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COUNTER POINT



I will not accept defeat even if I lose!

SHORT TAKES

Markets surge

to all time high New Delhi: Investors became

richer by over ₹2 lakh crore on Monday as equity markets surged to record highs tracking a rally in global indices. The BSE Sensex jumped 704.37 points or 1.68 per cent to close at its all-time high of 42,597.43. The broader NSE Nifty too scaled a fresh intra-day peak of 12,474.05. It ended at a lifetime high of 12,461.05, up

Report on Page 13 **Anti-satellite**

model launched

New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a model of an anti-satellite missile at the DRDO Bhawan on Monday. India had successfully tested its anti-satellite missile on March 27 last year shooting down a live satellite in space under 'Mission Shakti'.

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Diwali in Delhi



Visitors flout social distancing norms at Sarojini Nagar market ahead of the Diwali festival in New Delhi on Monday. Delhi recorded over 70 fatalities due to Covid taking the toll to 7,060 and registered 5,023 fresh cases.

NGT's ban not applicable, Hyd can burst crackers

Green crackers norm must be met, says NGT Boards in Andhra Pradesh

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH and SAMPAT G. SAMRITAN I DC HYDERABAD, VIJAYAWADA,

It will be a Diwali with fireworks for the two Telugu speaking states this year. And the fireworks must be of the less polluting variety.

They have escaped the National Green Tribunal ban on firing crackers in all cities and towns where the air quality during November falls under the 'poor" and worse categories.

Cities that recorded a 'moderate' or better air quality last November can o ahead with the traditional celebrations.

and Telangana on Monday evening said the air quality in the two states in November last year fell in the 'moderate' category and met the NGT's norms. However, the NGT made it clear that any fireworks

that are set off must meet the 'green crackers' norms, that emit less smoke and gases compared to the traditional fireworks, and any celebration that involves fireworks must be only held between 8 pm and 10 pm on November 14, the day of Diwali.

There was some concern in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh over whether some of their largest cities and towns The Pollution Control could use fireworks, with

the NGT issuing notices to both the states, along with 21 others, seeking their views on whether a ban needs to be put in place on the sale and setting off of fireworks this Diwali, particularly in 122 cities nationwide that did not meet the Central Pollution Control Board's air quality attainment norms.

The NGT's poser came in

a case it was hearing about the National Capital Region of Delhi over pollution caused by fireworks and the possibility of an increased spread of Coronavirus because of the aerosol particles emitted when fireworks are set

Page 2: Burst crackers from 8 pm to 10 pm

TRS to retain Dubbak seat, BJP to come 2nd

Result to set tone for GHMC polls, eyes on victory margin

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti appears all set to retain the Dubbak Assembly seat, when the result is announced on Tuesday for the November 3 election. The BJP hopes to wrest the seat from the TRS but it is increasngly expected to take the second place from the Congress.

Counting of votes, beginning with postal ballots, will commence at 8 am on Tuesday. At 8.30 am, the EVMs will be taken up for counting, the first trends will be available in about half an hour. The result is expected at about 12.30 pm.

A lot depends on the outcome of the bypoll in view of the fast approaching elections to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Council. The GHMC polls, interestingly, come in the cusp of the half-way mark of the government's tenure, from which point it will start getting ready for the 2023

polls.
While the TRS is expected to win the seat, much will be read into its marwill be read into its margin of victory. It had won with 37,925 in 2014 and 62,704 in 2018. The Congress secured 26,799 votes and the BJP 22,595 in 2018 though the votes in 2018, though the votes in an Assembly election and a bypoll cannot be compared. Some senior leaders in their private conversations say that in the unlikely event that the BJP pulls off an upset, then the political calcula-tions will begin to be redrawn in the three main

> ■ Page 2: Money seizure changed equations

Mesco trustees buy costly

land by siphoning off funds

Bihar might witness rise of new generation of politicos

CHAKRABORTY and 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 RJD'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 centres in 38 districts across the state on Tuesday morning. Most exit polls have pre-

dicted 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 chief minister Lalu Prasad Yadav. Bihar has 243 Assembly constituencies, and the most keenly watched on Tuesday will obviously be Raghopur in Vaishali district, from



Sweets being prepared ahead of the counting day for the Bihar Assembly elections in Patna on Monday. -PTI

where Mr Tejashwi Yadav is seeking election. Mr Yadav is currently a

member of the Legislative Council and this is his first Assembly election. Raghopur has in the past been represented by his parents Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi both former CMs. Tejashwi's once-estranged brother Tej Pratap Yadav is contesting from Hasanpur in Samastipur district. Tuesday's counting will also decide the political fate of nearly a score of ministers, including Nand Kishore Yadav (Patna Sahib), Pramod Kumar (Motihari), Rana Randhir (Madhuban), Suresh Sharma (Muzaffarpur), Shrawan Kumar (Nalanda), Jai Kumar Singh (Dinara) and Krishnanandan Prasad Verma (Jehanabad).

