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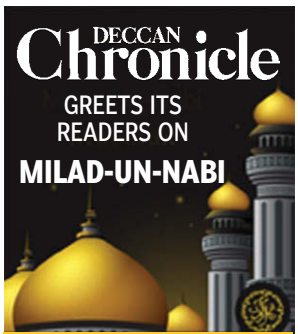
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Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Max/Min temperature 31/18 °C

COVID-19

COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+50,326)	(+553)
80,81,917	1,21,049

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+1,504)	(+5)
TS: 2,36,656	1,324
(+2,905)	(+16)
AP: 8,17,679	6,659

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

4,51,20,686

DEATHS

11,83,386

COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES

215

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana

Tithi: Nija Ashwayuja Shuddha Chaturdasi till 5.45 pm

Star: Revati till 2.56 pm

Variyam: Nil

Durmuhurtam: 8.34 am to 9.20 am; 12.22 pm to 1.08 pm

Rahukalam: 10.30 am to 12 noon

MUJRI CALENDAR

Rabbi-ul Awwal 12, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.13 am

Zohar: 12.10 pm

Asar: 4.11 pm

Maghrib: 5.52 pm

Isha: 7.00 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.14 AM

SUNSET TODAY 5.45 PM

MOONSET 5.02 AM

MOONRISE 5.11 PM

COUNTER POINT

Not IPL, they were betting on polls!

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Rainfall completes late withdrawal

SEEMA PROJECT NEEDS GREEN NOD, SAYS NGT

D. SIVA RAMI REDDI | DC KURNOOL, OCT. 29

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) Southern Zone, directed the AP government not to proceed with the proposed Rayalaseema lift irrigation project (RLIP) without submitting the detailed project report before the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). The Union ministry of Jal Shakti had given this direction as it would impact sharing of Krishna waters between Telangana and AP.

■ Page 2: Irrigation plan requires EC: NGT

THREE KILLED IN KNIFE ATTACK IN FRENCH CHURCH

Nice, France, Oct. 29: A man wielding a knife killed three people praying in a church in the French city of Nice on Thursday, slitting the throat of at least one. The assailant, who was shot and wounded by police, was identified as Brahim Aouissau, a 21-year-old Tunisian migrant who arrived in Italy in late September and later travelled to France, sources close to the inquiry said.

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INDIA CALLS FOR PREDICTABLE U.S. VISA REGIME

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 29

India sought “increasing predictability in the visa regime” to the US, adding that the “people-to-people relationship is an important foundation of the special ties between the two countries which should be nurtured.”

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SECURE | LINE App said to be safe from spies

Indian Army to ‘talk’ over its in-house app

PAWAN BALI | DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 29

The Indian Army has developed a mobile messaging app similar to “WhatsApp” for secure voice, text and video calling. This app will be used within the Army to keep communications secure and was named “Secure Application for Internet” (SAI).

“The application supports end-to-end secure voice, text and video calling services for Android platforms over the

Internet. It is quite similar to commercially available messaging apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, GIMS and SAMVAD, and uses end-to-end encryption messaging protocols,” the Army said.

It said SAI scores on security features with local in-house servers and coding which can be tweaked as per requirements.

“The process for filing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), hosting the infrastructure on NIC and working on an iOS

platform is currently in progress,” it said. Defence minister Rajnath Singh complimented the Army for developing the app.

The Indian Army has initiated several steps to prevent any attempts at online snooping by the spy agencies of other nations.

Earlier this year the Army asked its officers and jawans to immediately delete their Facebook accounts and barred them from using some 88 other apps.

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao said that the government needed another 20 days to start registering non-agriculture properties on the Dharani portal, which he launched on Thursday.

The launch has cleared the way for registration of agricultural land.

The government had stopped registration of all properties to bring in the new revenue laws and facilitate the introduction of Dharani.

Speaking with select reporters after launching the portal, the Chief Minister said the government would be introducing a security feature on

the portal that will allow owners of non-agricultural properties to mask their land details from prying eyes.

“Sometimes, this element of secrecy is required for owners of valuable lands who fear that they can be targeted by unscrupulous elements if their details are exhibited. In such cases, the owners can choose the ‘hide’ option,” the Chief Minister explained.

“Utmost caution was needed to safeguard the details of non-agriculture properties, particularly those situated in urban areas as they had multiple stakeholders.”

The Chief Minister assured that all the information uploaded to the



Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao speaks after inaugurating the Dharani portal in Medchal district on Thursday.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

portal would be secured with the latest technology. Servers would be located in four different areas and the information would be

kept under wraps for security reasons.

Replying to a question on the comprehensive land survey, the Chief Minister

TRS WILL WIN DUBBAK: KCR

● Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Thursday said that the TRS will retain the Dubbak seat in the November 3 byelection during an informal conversation after the launch of the Dharani portal.

■ REPORT ON PAGE 2

said that the government had decided to digitalise data on all the land in the state and also every open plot and piece of land with

geo-coordinates.

He explained that a lot of institutions were interested in taking up the survey. The government will soon float tenders and then finalise the date of commencement of the survey.

Stating that their ultimate aim is to provide conclusive title to the people for their properties, Chief Minister Rao said it would happen only after completion of the land survey.

“If legal issues crop up after issuing conclusive titles, the government will have to compensate the title holder in the event of losing the land and also bear the legal expenditure,” he said.

■ Page 2: Village chosen as tribute to Veera Reddy



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SHORT TAKES

3 ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF 20-YEAR-OLD

APOLLO HOSPS DEPLOYS AI TO SPOT STROKE

SHORTAGE OF STAFF ADDING TO NIMS, OGH WOES

KCR launches Dharani portal

Chandrayangutta, DERL road see heaps of muck

**Yanggutta, DERL
heaps of muck
GHMC collects
89,134 tn of waste**

Village chosen as tribute to Veera Reddy

Irrigation plan requires EC, says green tribunal


16-08/2014/CCPD (Pt.VOL.II)
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(Ramanuj Dey)

davp 38117/11/020/2021 Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Journo: More than 70% Indians in US to vote for Biden

Swapna Sundari, Editor at 10TV, moderated the talks in which Sriram Karri also spoke.

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Special Deputy Collector (LA),
GHMC, Hyderabad

Auto driver held for robbing riders

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

An autorickshaw driver who takes his passengers to isolated areas and robs them of their valuables was arrested by the Bhongir police. Stolen property worth ₹1.5 lakh was seized from the driver, Mohammad Shanazar, 48. He was arrested based on a complaint which was investigated by working

on clues gathered via CCTV cameras. Police seized three tolas gold, a cellphone and an iron rod which was used to threaten the victims from his possession, said the police.

A horse sticker on the autorickshaw windshield helped the police catch him. Shanazar was apprehended on Thursday from his residence in Jaleelpura of Bhongir town.

Rainfall completes its late withdrawal

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

The southwest monsoon, that dumped copious amount of rain on Telangana state, completed its belated withdrawal from the state and the country on Wednesday, the Indian Meteorological Department said on Thursday.

The IMD's Hyderabad office said the last time such a delay was record-

ed was 10 years ago, when the monsoon withdrew on October 28, 2010. The monsoon had set over the state on June 11.

Of the 33 districts, 13 received large excess rainfall amounting to 60 per cent or more of the long period average, (LPA) 13 received excess rainfall amounting to 20-59 per cent of LPA and the other seven received normal rainfall.

Women riders to rally against breast cancer

SANIY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Women on motorcycles are all set to spread cancer awareness while they tour the roads of Hyderabad on October 31.

Nivetha Jessica of the Women's Motorcycle Club has organised a breast cancer awareness bike rally which starts at 9 am from Madhapur, Otton Technologies premises, to Gachibowli Stadium and will end at KBR Park.

There will be a gathering and awareness-generating talk by Dr Chinnababu Sunkavalli of the Grace Cancer Foundation. After completing similar rallies in Chennai and Coimbatore, the club is all set for Hyderabad. Restricted to women, there are no charges for the participants and any bike is allowed in the rally.

Jessica, a B.Tech graduate in biotechnology, is

the founder of the club which is spread across 11 states. Jessica, 23, is also the Indian national drag racing champion and has won the national motorcycle racing championship, TVS One Make championship and the CRA Malaysian Cup.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Jessica said, "Motor sporting is mostly male-dominated, especially in India. Women are not encouraged in this sport. Women who use motor bikes have been restricted only to commute."

Jessica who entered this sport four years ago, resisting her family's objections, says "There are many families who will be discriminatory, saying this sport belongs to men. They have a feeling what if some injuries take place? My aim is to promote motor sports amongst women and what better cause than breast cancer awareness to do it?"

Raze illegal structures on Museum road: Residents

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Local residents objected to the illegal construction on either side of the sharp curve at the Administrative Tribunal court, which leads to Nizam's Museum and Saidabad. They said that the curve has become a bottleneck due to encroachment and the 80 feet road is reduced to 20 feet

due to encroachment.

A resident said on condition of anonymity that the busy road leads to Dabeerpura and Saidabad. Due to Tribunal, vehicular traffic is badly affected and creates traffic chaos. He said a third floor over the footpath is about to start. On the opposite side a shop has come up where there was a municipal public tap. The encroacher has

constructed a shutter extending to the footpath, putting pedestrians at risk.

He said the encroachments have the patronage of public representatives, while the GHMC officials have shut their eyes. He asked the GHMC authorities to demolish the illegal structure to ensure smooth flow of the traffic.

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IN BRIEF

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at SCR

Hyderabad: South Central Railway observed the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on Thursday. Gajanan Mallia, General Manager, SCR, Birendra Bahadur Singh, additional general manager and Chandrima Roy, senior deputy general manager, along with other officials and staff participated. Mallia administered the pledge to a gathering of rail personnel at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad and said Sardar Patel was a dynamic leader who had a firm belief in unity and a great leader who brought the people of the country together.

MAN ARRESTED FOR CHEATING FAMILY OF ₹7CR

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD OCT. 29

The Hyderabad police cyber-crime division arrested Prashanth Prabhu, 38, from Bengaluru for fraudulently diverting funds of those who invested in his company. Prabhu is director of 29K Investment Advisory in Bengaluru and an agent of Manoj Javeri Stock Broking Pvt Ltd.

