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Max: 36.0°C
Min: 19.0°C
RH: 81%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy.
Max/Min temp.
36/19 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+11,354)	(+112)
1,06,36,056	1,53,140

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+214)	(+2)
TS: 2,92,835	1,586
(+137)	(+4)
AP: 8,86,694	7,146

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

9,83,53,744
DEATHS
21,06,818
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES
219

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Pushya Shuddha Dasami till 8.53 pm
Star: Kritika till 9.29 pm
Varjyam: 8.04 am to 9.51 am
Durmuhurtam: 6.53 am to 8.22 am
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am

HJRI CALENDAR

Jamadi-ul-Akhir 9,1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 6.10 am
Zohar: 1.30 pm
Asar: 4.30 pm
Maghrib: 5.54 pm
Isha: 8.15 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.39 AM

SUNSET TODAY 5.59 PM

MOONRISE TODAY 13.26 AM

MOONSET TOMORROW 02.38 AM

COUNTER POINT



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SHORT TAKES

Petrol crosses ₹92 per litre

New Delhi: Petrol price on Friday crossed ₹92 a litre mark in Mumbai, while diesel touched an all-time high after rates were raised for the third time this week. Fuel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each, according to a price notification from oil marketing firms. This took the petrol price in Delhi to ₹85.45 per litre and ₹92.04 in Mumbai.

Heroin worth ₹1,000 cr seized

New Delhi: Two Sri Lankan nationals have been arrested and about 100 kg of heroin worth an estimated ₹1,000 crore seized as part of a probe involving a trans-border drugs-trafficking racket, the NCB said on Friday. MMM Nawas and Mohamed Afnas were nabbed from Chennai, where they were living by hiding their real identities.

Another Bengal minister quits

Kolkata: In yet another jolt for the TMC ahead of the assembly polls, West Bengal forest minister Rajib Banerjee quit the Mamata Banerjee cabinet. Banerjee, in a letter to the chief minister, said he was tendering his resignation as a cabinet minister, but did not cite any reason.

Internet in all AP villages

CM issues instructions to officials for unlimited access

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The state government is making all efforts to provide unlimited and uninterrupted internet connectivity across all villages. Towards this, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy directed officials to prepare an action plan for establishing such a network in villages and an internet library at network point to facilitate work-from-home.

During a review meeting on internet connections in villages and providing laptops under the Amma Vodi scheme, held here on Friday, he

instructed officials to aim at providing uninterrupted internet services at desired connection plans for rural areas. He told them to focus on developing an internet system with non-destructive cables, which can neither be cut nor disturbed. He said that from the village network points, they must ensure house to house internet even in YSR Jagananna colonies.

Reddy said that the idea was to lay an underground cable from HT line to the substation and from the substation to village panchayats. He directed the authorities to provide any capacity connection for the cus-

tomers by establishing a proper system at the panchayat level.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the provision of laptops to the beneficiaries of Amma Vodi and Vasati Devana scheme that have been opted in lieu of financial assistance. He stated that those, who are studying in standard nine to 12, can opt for a laptop instead of financial assistance from next year. He directed the officials to think of giving laptops with more specifications to fully cater to the needs of students pursuing engineering and other technical courses. He said if the laptop is damaged,

it should be handed over to the ward and village secretariats. The pieces have to either be repaired within a week or replaced. For this, he directed the officials to keep the warranty for three years instead of one year.

Industries, commerce & IT minister Mekapati Gautham Reddy, special chief secretary R. Karikal Valaven, housing principal secretary Ajay Jain, AP Transco CMD Nagulapalli Srikanth, AP Fibernet chairman P. Gautam Reddy, AP Fibernet MD M. Madhusudhan Reddy and other senior officials were present.

CENTRE TO TALK ONLY IF FARMERS OKAY LAW FREEZE

SANJAY KAW | DC
NEW DELHI, JAN. 22

The government's negotiations with the protesting farmers' unions hit a roadblock on Friday as the farmer leaders once again stuck to their demands for repeal of the three agriculture laws and a legal guarantee for MSP, even as the Centre asked them to reconsider its proposal for freezing the laws. The Centre hardened its position saying it will meet once the unions agree to discuss the suspension proposal.

■ Full report on Page 4

State appeals to SEC for rescheduling local polls

SEC tells chief secy to remove 7 officials

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The state government on Friday made a fervent appeal to the State Election Commission (SEC) to reschedule panchayat polls at least till the first two phases of vaccination to health workers and police are over.

Conveying the government's commitment to cooperate with the SEC for the smooth conduct of the polls, a clear deviation from its earlier approach of confrontation, Chief Secretary Adityanath Das wrote a letter to State Election Commissioner N. Ramesh Kumar to revise the election schedule in compliance with the High Court order to enable both of them to make all efforts to ensure conduct of polls and the Covid-19 vaccination drive.

Indirectly, though, the Chief Secretary reminded the SEC that both the government and SEC are responsible for the polls as well as the vaccination drive as per the HC's judgment and it would be prudent to schedule both activities in such a way that they are held successfully.

He expressed difficulty to vaccinate the polling personnel and to put them on the polling duty at the same time and added that as the Centre mandated vaccination for all frontline employees in the first round, conduct of polls would mean vaccination would have to be deferred.

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The State Election Commission has invoked its plenary powers under Article 243 (K) read with Article 324 to remove nine 'tainted' officers who had 'failed' to prevent aberrations in the form of election-related incidents or poll-related violence. State Election Commissioner N. Ramesh Kumar issued instructions here on Friday for removal of these officers so as to conduct polls in a free and fair manner. SEC said he acted as the state government did not respond to his repeated requests to remove the tainted officers.

The SEC said that continuance of such poll-tainted officers in the posts would send a wrong signal to the public. Their "partisan conduct" would be counterproductive for conduct of free and fair polls, he said, and the "affected public would be demoralised."

He stated that these officers should handover their charge and exit

forthwith. He asked collectors from Chittoor and Guntur districts to hand over their charges to joint collectors and asked Tirupati Urban SP to hand over his charge to SP, Chittoor.

The SEC said the Chief Secretary should send a panel of three names of suitable officers as replacements for the collectors of Chittoor and Guntur districts and the SP of Tirupati Urban. The names thus proposed should have vigilance clearance.

In case of subordinate police officers, the director general of police should send a panel of names and proposal to the SEC for replacement of those who are now transferred out.

The officers to be removed included, apart from the two district collectors and the SP, the Dy SP, Palamaneru who, since promoted as additional SP, shall be barred from poll related work; Deputy SP of Srikalahasti and circle inspectors of Macharla, Punganur, Rayadurgam and Tadipatri.

round of vaccination to frontline personnel who were to be involved in conduct of the local elections.

■ Page 2: Poll personnel must take vaccine: CS

Cong to elect prez by June

New Delhi, Jan. 22: The Congress will have an elected president by June 2021, with the party's working committee on

Friday approving holding the internal election after Assembly polls in five states. The Congress Working Committee

(CWC), authorised incumbent party chief Sonia Gandhi to schedule the internal election.

■ Report on Page 4

QUICK ACTION CM sends CS to affected area

Mystery illness strikes again, 22 unconscious

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The mystery illness continued to raise its ugly head in the state with nearly 22 fresh cases being reported from Kumarapalli village in Dendulur mandal of West Godavari on Friday.

The affected persons became unconscious after turning giddy and had convulsions for a brief period. Among the affected, 13 were admitted to a government hospital for treatment while the remaining were discharged when they recovered.

The mystery illness seemed to be spreading with more than 600 persons being affected till

now and one death reported from Eluru. Recently, 29 persons were affected in Pulla village of Bhimadole mandal.

