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CHENNAI | TUESDAY 10 | NOVEMBER 2020

WEATHER



Max: 31°C
Min: 24°C
Rainfall: Nil

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Aippasi 25
Tithi: Dashami
Star: Puram
Rahukalam:
3 pm to 4.30 pm
Yamagandam:
9 am to 10.30 am
PRAYERS
Fajar: 4.52 am
Zohar: 11.58 am
Asar: 3.12 pm
Maghrib: 5.41 pm
Isha: 6.54 pm

The all-new
i20 has
arrived.



CORONA COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+31,420)	(+340)
85,85,331	1,26,994

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+2,257)
TN: 7,46,079 11,362

WORLD CONFIRMED CASES

5,10,19,347

DEATHS

12,66,074

COUNTRIES,
AREAS WITH
CASES 216

worldometers.info

TN theatres to reopen today with old movies

Chennai: Though the state government gave the green signal to open theatres from Tuesday with SOPs, movie buffs will have to settle for old films and other language movies during this Deepavali. The standoff between producers and film exhibitors over the controversial virtual print fee (VPF) issue is not yet resolved. ■ **P4**

COUNTER

POINT



I will not accept
defeat even if I lose!



STATE | 4

TN reports 18 deaths,
lowest in 5 months



Russia, China will not greet
Biden till poll result official

WORLD | 5

SPORT | 6

Natarajan added to India
T20 squad



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Bihar counting today, Cong rushes leaders

SREEPARNA CHAKRABORTY, NAYEAR AZAD | DC NEW DELHI/PATNA, NOV. 9

Bihar is looking at a generational change in politics with the exit polls predicting that the Mahagathbandhan led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal's Tejashwi Yadav and including the Congress is on its way to dethrone old socialist warhorse Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Chief Minister who leads the JD(U)-BJP combine.

But it remains to be seen whether the "Grand Alliance" of the RJD, the Left parties and the Congress will manage to romp home to power, as most of the exit polls have projected, or will merely emerge as the single largest entity, leaving the field open for post-poll alliances.

In case of a fractured mandate, it will be interesting to see which way the small caste-based parties swing as the process of government formation kicks off. Counting will be taken up at 55



Continuity or change?

Total no of seats: 243
For majority: 122



Tejashwi has a quiet birthday ahead of results

DC CORRESPONDENT PATNA, NOV. 9

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav celebrated his 31st birthday on Monday with simplicity, and also urged party workers to avoid visiting his house to greet him. However, in few places in Patna, hoardings and posters were erected to wish him on his birthday and projected him as the future chief minister of Bihar. However, the RJD chief sent out a message of restraint and simplicity by celebrating a quiet birthday. "It's the personal decision of Tejashwi Yadav to celebrate his birthday with simplicity. So, the party humbly requests you to avoid visiting his house to personally greet him," the party said in a message.

NO OF SEATS CONTESTED	
NDA	Grand Alliance
JDU: 115	RJD: 144
BJP: 110	Congress: 70
VIP: 111	CPI (ML): 19
HAM: 7	CPI: 6
	CPI(M): 4

Counting to begin at:
8 am

No of centres:
55 centres

centres in 38 districts across the state Tuesday morning. Most exit polls have predicted a rout for the ruling JD(U)-BJP combine and a resounding victory for the Grand Alliance led by Mr Yadav, the son of former CM Lalu Prasad Yadav.

Bihar has 243 Assembly constituencies, and the most keenly watched on Tuesday will obviously be Raghapur in Vaishali district, from where Mr Tejashwi Yadav is

seeking election. Mr Yadav is currently a member of the Legislative Council and this is his first Assembly election. The Congress, which does not want to take chances with exit polls predicting victory for the alliance, has reportedly rushed general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and Avinash Pandey to coordinate party's moves and frustrate attempts by the NDA to poach its MLAs.

TV journo murdered for reporting land, ganja sale

SINDHIYA SAMUEL, P. A. JEBARAJ | DC CHENNAI, NOV. 9

In a shocking incident, G. Moses, 26, a journalist working with Tamizhan TV, a Tamil television channel, was hacked to death by a gang outside his house at Kundrathur in Kanchipuram district on Sunday night. Police sources said they suspect the murder to be an after-effect of his reporting on illegal sale of government poramboke land and ganja sales in the area. Hours after the attack, the police arrested four members of such a gang.

Moses was covering Sriperumbudur and Kundrathur areas for the channel. His father Gnanaraj Jesudasan is a reporter with an evening Tamil daily.

Moses was at his home in



G. Moses

Pudhu Nallur village, when he received a call from an unidentified man asking him to come out of the house. A few minutes later, his father rushed out of the house hearing Moses screaming for help.

According to police, Moses, who was facing death threats, was attacked with sickles by a gang, who fled the spot leaving him in a pool of blood. Moses suffered severe injuries on head and hand and was immediately rushed to the Chromepet government hospital. However, he died

due to severe injuries and blood loss. The Somangalam police registered a murder case.

Sriperumbudur deputy superintendent of police confirmed to DC that they have arrested Navamani, 26, Vignesh, 19, Venkatesan, 18 and Manoj, 19. Further investigation is underway. Moses had recently reported on the ganja sales by a gang in the region and had been facing threats from the group. The culprits had been suspecting Moses of passing on information to the police.

Jesudasan told police that his son was always vocal about the issues happening in the region. Earlier there was a problem due to land grab and ganja sales and he went there and reported about it. Since then he faced threats.

Save fishermen's boats in Lanka, parties tell PM

Chennai, Nov. 9: Opposition parties, including the DMK and MDMK, on Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate steps for the release of over 100 impounded mechanised boats of Tamil Nadu fishermen from Sri Lanka or ensure compensation. The CPI and AIADMK's ally DMDK also

urged the Centre to get the boats released swiftly.

DMK MP Kanimozhi said a Lankan court has given a judgment for either "destroying or auctioning" the boats, which are the source of livelihood of the fishermen. "The ministry of external affairs should immediately intervene and take steps to ensure for

return of the boats of Tamils by the Sri Lankan government," she said in a tweet.

Ms Kanimozhi alleged Tamil Nadu fishermen continued to face attack by the Lankan Navy and also lost their fishing gear and boats.

Officials in Rameswaram, quoting information received by them, had on Sunday said a court in Jaffna has

permitted authorities to destroy several Indian mechanised fishing boats seized in the last 3-4 years for allegedly crossing into the island nation territory.

Citing news reports, MDMK general secretary Vaiko said this news was shocking. "Of the over 100 boats, as many as 88 were from Rameswaram," Vaiko,

a Rajya Sabha MP, said in a letter to Modi. "The government of India should take up this issue with the Sri Lankan government either for releasing the boats or to pay due compensation to the boat owners of Tamil Nadu. I would request you to take immediate effective steps in this regard," Vaiko said in the letter. **PTI**



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