A win for the Grand Alliance would a redempmight be recalled that Mr Kumar was elected chief minister as part of the RJD-Congress-JD(U) combine in 2015, but he had switched over to the NDA even as he remained the

However, in last year's Lok Sabha polls, the NDA had won 39 of the 40 seats and only one had gone to the Congress. A win will also revive the fortunes of the three Left parties — CPI, CPI-M and CPI-ML part of the "Mahagathbandhan". The results will also

indicate the political fortunes of Chirag Paswan, the LJP chief, who left the NDA in Bihar and put up candidates against the JD(U). Mr Tejashwi Vaday manyhila sala Yadav, meanwhile, celebrated his 31st birthday on Monday with simplicity, and also urged party workers to avoid visiting his house to greet him.

Pfizer's vaccine found 90% good

New York, Nov. 9: Pfizer says an early peek at its vaccine data suggests the shots may be 90 per cent effective at preventing Covid-19, indicating the company is on track later this month to file an emergency use application with US regulators.

Monday's announcement doesn't mean a vaccine is imminent: This interim analysis, from an independent data monitoring board, looked at 94 infections recorded so far in a study that has enrolled nearly 44,000 people in the US and five other countries. Pfizer Inc did not provide any more details about those cases. and cautioned the initial protection rate might change by the time the

highly unusual. "We're in a position potentially to be able to offer some hope," Dr Bill Gruber, Pfizer's senior vice-president of clinical development, said. "We're very encouraged." Authorities have stressed it's unlikely any vaccine will arrive much before the end of the year, and limited initial

supplies will be rationed. The shots made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech are among 10 possible vaccine candidates in late-stage testing around the world - four of them so far in huge studies in the US.

Because the study hasn't ended, Gruber couldn't

say how many in each

group had infections.

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9 The city-based MESCO, a popular non-profit organisation which runs health facilities and educational institutions, is caught in the web of deceit and corruption woven by people

at its helm of affairs. Dr Fakhruddin Mohammed, secetrary of MES-CO (Modern Educational Social and Cultural Organisation), and his associates have been facing allegations of diverting and swindling funds besides bringing disrepute to the organisation by admitting students in excess of the permitted strength. Inquiries by Deccan • THEY INVESTED in educational institutions run by other societies on behalf of MESCO but allegedly gradually converted them into their personal invest-

Chronicle revealed that a

method was devised to siphon off funds. They invested in educational institutions run by other societies on behalf of ME-SCO but allegedly gradually converted them into their personal investpersonal investments. Lands were purchased from the proceeds of the educational institutions but were allegedly registered in favour of individuals

"Land documents were not produced for audit and it is found that payments are made in cash," pointed out the audit company Hawaldar and Associates, which had done a comprehensive audit into the affairs of Blue Birds Education Society, Warangal, at the behest of Dr Fakhruddin himself.

Material available in the court of third additional district judge, Warangal, pointed out several lapses including booking lakhs of rupees of preliminary expenses without vouchers and not accounting for various fees collected from students.

"We received computers and books worth ₹10 lakh from MESCO. At the time of paying back the amount Dr Fakhruddin asked us to deposit the money in Blue Birds instead of MESCO,' Basheer Qureshi, a former member of managing committee of Mahabubia Panjetan, told *Deccan Chronicle*. The amount deposited in Blue Birds was subsequently shown as an investment made by

Dr Fakhruddin.

It was also found that his associates bought about two acres of land in Warangal, the value of which runs into crores of rupees, from the educational society funds.

Page 2: Over ₹10 crore spent on diagnostic labs

will be an interesting con-

test for the Purple Cap

(awarded to one with the highest wickets) between

Delhi pacer Kagiso Rabada

TS HC LETS AP **PAY AGRIGOLD DEPOSITORS**

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC

The Telangana High Court, which is hearing cases related to the AgriGold scam, approved an Andhra Pradesh government proposal to disburse ₹1.150 crore to depositors from the state who have invested ₹20,000 or less in the com-

A division bench headed by Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao asked the Andhra Pradesh government to complete the process before March 31,

■ Page 2: CID to get details of depositors

IMPROVE GOODS TO DOUBLE GDP, **SAYS McKINSEY**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Even while the government is focusing on improving ease of doing business, the manufacturing sector could more than double its output by merely improving its product quality and ramping up scale in 11 sectors.