The arrest was made following the complaint of Pradeep Yarlagadda, a resident of Hyderabad, who invested ₹7.19 crore along with his family members in the company from 2017 to 2019.

"The accused has violated the SEBI rules. Without purchasing shares or stocks as promised, he diverted their funds with his personal bank accounts and provided fabricated stock holding certificates and fake contact notes," said the police.

When the family started asking for returns, Prabhu began dodging them. It is learnt that the accused has lured about 300 people from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Gujarat too.

V.K. SINGH ASKS STATE FOR OSD POST

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Senior IPS officer V.K. Singh, whose request for premature retirement was rejected earlier this month, has asked the state government to appoint him as officer on special duty (OSD) for a period of seven months.

He said he can bring about a "turn-around in governance and organisations" during the period, failing which, he said, he is willing to accept any punishment. The government is yet to reply to him.

Top government sources disclosed to *Deccan Chronicle* that Singh recently wrote to Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar and DGP M. Mahendar Reddy, and cited his work in the anti-naxal Greyhounds, Special Task Force in Bihar, legal metrology and prisons department and the TS Police Academy in support of his claims.

Referring to himself as a retired IPS officer, Singh said that while other state governments are willing to appoint him as adviser (Punjab), TS was taking his "devotion" to the state otherwise.

While attempts to seek a comment from Singh proved futile, government sources said that the letter has upset many in the government. "Even to the showcause notice about disciplinary proceedings, the officer replied that he had retired at 5 pm on October 1 evening (as October 2 was a holiday) while the intimation from the government reached him at 6.30 pm and therefore sections and rules do not apply to him anymore, which is baffling," sources said. Originally, due for retirement in November, Singh had sought premature retirement from October 2.

Vote BJP, teach KCR a lesson, says Bandi

BJP state chief says Harish Rao trying to save his skin

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had built his farm house on over 100 acres of land with money from the Kaleshwaram project commission.

Participating in the Dubbak bypoll campaign at Mirdoddi and Thoguta mandals, Sanjay said that the voters would teach Chandrashekar Rao and his monarchical ruling a strong lesson by voting for the BJP.

BANDI SANJAY KUMAR said finance minister T. Harish Rao was trying to save his political skin in the Dubbak byelection. If the TRS loses, Harish Rao would be sacked from the Cabinet, he claimed.

Assuring the Mallannasagar project outsees of the Centre's support in paying the best compensation package a week after the byelection, Sanjay said that if the TRS offered money to vote for them, they should take it and vote for the

BJP. It is the people's money, anyway, he said.

He said finance minister T. Harish Rao was trying to save his political skin in the Dubbak byelection. If the TRS loses, Harish Rao would be sacked from the Cabinet, he claimed.

The state BJP chief urged the people not to believe Harish Rao's promises made during the bypoll campaign. Stating that he was ready to discuss issue of Centre's funds for the state, Sanjay condemned Harish Rao's comments against the Centre. He said the TRS government had

not issued a single white ration card in their term till today.

Confident that the past Lok Sabha elections result will repeat in Dubbak, Sanjay said that the party youths were working hard for victory.

Sanjay also alleged that Chief Minister Rao was a "passport broker" and had collected crores of rupees in a scam. Alleging that Rao played caste politics for his Cabinet post earlier, Sanjay claimed he was the most corrupt CM in the country which was a matter of shame to Telangana state.



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy addresses an election meeting at the Congress party office in Dubbak on Thursday. — P. ANIL KUMAR

MURALEEDHARAN INAUGURATES INTEGRATED MEA OFFICE IN CITY

DC CORRESPONDENT
WITH AGENCY INPUTS
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

The country's second integrated office of the ministry of external affairs, that will include the city's Regional Passport Office (RPO), was inaugurated on Thursday. Speaking during the virtual inauguration programme, minister of state for external affairs V. Muralaeeharan said the government has decided to resume full operations of passport offices and is working with the department of posts to reopen all the Post Office Passport Kendras.

The minister said though there were restrictions in place on international travel, the ministry has taken the decision to resume full passport services even as the RPOs worked through the lockdown period to reduce pendency of applications.

The new office complex in Hyderabad will house the MEA's Branch Secretariat, office of the Protector of Emigrants, and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations regional office. All these services will be available under one roof after the offices shift to the complex.

"This makes Hyderabad only the second city after Mumbai to have an integrated MEA complex," Muralaeeharan said. "The MEA," Muralaeeharan said, "was issuing approximately 10 lakh passports every month before the Covid-19 pandemic struck. We are hopeful of resuming our work in full swing and reach the pre-pandemic level in due course as our economy reopens."

Rao was playing politics to win the bypoll.

TPCC working president A. Revanth Reddy organised a road show at Bonala and a bike rally from Kazipur to Mirdoddi mandal. He alleged that minister K.T. Rama Rao did not know about the people and their hard work as he had come from abroad.

He asked Rama Rao to recall his father's political history and said Chief Minister Chandrashekar Rao was first with the Congress and then the TD.

Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao and other leaders participated in a door to door campaign at Dubbak and surrounding villages.

Uttam questions TRS on their poll promises

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

State Congress president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy appealed to the people of Dubbak to vote for the Congress so as to pressure the TRS government to fulfil its 2018 Assembly election promises.

The party chief was speaking at a meeting with women leaders and cadre at the Dubbak party office. He said Congress candidate Ch Srinivas Reddy, if elected, will question the Chief Minister and the government regarding the non-implementation of promises. He said it was only the Congress that was fighting for double

UTTAM REDDY asked why finance minister T. Harish Rao had not offered the schemes and funds to Dubbak during the lifetime of TRS legislator S. Ramalinga Reddy. He alleged that Harish Rao was playing politics to win the bypoll.

bedroom houses for the poor, unemployment allowance, three-acre land for Dalit and for Dubbak development.

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HC asks Olive Bar to pay ₹25L to TTC

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

The Telangana High Court directed the Olive Bar and Kitchen Pvt Ltd in Durgam Cheruvu, Jubilee Hills, to deposit ₹25 lakh to the Telangana Tourism Corporation (TTC) within three days. The money is due to the

THE COURT directed the establishment to deposit the amount within three days and posted the hearing to November 9.

TTC as part of the lease amount for the premises.

Challenging the notices by the TTC,

which cautioned that the premises will be seized if the amount was not paid in the time, the management of Olive Bar had approached the court complaining that the corporation was demanding the amount for the lockdown period. It also stated that it was a third party to the TTC and the original

lessee was another person who was liable to pay the amount.

The court directed the establishment to deposit the amount within three days and posted the hearing to November 9.

Meanwhile, the TTC shall not take any further action subject to the deposit of the money, it said.

RACKET BUSTED

Hyderabad: The West Zone Task Force team apprehended a man, Bhagwan Singh, for organising cricket betting from his residence in Dhoolpet. He was accepting bets using the cricket exchange mobile application. The betting amount of ₹13,500 was seized from his possession.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. M.V. Sridhar
The living must gather the memories of the dead and carry them into the safety of the future
MATURI YETUKURI MELKOTE FAMILIES

40th Day Remembrance
The righteous will never be moved will be remembered forever - Ps 112:6

RICHARD LAWRENCE
Rtd Junior technical officer
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on 29/10/2020 at Hyderabad
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Ph: 9848031447 / 8374248353

OBITUARY

Sri KRISHNADAS VARMA
With deep grief, we regretfully announce the demise of Sri Krishnadas Varma on 29-10-2020.
Deeply mourned by: Indira, Sandeep, Siddharth and Sharath Varma
Cell: 9848020148
(S/2021/D00768)

11th DAY CEREMONY

M. KRISHNAVENI (ECIL-Redd.)
W/o. Late. M. Narsing Rao
"Our heart still can't accept that you're not with us anymore. You made us what we are today. We miss you Amma."
Inserted by: Daughter - kalpana
Son-in-law - Anand, G. Sons - Mohit Shashank, Rohit Prayank, Mrs. Nymisha Rohit, Pets: Cookie & Panduki
(S/2021/D00769)

19th ANNIVERSARY

Prof. Y.B. ABBASAYULU
DOB: 23-12-1938 DOD: 30-10-2001
Your blessings will be always in our hearts forever.
Inserted by: Wife - Y. Krishnaveni
Sons - Daughters-in-law:
Y. Prashanth Kumar - Saritha
Y. Praveen Kumar - Deepa
Daughters - Sons-in-law:
B. Rekha - K. Mohan Rao
Anuradha - J. Sudarshan Rao
Grand Daughters:
Y. Nikitha, Y. Akshitha, Y. Ritvik
Grand Son: Y. Vikyot

18th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late Sri C.V. Raghava Chari
DOB: 18-04-1915 DOD: 20-10-2002
"You always remain in our hearts and thoughts"
Inserted by:
C. Vasudevan (Son)
Saroja, Vimala & Geeta (Daughters)
Srinivas (Son-in-law)
Raghuram (Grand Son-in-law)
Murali Krishna & Abhishek (Grand Sons)
Gayatri & Aishwarya (Grand Daughters)
Ananya, Aniket & Anurag (Great Grand Children)

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labour.
Rev 14:13



Mrs. MATILDA THEOPHILUS
W/o Late Mr. J.A. Theophilus
1935 - 2020
(S/2021/D00766)

Our dear Mother / Ammachi was promoted to Glory on 23-10-2020 and was laid to rest at St. Thomas (SPG) Cemetery, Secunderabad. Deeply loved by Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children

Prof. Jane Theophilus (Retd., Osmania University)
Joshah Shalom (USA)
Ashita & Jophn Titus (USA)

Dr. Nalini Vijaykumar & Prince Vijaykumar (NZ), Aaron Mithran (NZ), Jason, Ahriel, Nathan & Micah (NZ)

In loving memory of

Dr. M.V. Sridhar
Former General Manager - Cricket Operations, BCCI
Former Secretary, Hyderabad Cricket Association (D.O.B.: 02.08.1965 D.O.E.: 30.10.2017)
Our Former Chairman & Secretary
It is now three years... Your memories of strong leadership and hard work continue to guide and inspire us.
Sponsored Institutions:
MVS Engineering College, Nallagurki, Hyderabad.
Matrusri Engineering College, Saidabad, Hyderabad.
Matrusri Education Society Matrusri Institute of Post Graduate Studies, Saidabad, Hyderabad.