Following the development, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy directed chief secretary Aditya Nath Das, principal secretary for health Anil Kumar Singhal and commissioner for health and family welfare K. Bhaskar to rush to Kumarapalli village and take stock of the development.

Accordingly, the senior government officials arrived in the village and interacted with the affected persons and enquired with the local authorities about steps being taken up to treat the patients.

Meanwhile, the authorities collected samples of blood from patients. They also took food items and water and sent them for analysis to IICT and NIN in Hyderabad and also to a lab in Vijayawada.

Later, the chief secretary told media that the CM had directed them to provide all requisite medical intervention to help the affected persons recover.

He said that though the illness was reported earlier from Eluru and its surrounding areas, as the state government acted promptly, the illness was brought under control.

■ Page 3: Healthy secy for testing water

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SHORT TAKES

IAS RANK
CONFERRED ON
JC RAJAKUMARIDC CORRESPONDENT
KAKINADA, JAN. 22

IAS rank was conferred on Joint Collector G.Rajakumari (Welfare) by the Central Government. She received conferring orders from the government on Friday. Ms.Rajakumari joined as DWMA project Director to East Godavari in the year 2017 and later, he was transferred to Revenue Divisional Officer in Kakinada. He was promoted as Joint Collector-2 (Welfare) in 2019. She succeeded in monitoring the officials to achieve the goals of their departments respectively. The East Godavari District Collector D.Muralidhar Reddy, Joint Collectors G.Lakshminsha and Keerthi Chekuri, the District Revenue Officer Ch.Sathibabu and other district officials greeted her.

OC JAC DEMANDS
EWS RESERVATIONS
IN AP TOODC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, JAN. 22

With the Telangana State implementing EWS reservation for forward communities, the Reddy Association has stepped up the demand for its implementation in Andhra Pradesh also. OC JAC held a dharna near the collectorate here on Friday and performed a Milk Abhishek for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao.

Joint action committee for OC (OCJAC) state president Birru Pratap Reddy sought immediate implementation of the 10 per cent Economic Weaker Section (EWS) reservation in AP. After the protest dharna, the activists organised Palabhisekham at the flex of Prime Minister Modi, thanking him for having introduced this quota system in central government jobs.

TULASI REDDY
ASKS CM TO
IMPLEMENT EWSDC CORRESPONDENT
KADAPA, JAN. 22

The Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee Working President Dr. N. Tulasi Reddy requested the state government to implement EWS reservation. He wrote a letter to Chief Minister, stating that the unemployed youth belonging to castes whose reservation does not apply is said to be in trouble for jobs. He said that the central government had given 10 per cent reservation in central government schools and jobs to the upper caste poor with the 103rd amendment to the constitution.

He said several state governments were implementing it and the neighboring Telangana government was also prepared to implement it. He said the Andhra Pradesh state government was implementing EWS reservations in schools but not in job placements. Poor youth from the upper castes have recently lost 26,807 jobs in village or ward volunteers hired by the state government, 12,589 in secretariats, and 971 in the medical sector. He appealed to the state government to issue orders implementing the 10 per cent EWS reservation.

YADAVAS DEMAND
GOVT WITHDRAWAL
ON PHARMA UNITDC CORRESPONDENT
KAKINADA, JAN. 22

The Yadava leaders demanded the state government should withdraw the permissions of the proposed pharma unit, set up by the Divis Labs in Thondangi mandal of East Godavari.

The All India Yadava Sangham President Mekala Ramulu Yadav, the State President Eesarapu Sekhar Yadav and others visited Pampadipeeta and Tatipakalu area and expressed their resentment over the government stand on the proposed pharma unit.

Mr Ramulu Yadav said that though the people unanimously urged the government not to allow the proposed pharma unit by the Divis at Thondangi mandal, the government wants to go ahead for the project and it is totally wrong. He said that the All India Yadava Sangham will render its support to the agitators to cancel the permissions to the pharma unit permanently. He said that if the government withdraws the permissions to the Divis, the yadavas across the country would come to Thondangi to take up the agitations in favour of the village people.

Contentious farm bills



Farmers along with Left activists and leaders take part in 'Chalo Guntur' tractor rally against the Centre's newly proposed agriculture bills in Guntur city on Friday.

-DC

SEC notification today on
four-phase GP polls in AP

SEC maintains it will coordinate with state to hold GP elections

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The State Election Commission (SEC) is all set to issue notification on Saturday at 10 a.m. for the first phase of gram panchayat (GP) elections.

The SEC's resolve on conduct of polls received a boost after a division bench of the Andhra Pradesh High Court headed by Chief Justice Arup Kumar Goswami allowed holding of GP elections in its verdict delivered on Thursday. The notification is scheduled to be issued on Saturday morning even as the Supreme Court is slated to hear on Monday, January 25, the special leave petition (SLP) filed by the AP government seeking setting aside of the HC order. State Election Commissioner N. Ramesh Kumar has, however, decided to go ahead with the notification for organising the polls in four phases on February 5, 9, 13 and 17.

The SEC maintained that both the State Election Commission and state government will

GOVT EMPLOYEES SOUGHT POSTPONE
OF LOCAL BODY ELECTIONSDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The government employees sought postponing of local body election process till completion of Corona vaccination process for the safety of the employees' lives. The leaders of various employees associations led by AP JAC Amaravati chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and secretary Y. V. Rao met Chief Secretary Das on Friday and submitted a memorandum seeking post-

ponement of local body elections. Responding to the concerns of government employees, Chief Secretary Das assured that their demands would be considered sympathetically. AP State Panchayat Raj Engineers Association state president V.V. Muralikrishna Naidu, Teachers Association JAC G.V. Narayana Reddy, AP State Police Officers Association president Janukula Srinivas Rao and others were present in the meeting.

coordinate with each other in holding the panchayat elections even as the vaccination programme is on. The state government will implement all safety protocols related to Covid-19, he observed. Authorities will also provide the requisite equipment and training to staff on safety aspects of holding the polls. Ramesh Kumar lauded medical

personnel of both public and private sectors for their dedication in ensuring that Coronavirus is on the retreat. The election commissioner maintained that the State Election Commission has the same powers as Election Commission of India (ECI) when it comes to conduct of elections for local bodies. He asserted that all concerned offi-

cers, departments and district collectors are subordinate to the commission when it comes to poll-related issues. State Election Commission has the final and decisive say when it comes to holding of elections, he underlined.

Earlier, the commissioner called on Governor B. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and apprised the latter about the measures being taken for conduct of gram panchayat polls in the Andhra Pradesh. The Governor, in turn, is learnt to have expressed support in holding the elections. Pointing out that the State Election Commission's decision on polls has been widely welcomed by various principal stakeholders, the election commissioner warned that any attempts to physically derail the election process by targeting contestants will be dealt with firmly. He directed the police department to keep a close watch on potential troublemakers and deal stringently with any attempts to disturb the polls.

Poll personnel must take vaccine: CS

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The CS also said that health and well-being of the polling personnel would be ensured only if they took the two doses of the vaccine and acquired immunity so that they could be deputed on poll duty. He made it clear that if any activity is taken up against the Covid-19 guidelines of the Centre, it would imperil the health of the polling personnel.

On the other hand, the state government filed a special leave petition in the Supreme Court seeking to set aside the Andhra Pradesh High Court order allowing conduct of gram panchayat polls on Friday. It was admitted and the hearing is to be held on Monday before a three-judge division bench comprising Justice Lalit, Nageswara Rao, Justice S. Abdul Naseer and Justice Indu Malhotra.

The AP government employees also filed an SLP in the apex court with a prayer to provide relief from the High Court order and issue directions to defer conduct of polls by three months under Article 136 of the Constitution. The SEC also fielded a caveat in the apex court not to give an ex-parte order and hear it before pronouncing any order on the conduct of gram panchayat polls in AP.