The eleven sectors, according to a McKinsey report, have strong potential to operate in international markets, power economic growth, and provide long-term employment and skill pathways for millions.

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study ends. Even reveal-

BATTLE I ROYALE Batting heavy MI look to post huge total with 130 sixes compared to Delhi's 84

Mumbai sits pretty in IPL title clash against Delhi

MOSES KONDETY I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

After 52 days of exciting action, it's the final countdown at the IPL. Fittingly, Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals, who have occupied the top two spots on the points table for most part of the League, will fight for the coveted cup on

Tuesday night. For starters, the tournament itself is the winner, with the BCCI pulling it off in far away UAE in these crushing Covid times. The teams have certainly beaten the virus there.

The title match promises fireworks ahead of Diwali with explosive players on both sides pointing to a cracker of a contest. While defending champions Mumbai sit pretty with the experience of playing five finals and winning the IPL on four occasions 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 —

Delhi are in their maiden big game that could add to nerves.

Their paths to the summit clash too have been contrasting.

While

Mumbai made it at the first

• FOR STARTERS, the tournament itself is the winner, with the BCCI pulling it off in far away UAE in these crushing Covid times. The teams have certainly beaten the virus there.

attempt, Delhi clawed into it via the second Qualifier. Head-to-head, Mumbai are way ahead, having beaten the Capitals comfortably by five wickets, nine wickets and 57 runs — in the three matches they have

played this season. "The journey has been a roller-coaster. Hoping we're able to play freely in the next game against MI, the biggest team," Capitals captain Shreyas Iyer said. His counterpart Rohit Sharma kept feet firmly on

ground. "There will be a psychological advantage a little bit, yes, but again every day is a new game. You can't think too much about what has happened in the past," he said.

A batting heavy side, Mumbai will look to blast their way past with hitters

Quinton de Kock, Hardik, Krunal Suryakumar Yadav and captain Rohit Sharma to set up a huge total should they bat first. For the record, Mumbai batsmen have slammed 130 sixes compared to 84 by the Capitals in the tournament.

Delhi does boast of big bats too. Marcus Stoinis, Shimron Hetmyer, Shreyas, Rishabh Pant will Shimron need to step up to the plate and fire in the boundaries. On the bowling front, it

(29) and Mumbai quick Jasprit Bumrah, who is fast catching up at 27. Trent Boult in the second Mumbai bowler in the top three, with 22 wickets. The Capitals also have a reliable attack in new-ball bowlers Anrich Nortje, Stoinis and crafty spinners R. Ashwin and Axar Patel. Whether they will be able weather the storm

SHORT TAKES

OVER ₹10 CRORE SPENT ON **DIAGNOSTIC LABS**

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But, the registration documents for the land located in Survey No. 159 and 61 in Hasanparti mandal of Warangal district showed individual members of the managing committee as owners.
Inquiries also revealed that

more than ₹10 crore was spent on setting up diagnostic labs in Lucknow, Delhi and Kolkata to serve as authorised service providers for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries but they remained non-starters with the GCC refusing accreditation.
Besides, MESCO College of

Pharmacy ran into trouble with the management admitting 100 students against the strength of 60 sanctioned by the Pharmacy Council of India. Twenty eight students admitted in excess have lost their academic year as they were forced to leave the college and the fate of another 12 stu-dents hangs in balance,

CID TO GET DETAILS OF DEPOSITORS

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Explaining how it would identify genuine depositors to make the payment, the AP government told the court that the CID would gather details of the depositors through ward

The details would be vetted by the CID deputy superintendent of police and the revenue divisional officer. The secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, the collector and the superintendent of police would the certify the details. The AP government said that it would deposit the money directly into the bank accounts of eligible depositors through the respective collec-tor. On a request of the AP government to transfer AgriGold related cases to the AP High Court, the bench said that the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court had been vested with the power to transfer the

The court said that it would hear regularly all the cases related to AgriGold which were filed by depositors, bankers, bidders for the auction of the company's property so that they can be paid.

MONEY SEIZURE CHANGED **EQUATIONS**

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Political observers said that the no-holds-barred verbal war between the TRS and the BJP after money was seized from a relative of BJP candidate M. Raghunandan Rao had changed the equations and converted the triangular fight into a straight contest.