EIGHTH YEAR REMEMBRANCE
Smt. AMMINI JOHN (74 Years)

DOB: 12.05.1939 DOD: 30.10.2012
Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and we miss you always mummy
Thomas John,
Susan, Arun, Aakanksha, Ananya
Ph: 9701238222, 9848368705
(S/2021/D00765)

11th ANNIVERSARY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Late ADDU ESHWARIAH YADAV
DOB: 01-11-1925 DOD: 30-11-2018
Your memories will be in our heart though you left us.
We miss you DAD.
Inserted by: Smt. Addu Susheela (Wife), Sons & Daughters-in-law, Daughters & Sons-in-law & Grand Children
A. Ramesh Yadav (Son)
Dy. Commissioner of Labour (Retd.),
(S/2021/D00767)

11th DAY CEREMONY

MOKATI KRISHNAVENI (ECIL)
W/o. Late. M. Narsing Rao
WE MISS YOU AMMA
Your loving Daughter Sadhana and Grand Daughter Shivya

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
"At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the GOD of all families of Israel, and they shall be My people." Jeremiah 31:1

Miss. LILLY SUSAN
DOB: October 30
Inserted by: Danny - 9347222422
(S/2021/D00765)

7th ANNIVERSARY

Late DAYA DHAM
W/o: Late. P. S. Dham
DOD: 30-10-2013
Year of passing, but you are in our hearts forever. Remembering you every Moment in silent tears.
Sons: Ravi & Arun Dham
Daughters in law: Reena & Renu Dham
Grandchildren:
Dr. Ruchina, Rishi, Dr. Ankit & Arjun
M/s. International Arms Corporation
M/s. R.D. Transport

1st ANNIVERSARY

Sri Malve Rajeshwar Rao
Prakash Babu
25.10.1946 30.10.2019
We miss you every moment in our life, your presence continues to surround us, in our hearts, you are always there.
SREE PAVAN STUDIO-LAB
FAMILY AND RELATIVES
Ph.: 99850 73003

10th ANNIVERSARY

MEESALA MAHESHWAR
APSRIC Mechanist
DOD: 20-10-2010
Inserted by: Meesala Family Members
Sai Sangeet Stores,
Dealers & Repairs of
All Kinds of Musical & Band Instruments
15-3-29, Gowliguda Chaman, Hyd.
Shop Ph. No: 840-24735685, M: 9247181707
(S/2021/D00739)

11th ANNIVERSARY

M. MEENA KUMARI (Meena)
DOD: 05-04-1957 DOD: 30-10-2009
11th Anniversary ceremony will be held on 30-10-2020 at # 125, Audiah Nagar, Secbad-03
Inserted by:
M. Vijayakumari
Brothers, Sisters & Family Members
Ph: 9177143521

7th ANNIVERSARY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Smt. Kaparaboina Neela
W/o. K. Malliah, Tarnaka
DOB: 16-06-1946 DOD: 30-10-2013
Inserted by: **FAMILY MEMBERS**

14th ANNIVERSARY

Late. Kanta Kumari Gambhir
D.O.B.: 30-10-2006
"Maa" you will always Remain in your children's heart remembering you in silent tears
Inserted by:
Anil Kumar Gambhir (Son)
Anita Gambhir (Daughter-in-Law)
Prerna Gambhir and Gaurav Gambhir (Grand Children)

17th ANNIVERSARY

BASWABOINA SHANKAR RAO
DOD: 30-10-2003
"Your countless memories will remain in our hearts forever"
Inserted by:
Wife: **B. Kalavathi**
Chintu, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Sister-in-law
Grand Children: Prateek, Shreyas, Snigdha, Nirvihar, Niyathi, Nayanika, & Brother-in-law

15th ANNIVERSARY

SADHU SUDHAKAR
D.O.B.: 11.6.1954 D.O.D.: 30.10.2005
Inserted by: **Sadhu Aruna** (Wife)
Sadhu Sudheer U.S.A (Elder Son)
Sadhu Yamin (Daughter-in-Law)
Sadhu Ritvik (Grand Son)
Sadhu Yasica (Grand Daughter)
Sadhu Saideep (Younger Son)
Sadhu Soumya (Daughter-in-Law)
Sadhu Ayan (Grand son)
(S/2021/D00748)

ENFORCING | LAW

Tribunal orders setting up of a panel to verify land-grab

Crack down on Tellapur encroachers: NGT

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Thursday ordered a crackdown on encroachers on the Tellapur lake bed and a few other lakes.

The NGT ordered the constitution of a committee comprising the Sangareddy collector, HMDA commissioner and chief engineer, minor irrigation, to verify the encroachments in the Vanam cheruvu, Medla

cheruvu and Chelikunta, their inflow and outflow nalas as well as their full tank levels and buffer zones.

The tribunal directed the committee to identify persons who gave no objection certificates (NoCs) against the regulations. "Restore the waterbodies and take steps to protect them against encroachment in future," the tribunal said.

If there is any damage caused to the environment by encroachments,

the committee was directed to assess the environmental compensation by considering the nature of damage and cost required for restoration. The committee was directed to take steps against such persons in accordance with the law.

If borewells have been dug without obtaining permission, the committee was directed to assess environmental compensation for unauthorised extraction of ground water.

The tribunal asked the committee to undertake a survey of the FTL and buffer zone of the waterbodies. If violations are found, steps must be taken to remove the encroachments after giving the parties an opportunity to reply.

If the committee finds that any inlet or outlet or canal which acted as a stormwater drain was encroached upon, it is directed to take appropriate action to restore it to avoid floods in the future

or at least make alternative arrangements to drain out excess water.

The bench directed the committee to consider imposing environmental compensation against persons who have encroached upon waterbodies, dug borewells without permission and unauthorisedly drawn groundwater, built over nalas.

The chief secretary has been directed to give periodical reports on the steps taken to implement the tribunal's directions.

IN BRIEF

AIIMS OPD to restart from Nov. 5

Hyderabad: Out-patient department (OPD) of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Bibinagar will be restarted on November 5. It was closed on July 16 due to Covid-19. Since the closure of OPD services, the hospital kept in touch with patients real-time online video consultation and teleconsultation using the e-Sanjeevani app. Dr Vikas Bhatia, executive director, AIIMS-Hyderabad, stated that OPD for general and family medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics and paediatric departments will be available from 9 am to 1 pm.

KCR to inaugurate Rythu Vedika

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Thursday said that he will inaugurate Rythu Vedika at Kodakandla mandal headquarters in Jangaon district at 12.30 pm on Saturday. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating Dharani portal in Mudu Chintalapalli village, he said the state government was constructing 2,601 Rythu Vedikas and 95 per cent of them were completed in a record four months. According to the Chief Minister's Office, Rao will visit the natural forest in the vicinity of the Rythu Vedika and address farmers and the public on the importance of Rythu Vedikas.

Traffic curbs for Milad-un-Nabi fete

Hyderabad: The Cyberabad traffic police has imposed traffic restrictions and diversions in view of the Milad un Nabi procession from 8 am to 6 pm on Friday. RTC district buses will be diverted towards Chadarghat, Nalgonda crossroad and Rangmahal, MJ Market. People participating in the procession can park their vehicle at the Charminar bus terminal. Vehicles proceeding towards Charminar will be diverted through alternative routes. The police asked to motorists to avoid the procession route so that there is no inconvenience.

ONLINE SEX RACKET BUSTED, 2 ARRESTED

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD OCT. 29

An online sex racket was unearthed by the Rachakonda police in a decoy operation which led to the arrest of the main organiser and her associate. Officials also rescued four women and shifted them to shelter homes. The officials seized two cell phones, 20 packets of unused condoms and a car from the accused.

The decoy team set up by the Rachakonda Anti Human Trafficking Unit with the Abdullapurmet police contacted the main organiser Sana Khan alias Susheela of Chandrayangutta, through a mobile number, said Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat. She told the team she had four young women and demanded ₹50,000. The decoy team bargained for ₹40,000. Following the instructions of the organiser, Qamar Unnisa alias Maya alias Shameen, 45, and Mohd Parwez Khan, 32, agreed to take the four women to the decoy team on Wednesday.

WOMAN KILLS SON-IN-LAW, SURRENDERS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD OCT. 29

A woman killed her son-in-law with whom she was allegedly having an affair and surrendered before the Uppal police on Thursday morning.

According to the police, the accused, Anitha, 38, was having an affair with Naveen Kumar for 10 years and got her elder daughter Vandana married to him. Upon learning about their affair, Vandana picked up a fight with her mother and husband and ended her life last year. A case was booked against them for abetment to suicide and they were arrested, said Ranga Swamy, Uppal inspector.

When they both came out on bail, Naveen allegedly started harassing her regarding Vandana's suicide case. On Wednesday night, Anitha slit Naveen's throat when he was asleep and surrendered the next day, the inspector said.

Kawal gets Maha, C'garh tigers

Three states to work together, create a safe new home for the big cats

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Kawal tiger reserve in the former undivided Adilabad district is an example of how a protected forest can turn into a home for tigers from other areas that are in search of territories of their own, said N.S. Murali, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)'s inspector-general of forests, southern Region.

Speaking at a coordination meeting with forest and police department officials and others from Telangana state, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh on forest and wildlife protection, and prevention of timber smuggling on Thursday, Murali said tigers were coming to Kawal from the Tadoba-

Andhari landscape in Maharashtra and the Indravati landscape in Chhattisgarh to find new homes.

The half-a-dozen tigers that have made their home in Kawal and other parts of undivided Adilabad district, including Mancherla and Kagaznagar, as well as recent entrants into the undivided Warangal district forests, have all come from these two states.

Murali assured the meeting that the NTCA would allocate more funds to Telangana state for tiger conservation. He said there was a good possibility for development of forests and tiger protection in the state, especially with reports of tiger presence being reported from Mulugu,



Forest department staff on Thursday measure tiger pug marks in Mulugu district.

Bhupalapalli and Peddapalli districts. R. Shobha, TS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, told the meeting that it was vital to ensure that balance in nature is

maintained because once the threshold limits are crossed due to human activity, the environment gets affected which ultimately leads to the collapse of human lives.

The one-day workshop where officials discussed in detail forest protection measures and best practices in each of the three states and tiger corridor connectivity among other things, also noted that for the first time in 20 years, the presence of tigers was recorded in the Eturunagaram Wildlife Sanctuary in Mulugu district, carved out of former Warangal district.