The state government's top legal source said that though initially the SLP was not admitted by the Supreme Court registry following some technical issues during filing of it online, subsequently, the issues were resolved and the SLP was admitted.

Meanwhile, the AP is witnessing an unprecedented development in the last few days, with the state government unwilling

to allow conduct of gram panchayat polls on the reason that it was pre-occupied with Covid-19 management and vaccination programme and any move to hold elections would keep the health of the people at stake. So is the case with SEC which is bent upon conduct of gram panchayat polls as per schedule claiming that it was its constitutional responsibility to do so.

The SEC is busy preparing for the issue of election notification and also to make arrangements for conduct of polls and even moved the Supreme Court to go ahead with the polls while the state government too was making efforts to stall the election by moving the apex court.

On the other hand, the SEC has decided to adopt electoral rolls already published with reference to 01-01-2019 as qualifying date and updated upto the

POLITICS | TEMPLES

Political interference in temples and their trust boards has been causing disturbances

Sena 'shadows' to keep tab on 12 temples: PK

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JAN. 22

Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan said that his party would soon form shadow committees to keep an eye on the functioning of temple committees and boards of 12 major temples in the state, including Tirumala, and also check if there were any violations in the implementation of 'dharma' in them.

"Despite the spate of attacks on places of worship in the state, the government's indifference in this matter would give impetus to those indulging in such unholy things", Pawan Kalyan felt while addressing the media here on Friday along with the party's political affairs committee chairman Nadendla Manohar, before winding up his two-day

tour to Tirupati and Tirumala.

The government has immediately arrested those who posted about temples on social media. But why was it so late in arresting a man who admitted to vandalizing idols in temples? It raises many doubts as to why the government took all those days to arrest the man, he said.

He alleged that political interference in temples and their trust boards has been causing disturbances for the past several years. He said political interferences and appointing politicians as members on

temple trust boards, including Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, should be stopped.

Pawan Kalyan slammed the decision of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam trust board to keep open the 'Vaikunta Dwaram' at the sacred abode of Lord Venkateswara in Tirumala for 10 days from Vaikunta Ekadasi. It was not fair to break centuries-old practices, he said, while recalling that the holy passage used to be kept open for devotees only on Vaikunta Ekadasi and Dwadasi days for several centuries.

Condemning the series

of incidents of vandalism at temples in the state, he accused the state government of inaction in identifying and nabbing the perpetrators.

"Would the YSRC government show the same attitude if the same kind of attacks happened in places of worship of other faiths?" he questioned. He also alleged that the law and order situation in the state has been deteriorating with the ruling party targeting and harassing common people and opposition parties when they post their views on various issues on social media platforms.

Replying to a question, the Jana Sena chief said that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) was a responsible and committed organisation.

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

Gannavaram MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi alleged that Chandrababu Naidu fearing the BJP has adopted Hindu agenda to safeguard Telugu Desam from disappearance. The MLA who was elected on TDP ticket later was distancing from the party and supporting YSR Congress government. He alleged that despite having 40 years of experience, Naidu is engaging in immoral politics in the name of religions and creating divisions in society. He severely alleged that Chandrababu Naidu suspecting about the

● "Despite having 40 years of experience, Naidu is engaging in immoral politics in the name of religions and creating divisions in society": Vamsi

strengthening of BJP in APZ and hijacked Hindutva agenda of the saffron party. He severely alleged that Chandrababu who already an expert in creating differences in the name of castes now started a new conspiracy in the name of Hindutva to create communal disputes among various faiths in the society. He suggested Chandrababu Naidu to work honestly for the

developing of all communities in society and further for keeping communal harmony in the State. MLA Vamsi felt that there is no need of conducting local body elections in a hurried manner and said that there would no loss in conducting local body elections with one or two months delay. He claimed that Chandrababu Naidu fears to the election in Telangana and did not field party candidate in the recent the Dubbaka byelection and further he did not dare to conduct the campaign in Hyderabad corporation elections in favour of TDP candidates which show his cowardness.

LIQUOR POLICY
U-TURN SIGN OF
GRAFT: ASHOKDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

Telugu Desam MLC, P. Ashok Babu, has accused the YSRC government of making a U-turn on its liquor policy by seeking increased revenue and indulging in massive corruption at multiple levels in the name of running government-owned retail liquor shops. He said the ruling party boasted about spending ₹41,000 crore on welfare programmes alone for the poorer sections but, at the same time, it was not talking about the ₹17,500 revenue it got from liquor sales during 2020-21.

He lamented that it was clear the government was taking back "all their benefits and much more" from the people in the form of increased VAT, excise duty, licence fee etc. Petrol, current, sand, drainage and water charges as also property tax were already hiked, he noted. The MLC said that out of the ₹17,500 liquor revenue, the people were paying ₹11,000 crore towards VAT and excise duty. The remaining ₹6,500 crore came in from the cost of liquor. Of this, ₹5,000 crore worth of liquor was sold by just three companies. These included SPY Distilleries and some other brands, which were given patronage by the government.

All these companies were paying nearly ₹350 crore of J-tax to the chief minister every month, he said. Ashok Babu said that in order to cover up this corruption, the Chief Minister was allowing his party leaders to loot nearly ₹500 crore by way of collecting huge rents from the government retail liquor shops. He said the state-wide liquor transportation contract was given to a YSRC leader who gained from this by ₹25 crore. "He is collecting ₹30 per carton for transportation".

CONTEMPT OF COURT
NOTICES SERVED ON
COURT OFFICIALSDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

In an unprecedented move, AP High Court served notices on its own officers for contempt of court as they failed to act on its directions and posted the next hearing to Feb. 5. Single judge bench headed by justice B. Devanand held hearing on Friday and took up the case on suo moto basis and served notices of contempt of court to registrar (judicial) Alapati Giridhar, another registrar N. Muralidhar Rao, some section officers and their assistants, deputy section officer, examiner and assistants. A contempt of court petition was filed on commissioner of survey, settlements and land records as the official failed to implement the court order to promote an employee as the inspector of survey. The judge issued an order to serve notice to the respondent Siddarth Jain on Nov. 30, 2020.

JANA SENA CHIEF DONATES ₹30 L
TO AYODHYA'S RAM MANDIR TRUSTDC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JAN. 22

Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan donated ₹30 lakh for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. The Jana Sena Chief handed over the cheque to the RSS state chief Bharati. He also gave a cheque for ₹11,000 arranged by his personal staff.

He said "Lord Sri Ramachandra embodies dharma and tolerance,

sacrifice and bravery. They are an inspiration to all. It is everyone's responsibility to support construction of the temple in Ayodhya". "After knowing that I am donating, my personal staff members, including Muslims and Christians, have also raised ₹11,000 for the purpose," he added. Former minister and BJP leader Dr Kamineni Srinivas and RSS representatives participated in the programme.

"Is there still an organization anywhere in the world that is so committed to leave everything for the country even after all

these decades?", Pawan Kalyan asked, while saying that he had never seen such a strong organisation in the world.

SHORT TAKES

Special train to Rayagada

Visakhapatnam: Railways has decided to run daily special express trains between Guntur-Rayagada from January 27. The train will leave Guntur daily at 11.20 pm, reach Visakhapatnam on the next day at 8.45 am and depart at 9.05 am.



