was riding a bicycle along the ABC Highway when he was in a collision with an SUV driven by a teenager at the Balls, Christ Church junction."

Moseley featured in two Tests against England in 1990 and also played nine ODIs between 1990 and 1991. He went to the rebel tour of South Africa back in 1982-83 and was banned. However he later made a comeback and had a late international debut after plying his trade for Glamorgan in English county cricket.

He was the assistant coach when the West Indies women's team won the T20 World Cup in India in 2016. — PTI

**Hyd, NorthEast play stalemate**

**Vasco:** Hyderabad FC and NorthEast United remained in the reckoning for the play-off spots of the Indian Super League after the match between the two sides ended in a goal-less draw at the Tilak Maidan Stadium here on Sunday.

While Hyderabad moved to third on goal difference, NEUFC climbed above FC Goa to fourth. FC Goa, however, have a game in hand and will face leaders Mumbai City FC on Monday.

The two teams weren't able to find the breakthrough in the first half with defences of both the sides standing tall. Despite hogging possession, Hyderabad registered just one shot on target against NEUFC in the first half. NEUFC eventually grew in confidence in the game and fashioned better opportunities in the first half. — PTI

**Ankita fifth India girl in Slam field**

**Melbourne:** Ankita Raina on Sunday became only the fifth Indian woman tennis player in Open era to secure a place in the main draw of a Grand Slam as she made the cut for the women's doubles event of the Australian Open.

The year's first Grand Slam starts here on Monday.

After missing out on the women's singles main draw, she still had a chance to qualify as a 'lucky loser' till the completion of the first round, but the 28-year-old realised her long-time dream when she signed up with Romania's Mihaela Buzarnescu and earned a direct entry.

Nirupama Mankad (1971), Nirupama Vaidyanathan (1998), Sania Mirza and Indian-American Shikha Uberoi (2004) have competed in the Grand Slam main draws for the country. Ankita is only the second Indian after Sania to compete in the women's doubles of a tennis major. — PTI

**Live on TV**

**TENNIS**  
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**CRICKET**  
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**WWE**  
**Raw:** Bouts from 6.30 am (Tuesday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

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**Silly Point**

**A** Test series in home conditions is always a welcome event for hardcore cricket fans. Especially after having been deprived of any sort of cricket, domestic or international. The last international match that was played in home conditions, was the pink ball Test at Kolkata in November 2019 against Bangladesh, the two-Test series resulting in a facile win for India. With England coming to the sub-continent to face off with

India is a contest that is much looked forward to by Indian cricket fans.

The first Test at Chennai, ongoing as one pens this article, is an opener of a series that has a lot at stake for both the teams. Apart from the usual ambition of 'winning the series,' both teams are in the fray of qualifying for the final of the World Test Championship (WTC) against New Zealand who have qualified by default as Australia cancelled its Test tour of South Africa. Currently standing at

number 1 and three, India and England are the only two teams that can make the slot to take on the Kiwis at Lord's in June later this year.

Both teams have come into this series on a high. The hosts came back from Australia beating the championship leaders (at that point in time) 2-1 in difficult conditions and with a team with very little experience but high in confidence. The visitors boosted their morale with a clean sweep in Sri Lanka having batted out the Lankan's with skipper Joe Root in the form of his life scoring 426 runs in four innings. At the start of the series, the India vs England contest could never have been better placed considering the confidence of both teams,

that too at full strength. Both teams came in with a certain intent. England knew they had to grind their way to success in the contest assuming that they would be facing top Indian spinners on pitches that have traditionally supported tweakers. The hosts had the confidence of being favourites on surfaces that they have been weaned on, the morale of both their batsmen and bowlers being elevated after the remarkable series win down under. England knew they were rated as underdogs, a factor that always puts the upper rated team under pressure.

The scenario that Root and team faced was very similar to that faced by Virat Kohli went out for the toss with Tim Paine at Adelaide a few months

ago. Punters would have given both the visiting teams (India and now, England) a 30 per cent chance of beating the opposition which has a fierce win record in home conditions. Adapting to conditions early and approaching the game differently from what the opposition expects is the key. India did exactly that after their debacle at Adelaide and England have (after two and a quarter days of cricket) shown that their 'intent.'

Experts had opined that barring Root, the England top order was weak and took it for granted that it was only the skipper as his name suggests, the Indian bowlers needed to prise out. With a magnificent 218 runs the Yorkshireman showed his steel and has

# Himalay, Sachin, Amir, Lokesh and Sufiyan do well

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Himalay Agarwal

Amir Pachera and Sufiyan Alam belted robust centuries as Sachinanand Pandey and Himalay Agarwal did well with the ball in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's A-1 Division one-day knockout tournament on Sunday.

Amir (130), Sufiyan (120) and Sachinanand (5/16) were the best performers for AOC as they throttled Mahmood CC on way to registering a colossal victory by 317 runs.

Sporting XI's Himalay was the next best on the show. He first smashed 97 runs and followed it by a brilliant spell of 5/18 to restrict Deccan Chronicle to 225 and script a 31-run win.

In another match, EMCC rode on Aman Rao's bold 98 and Lokesh Gait's 5/48 to chase down an easy target of 232 posted by Concorde CC.

In an A-2 Division two-day match, Hyderabad Public School (Begumpet) emerged victorious by defending their total of 183 to beat Hyderabad Titans by 13 runs.

**Brief scores:**

**A-1 DIVISION ONE-DAY KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT**

■ AOC 386 in 49.2 overs (Amir Pachera 130 – 104, 7x4, 1x6, Sufiyan Alam 120 – 104, 20x4, Sachin Shinde 66, Sai Shrishish

3/63, Ranjith Kumar 4/58) bt Mahmood CC 69 in 31.5 overs (Sachinanand Pandey 5/16 – 5.5-1-16-5, Sachin Shinde 3/4).

■ Sporting XI 266 in 47 overs (T. Ravi Teja 3/57) bt Deccan Chronicle 225 in 47.3 overs (Pavan Reddy 49, Shreyas Vala 36, T. A. Adnan 36, Himalay Agarwal 5/18 – 8.3-0-18-5).

■ Concorde CC 231 in 50 overs (A. Khaled 60, M. Pratayush 77, Lokesh Gait 5/48 – 10.0-48-5) lost to EMCC 233/2 in 47.3 overs (Mohul Bhownick 86 n.o., P. Aman Rao 98).

■ Continental CC 254/7 in 50 overs (M. Samithi Reddy 90, Ganesh 3/58) bt Combined Districts 87 in 23.3 overs (Aaron Paul 3/15, Md Saqlain Arafat 3/15).

■ SBI vs Enconse (Enconse claimed walkover as SBI did not turn up for the match)

**A-2 DIVISION (TWO-DAY)**

■ HPS-B 183 in 77.4 overs (Amir Pachera 130 – 104, 7x4, 1x6, Sufiyan Alam 120 – 104, 20x4, Sachin Shinde 66, Sai Shrishish

3/63, Ranjith Kumar 4/58) bt Hyderabad Titans 170 in 86.2 overs (S. Jainath Mansingh 37, Gaurav Guvva 3/26). Points: HPS-B 5, Hyderabad Titans 0.

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# Deepthi makes a dash, bags silver

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Jeevanji Deepthi poses with her silver medal at the Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati on Sunday.

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