Officials from the three states decided to toughen security for forests and wildlife, conduct joint patrols along the borders, set up check posts to prevent timber smuggling and seek the assistance of the police. As part of exchange of information, it was decided to create online groups.

TS DROPS 45% MARKS NORM FOR EAMCET

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

The state government on Thursday removed the minimum requirement of 45 per cent marks in the Intermediate exams for TS Eamcet counseling, in view of the cancelled exams due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

"This order applies only for this year i.e. 2020-2021 as a special case and shall not be made as precedent in future, and shall not be applied from 2021-2022," the order read.

The government had declared all candidates of the Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examination as passed, without conducting exams and they were awarded minimum marks. Several students who qualified in the TS Eamcet could not get ranks as they failed to meet the eligibility criteria of 45 per cent marks in the Intermediate exams.

THE GOVERNMENT had declared all candidates of the Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examinations as passed, without conducting exams.

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work : "Providing Cylindrical Fenders, Super-M Fenders and Cell Fenders at NQ-4, NQ-II, Wet Basin, DSTB and other Berths of Paradip Port". EMD cost: Rs. 3,75,653/-
Last Date and time of submission of Bid : 18.11.2020 up to 17:15 Hrs. For details please refer our Website : eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Executive Engineer
PPT/PR/274/2020-21, Dt.29.10.2020

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. CE/2020/06, Date: 28.10.2020
E-Open tender No. -02206460C to be opened on 24.11.2020
SN-(01) Name of the work with its location:- Manufacture and supply of :-
(1) PSC Sleepers for Switch Expansion Joints for B.G. 60Kg (UIC)/52 Kg rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4149/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 421 sets). (2) PSC Sleepers for Derauling Switch for B.G. 60 Kg (UIC)/52 Kg rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-6088/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 170 sets). (3) Wider PSC Sleepers for Curve for B.G. 60 Kg (UIC) rail to RDSO's Drg. No. T-8621 to T- 8624/Latest Alt. (Qty. - 1,210 Nos). Location:- Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. (02) Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 3,38,58,899.93 (03) Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 6,77,180.00 (04) Date & Time for closing of tender and opening of tender : 11.30 Hrs. on 24.11.2020 (05) Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen : Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from website <http://www.irops.gov.in>.
Dy. Chief Engineer/TSP
PR/0838/HQ/Engg./T/20-21/44
Stay protected from Corona
Wear your mask properly
Frequently wash your hands with soap
Maintain safe distance
NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE

TSRTC
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 01/CCE/2021 Dt.21.10.2020
Tenders are invited through ONLINE for following work:
Construction of Satellite Bus Depot including water supply, sanitary, electrification & B.T. approaches at Yellandu, Bhandari-Kothagudem District.
For details Tender Notice please visit our website <http://tsrtc.telangana.gov.in> (Tenders)
For online participation please visit: <http://tender.telangana.gov.in>.
For details: Ph: No. 040-27614172 (10.30 am to 5.00 pm)
Sd/-
R.O.No.1077-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 Chief Civil Engineer

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
HAYATH NAGAR CIRCLE-3
NIT No.: E/5826/21/2020-21/88, Dated: 29-10-2020, Name of the Work: For (21) No. 12 of Works Strengthening and recarpeting of Badly damaged BT Road stretches due to recent fall of rains & Rectification of Badly damaged CC Road stretches due to recent fall of rains at ward No. 11 Nagole, 12 Mansoorabad, 13 Hayathnagar and 14 B.N. Reddy Nagar in Hayathnagar Circle 3 of L.B. Nagar Zone, GHMC. Estimate Amount: Rs. 367.11 Lakhs. Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids: 03-11-2020 at 12.00 p.m., Name & Address Officer Cell No: Sr. Rajajiah K, Executive Engineer, Hayath Nagar Circle-3, GHMC, (M): 7993384265.
For further details can be seen at e-procurement @ <http://www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in/>
RO No: 6425-PP/CL/Advt/1/2020-21 Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
DIRECTORATE OF PURCHASE & STORES
NRB PURCHASE & STORES UNIT (NRBPSU)

E-TENDER NOTICE
NRBPSU invites ONLINE tenders for the supply of items mentioned below as per the tender notice given in our E-Tender portal <https://tenders.dpsdae.gov.in>. The suppliers need to get enrolled in the E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. However, EMD in the form of DD, drawn in favour of PAY & ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NRB, MUMBAI should be sent by post to our Mumbai Office so as to reach us by the tender opening date. No paper quotation will be accepted.

Sr. No	Tender Number	Tender Name	Last Date of Uploading the tender	Opening Date of the tender
1	DPS/NRBPSU/13/N1/326-TPT	Power & Motor control Centres (PMCC)	05/01/2021	05/01/2021
2	DPS/NRBPSU/12/N1/338/PT	6.0 kW Microwave Heating System	03/12/2020	03/12/2020
3	DPS/NRBPSU/12/N1/339/PT	Pressure Regulating Valves	04/12/2020	04/12/2020
4	DPS/NRBPSU/03/N2/271-TPT	Compactor (200 Te)	31/12/2020	31/12/2020

Details of EMD, Pre-Bid Meeting (if applicable) are given on the above portal. Bidders shall ensure that, minutes of pre-bid meeting and / or corrigendum if any uploaded on the E-Tender portal would be viewed / verified for any modification before uploading their offer.

For details on Bid Preparation, please see the user manual in the portal. For technical assistance please contact help desk 020 - 25315555 or email: support.dpsdae@nextenders.com Website: tenders.dpsdae.gov.in

Part II opening date in the tender will be intimated after evaluation of part-I to only those bidders who have been technically selected. Date of pre-bid meeting if any, is given the tender.

The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

Regional Director, (NRBPSU)

Kavitha takes oath as MLC

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

TRS leader Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday took oath as a member of the Legislative Council, following her election earlier this month.

Council chairman G. Sukhender Reddy administered the oath in his chambers in the presence of ministers V. Prashanth Reddy, Mahmood Ali, Koppula Eshwar and Satyavathi

● KAVITHA WAS elected from the Nizamabad local authorities constituency with a record 89 per cent majority.

Rathod, MLAs and MLCs from the undivided Nizamabad district. Kavitha was elected from the Nizamabad local authorities constituency with a record 89 per cent majority.

After taking oath, she said in a post on Twitter;

"Took oath as Kama Reddy and Nizamabad districts local bodies MLC. I humbly thank my party for the opportunity and the local body representatives who have elected me for this position."

Prior to taking oath, women elected representatives of undivided Nizamabad district welcomed Kavitha with mangala harathi while TRS leaders and others greeted Kavitha on the occasion.

More testing for Covid shows rise in new cases

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 29

Telangana state recorded 1,504 Covid-19 cases and five more fatalities from the disease in the 24-hour period ending 8 pm on Wednesday, the state health department has said. The fatalities from Covid-19 so far stand at 1,324 and the total cases at 2,35,656, the department said in its daily Covid-19 bulletin issued on Thursday.

It said 1,436 persons

had recovered from the disease on Wednesday, and their total reached 2,16,353. Of the 17,979 active cases, 14,938 are either in home or institutional isolation.

Meanwhile, the rise in cases, from 837 on Monday to 1,481 on Tuesday and 1,504 on Wednesday, yet again showed that with increased testing the positive case numbers also rise. On Monday, 21,099 tests were conducted, on Tuesday 40,081 and on

Wednesday, 41,962 tests were performed.

This also reflected in the number of cases in the GHMC area. On Wednesday, it was 288 against 279 on Tuesday and 185 on Monday.

Medchal-Malkajgiri district recorded 118 cases on Wednesday followed by Ranga Reddy district with 115. The lowest cases, two, were reported from Narayanpet district, while three cases were reported from Kunrambheem-Asifabad district.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FORM-F
Notification by the District Collector
(See Rule 7 (C))

File No: G1/3274/2017 Dated: 14-07-2020
Where a notification was issued vide Letter No. G1/3274/2017, dated 05.08.2017 and published in the Vishalandhra Telugu Daily News Paper Dt: 06-08-2017 and Andhra Prabha Telugu Daily News Paper Dt: 06-08-2017 for acquisition of the land for Establishment of Hyderabad Green Pharmacy in Medipally Village Yacharam Mandal for public purpose. In response to the said notification, the following affected persons (land owner and others) have come forward to settle their claims through negotiation. The details of the willing affected persons are as follows.

(vi) Lands Owners				
Sl No	Name & Address of the Land Owner	Sy. No	Area under acquisition (in Acre)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	Kalakonda Beerappa S/o Balaiiah	119/P	0.26	
2	Siddhagani Jangaiah S/o Buchaiah	152/EE/ 2	1.00	
		152/U/2	2.00	
TOTAL			3.26	

(ii) other than the land owners

Name and address of the persons interested	Survey No.	Extent	Nature of interest
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

It is hereby notified for calling claims and objections in any, to be filed before the District Collector / Collector within the seven days of publication of this notification.