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Sl. No: 2 Tender No: E-03-South-2021 **Details of Work:** **Name of work:** SW-I: Gudur - Vijayawada Section: Replacement of Bridge Nos.550 DN, 551 DN & 552 DN with R.C.C Boxes by open cut method to augmentation flow of water in SSE/W/Ongle section under ADEN/OGL Sub-Division. **SW-II:** Gudur - Vijayawada Section: Replacement of Bridge Nos.553 DN, 554 DN & 555 DN with R.C.C Boxes by open cut method to augmentation flow of water in SSE/W/Ongle section under ADEN/OGL Sub-Division. **Period of completion:** 6 (Six) months **Tender value:** Rs. 6,18,61,365/- **E.M.D.:** Rs. 4,59,300/- **Date of closing:** 05-02-2021

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AP RECORDS 137 COVID CASES

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

Andhra Pradesh registered 137 fresh cases of Covid-19 and four deaths in the last 24 hours.

The state health authorities issued Covid-19 bulletin on Friday reporting that out of 48,313 samples tested for Covid-19, 137 persons were found infected with the virus. Out of a total number of 1,27,87,961 samples tested for Covid-19, 137 persons were found infected with the virus and of them, 8,78,060 were recovered while 1,488 are still active with the virus.

Among the daily cases of confirmed Covid-19, East Godavari, Krishna and Visakhapatnam registered 17 each followed by 16 in Guntur, 15 in Anantapur, 12 in Chittoor, each each in Kurnool and West Godavari, seven in Prakasam, six in Nellore.

Fire mishap



A fishing boat caught fire at the Fishing Harbour in Kakinada on Friday. Four fishermen suffered burn injuries, one of them is critical. Fire broke out due to leakage of oil at Kakinada.

— DC

RS smuggling rampant in AP

Smugglers open new routes into Seshachalam

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JAN. 22

Though the Andhra Pradesh Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSATF) tightened the vigil and claimed to have curbed the smuggling of red sanders to some extent, smuggling activities had once again become rampant with smugglers having opened new routes to venture into the Seshachalam forests, this time through areas under Yerpedu in Chittoor district.

In Chittoor (west) and some parts in Anantapur divisions, more than 165 entry/exit points and over 198 loading points were identified by the RSATF in the past. These points are being monitored on a daily basis by the forest staffers and the taskforce personnel, who also take up combing operations inside the forest almost every day.

With forces blocking almost all the entry/exit and loading points along the western side (Tirupati-Piler areas), the smugglers have changed their entry/exit points and passage of smuggled material through areas under Yerpedu mandal. They are reportedly getting away from the hawkish eye of the forces for some time now.

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smugglers until now are effectively assembling in abandoned places close to the forest areas under Yerpedu, where they set themselves up before entering the forests. The risk is minimal at these territories as they are closer to the forest area and stay away even with minimum crowd, making it simple for the red sanders smugglers to trick the task force teams. However, it has now become difficult for the smugglers and woodcut-

ters to use these routes under the Yerpedu mandal because the forces have blocked the porous passages now. During a combing operation, kick-started on Thursday, the taskforce team have traced out the routes and sent out a strong message to the smugglers that the forces can find them the minute they achieve the forest periphery.

According to RSATF DSP Venkataiah, acting on a specific information that smugglers are now using routes under the Yerpedu corridor more freely than before, the taskforce has put focus on these porous routes. On Friday early morning, a team sent out on a combing operation under the leadership of RSI Lingadhar have found the new passages in Yerpedu area and thwarted six smugglers attempting to venture into the woods.

A senior officer said that the taskforce has advanced its surveillance system and also improved the informer network at the roots of villages in Tamil Nadu, from where the smugglers and woodcutters are coming. Though smugglers found new strategies and applied tactics to smuggle red sanders logs, the taskforce is confident that their plans will be foiled, he added.

30 PER CENT FEE SOP SOUGHT IN PVT COLLEGES

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JAN. 22

AP Parents Association members appealed to the Regional Inspection Officer (RIO) for Intermediate Education to implement the 30 per cent fee concession policy for the academic year 2020-21 in the private aided and unaided educational institutions.

The association members, on Friday, handed over a representation to the RIO, Nellore. President of the association, S. Narahari said that the APHERMC and the Board of Intermediate Education (BIE) has directed the private, aided and unaided institutions in the state to follow the GO. No. 57, providing 30 per cent concession to the students this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He demanded the state government initiate a stern action against those colleges collecting fees by violating the GO and the directions of the BIE.

"As per the directions of the Secretary of the BIE, colleges must display the details of students, groups and the fee they are collecting from the parents on the notice boards. But they are not implementing the rule," he said.

He also demanded the RIO to convene a meeting with all colleges and explain to them about the GO. No. 57 and make sure that they implement it.

MAN ATTACKS MINOR GIRL WITH KNIFE

DC CORRESPONDENT
KADAPA, JAN. 22

A man attacked a minor girl with a knife in Proddatur.

According to the information from N. Nagaraju, the Inspector of Police, Proddatur One Town, Sunil the accused has been following the victim, 17-year-old, for the past one and half years.

Finally, she rejected his love proposal, he was completely disappointed and committed this crime. The young man, who was waiting for the girl, was found the girl alone in her house on Friday. He stabbed her indiscriminately for refusing his love. The accused fled after attacking the girl.

JNTUA V-C APPOINTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, JAN. 22

Prof. Ginka Ranga Janardhana, professor and APPSC member has been appointed as vice chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur (JNTUA). Mr Ranga Janardhana will assume charge as vice-chancellor at his office on Saturday.

VMC to evaluate designs for S4P

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation looking forward for implementable solutions in Streets For People (S4P) design evaluation. VMC commissioner V. Prasanna Venkatesh said that Vijayawada is moving ahead with "Streets for People" challenge design submission evaluation.

Addressing the joint meeting with the evaluation committee members, the Commissioner emphasised that the main objective from streets for people design submission evaluations is to focus on uniqueness, local context, practicality in implementation, inclusive to all users and include aspirations of the community.

Mr Venkatesh said that city-specific jury that includes city officials,

urban planning and design experts, academicians and local representatives have been formulated and the evaluation of submitted design proposals will be initiated soon.

Mr Imran Basha, Urban Planner from UN-Habitat and U. Sarada Devi, additional commissioner (Projects) through a PowerPoint presentation explained the progress of the programme in Vijayawada, an overview of the S4P targets, design principles, evaluation criteria, and scoring templates.

They said that as per the programme mandate, the weightage for evaluation of design proposal submission would be considered as 10 per cent, originality of idea, 20 per cent inclusivity of all users, 30 per cent ease of implementation and 40 per cent design technicalities.

Health secy for testing water

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He said that as the samples were sent for analysis, they would come to know about the reason for the illness once the reports were out and promised to take all necessary steps to avoid recurrence of such a health issue in future.

Health principal secretary Anil Kumar Singhal said that the cases related to mystery illness were reported from Pulla and Kumarapalli villages and added that they were making efforts to find out

the reason. He underlined the need to test water samples in and around the affected villages and assured to take the help of Central agencies if needed to find out the cause for such an illness.

On Thursday, a farmer identified as B. Bullabai, 40, died while working in the field when he accidentally slipped into an irrigation canal at Kummariakunta village in West Godavari. It caused tension among the villagers as they feared that he died due to the mystery illness.

Docs give new lease of life to patient

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 22

The doctors gave a new lease of life to a critically near-fatal woman through cystoscopy and DJ stent placement at Vijayawada.

A 28-year-old female, Divya (name changed) came to Manipal hospitals Vijayawada with complaints of fever with chills, backache, nausea and vomiting for 3 days.

Additionally, she was experiencing decreased urine output, worsening breathlessness since the first day. She visited the hospital at the midnight with the above-mentioned complaints.