They pointed out that even if the TRS retains the seat, the chances of getting one lakh majority may not be easy, though the ruling party has always performed exceedingly well in byelections historical

Analysts are of the opinion that if the TRS bags the seat by a smaller margin, Opposition parties will pick up on the issue in the GHMC elections. They pointed out if BJP finishes second place, it would be an advantage to the party as it can the claim to be the only alternative to the TRS and can see dreams of gaining power

in the 2023 Assembly elections. Analysts say that if the Congress ends up third, it will face a tough time in the GHMC election. Besides, BJP leaders have indicated that many Congress leaders could change loyalties. Recently TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao also mentioned in his press conference mentioned that many Congress leaders are likely to switch over to the BJP. Worryingly for the party, it has seen its votes erode from about 44,000 in 2014 to about 26,700 in 2018.

have Authorities arrangements for counting of votes at Indur Engineering Ponnala, Siddipet. The counting will be conducted in 23 rounds on 14

The byelection was necessitated by the sudden demise of sitting TRS MLA Solipeta

Ramalinga Reddy. Polling was recorded at 82.61 per cent. As many as 23 candidates are in the fray, though the main contest is between TRS candidate Sujatha, BJP nominee Raghunandan Rao and Congress candidate Cheruku Srinivas Reddy.



Customers purchase fire crackers at a wholesale market in Osmangunj.

Only low emission or green crackers on sale

Firecracker dealers expect lower sales due to Covid crisis

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Almost all the firecrackers sold in the city this year will be 'green' or lowemission crackers in line with the Supreme Court mandate, according to Telangana Firecracker Sellers Association.

The Supreme Court had directed in 2018 that only green crackers would be allowed into the market. The apex court had specified that the crackers may be fired only from 8 pm to

"The traders in the state are expecting lower sales from the start of the season, as they have had to contend with the impact of the Coronavirus. The dealers restricted themselves to purchasing only 25 per cent of the stock that they do usually," J. Manik Rao of the Fireworks Dealers Association of Telangana, told Deccan Chronicle.

Even of this smaller quantity of crackers, traders expect to sell only a fraction this year because of the increased environmental awareness as well as the impact of Covid-19 lockdown on the

economy. crackers for the subse-

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC

A weekend outing turned

fatal for a 20-year-old med-

ical student after her

friend, who was drunk,

rammed the car in which

they were travelling into a

tree at Gachibowli late on

Sunday night.
The victim. P. Priyanka,

was pursuing her third year MBBS at Georgia,

Russia. She came to India

post the Covid crisis,

On Sunday evening, Priyanka called her friend

Mithi Modi, 20, a BA sec-

Geetham College, Vizag, to meet her. The two went

police said.

HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Burst crackers from 8 pm to 10 pm: Pollution Board

Control Board member, told *Deccan Chronicle:*

"People in Hyderabad can

go on to celebrate the fes-

tival with crackers, but

only in the stipulated time

period of 8 pm to 10 pm. We have taken this deci-

sion because the ambient

air quality of the city falls

in the 'moderate' catego-

ry." In Vijayawada, authorities said that the decision

to permit use of fireworks

was taken based on air

quality monitoring data

from November 2019 which showed that the

average ambient air quali-

ty values were good, satis-

factory and moderate.

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Kumari

Telangana state, Hyderabad Ramagundam made the non-attainment list while in AP, the list included Srikakulam, Pydi Bhimavaram, Vizianagaram, Bobbili, Visakhapatnam, Kakin-ada, Rajahmahendravaram, Eluru, Vijayawada, Velagapudi, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore, Tirupati, Tirumala, Yerranguntla, Anantapur and Kurnool. In Hyderabad, Neetu

their production lines and 95 per cent of the output is green crackers. The cracker packages carry the green logo as well," Manik Rao said.

Telangana State Pollution

Prasad,

"It is a ₹5,000 crore business across the country. Manufacturers are follow "The production of ing the chemical formula given by NEERI (National quent year starts post-Diwali. The manufactur-ers at Sivakasi upgraded En v i r o n m e n t a l Engineering Research Institute)," he added.

Female medical student

ON SUNDAY evening,

Priyanka called her friend

Mithi Modi, 20, a BA sec-

Geetham College, Vizag,

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(AP13 DQ 0123).

"While

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Hyderabad

went to a pub in his car

to a pub in his car (AP13 DQ 0123).

around 12.30 am, Mithi,

who was under the influ-

ence of alcohol, rammed

the car into a tree on the

University campus. As

Priyanka was not wearing

her seatbelt, she sustained

returning

near the Central

severe injuries and died judicial custody.

killed in road mishap

While sales have been bleak so far, Manik Rao was hopeful that people would come out to purchase crackers as the festival came closer and there was clarity on the rules of firing crackers.