Sd/- Tahsiladar, Yacharam
Sd/- Addl. Collector, Ranga Reddy
R.O. No. 7661/LA-PP/Advt/Pub/2020-21

Sd/- Revenue Divisional Officer, Ibrahimpatnam
Sd/- Collector, Ranga Reddy

भारत अनुप-भारतीय तिलहन अनुसंधान संस्थान
ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research
राजेंद्रनगर, हैदराबाद-500 030, तेलंगणा राज्य, भारत
Tel.: 040-24568204, Website: <http://www.icar-iior.org.in>
ISO 9001:2008 Certified Institute
F.No.5-55/DBT-Safflower/2020/Estt
Date: 29.10.2020
Eligible candidates are invited to attend Walk-in-interview for temporary post as under:
Project Assistant Date of walk-in-interview : 07.11.2020
For other terms and conditions, please visit IIOR website : www.icar-iior.org.in.
P. I. OF THE PROJECT

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
Office of the Superintending Engineer,
Serilingampally Zone, GHMC.
Mail: sew.ghmc@gmail.com.
'e' Procurement Notice
NIT No: NIT No. 25/SE/SLP/ZGHMC/2020-21, Date: 28.10.2020, Name of Work: Laying of BT Roads from ORR Circle to Nanaknagar Village, main road of Ward No. 105 in Serilingampally Circle-20, SLPZ, GHMC (Item No. 1). Estimate Amount / ECV (Rs. in Lakhs): 110.00 Lakhs. Start Date / Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: 31.10.2020, 9.30 p.m., 07.11.2020, 9.30 p.m., Name & Address, Officer Cell No: SE, SLPZ, GHMC, Cell No: 7995077950
Sd/- SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SERILINGAMPALLY ZONE, GHMC
RO No: 6384-PP/CL/Advt/1/2020-21

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation
KAPRA DIVISION NO. 1
NIT No. & Date Name of Work Estimate Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) Start Date & Time Last Date & Time for receipts of bids Name & Address Officer Cell No.
1 2 3 4 5 6
GHMC/KC/ E1/35/ 2020-21 Date: 29.10.2020 24 Work 1. Civil Work - 24 515.85 08.11.2020@ 04.30 PM 09.11.2020@ 4:00 PM Sr. D. Koteswara Rao, E.E. Kapra Div-I, GHMC, Cell: 9989094468
Further details can be seen at e-Procurement @ www.tender.e-procurement.gov.in
R.O No: 6405-PP/CL/Advt/1/2020-21 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kapra Div-I, GHMC

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX
ISO Cell & Incineration
ECIL Post, Hyderabad - 500 062
Notice Inviting Tender
Tender Notice No: NFC/ISO/LT/01/2020
On behalf of the President of India, DGM (ISO & INC) invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for the following work:
Description of Work Estimated Cost (₹) EMD (₹) Duration of contract Issue of tender document Last date for submission of tender Date of opening the sealed tenders
Support Services in implementation of ISO 45001:2018 ₹ 7,00,000/- ₹ 14,000/- Seven(7) Months From 31.10.2020 To 10.11.2020 Up to 1400 Hrs 17.11.2020 17.11.2020 at 1430hrs
For further details visit our website www.nfc.gov.in

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 12, DATED: 30.10.2020
PCMM/COFMOW,s Office invites e-Bids for the following STORES Tenders:
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Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)
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3. The empanelment will be only for testing and treatment of COVID-19 and co-morbidities and will be for a maximum period of six months and will be renewed / extended based on COVID-19 situations.
4. Interested Hospitals, Nursing Home etc, may submit the completed application forms at the Regional Centre ECHS Hyderabad by 30 Nov, 2020. The application, terms / conditions & requirements of empanelment for ECHS requirements are available at Regional Centre ECHS Hyderabad. Interested to contact on our email ID jdnhshyderabad@echsgov.in & dircrhyderabad@echsgov.in (Contact No 040-27797836, 27790506).

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IN BRIEF

BJP YOUTH LEADER, TWO WORKERS KILLED

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, OCT. 29

A BJP youth leader and two workers were shot and critically wounded by suspected militants in Jammu and Kashmir's southern Kulgam district late Thursday evening. The reports said that all the three succumbed to their injuries on the way to hospital.

The police sources said that Fida Hussain Yatoo, district general secretary of the J&K unit of BJP Yuva Morcha, and his associates Umar Ramzan Hajam and Umer Rashid Beigh were targeted by gunmen in Kulgam's Yaripora village. They were quickly evacuated to an emergency trauma hospital along the Srinagar-Jammu highway in Qazigund area. But doctors at the hospital pronounced them dead on arrival.

"All three of them were brought dead," Dr. Asima, Medical Superintendent Qazigund, was quoted as saying by local news agency GNS.

The officials said that senior J&K district police officers and also those of the CRPF have already reached the spot to begin investigations. They also said that a vast area around the scene of the shooting has been cordoned off and a search operation launched to get the assailants dead or alive. A report said that the trio was attending a wedding ceremony in the area when a group of masked gunmen arrived at the scene and forcibly took them along. The report also said the BJP youth leader and his associates were taken to a nearby apple orchard where they were shot at from point blank range.

LABOURER FINDS 7.2 CARAT DIAMOND

Panna (MP), Oct. 29: Fortunes smiled on a labourer after he unearthed 7.2 carat diamond at a mine in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday, an official said.

Balbir Singh Yadav extracted the precious stone from a pit at Krishna Kalyanpur mine in Pati Bajaria area of the district, diamond inspector Anupam Singh said.

After unearthing the stone, Balbir rushed to the mine office to deposit it with the authorities.

While the official said the exact value of the diamond will be decided by the authorities, Balbir and his elated wife Laadwati told reporters that they were informed that it would fetch anywhere between ₹35 lakh and ₹40 lakh.

The stone will be auctioned, following which the couple will get the proceeds after deduction of 12.5 per cent royalty, the official added.

Panna, located in the backward region of Bundelkhand, is famous for its diamond mines.

FORMER GUJARAT CM KESHUBHAI PATEL DEAD

Ahmedabad, Oct. 29: Former Gujarat chief minister Keshubhai Patel, who played a pivotal role in strengthening the BJP in the state, died here on Thursday after prolonged illness, family sources said.

Patel (92), who recovered from coronavirus infection recently, was rushed to a hospital in Ahmedabad on Thursday morning following health complications, the sources said.

The BJP veteran was the chief minister in 1995 and again during 1998-2001. Narendra Modi had succeeded him as Gujarat chief minister. The state government has declared a day's state mourning on Thursday, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani told reporters. Keshubhai's last rites will be performed with full state honours, he added.

Hospital authorities said Patel died due to cardiac arrest.

Patel was rushed to the hospital after his pulse and oxygen level dropped on Thursday morning, his son Bharat Patel said. "He recently recovered from coronavirus, but his health kept deteriorating," he added.

The ruling BJP has postponed all its by-poll related programmes, including public rallies, following Patel's death.

Rupani cut short a poll rally at Ghadhada and visited Keshubhai's residence in Gandhinagar, where the body was kept, to pay tributes.

DOCS ADVISED AGAINST ENTERING POLITICS: RAJINI

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR / DC
CHENNAI, OCT. 29

Actor Rajinikanth confirmed on Thursday that he had health issues and that he had been advised by doctors not to involve himself in active politics even as his fans went berserk on Twitter demanding his entry into politics, saying that he was the only hope for Tamil Nadu.

Quoting what was described as a leaked letter of Rajinikanth, some media outlets put out a story that the actor might exit politics without even entering, prompting his fans to trend a Tamil hashtag 'If at all I vote it will be for Rajini only' through the day, calling their 'Thalivar' to come and also questioned the veracity of the 'leaked letter.'

Even as the hashtag was trending, Rajinikanth put out a tweet past noon saying: 'A letter masquerading as my statement has been making its rounds on social networking sites and the media. Everyone knows that it is not my statement. Yet some of the information in the letter on my health condition and doctors' advice are all true.'

He went on to say that he would inform his political stand to the people after discussing it with the office-bearers of Rajini Makkal Mandram (Rajini People's Forum). The forum was formed with the members of his erstwhile fans' association after he had made an announcement that he would be entering politics by launching his own party.

The actor had held meetings with the office-bearers in earlier occasions to elicit their views and also to guide them on the way he would like to fashion his party. But subsequently in a press conference, in which he just spelt out his plans and left the venue without taking any questions from the media persons, he made it clear he was not entering politics.

Later on, when it BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah mentioned that his party was waiting for Rajinikanth to float his party to forge an alliance with it, media started speculating about the possible party launch, enthusing his fans.

It was in that backdrop the 'leaked letter' surfaced on Wednesday, throwing cold water on the hopes of the actor's fan brigade. So they wanted to send across the message to their leader and hence took the Twitter route to draw his attention.

Most of the tweets projected him as the only alternative in Tamil Nadu politics. 'Expecting a better government is my right. Expecting selfless people in politics is minimum wish. Pls come Thalaivaa. Show some light for TN. Give some hope,' said a fan who had been repeatedly tweeting through the day.

Now, it is speculated that the alleged 'leaked letter' was a planned leak.

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MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, OCT. 29

Assam tea industry is yet to overcome the setback of Covid-19 pandemic but it has started getting good news from the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC) on Thursday where a lot of speciality tea was sold at a record price of ₹75,000 per kg, the highest this year.

However, this was the third time in the last one year when GTAC got another opportunity to sell Manohari Gold



A vehicle in flames after it was set on fire by a mob during a protest over recent police firing during a Durga Puja event in Munger on Thursday. — PTI

Protesters target cops over Munger firing; SP removed

Angry agitators torch mofussil and women police stations in the town

Patna/Munger, Oct. 29: The Election Commission has removed the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police of Munger over the violence during a Durga Puja event early this week, even as a group of protesters went on the rampage in the town on Thursday, setting some police stations and outposts on fire and ransacking the SP office.

The poll panel on Thursday also ordered an inquiry into the firing and stone-pelting during the immersion of an idol of goddess Durga late Monday night in which one person had died and several others were injured.

The election commission has asked Magadh Divisional Commissioner Asangba Chuba Ao to complete the probe within a week.

Rajesh Meena is District

Magistrate and Lipi Singh is SP of Munger. The EC statement said Munger will get a new DM and a Superintendent of Police Thursday itself.

Alleging that no action was taken against the SP and other police personnel over the Monday night incident, the agitators allegedly torched mofussil and women police stations in the town.

They also allegedly set police outposts at Purab Sarai and Basudeopur on fire, and ransacked the SP office and several other police stations and outposts. The office of Sub Divisional Officer was also allegedly targeted by the protestors, official sources said.

Witnesses said that finding themselves outnumbered, the police personnel at all these stations escaped from the premises.

Official sources said the agitators went berserk and also tried to set kotwali and Kasim bazar police stations on fire, but there they faced a strong resistance from the policemen who fired in the air to disperse the mob.

They burnt tyres near Rajiv Chowk in the Munger town, demanding action against the SP and the police personnel responsible for allegedly opening fire during the idol immersion procession.

Additional Director General of Police (Headquarters) Jitendra Kumar said in Patna that extra police force has been sent to Munger.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Munger, Manu Maharaj led a flag march in Munger town to bring the situation under control.

The RJD-helmed Grand

Alliance has strongly criticised the Monday incident, likening the district police with General Dyer of infamous Jallianwala Bagh incident in Punjab during British rule on April 13, 1919.

IPS officer Lipi Singh is the daughter of RCP Singh, the JD(U) leader in the Rajya Sabha.