Speaking about the surgery, Dr Sridhar A.V.S.N.S., consultant nephrology and kidney transplant physician said, "On arrival, she was in a state of shock. She was experiencing difficulty in breathing and anuric. On evaluation, we realised she had severe renal failure, acute respiratory distress syndrome (Ards), leucocytosis, right acute pyelonephritis with pelvic ureteric junction calculus, and negative RT

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MEETING HELD ON TEMPLE SECURITY

DC CORRESPONDENT
KADAPA, JAN. 22

Kadapa additional SP Qasim Saheb and Mydukuru DSP Bangi Vijay Kumar held a meeting with committee members of temples, mosques,

and churches on Friday at Kasetti Narasaya function hall.

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Put politics, profit aside; level with all on vaccine

India is at present in the midst of one of the largest public health campaigns the world has ever seen: Vaccination against Covid-19 pandemic. Its first phase, which started on January 16, seeks to inoculate three crore Covid warriors including medical professionals and frontline workers. Initial reports suggest that the response to the programme has not been all that encouraging and there exists some reluctance, if not resistance, in taking the jab.

Addressing a public health issue is as much the job of the public as that of the government, and the programme should have received a wholehearted welcome since the target group is very much part of the system that fights the pandemic. That has not happened, and the government needs to assess its reasons. While doing so, it must bear in mind two things: one, lack of transparency in the whole exercise, and two, technical glitches in the CoWIN app that monitors it.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi misses no opportunity to stress that the two vaccines that are being used for the programme are made in India. However, there have been doubts even among health professionals about the suitability of introducing Covaxin, the indigenously developed and manufactured vaccine, in the programme since it has been cleared only for phase III of the clinical trial. Now, days after the programme has started, and after lakhs of people have taken their vaccines, the two companies that manufacture the vaccines have come out with advisories to the people. They contain certain precautions those who go for them must take, including an advice that people with certain medical conditions should avoid taking them.

This late realisation, if one may call it so, is grossly unacceptable. The government and the companies should have been upfront about the products from the beginning, instead of resorting to chest-thumping about their being made-in-India. Nobody has a doubt about the capabilities of Indian scientists or Indian manufacturers: the latest *Lancet* reports underscores the efficacy of the vaccine, and says all adverse events were mild and moderate and were more frequent after the first dose. But the fact remains that the scientific process should be allowed to be completed in its entirety; political and commercial considerations should wait for their turn. The government must at least now do a rethink on the campaign and be true and honest with the people on its components. It must win people's confidence by placing all the facts before them, to start with; piecemeal and ad hoc release of critical information is not the right way to do it.

Technical glitches hampering the vaccination programme equally defy logic. The government had ample time to develop a proper, fool-proof mechanism for it but its performance on this front has been dismal. Similar was the case with Aarogya Setu, the app that helps people follow Covid-appropriate protocol. The government must ensure that such mass programmes are designed with little technical interface, realising the fact that a great share of the Indian population has little access to technology products. And when used, they should come without glitches and in an easy-to-use form. The government must realise that this is a fight India can ill-afford to lose.

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Don't censor OTT content

An assault on creativity in cinema is being carried out by the political class. The grounds that the stereotypical Indian neta is being lampooned or projected in negative shades are not sufficient to allow censorship to stifle the medium of free cinema. Indian content on OTT platforms has also been seen to flourish during the pandemic when people have been forced to mostly stay indoors and their wide search for sources of entertainment has seen them embrace Internet-based media.

The serial *Tandav*, of a distinctly political thriller genre with startling resemblance to recent events in the country, has been under attack from many States and its makers have been forced to issue apologies and pull scenes just to please those who have been beating the drum of protest on their taking offence at content. The denigration of gods is a smoke screen under which many of these objectors operate. This is deeply disappointing because India is not a country that prosecutes people under blasphemy laws.

Censorship of OTT content is a grave offence against cinematic art. International platforms like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hotstar have explored uncharted territory in front of Indian audiences too because they are free of governmental controls like rigid censorship of content as in films for theatrical release. They serve a very mature audience who have been able to absorb art without boundaries from international sources. Playing spoilsport are the usual suspects from the illiberal spectrum of politics, spurred on by political leaders who think nothing of Orwellian state controls of thought processes and social engineering.

It is risible that the objection to the serial *Mirzapur* comes on the ground that it besmirches the image of UP in projecting it as a lawless state ruled by mafias. The top court had only recently emphasised that viewers had a choice and they could switch off channels if they felt offended by particular content. The less official India intercedes in all this the better because State control of lives in India has proved inhibiting enough in various facets of life, including art.

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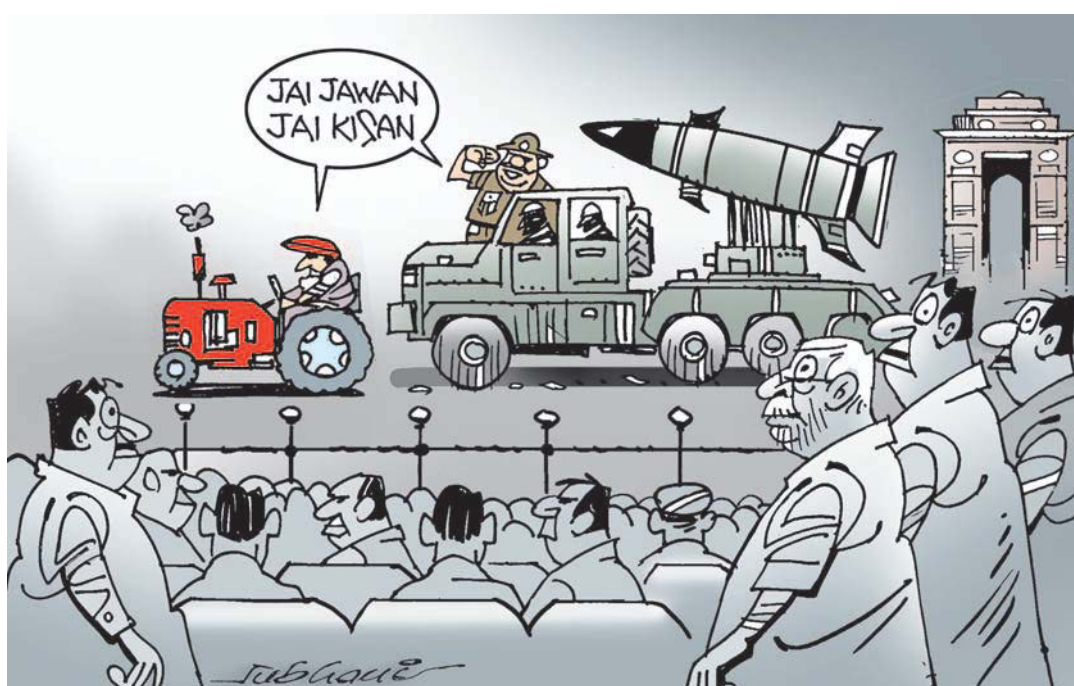
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Vaccine hai to hum hai: Get ready for the vaxxie!



Shobhaa's Take

I am all set for "the jab". Hoping I will get it soonest. Admission: I am severely needle phobic, to the extent that I cannot watch someone else getting a prick even if it is on the screen. Despite that and several other reservations, I am consoling myself on many levels. I am all set to shoot my "vaxxie" — for those asking, "wat dat"? — a "vaxxie" is a selfie shot with the arm that is not going under the vaccinator's needle. Right now, despite a slight tremor in my voice as I write these words, I am thanking my stars that I am not Norwegian. And that I am not yet 80. Chances are pretty high that I'll survive the jab and live to tell the tale.

Besides... and here's my biggest trump card — I am 100 per cent Indian! Fully-fully *desi*, inside out! This is my biggest shield. Not being a scientist, my wonky reasoning does not have to make sense to anybody but myself, and a few crazies like me. Never before has being born an Indian and having lived my entire life in India been such a boon!