There are many sources of pollution, like industries and cars. When there is no ban on them, why is there a ban on crackers,

on the spot. Mithi, who

was wearing his seat belt,

Gachibowli police official

said. Cops shifted both Priyanka and Mithi to a

private hospital. Mithi's

blood alcohol count was 44

mg. Mithi called Priyanka's mother S.

Sashikala, an advocate by profession, after the crash

and informed her about

Based on a complaint by

the mother, a case has been booked under 304-II

(culpable homicide not

amounting to murder) of

IPC and other sections of

the MV Act. Mithi has

been arrested and sent to

the mishap.

survived the crash,'

A senior AP Pollution Control Board official said: "Though we intended to recommend to the state government to impose a total ban on fir-ing of crackers, following NGT order and verification of AQI values of last November, we intend to recommend to allow only green crackers in a stipulated period for Diwali."

The green tribunal, in its order, also directed all Territories to initiate special drives to check air pollution from all sources in view of its potential to aggravate Covid-19 infec-

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TOBACCO ITEMS, LIQUOR WORTH ₹20L SEIZED

Manik Rao said.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The Rachakonda police seized tobacco products and liquor bottles worth ₹20.84 lakh from three men who were illegally it a.
The transporting Hayathnagar. accused were identified as Ragi Shankarachary, 45, Shiga Krishaniah, 32 and Chidumala Ashik, 35. The men were caught with 60 bags of tobacco and 50 bottles of liquor during vehicle checking on Monday at the Kuntloor crossroads.

'They procure tobacco products from Bidar, Karnataka state," police

TRS leader grabs Banjara Hills land, flouts SC order

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

While Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is working to ensure that Telangana state would be free of litigation over land with the Dharani portal and a comprehensive land survey, ruling party leaders are grabbing lands and making a mockery of Supreme Court's orders.

Despite the top court's orders to maintain status quo in a parcel of disputed land located on Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, the alleged intervention of a TRS leader is causing trouble to the other parties involved in the matter.

V. Narasimha Reddy, TRS candidate for the Nalgonda Lok Sabha seat, and a ruling party MLA were misusing their pow-ers in the Banjara Hills ers in the Banjara Hills land deal, it is alleged. The land is located in Survey No. 129/52. In 2019, Narasimha Reddy applied for permis-sion to construct a resi-

dential building in Survey No 129/68 (Paiki). GHMC town planning officials inspected the spot and found that the land as claimed by the applicant was not present on Road No 12, Banjara Hills, and

rejected the petition.
The erstwhile AP government had issued clari-fication through a Gazette police alleging trespass



that Survey No. 129/68 (Paiki) was not correct and warned people not to enter into sale agreements citing that number.

The deputy inspector of

surveys had established that though the land in Survey No 129/68 exists, it is not abutting Road No 12, Banjara Hills, as claimed by the litigants, but is leasted 1.2 km/s/y but is located 1.2 km away from Survey No. 129/52. Recently, M. Sukumar Reddy lodged a complaint

case on businessman M.L. Agarwal on the complaint. The complainant further alleged that the intervention of Narasimha Reddy is causing agony. He said that the parties who do not have the rightful title

into the disputed land by

the other parties who tried to level the land and

raise a compound wall.

The police have registered

of the land are violating the orders of the apex court at the behest of

All vaccinations, including for adults, must be timely

mmunisation is a global health and develop-Iment success story, which has saved millions of lives. November 10 is celebrated every year as World Immunisation Day to create awareness about the importance of getting timely vaccinations for preventing diseases.

What is a vaccine?

Vaccine is a biological preparation that provides active acquired immunity from a few infectious diseases and certain cancers.

What are the types of immunisation?

There are two types of immunisation; namely, active and passive. Active immunisation is achieved through vaccine. Passive immunisation is when you get preformed antibodies; for example, from mother to child through antiserum.

How does immunisation help in checking diseases?

Annually, immunisation currently prevents 2–3 million deaths globally from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles. Thanks to the universal immunisation immunisation programme introduced in 1978 in India, majority of children across the country are vaccinated.

What is adult vaccina-

Adults need vaccination to boost efficacy of childhood vaccines, promote immunity from newer comorbidities and afford protection when immunity is suppressed due to ill-

What are the vaccines recommended

Vaccines recommended for adults are: DPT, MMR,

D CTOR



Dr Aarathi Bellary Internal Medicine SLG Hospitals

Influenza (people > 50 years), Pneumococcal (> Human years), Papilloma Virus (9-26 years), and Zoster (> 60

Vaccines recommended for high-risk individuals are: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis Meningococcal, Varicella, Haemophilus Influenza B, Rabies, and Typhoid DPT: Adults, who have

completed their primary vaccination series, should receive a Td vaccine every 10 years till the age of 65. DTP is recommended for everyone, especially people with weakened

immune systems. MMR: All adults should receive two doses of MMR vaccine or one dose of measles, followed by one dose of MMR vaccine. MMR is not given to pregnant women as it is a live vaccine.