Coming on the eve of the first phase of polling, the incident had its impact voting too as two of the three Assembly seats — Munger, Jamalpur — in the district witnessed lower voter turnout as compared to the 2015 polls.

While Munger constituency had witnessed a poll percentage of 54.26 in 2015, it recorded 47.89 Wednesday. Similarly, the decline was from 49.70 per cent to 47.24 per cent in Jamalpur this time.

But Tarapur constituency recorded a polling per-

centage of 54.80 this time compared to 52.66 in 2015.

State minister and senior JD(U) leader Shailesh Kumar is in the fray from Jamalpur seat.

Meanwhile, the police department has ordered the removal of in-charges of mufassil police station and Basudeopur outpost in connection with the October 26 firing and baton-charge incidents.

RCP Singh was mobbed Wednesday by angry protesters demanding action against the "guilty officials" when he visited Begusarai, where polling is scheduled for November 3. Begusarai is the Lok Sabha seat of BJP leader and Union minister Giriraj Singh who had condemned the Munger incident and sought action against "erring officials no matter how highly connected they may be.

— PTI

Bombay HC directs Central govt to clear its stand on media trials

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, OCT. 29

● **THE COURT** also asked the Ministry of I&B why it should not frame guidelines on media coverage of sensitive criminal cases.

The Bombay High Court on Thursday asked the Union government to clarify whether excessive reportage by the press on an ongoing investigation of Sushant Singh Rajput case amounted to interference in the administration of justice under the Contempt of Courts Act.

The court also asked the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting why it should not frame guidelines on media coverage of sensitive criminal cases.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice G.S. Kulkarni was hearing PILs filed by some former IPS officers of

Mumbai police and activists seeking restrictions should be imposed on media trials in SSR death case.

The PILs also alleged that some media channels are maligning the image of Mumbai police deliberately and requested court to interfere in the matter.

In the previous hearings, the HC heard the petitioners, private TV news channels, and the National Broadcasters Standards Authority (NBSA) on the

need for a regulatory mechanism for the electronic media.

The TV channels and the NBSA argued in favour of a self-regulatory mechanism and said the state must not be given any control over their content.

On Thursday, senior counsel Aspi Chinoy, representing former police officers, submitted to the court that there had been blatant violation of rights of various persons by the news channels while reporting on the SSR death case.

He said that the channels had resorted to pre-judging and conducted irresponsible coverage of the actor's death case, and that it was affecting

administration of justice and fundamental rights such as the right to fair trial guaranteed under Article 21.

Mr Chinoy submitted that the media had violated statutory framework of the Cable TV Regulation Act by transmitting content which amounted to contempt of court and though the Central Government, which was empowered under the Cable TV Act and the Programme Code for TV channels laid down under it failed to take suo motu cognisance of the media trial in Rajput's death case while the coverage by certain errant news channels was ongoing for over two months.

SC seeks Centre's response on use of remdesivir, HCQ

PARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, OCT. 29

The Supreme Court on Thursday sought a response from the Centre on a PIL seeking to restrain on prescribing Remdesivir and HCQ as medicines to cure Covid while making it clear that it was not going to adjudicate on as to which medicine should be provided to treat highly contagious disease.

Seeking response from the Centre, Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde heading a bench also comprising Justice A.S. Bopanna and Justice V. Rama-swaramanian told the PIL's petitioner's advocate M.L. Sharma "We are telling you, we are only going to make the government aware of it, we are not going to judge which medicine should be prescribed for Covid treatment."

The court issued notice after Adv. Sharma referred to October 15 World Health Organisation report which says that "the interim results from the Solidarity Therapeutics Trial, coordinated by the World Health Organisation, indicate that Remdesivir Hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir/ritonavir and interferon regimens appeared to have little or no effect on 28-day mortality or the in-hospital course of Covid-19 among hospitalised patients..." Sharma referred to vari-

NIA RAIDS AT NINE LOCATIONS IN VALLEY, ONE IN DELHI

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, OCT. 29

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) continued its raids on the offices of various Non-governmental organisations and some other aid agencies and the homes of their organisers across Kashmir Valley on the second day on Thursday.

Premises owned or used by a similar organisation in Delhi were also searched by it in connection with a case pertaining to alleged misuse of funding received by these NGOs from across the country and abroad.

The case was registered by the NIA earlier this month under sections 120B and 124 A IPC and sections 17, 18, 22A, 22C, 38, 39 and 40 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

The agency has claimed that it began investigations in the matter after receiving "credible information" that certain NGOs and trusts operating in J&K "are collecting funds domestically and abroad through so-called donations and business contributions, etc. and are then utilising these funds for secessionist and terrorist activities in J&K".

On Thursday, nine locations in the Valley and one in Delhi were raided by the NIA sleuths.

Those whose premises were searched include Falah-e-Aam Trust, Charity Alliance in Delhi, Human Welfare Foundation, JK Yateem Foundation, Salvation Movement and JK Voice of Victims.

A day earlier, the agency had raided and searched the offices of mass-circulated newspaper *Greater Kashmir* and a couple of NGOs and the homes of several journalists and human rights and political activists simultaneously in the Valley and Bangalore.

The NIA had, however, said that the raids at *Greater Kashmir* office and the homes of some journalists were not in connection with their journalistic work and other professional pursuits but a case pertaining to alleged misuse of foreign contributions.

NOW, KERALA EMERGES AS COVID HOTSPOT

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, OCT. 29

The overall coronavirus cases in India crossed 80.40 lakh on Thursday with 49,881 fresh cases.

However, out of these, 73.16 lakh have already recovered and little over 6 lakh people still remain infected.

The total fatalities so far has been close to 1.21 lakh out of which 517 deaths took place in the last 24 hours.

However, Kerala, which is reporting the highest number of daily fresh cases, has become a major concern for health authorities as it is emerging as the country's biggest Covid-19 hotspot now.

In Maharashtra, though daily fresh detections has dropped substantially from what it was for the last few months it still has second highest cases after Kerala.

Situation in the national capital too is worrisome which on Thursday had 5,739 fresh cases.

ous countries including UK and the US which have held the same view backing the WHO conclusions.

IN BRIEF
8 inmates dead after prison riot

Kabul: Rioting at a prison in western Afghanistan has left at least eight inmates dead, provincial officials said Thursday. The violence erupted on Wednesday night at the prison in Herat, the capital of western Herat province, said Mohammad Rafiq Shirzai, spokesman for the provincial health department. He said 12 others — eight inmates and four prison guards — were wounded in the outbreak at the facility, which holds around 2,000 prisoners. It wasn't immediately known if there are any Taliban at the penitentiary. The rioting started after guards began clearing some partitions created by prisoners, said Jelani Farhad, spokesman for the provincial governor.

Pak seminary blast probe ends

Peshawar: The investigation team probing the bomb blast at a religious seminary in northwestern Pakistan's Peshawar city has completed its initial report and arrested one student in connection with the attack that killed eight persons, officials said on Thursday. The investigation team that included officials of counter-terrorism department, police and law enforcement agencies, recorded statements of several eye witnesses and obtained the record of the students of the seminary and the labourers engaged in a construction work there. One student of the seminary has been arrested over his alleged links to the blast, suspected to have targeted a senior cleric from Afghanistan. The blast occurred around 8:30 am on Tuesday at a local mosque, which also serves as a religious school in Dir Colony in Peshawar, while students were reading the Quran. There was no claim of responsibility for the blast in the city, bordering war-torn Afghanistan. Law enforcement agencies detained several people in connection with the bomb blast. Police said that the attack targeted a class with Sheikh Rahimuddin Haqqani, a senior cleric.

3 die in France church attack

Third attack in 2 months; attacker wounded by cops, hospitalised

Paris, Oct. 29: An attacker armed with a knife killed three people at a church on Thursday in the Mediterranean city of Nice, authorities said. It was the third attack in two months in France. The assailant was wounded by police and hospitalised after the killings at the Notre Dame Church, less than a kilometre from the site in 2016 where another attacker plowed a truck into a Bastille Day crowd, killing dozens. Thursday's attacker was believed to be acting alone and police are not searching for other assailants, said two police officials, who were not authorised to be publicly named. France's anti-terrorism prosecutor's office opened an investigation into the killings, which marked the third attack since the opening in September of a terrorism trial in the January 2015 killings at the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo* and a kosher supermarket. "He cried 'Allah Akbar' over and over, even after he was injured," said Nice Mayor Christian Estrosi, who told *BFM* television that three people had died, two inside the church and a third who fled but was mortally wounded. "The meaning of his gesture left no doubt." In Nice, images on French media showed the neighborhood locked down and surrounded by police and emergency vehicles. Sounds of explosions could be heard as sappers exploded suspicious objects. The lower house of parliament suspended a debate on France's new virus restrictions in the wake of spurt in cases and held a moment of silence Thursday for the victims. The PM rushed from the hall to a crisis centre overseeing the aftermath of the Nice attack. French President Emmanuel Macron was headed to Nice



French President Emmanuel Macron (2nd-L) visits the scene of a knife attack at the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Nice in Nice on Thursday. — AFP



FRENCH PM RAISES ATTACK ALERT TO EMERGENCY AFTER CHURCH KILLINGS

Paris, Oct. 29: France's prime minister Jean Castex says the country's threat level will be raised to its maximum after an attack near a church killed three people Thursday in Nice. The move comes just hours before the country was going into its second Coronavirus lockdown.

An attacker armed with a knife killed three people at a church Thursday in Nice, French authorities said. It was the third attack in two months in France amid a growing furor over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad that were re-published by the satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*. — AP

SAUDI MAN STABS, WOUNDS GUARD AT FRENCH CONSULATE, ARRESTED

Dubai, Oct. 29: Saudi Arabia's state-run news agency is reporting that a Saudi man has been detained after stabbing and slightly wounding a guard at the French Consulate in the city of Jiddah. The Saudi Press Agency report on Thursday offered no motive for the attack. However, it comes amid

heightened tensions after an assailant decapitated a French middle school teacher who showed caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad for a class on free speech. Those caricatures were published by *Charlie Hebdo* and cited by the men who gunned down the newspaper's editorial meeting in 2015. — AP

Computerised lottery scheme for H-1B may go

Washington, Oct. 29: The Trump administration has proposed to scrap the computerised lottery system to grant H-1B work visas to foreign technology professionals and replace it with a wage-level-based selection process, a move that is expected to counter the downward pressure on the wages of US workers.