Poochho kyon? Go on, ask, *na?* Look at our comparatively low numbers with Covid-19 deaths (approximately 165K). There has to be some explanation for this phenomenon. I seriously believe it is India's dirt. I grew up in Mumbai, surrounded by germs and bacteria of every known description. I have happily eaten street food since my childhood. I played in and with mud, consuming some of it too. I did not wash my hands twenty times a day. But I did bathe regularly, okay? My home was scrupulously clean (my

mother ensured that), but even she could not stop me from devouring roadside *bhelpuri*, *paani puri*, college canteen cutlets and exposed greasy snacks peddled by favourite vendors outside local train stations. This was true about all my friends back then — we ate the most unhygienic food ever, and none of us fell seriously sick. Our stomachs, we joked, were "zinc lined" and our systems bug-proof.

Let's loosely call this a vital "immunity building" exercise, for want of a better medical term. We ate and drank rubbish 00 who knows? These bad habits may have spared us from picking up the deadly coronavirus today. Nothing unique about our youthful experiences — most of India conforms to this pattern. We are called filthy by the Western world. Our "unsanitary" existence is widely mocked — but hey — please explain how come we have not dropped like flies, like people in other, more "developed" countries? Is it our unique DNA structure that's helping Indians combat the global scourge better than most nations still reeling under fresh cases and strange variants of the virus?

January 16, 2021 will

India is well and truly on its way to recovery from the deadly Covid-19 virus. As for me, I will time my blowdry with the jab. I can't afford to ruin my historic 'vaxxie'! Come on Bollywood... pull out a few cool 'vaxxie' looks.

January 16, 2021 will always remain a red letter in India's calendar. It was the one Saturday citizens had been impatiently waiting for ever since the world went into lockdown mode and life came to a standstill.

always remain a red letter in India's calendar. It was the one Saturday citizens had been impatiently waiting for ever since the world went into lockdown mode and everyday life came to a standstill. It's the day we kicked off the most challenging immunisation exercise in the history of the world. According to available data, over two lakh citizens were vaccinated on Day 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was justifiably proud when he addressed the nation at 10.30 am and said: "We are launching the world's biggest vaccination drive and it shows the world our capability." All our chests suddenly grew to 56 inches! It is an ambitious plan, involving thousands, as 300 million people hope to receive their jab in this phase, by the end of summer. These include 30 million doctors, nurses, police personnel and firefighters. The next lot, of 270 million, will reach all those over the age of 50 (me!), and those with other vulnerabilities. This impressive rollout is nothing short of a feat — and must be acknowledged as such.

For now, I am studiously ignoring the cynics and doomsday prophets who are pointing out all kinds of loopholes and deficiencies. Sanjiv Agarwal of Good Governance India Foundation is asking tough questions like: "Does all of India need a vaccine?" He believes that India has already achieved a high level of immunity and perhaps only the truly vulnerable need the jab. We are

waiting for the ultimate photo-op that shows Prime Minister Narendra Modi pushing up his *kurta* sleeve and baring his upper arm for the shot. Yes, there are going to be hiccups and setbacks. Yes, we need more data, more time... but can we afford to wait? In Mumbai, the drive was suspended for two days. Frankly, I'm fine with the chief minister's decision to do so. There was talk of a server being down, and messages not going out on time. Apparently, the turnout was lower than expected, with genuine concerns about the vaccine getting "wasted". But given the rumour factories at work, this is hardly surprising. Each vial can vaccinate 10 people. Once a vial is opened, it cannot be preserved for more than eight hours. Despite these early roadblocks, citizens are filled with confidence and hope that the timely delivery of the shots is definitely going to halt the coronavirus — and hopefully, any mutant/variant as well.

Being sentimental, superstitious and God-fearing, I loved the *aartis*, pujas and prayers that were conducted when the vaccines left the Serum Institute of India in Pune. Or later, when hospital employees greeted the health workers carrying the precious boxes to the designated venues with mithai and flowers. This is so endearing and such an Indian thing to do! Why not? I am prepared to pray to an icebox filled with life-saving vaccine vials without any self-consciousness! *Vaccine hai, to hum hai!* India is well and truly on its way to recovery from the deadly Covid-19 virus. As for me, I will time my blowdry with the jab. I can't afford to ruin my historic "vaxxie"! Come on Bollywood... pull out a few cool "vaxxie" looks. Airport looks are so 2020!

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LETTERS

LOCAL POLLS

The SEC of AP had the local polls postponed midway in March 2020 when Covid was not severe. At that time the SEC opposed the election even though the State wanted to go ahead. And now under very serious pandemic, it is not an issue for the SEC. It is unfortunate that a single judge of AP HC found reason to postpone local polls but a two judge bench of the same HC allowed the local polls to be held. Hats off to our judiciary.

Govardhana Myneedu
Vijayawada

VACCINE FEARS

Transparency and communication are vital and crucial when crores of people are to be inoculated (*Transparency needed to remove all vaccine fears, DC, Jan. 22*). The author is unequivocal and unreserved in his analysis about the vaccine fears. Further, the fear of being treated like guinea pigs is perhaps making people shy away from the vaccine.

Dr C. Ghanshyam
Visakhapatnam

FARM LAWS

Now that the farmers have rejected the Centre's proposal to suspend Farm Laws for 1.5 years, the only recourse left is to make the implementation optional for States as agriculture is after all a state subject. The Catch-22 situation can only be solved by satisfying both the factions of farmers. Unless of course the PM, as is his wont, comes out with some sort of out of the box solution.

K. Nehru Patnaik
Visakhapatnam

50 YEARS AGO IN

DECCAN Chronicle

Cong-R to contest 32 Lok Sabha seats

HYDERABAD, JANUARY. 22

The Ruling Congress had set up its candidates in 32 constituencies out of 41 to contest the mid-term elections for Lok Sabha scheduled to be held in the first week of March.

Making the announcement the Chief Minister, Mr. K. Brahmananda Reddi told newsmen that the party would support Independents in Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam constituencies.

Farrukh Dhondy
Cabbages & Kings



"If any young person with attitude Refuses to express their gratitude For the love they are shown — Just leave them alone With no single degree of latitude"

— From Ghazals of Gulligoochi by Bachchoo

Friends from India informed me that the talented and A-list presenter of the nation's most honest TV channel NDTV, Ms Nidhi Razdan, was approached through email to take up a post as a visiting professor of journalism at Harvard University.

Ms Razdan, who in all fairness deserves invitations from universities with greater reputations and more rigorous standards than Harvard (Cambridge UK, for instance, comes to mind) fell for the hoax. Perhaps she, in an act of altruism, wanted to do some charitable service to herds of benighted American students.

She may have thought, in accepting the offer of a professorship, that she could bring the great Indian standards of fearlessness before government, religious authority or bigotry

followed by Indian newspapers, TV, radio and even film and web series, to the Americans who have fallen for Donald Trump's tweets and the fake news of his media sycophants over these last few years.

Having made her plans to depart for New England, Ms Razdan, as a good journalist would, checked on the authenticity of the invitation and found that there was no such invitation and the correspondence she had got on the Internet was some purposeless, elaborate joke. The humour escapes me, though!

What it does confirm, gentle reader, is that the greatest instrument of public discourse, of the dissemination of information, of the connectivity of the human race, can be as malevolent as it is benevolent. Not only has it put tremendous power (we are not talking about wealth) in the hands of those who control these devices of the ether, it has also facilitated evil.

Twitter, Facebook, Amazon and the rest decided last week, after Donald Trump's urging his supporters through these platforms to overturn American democracy, to ban his "free speech". A decent gesture, but one

that came years after they allowed any and all manner of hate speech, terrorist and even openly fascist propaganda to go uncensored on their platforms. Crooks and perverts seemed welcome.