Varicella: All adults without evidence of immunity to varicella or previous infection should receive two doses of single antigen varicella vac-

Herpes Zoster/Shingles Vaccine: All adults above 50 years of age should take this vaccine. It also provides protection from a condition called post herpetic neuralgia.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccine: HPV vaccine safeguards people from a series of infections that can lead to cervical, vulvar and vaginal cancer among women and penile cancer in men. It can be given to young males and females between the age of nine and 26 years.

Pneumococcal Vaccine: This vaccine acts as a safeguard from infections caused by Streptococcus bacteria. Pneumoniae which can lead to pneuionia, meningitis, biooc infections and death People living with chronic illness, sickle cell disease, transplanted organs and those immune-suppressed should consider taking

this vaccine. Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccine: Both these viruses infect the liver. Everyone can take Hepatitis A and B vaccines to protect themselves. People, who regularly travel outside the country, men having sexual relations with other men, those using illegal drugs, and people having chronic liver disease should take this vaccine.

Influenza Vaccine: This is a yearly vaccination that protects one from flu. It is intended for everyone above the age of 6 months.

Vaccination for Health Care Workers: These vaccines are Hepatitis B, Influenza, MMR, Varicella

and Tdap.

Adult vaccines are an integral part of approach towards comprehensive wellbeing. Talk to your health care providers about getting vaccinated

SERVICE | FIRST

year student of

The scouting movement was founded by Sir Robert Baden Powell in November 1914

Scouts and guides cheer President-elect Joe Biden

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Scouts and guides of the twin cities are thrilled that one of their community members, Joe Biden, has gone on to become President-elect of the

United States of America. Perlapally Rahul, a scout, had been regretting that Coronavirus had spoilt their November, which would otherwise have kept them busy with camps, service to society and adventure activities

like rock climbing. Their

wnich mark the Foundation Day celebrations of Scouts and Guides movement, had reduced to virtual homebased activities.

"I was missing all those camps and activities, which had been suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic. But now, it is thrilling to know that the next American President had been a Scout," Rahul said with glee.

Greeshma Chandrika Annamraju, a student from Bhavan's College in Sainikpuri, is excited to



US President-elect Joe Biden. (Right) As a young scout.

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— GREESHMA CHANDRIKA ANNAMRAJU Student

week-long ongoing Balgar "Yuvasaptaha Utsav 2020" that will conclude on November 14. During normal times,

the activities of Scouts and Guides include focus on life skills, along with arts and craft work. "While in camps, we train in rock climbing, clearing roads during emergencies and learning how to help someone in danger," said Greeshma.

It is a moment to cherish for scouts and guides that one of their alumni is set to become the President of the most powerful country in the world. There are many among us who have risen in the society, but Joe Biden's case is special, said Ramesh Reddy, treasurer of the Secunderabad District Scouts Guides.

Scouting was founded by Sir Robert Baden Powell in

1914. S. Sararwathi, a retired

professor and Commissioner for Bharat Scouts and Guides, said, "Our district unit is now nearly 100 years old. The purpose of our movement is to develop young people and help them achieve their full physical, mental, social and spiritual potential as individuals and responsible citizens of the



IN BRIEF

16-year-old held for sexual assault

Hyderabad: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a juvenile, also aged 16, at KPHB on Monday. Police booked a case and apprehended the boy. According to the police, the juvenile, a student, had allegedly lured the girl on the pretext of love and sexually assaulted her at KPHB Colony Fourth Phase. The accused and the victim reside in the same colony. "Following a complaint from the girl's parents, we booked cases under the POCSO Act and IPC and placed him under arrest," said the police.

JAGAN SEEKS DISCHARGE FROM JAGATHI CASE

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Arguments of Chief Minister Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy in the discharge petitions were completed before the CBI special court on Monday Jagan Mohan Reddy sought the court to discharge him in the cases filed by the CBI in the Jagathi Publications case.

The CBI had named Jagan Mohan Reddy as the first accused and auditor V. Vijaysai Reddy as the second accused.

S. Niranjan Reddy, counsel for Jagan Mohan Reddy argued that the CBI had erred in lodging the case on an issue related to investments made into Jagathi Publications and other issues related to the company When the company was accused, how could anything be attributed to Jagan Mohan Reddy, counsel asked.

Niranjan Reddy recalled the case of Sunil Bharti Mittal, who got relief at the Supreme Court in case related to the excess spectrum allocation issue.