● **THE TRUMP** administration has proposed to replace the computerised lottery system with a wage-level-based selection process, a move that is expected to counter the downward pressure on wages of US workers.

A notification on the new system is being published in the Federal Register on Thursday. Stakeholders have 30 days to respond to the notification, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said on Wednesday, less than a week before the US presidential election.

Trump administration is continuing to deliver on its promise to protect American workers," said Acting DHS Deputy Secretary Ken Cuccinelli.

Replacing the computerised draw of lots to decide on the successful H-1B applicants, the DHS said it is expected to help counter the downward pressure on the wages of American workers that is created by an annual influx of relatively lower-paid, new cap-subject H-1B workers. The H-1B visa, most sought-after among Indian IT professionals, is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise.

US President Donald Trump, keen to regulate the country's immigration policies, on June 22, signed the executive order temporarily banning issuing fresh H-1B and L-1 visas till December 31. Reforming America's immigration regime is a major election promise of the Republican leader under his America First policy. "The current use of random selection to allocate H-1B visas makes it harder for businesses to plan their hiring, fails to leverage the H-1B programme to truly compete for the world's best and brightest, and hurts American workers by bringing in relatively lower-paid foreign labour at the expense of the American workforce," Cuccinelli said.

If finalised, US Citizenship and Immigration Services would first select registrations (or petitions, if the registration process is suspended) generally based on the highest Occupational Employment Statistics prevailing wage level that the offered wage equals or exceeds for the relevant Standard Occupational Classification code and areas of intended employment. "Prioritisation and selection based on wage levels better balances the interests of petitioners, H-1B workers, and US workers," the DHS said. "The

According to the DHS, modifying the H-1B cap selection process by replacing the random selection process with a wage-level-based selection process is a better way to allocate H-1Bs when demand exceeds supply. This new selection process would incentivise employers to offer higher wages or petition for positions requiring higher skills and higher-skilled workers instead of using the programme to fill relatively lower-paid vacancies. — PTI

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Euro (₹)	86.94 -0.14
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	50,309+186 0.37
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	37.46 -1.66
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.881 0.023
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.803 0.022

* As of 9:30 PM IST

DPIIT's new quality control norms for leather footwear

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has come out with quality control norms for different leather footwear to contain imports and production of sub-standard products. The products will have to conform to standards and bear the standard mark under a licence from BIS. The items cannot be produced, sold/traded, imported, stocked unless they bear BIS mark.

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Gold demand in India plunges to 25-year low

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, OCT. 29

India's gold demand in 2020 might be the lowest in 25 years as the pandemic has already dragged down consumption in the first three quarters by almost half. Central banks have turned net sellers in the September quarter after a gap of 10 years. In the first three quarters of 2020, gold demand stood at 252 tonnes, which was 49 per cent down from 496 tonnes in the same period last year. With one more quarter to go, the World Gold Council expects that India's gold demand would be the lowest since 1995.

"The year 1995 had seen one of the lowest yearly demand of 462 tonnes. In Q4 of last year, the demand stood at 194 tonnes. Even if we assume that the country consumes 200 tonnes in the festive quarter of Q4 this, which though is unlikely, the total consumption for the calendar year will touch 452 tonnes and will be lesser than 1995 demand," said Somasundaram PR, Managing Director, India, World Gold Council.

According to him, some of the organised jewellers have reportedly seen 60 – 80 per cent of the demand recovering in the month of October.

The September quarter saw gold demand falling by 30 per cent to 86.6 tonnes on the back of Covid-19 related disruptions, bleak consumer sentiment and high prices accompanied by volatility.

RBI on gold buying spree

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, OCT. 29

While central banks turned net sellers after a gap of 10 years, the Reserve Bank of India bought 6.8 tonnes of gold during the pandemic-hit September quarter. In fact India has bought a total of about 30 tonnes since March this year.

India was among the six central banks that increased their reserves in Q3 by a tonne or more. India bought 6.8 tonnes of gold in the quarter when the gross purchases by all the banks totaled a modest 33 tonnes. United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan and Cambodia were the other buyers.

Earlier in February, RBI had bought 6.8 tonnes taking the total gold reserves to 641.8 tonnes. As on October 9, gold reserves have increased to 670.1 tonnes, as per the data of RBI. In the past seven months, RBI has bought close to 30 tonnes of gold in staggered purchases. India has been buying

gold in smaller tranches since 2017. In 2019, the bank had bought 34.5 tonnes and in 2018, 42.5 tonnes. In 2017 it had bought 0.3 tonnes. Prior to that, RBI had purchased 200 tonnes in 2009.

However, in the September quarter, Central banks turned net sellers of gold for the first time since Q4 2010. Against a net purchase of 141.9 tonnes in the same quarter last year, banks made a net sale of 12 tonnes.

Turkey and Uzbekistan accounted for the bulk of sales. Central banks of the two large buyers- Russia and China - also have not been buying gold for some time.

According to the World Gold Council, Covid-19 continued to inflict widespread economic hardship, and this pre-occupied central banks and governments around the world.

"Uncertainty has been elevated by the pandemic, motivating many investors – including central banks – to seek assets

This is the third lowest quarter since 2000 when the World Gold Council began publishing quarterly demand.

This is, however, higher than Q2 which saw a 70 per cent drop – 64 tonnes - and the second lowest in World Gold Council's quarterly series.

While jewellery demand was down 48 per cent in Q3 against the year-age quarter, investment demand was 51 per cent up to 33.8 tonnes compared to 22.3 tonnes in the Q3 2019. In value terms, investment demand went up by 107 per cent to Rs 15,410 crore.

Due to higher prices, recycling increased by 14 per cent to 41.5 tonnes and imports were up 8 per cent to 90.5 tonnes, mostly in anticipation of the festive season and speculative buying.

Globally, the gold demand was 19 per cent down.

Mistris seek to split Tata Sons' shareholding

Mumbai, Oct. 29: The Shapoorji Pallonji Group on Thursday said it has submitted a plan to Supreme Court to end its seven decades-old association with the Tata Group.

The Mistris have valued their holding in the Tatas at ₹1.75 lakh crore, it informed the apex court, which is hearing the long-drawn legal battle between the two groups that began after the Tatas in a boardroom coup on October 28, 2016 sacked Cyrus Mistry as the Chairman.

"Tata Sons is effectively a two-group company, with the Tata Group comprising Tata Trusts, Tata family members and Tata companies holding 81.6 per cent of the equity share capital, and the Mistry family owning the balance 18.37 per cent," the Shapoorji Pallonji Group said in a statement quoting from its submission to the apex court.



The group has submitted a plan for separation from Tatas to the Supreme Court.

Tata Sons is the core investment company and is the holding company for the Tata Group and its value arises from its stake in listed equities, non-listed equities, the brand, cash balances and immovable assets. The value of 18.37 per cent stake of the SP Group in Tata Sons is over ₹1,75,000 crore, it said. — PTI

Centre rejigs norms for PLI scheme

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, OCT. 29

Making the production-linked incentive schemes more attractive for bulk drugs and medical devices manufacturing, the government has replaced "minimum threshold investment" criterion with "committed investment".

The government has replaced the criterion of 'minimum threshold' investment with 'committed' investment by the selected applicant. The change has been made to encourage efficient use of productive capital. Further, the amount of investment required to achieve a particular level of production depends upon choice of technology and it also varies from product to product. However, the verification of the actual investment for incentives under the scheme continues.

Global trade to shrink by 20%

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, OCT. 29

Revising its earlier estimate, the UNCTAD has predicted global trade to plummet by 20 per cent or by about \$6 trillion in 2020.

In 2019, global trade stood at about \$25 trillion, with estimates then predicting a 3 per cent rise in 2020. Without a swift recovery in the second

half of 2020, the consensus now is that trade will instead plummet by about 20 per cent this year, or by about \$6 trillion. Such a decline would be unprecedented, being significantly larger than the \$4 trillion fall seen during the 2009 recession, said Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD in a recent article.

In early October, UNCTAD had said that it

expected global trade to fall by about 7 per cent in 2020 under the assumption that the trend observed in Q3 continues into Q4. The lower bound for 2020 is at about 9 per cent and considers the possibility of a resurgence of the pandemic and the prospect of a deteriorating policy environment with sudden increases in trade restrictive policies, the article had said.

SHORT TAKES



Novak Djokovic gestures after defeating Borna Coric in the Vienna Open pre-quarterfinal.

Djokovic seals 2020's top spot

Vienna: Novak Djokovic virtually ensured equalling Pete Sampras's record of ending the year as world number one for the sixth time on Wednesday when he reached the Vienna ATP quarterfinals. Djokovic defeated Croatia's Borna Coric 7-6 (13/11), 6-3 and will secure the year-end top spot as long as Rafael Nadal does not take an unlikely wild card into the Sofia event next month. If Novak wins the Vienna title on Sunday, he will make sure of the landmark regardless of whether or not Nadal plays in Bulgaria. Djokovic, who now has 39 wins and just two defeats in 2020, has been the top-ranked player at the end of a season five times: in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018. He shares that mark with career rivals Roger Federer and Nadal. Sampras achieved the feat six years in succession between 1993 and 1998. — *AFP*

Green in Oz squad for India series

Melbourne: Australia on Thursday included young all-rounder Cameron Green in their T20 and ODI squad for the limited-overs series against India while Moises Henriques returned to national fold after three years following his exploits in the Big Bash League. India will play three One-day Internationals (November 27, 29, December 2) and as many T20Is (December 4, 6, 8) against Australia before the much-awaited Test series. "Cameron's domestic form has been outstanding and he has carried it through for Western Australia this summer. As a potential player of the future this is an opportunity for him to be part of the squad and build on his experience," national selector Trevor Hohns was quoted as saying by Cricket Australia. — *PTI*

Man U dismantle Leipzig, Barca win

Paris: Marcus Rashford was again the star for Manchester United in the Champions League with a hat-trick in a 5-0 thumping of RB Leipzig on Wednesday as Barcelona put their off-field troubles to one side to win 2-0 away to a Ronaldo-less Juventus. Rashford came on as a second-half substitute and scored three times from the 74th minute on in what was a fine win against last season's semifinalists. Mason Greenwood and Anthony Martial also scored. In Italy Barcelona bounced back from their weekend defeat in the Clásico against Real Madrid to beat Juventus 2-0. Lionel Messi got his name on the scoresheet late on, netting a stoppage-time penalty to seal Barca's second victory in as many Group G outings.