Because, gentle reader, Ms Razdan is not the only one to have fallen for fake offers which arrive through the Internet. Must I now admit that I have been, on several occasions contacted through email to inform me that I am the lucky winner of millions of pounds on the Nigerian Lottery?

It seemed the first time like very welcome news. I wonder how many others in our world, this vale of tears, didn't stop to consider that they couldn't have won the Nigerian Lottery as they hadn't bought a ticket to enter it. Of course, the emails persuaded me that a fan and admirer, who insisted on remaining anonymous, had bought a hundred tickets in my name and one of them had proved the lucky one. All the paymaster of the lottery now wanted was my bank details, passwords, etc, and the money would be deposited, making me an instant millionaire, in the following twenty-four hours.

How could I resist? I sent my details post haste to the designated email address, expecting a phone call any minute from my bank's branch asking me to attend and shift my millions into safer and more profitable investments.

And then, two hours later, when the banks opened, a call did come. The lady banker at the other end asked me to identify myself. Yes, the necessary checks and usual questions — my birth date, the name of my first dog, my best friend's favourite food, the bra size of my first girlfriend — I rattled all the details off. Then came the news. The lady banker at the other end said that since my account had been overdrawn for three months by several hundred pounds, they were suspending all activity on it.

I was of course aware that my account was in the red, but surely all that would change when my lottery win came in. Holding the phone some distance from my mouth, I let out a contemptuous laugh, saying words to the effect of "you just wait, young lady, your branch is going to be flooded with a bigger deposit than what elephants leave in the jungle". She polite-

ly asked what I meant. I told her about my triumph at the Nigerian Lottery.

There was a long pause and she said I was the hundredth customer to fall for what was a confidence trick and if I had had any money in my account it would have disappeared.

Disappointed and downcast, I buttoned the call off.

Hanh, merey yaaron, I knew that the Internet and the social media are the vehicles of fraud as never before. In imitation of a famous Indian scam, some crooks have taken to sending posts to the unwary to say that they are guilty of tax fraud and they ought to deposit X amount immediately or be arrested that very day. Those with a guilty conscience will be inclined to fall for it.

Myself? Having been made a fool of once, I've resolved to train myself to be a cyber detective with the help of my distant cousin, Hutoxic Feromonerplacementwalla (abbreviated mostly to Effpeewalla), the first Parsi woman to be appointed to the post of detective sergeant at the Bottomlea police station. Okay, not quite Kamala Harris, but still something?

SHORT TAKES

Vaccination may jeopardise Oly

Tokyo: Japan is publicly adamant that it will stage its postponed Olympics this summer. But to pull it off, many believe the vaccination of its 127 million citizens for the coronavirus is key. It's an immense undertaking in the best of circumstances and complicated now by an overly cautious decision-making process, bureaucratic roadblocks and a public that has long been deeply wary of vaccines. Japan hopes to start Covid-19 vaccinations in late February, but uncertainty is growing that a nation ranked among the world's lowest in vaccine confidence can pull off the massive, \$14 billion project in time for the games in July, casting doubt on whether the Tokyo Olympics can happen. Japan has secured vaccines for all its citizens, and then some, after striking deals with three foreign pharmaceutical makers Pfizer Inc., AstraZeneca and Moderna Inc. — AP

Spanish player tests +ve in Oz

Melbourne: A Spanish tennis player ranked in the top 70 who was forced to quarantine in her hotel room after potentially being exposed to the coronavirus on an Australian Open charter flight says she tested positive for Covid-19. Paula Badosa, a 23-year-old who reached the fourth round at last year's French Open, wrote on Thursday on Twitter that she received her test result for the illness caused by the coronavirus on the seventh day of her hard quarantine. "I have some bad news," Badosa said in a post written in Spanish and English. "Today I received a positive Covid-19 test result. I'm feeling unwell and have some symptoms, but I'll try to recover as soon as possible listening to the doctors. I've been taken to a health hotel to self isolate and be monitored." — AP

Hockey girls hold Chile senior side

Santiago: A resilient Indian junior women's hockey team came from behind twice to hold Chile senior side to a 2-2 draw in their fourth match of the tour here. Deepika (40th minute) and Gagandeep Kaur (55th) led India's fight back after Chile had taken the lead twice through goals from Mariana del Jesus Lagos (21st) and Fernanda Villagran (51st). With three wins from as many games in the tour, the Indian team started the match brightly as they tried to penetrate Chile's defence, but could not find a clear opportunity inside the first 15 minutes. Chile, on the other hand, relied on counter attacks with their tactic paying off in the second quarter. The Indian juniors will again play Chile senior side in back-to-back matches on Saturday and Sunday. — PTI

Lakers win eighth game on the road

Los Angeles: LeBron James scored a season-high 34 points as the Los Angeles Lakers won their eighth straight road game with a 113-106 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Thursday. The victory opened a seven-game road trip for the NBA champion Lakers, who are hoping this is the beginning of another run of victories. They had a five-game winning streak snapped in their most recent outing, a 115-113 loss to Golden State. "Our motivation was not losing two in a row tonight. We were able to get that accomplished," said forward Anthony Davis. James made a key three pointer and capped his night with an emphatic double clutch slam dunk as the Lakers improved to a NBA best 12-4 on the season after Thursday's gritty performance at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. — AFP

Live on TV

BADMINTON

Thailand Open: Semifinal matches from 9.30 am on Star Sports 2 HD, 3

CRICKET

Big Bash League: Melbourne Renegades vs Brisbane Heat from 10.35 am; Melbourne Stars vs Perth Scorchers from 1.45 pm on Sony Six, HD

FOOTBALL

Indian Super League: Kerala Blasters vs Goa from 7.20 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

Italian League: Roma vs Spezia from 7.30 pm on Sony Ten 2, HD

English Premier League: Aston Villa vs Newcastle from 1.30 am (Sunday) on Star Sports Select 1

MIXED FEELING

Big gun Sindhu exits but mixed pair Satwik-Ashwin enters semis

Bangkok, Jan. 22: Error-prone P. V. Sindhu suffered a demoralising defeat in the quarterfinals while Sameer Verma's gallant fight too ended in agony at the Thailand Open here on Friday.

However, Satwicksairaj Rankireddy claimed twin wins in mixed and men's doubles quarterfinals along with Ashwini Ponnappa and Chirag Shetty to keep India's flag fluttering at the badminton World Tour Super 1000 tournament here.

Sindhu looked a pale shadow of the player who had won the world championship gold in 2019 as she committed too many unforced errors to go down 13-21, 9-21 against home favourite Ratchanok Intanon.

"I made a lot of unforced errors and I think that I gave away easy points. I didn't play my best today. It wasn't my day," a crestfallen Sindhu said.

In men's singles, Sameer's giant-killing run also came to an end after he squandered a match point to go down 13-21, 21-19, 20-22 to world no. 3 Anders Antonsen of Denmark in a quarterfinal contest.

With the defeat of Sindhu and Sameer, Indian challenge in singles competition ended in the tournament.

The doubles players, however, gave fans something to cheer as Satwik and Ashwini upstaged world no. 6 pair of Peng Soon Chan and Liu Ying Goh of Malaysia 18-21, 24-22, 22-20 after toiling hard for one hour and 15 minutes.