KTR: TS TO CHECK LAND ISSUES WITH SYMPATHY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The state government will sympathetically examine issues related to land rights of people in different parts of the city who do not have these rights due to various reasons, minister K.T. Rama Rao has said.

Interacting with representatives of 20 residential colonies from Uppal at a meeting in Pragathi Bhavan, Rama Rao said the government decision to notify residential colonies such as KCR Nagar, have benefitted their residents.

"The municipal administration department was ready to solve the problems faced by people in other colonies too," the minister said. The online Dharani land records system will ensure that every inch of land in the city will be properly accounted for and land rights issues can be solved with such thorough records, he said.

The state government, Rama Rao said, was addressing one issue after another, sometimes some of them simultaneously, to solve the problems faced by the people. The works taken up for road development and streamlining of traffic in the city over the past six years is one such example, he added.

Development was possible only under the leadership of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, he said, adding that every effort will be made to ensure that the poor in society will have their due rights on land and all revenue-related issues speedily will be resolved speedily. The government was working on solving such problems in LB Nagar, Uppal, Qutbullapur, Kukatpally, he added.



Minister K.T. Rama Rao Inaugurates link roads along with minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, TRS MP Ranjit Reddy, MLC Naveen Rao, MLA Arekepudi Gandhi, and GHMC corporators Nagender and other leaders joined the programme at Khajaguda in Hyderabad on Monday.

—DC

KTR inaugurates 3 link roads at Khajaguda

Project envisages development of 137 link roads across city

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

K.T. Rama Rao, municipal administration and urban development minister, has called on the people to provide suggestions and advice on where the city needs more link roads that would assist in reduction of traffic congestion on main and arterial roads.

Speaking after inaugurating three link roads in the Serilingampally zone here on Monday, Rama Rao said the Telangana state government had spent ₹8,113 crore in the past six years constructing and developing flyovers, underpasses, laying of slip and link roads, and on junction improvements in the city for smoother flow of traffic.

The minister also laid the foundation stone for an underpass on Road No ered as the best livable city. It attracts many people from all parts of

THESE LINK roads will reduce traffic congestion on the main roads. The foundation stone has been laid for a vehicular underpass from the Old Bombay Highway to Road No. 45, Nandi Hills, at a cost of ₹23.1 crore.

45 in Nandi Hills on Monday. Rama Rao said that Hyderabad is the one of the fastest growing cities in the country and plans

were in place to develop it

on scientific lines.

The link roads project alone envisages development of 137 stretches of new roads at a cost of ₹313 crore. Hyderabad city, Rama Rao said, "is considered as the best livable city. It attracts many

₹9.61 crore was also opened for traffic.

the country. The government is committed to and focused on developing basic infrastructure in the city to meet its growing

ANOTHER 1.2-KM link

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According to Mayor Bonthu Rammohan, one of the newly inaugurated roads on Monday, the fourlane link road from Old Bowenpally to Engineering Staff College via Delhi Public School, is 2.3 km long and cost ₹19.51

Another 1.2-km link road was inaugurated from Old Bombay Road to Road No. 45, HT Lines, that cost ₹15.54 crore and a 1.2-km stretch between Miyapur Highway to HT Lines built at a cost of ₹9.61 crore was also opened for traffic.

Ministers Sabitha Indra Reddy, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Parliament member Ranjit Reddy, MLC Naveen Rao, MLA Arekepudi Gandhi, and GHMC corporators Nagender, Venkatesh, GHMC zonal commissioner Ravi Kiran, and chief engineer Zia Uddin and others participated in the programme.

2 Army men from Telugu states killed in J&K attack

NARENDER PULLOOR AND AVINASH P SUBRAMANYAM | DC NIZAMABAD, TIRUPATI,

Two of the four Army personnel who gave their life to stop an infiltration attempt from across the Line of Control (LoC) on Sunday were from the Telugu states.

Army jawan Ryada Mahesh (26) of Komanpally village of Velpur mandal in Nizamabad district and Havildar Ch. Praveen Kumar (37), from Chittoor district's Reddyvaripalle in Irala mandal where killed in Machil sector of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mahesh's family in Nizamabad district was initially informed that he had sustained critical injuries in the encounter. Later, on Sunday night they were told that he had died.

Since then, Mahesh's wife Suhasini, parents, Raju and Gangavva, were inconsolable. Mahesh and Suhasini had a love marriage last year. Mahesh completed schooling at his native place and finished his Intermediate in Nizamahad.