THE RESULTS

Manchester United 5 (Greenwood 21, Rashford 74, 78, 90+2, Martial 87-pen) bt RB Leipzig 0; Juventus 0 lost to Barcelona 2 (Dembele 14, Messi 90-pen); Borussia Dortmund 2 (Sancho 78-pen, Haaland 90+1) bt Zenit Saint Petersburg 0; Istanbul Basaksehir 0 lost to Paris Saint-Germain 2 (Kean 64, 79).

HOLDER'S SIGN

Dear Readers, What do you think Jason Holder of Sunrisers Hyderabad is signalling when he raises three fingers after taking each wicket? Write to us at sportsdesk@deccanmail.com

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Women's Big Bash League: Sydney Thunder vs Adelaide Strikers from 6.45 am (Saturday) on Sony Six

WWE

Smackdown: Bouts from 5.30 am (Saturday) on Sony Ten 1

Gaikward off KKR

Jadeja cracks whip as CSK beat Knights in thriller

Dubai, Oct. 29: Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by six wickets in a thrilling IPL match here on Thursday.

Ravindra Jadeja scored an unbeaten 31 off just 11 balls which included two boundaries and three sixes, the last of which was struck on the last ball of the match to overhaul KKR's total of 172 for 5.

Needing 30 runs off the last two overs, CSK smashed 20 off the penultimate over bowled by fast bowler Lockie Ferguson, thanks to Jadeja, who hit two more sixes in the last over bowled by pacer Kamlesh Nagarkoti.

Earlier, opener Ruturaj Gaikwad set a solid foundation for the chase by scoring 72 in 53 balls (4x6, 6x2).

For KKR, opener Nitish Rana made 87. Following Rana's 61-ball effort, cameos from skipper Eoin Morgan (15 off 12) and Dinesh Karthik (21 not out off 10) allowed KKR to put up a competitive total.

CSK, who pulled things back in the middle overs, leaked 66 runs in the last five overs.

Lungi Ngidi (2/34) was the best bowler for CSK while Sam Curran also bowled well early on.

The KKR innings was built largely on Rana's knock which comprised 10 fours, four sixes.

Rana hit three consecutive sixes off Karn Sharma in the 16th over to up the ante as the Kolkata side looked for quick runs.

— *PTI*

Ruturaj Gaikwad of Chennai Super Kings plays a shot against Kolkata Knight Riders during their IPL match at Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Thursday. — *BCCI*

SCORECARD

Kolkata Knight Riders: Shubman Gill b Karn Sharma 26, Nitish Rana c Sam Curran b Lungi Ngidi 87, Sunil Narine c Ravindra Jadeja b Mitchell Santner 7, Rinku Singh c Ambati Rayudu b Jadeja 11, E. Morgan c Gaikwad b Ngidi 15, D. Karthik not out 21, R. Tripathi not out 3. Extras (LB-1, W-1) 2. Total (for 5 wickets 20 overs) 172.

FOW: 1-53, 2-60, 3-93, 4-137, 5-167.

Bowling: Chahar 3-0-31-0, Curran 3-0-21-0, Ngidi 4-0-34-2, Santner 3-0-30-1, Jadeja 3-0-20-1, Karn Sharma 4-0-35-1.

Chennai Super Kings: Shane Watson c R. Singh b Varun Chakravarthy 14, RD Gaikwad b Cummins 72, Ambati Rayudu c Narine b Cummins 38, M. S. Dhoni b Varun 1, Sam Curran not out 13, Jadeja not out 31. Extras (NB-1, W-8) 9. Total (for 4 wickets in 20 overs) 178.

FOW: 1-50, 2-118, 3-121, 4-140, 5-167.

Bowling: Pat Cummins 4-0-31-2, Kamlesh Nagarkoti 3-0-34-0, Sunil Narine 4-0-23-0, Lockie Ferguson 4-0-54-0, Varun Chakravarthy 4-0-20-2, Nitish Rana 1-0-16-0.

IPL POINTS TABLE

Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
Mumbai Indians	12	8	4	0	16	+1.186
Royal Challengers Bangalore	12	7	5	0	14	+0.048
Delhi Capitals	12	7	5	0	14	+0.030
Kings XI Punjab	12	6	6	0	12	-0.049
Kolkata Knight Riders	13	6	7	0	12	-0.467
Sunrisers Hyderabad	12	5	7	0	10	+0.396
Rajasthan Royals	12	5	7	0	10	-0.505
Chennai Super Kings	13	5	8	0	10	-0.532

Tabulated as Played, Won, Lost, No Result, Points, Net Run Rate

Powerful Punjab face languishing Rajasthan

Abu Dhabi, Oct. 29: A rampaging Kings XI Punjab would look to extend their exceptional run and inch closer to a Play-offs berth while Rajasthan Royals would be desperate to stay alive in the tournament when the two sides clash in an IPL match, here on Friday.

It has been a dramatic turnaround for the KL Rahul-led side after a string of losses earlier in the tournament.

They have managed to weave together five consecutive wins against the top four sides in the tournament, infusing life into their campaign. They are in fourth position with 12 points from as many games, while the Royals have slumped to the penultimate spot with 10 points having

NUMBERS GAME	
HEAD TO HEAD	
OVERALL:	
Matches: 20	Rajasthan: 11
Punjab: 8	Tied: 1 (Kings XI Punjab beat Rajasthan Royals in Super over after match ended in a tie)
MEETING IN 2019	
Kings XI Punjab beat Rajasthan Royals by 14 runs at Jaipur.	
Kings XI Punjab beat Rajasthan Royals by 12 runs at Mohali.	
MEETING IN 2020	
Rajasthan Royals beat Kings XI Punjab by 4 wickets at Sharjah.	
FOR THE RECORD	
Mayank Agarwal made 106 runs off 50 balls with 10 fours and seven sixes against Rajasthan Royals in first meeting at Sharjah.	
Rajasthan Royals' 226 for six in 19.3 overs against Kings XI Punjab in first meeting at Sharjah was the highest successful run-chases in IPL.	

— *S. PERVEZ QAISER*

suffered seven defeats from 12 outings.

The Royals can't afford to slip up, if they lose on Friday they will be out of the reckoning while a defeat for Punjab will

dent their chances for a top-four finish.

The Royals will be high on confidence after their win over Mumbai Indians in their last outing. — *PTI*

Football great Maradona turns 60 in self-isolation

Buenos Aires, Oct. 29: Notorious for his wild lifestyle, Argentina great Diego Maradona turns 60 on Friday in far more sober circumstances sheltered in self-isolation to protect him from the Coronavirus pandemic.

Having suffered two heart attacks in the last 20 years and contracted hepatitis, Maradona's precaution after a body-guard started displaying Covid-19 symptoms earlier this week is understandable.

A life of excesses with cocaine and alcohol have taken their toll on the mercurial talent's health.

Born in a poor Buenos Aires neighbourhood on October 30, 1960, Diego Armando Maradona quickly marked himself out as special talent. Defiant and ingenious, macho, a loyal friend and spiteful enemy, Maradona has always been magnetic.



In this file picture taken on December 6, 2008 Diego Maradona attends a felicitation programme at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata. — *AFP*

First came the highs. Having made his name helping Boca win the Argentine title, he earned a move to Catalan giants Barcelona at just 21. At 25 he dragged

Argentina to World Cup glory at Mexico 86. In the quarterfinal against England he displayed both the devil in him, and his genius, first scoring a goal with his hand — which he later dubbed the "Hand of God" — and then embarked on a mazy run, bamboozling the England defence to score one of the greatest goals in World Cup history.

Maradona broke down in floods of tears in 1990 after he failed to inspire an ill-disciplined Argentina to retain the World Cup, losing 1-0 to West Germany in the final. The next year his Napoli career ended in disgrace after he was handed a 15-month ban for taking cocaine.

He'd scored 346 goals in 679 matches over a 21-year career. As a coach he never enjoyed the same success, and certainly did not have the same flair.

— *AFP*

Shuttlers are stuck after Covid scare

Saarbrücken (Germany), Oct. 29: Indian shuttlers Ajay Jayaram and Shubhankar Dey were on Thursday forced out of the SaarLorLux Open after being put in isolation owing to contact with Covid positive father-cum-coach of defending champion Lakshya Sen, who has already withdrawn.

The 19-year-old Lakshya withdrew on Wednesday after his father D. K. Sen returned a positive test for the dreaded virus. D. K. Sen is asymptomatic at this point.

"BWF can confirm three players have been withdrawn from the SaarLorLux Open 2020 as a precautionary measure for all participants after they were in contact with a member of their team entourage who tested positive for Covid-19," the Badminton World Federation said in a statement.

"The three players: Lakshya Sen, Ajay Jayaram and Subhankar Dey will not compete further in the tournament, which began on Tuesday," it added.

Later, Jayaram, in a Twitter post tagging sports minister Kiren Rijiju, the national badminton federation and BWF, said that he and Dey would like to return to India as the organisers have not given them any information or assistance apart from asking them to isolate.

"Owing to one of the players failing to follow the Covid protocol and the organisers failing to enforce the protocols set in place, I and Shubhankar have found ourselves in an unfortunate situation....," he wrote without specifying the lapse on part of the player concerned and the organisers.

"We have currently been asked to isolate with absolutely no other information from the organisers including our meals," the tweet added.

"We have our Covid negative certificates, and have NO symptoms. We are unable to contact the German local authorities. We would like to know if it is possible for us to get tested here again and come back to India," he added.

Dey also demanded compensation for the ordeal.

"Requesting authorities to compensate us while also allowing us to return to India," he tweeted.

Jayaram said repeated attempts to get a word from the organisers have proved futile so far. Lakshya, Jayaram and Dey had tested negative ahead of the tournament. Lakshya, who claimed five titles in the senior circuit last year including two BWF World Tour Super 100 top honours SaarLorLux Open and Dutch Open, received a bye in the opening round along with Dey.

— *PTI*

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