"We have played them three times. We have won twice and lost once. We were confident. We knew our main strength would be our attack. They were under pressure. We kept



India's Satwicksairaj Rankireddy (right) goes for a shot next to teammate Ashwini Ponnappa during their mixed doubles quarterfinal match against Indonesia's Chan Peng Soon and Goh Liu Ying at the Thailand Open badminton tournament in Bangkok on Friday. — Badminton Association of Thailand / AFP

● **Olympic silver medalist P. V. Sindhu was a pale shadow of herself and was outclassed by Malaysia's World No. 92 Kisona Selva-duray 21-10, 21-12 in the women's singles second round of the Thailand Open.**

● **The Indian men's doubles and mixed doubles pairs are in the semifinal of a Super Series. The mixed doubles pair has gone into the last 4 for the first time. The men's pair are on course to defend their win from last year.**

fighting. We had our chances and never messed up," Satwik said.

Earlier, Sindhu looked awfully out of form as she was all at sea against Ratchanok, a former world champion.

"Some of my lifts were going out and going out of control. I was hitting with so much power sometimes. I should have controlled things a lot more. If I had won the first game, I think things would have

been comparatively different," she said.

MARIN BREEZES INTO SEMIFINALS

Spanish fifth seed and former world number one Carolina Marin sailed through to the semi-finals, beating Turkey's Neslihan Yigit 21-6, 21-15.

Marin is aiming for back-to-back titles in this week's tournament — the second of three consecutive events in Bangkok

that culminate in next week's World Tour Finals. She came out on top last week against top-seeded Tai Tzu-ying, and continued her winning streak on Friday — despite Yigit holding a brief lead in the second set.

"I wanted to keep going, keep fighting and keep the focus on what I needed to do, even when Yigit was leading," said Marin.

World no. 6 Marin will be facing off in the semi-finals against South Korean An Se-young, a formidable teenager who was awarded "Most Promising Player" in 2019.

They already duelled in last week's tournament, with the more experienced Marin winning 21-18, 21-16. — Agencies

Deepak storms out, suspended

Vadodara, Jan. 22: The Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) has suspended senior player Deepak Hooda, who had stormed out of the camp before the start of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, for this domestic season for "indiscipline" and "bringing disrespect to the game."

Hooda had walked out of the team on the eve of domestic T20 tournament after a spat with captain Krunal Pandya. He had alleged "misbehaviour" on the part of Pandya.

"He (Hooda) has been suspended for this season for indiscipline and bringing disrespect to the BCA and the game. Without informing the team and the BCA, he left the team and the (bio) bubble," BCA secretary Ajit Lele told PTI on Friday.

The decision to suspend Hooda was taken during the Apex Council meeting of the BCA which was held on Thursday evening.

Hooda, who was initially appointed as Baroda's vice-captain for Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, had stormed out of the bio-bubble on January 9. He had alleged "misbehaviour" on the part of Pandya in an e-mail sent to BCA.

"At this moment, I am demoralised, depressed and under pressure," Hooda, who has played 46 first-class matches, wrote



From last some days, my team captain Mr Krunal Pandya is using abusing language to me (sic) in front of my teammates and also other State teams.

— **DEEPAK HOODA** justifies leaving Baroda camp at the T20 tourney

in the e-mail.

"As from last some days, my team captain Mr Krunal Pandya is using abusing language to me in front of my teammates and also other state teams who have come for participation at Reliance Stadium Vadodara."

Following Hooda's letter, the BCA had sought the manager's report. — PTI

ROYALS TRADE BATSMAN UTHAPPA TO SUPER KINGS

New Delhi, Jan. 22: Veteran India batsman Robin Uthappa has been traded to Chennai Super Kings in an all-cash deal, IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals said on Thursday. The 35-year-old right-hander from Karnataka had scored just 196 runs in 12 matches in the last IPL in UAE after being picked up by Rajasthan Royals at the last IPL auctions.

"I really enjoyed my year at the Royals and had a great time being part of this franchise. I am now excited for the next part of my crickering journey joining CSK for IPL 2021," Uthappa said in a release.

CAREY, COULTER-NILE NOT SURPRISED AT IPL FRANCHISES RELEASING THEM

Australian players Alex Carey and Nathan Coulter-Nile said they were not surprised at their IPL franchises releasing them and they are hoping to find a team in next month's Players Auction for the upcoming edition of the cash-rich league. While wicket-keeper batsman Carey was released by last edition's runners-up side Delhi Capitals on Thursday, Coulter-Nile was de-listed by champions Mumbai Indians.

"It wasn't a surprise. I didn't play a lot of cricket, just sat on the sidelines, so it probably makes sense to open that spot up for someone else," Carey was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au. — PTI

Siraj is find of Oz series: Shastri

New Delhi, Jan. 22: India head coach Ravi Shastri on Friday described rookie pacer Mohammed Siraj as the find of the Australia tour, hailing him for playing a key role in the historic Test series win despite personal loss and racial abuse from spectators Down Under.

Siraj could not return to India after his father died barely a week after he landed in Australia with the Indian team in November last year. He also faced racial abuse from a section of the crowd in Sydney during the third Test.

Despite all this, Siraj finished the series with 13 wickets — the most by any Indian bowler — as the team came from behind to script a memorable 2-1 win.

"Find of the tour for shoring up the bowling attack the way he did — Mohd Siraj. He fought through personal loss, racial remarks and channelised them to find home in the team huddle," Shastri tweeted in appreciation of the 26-year-old pacer.

Siraj turned out to be one of the architects of India's success and successfully stepped into the shoes of his senior pace colleagues after making his debut in the series-turning second Test.

In the fourth Test in Brisbane, Siraj led a young Indian bowling attack, picking up his maiden five-wicket haul in the longest format of the game. He returned with match figures of 7/150 as India beat Australia by three wickets at the Gabba.

Siraj revealed that on-field umpires had offered his team the option of leaving the third Test against Australia midway after he was subjected to racial abuse by the crowd in Sydney, a proposal that was turned down by skipper Ajinkya Rahane.

After his arrival in the country, the youngster had driven straight to his father's grave in Hyderabad to pay his respects. He had dedicated each of his wickets in Australia to the departed soul. — PTI



Pacer Mohammed Siraj gestures during a press conference at his residence in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Saha bats for Pant

Kolkata, Jan. 22: Rishabh Pant the batsman redeemed himself spectacularly in Australia and his much-criticised wicket-keeping skills are also on the mend, feels senior India stumper Wriddhiman Saha who wants the youngster to be given some breathing space as "no one learns algebra in class I".

Saha, who is considered India's number one Test wicketkeeper, said in an interview that he does not believe that Pant's heroic show in Australia would close the door for him in the Indian team.

"You can ask him (Pant), we have a friendly relationship and help each other whoever gets into the XI. Personally, there's no conflict with him," Saha said.

"I don't see who is No.1 or 2... Team will give a chance to those who do better. I will continue to do my job. Selection is not in my hands, it's up

THAKUR HAPPY TO BE CALLED BOWLING ALLROUNDER NOW

Mumbai, Jan. 22: It was a debut over two years after his actual debut and Shardul Thakur says he took a quantum leap from being just a fast bowler to a bowling all-rounder with his impactful show in India's epoch-making Brisbane Test win over Australia. Thakur snared seven wickets and was India's top scorer in the first innings, striking 67 while batting at No.8. He, along with Washington Sundar, pulled the team out of trouble by conjuring a crucial 123-run stand. The partnership eventually played a key role in the team's three-wicket win.

His Test debut was back in 2018 which last just 10 balls thanks to injury.

"Yes, I can be called a bowling allrounder, I have that ability to bat and even in future, whenever I get my opportunity to bat, I am going to contribute useful runs to the team's total," Thakur said. — PTI

to the management."

"No one learns algebra in class I. You always go step by step. He is giving his best and will definitely improve. He has matured and proved himself. In the long run, it augurs well for the

Indian team."

"The way he has shown his intent after being sidelined from his favourite T20 and ODI formats was really exceptional," Wriddhiman further added. — PTI

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