After training, Mahesh was posted in Assam and later at Dehradun, before his transfer to Jammu and Kashmir

Kashmir.
Minister V. Prashanth
Reddy rushed to Komanpally and consoled
the bereaved family. He
assured them of all help.
At a young age, Mahesh
had made a great sacrifice
for the country be said

for the country, he said. Collector C. Narayana Reddy, commissioner of police Kartikeya accompanied the minister.



Army jawan Ryada Mahesh

Meanwhile, Himachal Pradesh Governor Bandaru Dattatreya spoke to the parents of Mahesh on Monday. TRS MLC K. Kavitha

paid tributes to the jawan, whose mortal remains are likely to reach his native village by Tuesday. Officials are making arrangements for his cremation.

There was gloom in

There was gloom in Reddyvaripalle following the death of Havildar Praveen Kumar, who was the only son of Chikala Prathap Reddy and Sugunamma. He had married Rajitha 10 years ago and the couple has an eight-year-old aughter and a five-year-old son.

Inspired by many others from his village, Praveen, who completed his graduation, joined the Army about 17 years ago in 18 Madras Regiment. He served in the National Security Guard for almost three years.

According to his relatives from Reddyvaripalle, Praveen Kumar's family members were expecting his visit for Sankranti. They recalled his earlier



Havildar Chikala Praveen

visit to the village and said that he used to spend most of his time with friends and family mem-

"Praveen has been an inspiration to many youngsters in the village to join the Army. He constantly encouraged the youth to join the armed forces. It is a terrible loss to both the family and the village. He was a great human being," a relative

of Praveen said.

The defence ministry paid tributes to the soldier. His mortal remains would be shifted from Machil sector to New Delhi and from there to his native village. The last rites are likely to be performed at his native

place Wednesday evening.
Deputy Chief Minister
K. Narayana Swamy, minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, MP N.
Reddeppa and Puthalapattu MLA M.S. Babu visited the village on Monday and consoled the family members of the martyred soldier. They said that Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has assured \$50 lakh assistance to the aggrieved family.

WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT TO BE INAUGURATED TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The 19.8 MW waste to energy (WtE) plant in Jawaharnagar to be officially inaugurated on Tuesday will be the first such unit to be commissioned in southern India.

"The state government considers WtE as an environmentally friendly technology of thermal combustion to dispose the while generating green power," said an official.

The first phase of the WtE project comprises

two boilers fired by refuse derived fuel (RDF). The plant has a multi-stage flue gas cleaning system and online continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) to prevent environmental pollution. The facility uses aircooled condensers and

As per the power purchase agreement with the

conserves water.

TS Transco, the green power is being evacuated with negligible transmissions losses.

The GHMC has assessed the potential for generating power from garbage at the Jawaharnagar dump yard at 98 MW, keeping in mind the increase in waste generation in the future.

The government was requested to grant permission to expand the WtE plant capacity.

IIT-H researcher's plan for CO2 battery wins fellowship

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

When India's next mission to Mars takes off in 2024, a possible planetary rover that could be part of that mission may well carry a battery designed at the Indian Institute of Technology in Hyderabad.

The IIT-H on Monday announced that its researcher Dr Chandra Shekhar Sharma, associate professor, department of chemical engineering and Creative & Advanced Research Based On Nanomaterials (CARBON) Laboratory, has been awarded the prestigious Swarnajayanti Fellowship for 2019-2020 for his work on the proposed 'Metals CO2' bettern.

The metal CO2 batteries are a new technology that has scientific community across

the world excited as it the not only provides light-weight and high-density power sources but could pay lead to an ability to draw the source of power, carbondioxide, from the atmosphere.

Such power sources could also contribute to reducing the gas which is a significant contributor to greenhouse effect that the world is grappling with.

Since the atmosphere on Mars primarily consists

on Mars primarily consists of CO2, the broad objective of the IIT-H concept is to scientifically explore and develop a working prototype of Metal (M)-CO2 battery technology and to study the feasibility of this technology in India's next Mars mission, particularly for surface landers and rovers.

Development of Metal-CO2 batteries will provide high specific energy density with

Ishan Kishan

Cricketer & RBI Employee

the reduction in mass and volume which will help the reduction of payload mass and launch cost in planetary missions, IIT-H said in a release.

A real battery prototype will be developed as an outcome of this fellowship and the Indian Space Research Organisation and Defence Research Development Organisation will be brought on board in the early phase of the project for inputs for indigenous battery development for the Indian space

mission.

Dr Sharma was congratulated by Prof. B.S. Murty, Director IIT Hyderabad, for winning the prestigious fellowship and said this recognition pushed IIT-H further into the top league of research institutes working on cutting edge technologies.

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SHORT TAKES

REVANTH HOLDS PROTEST OVER FLOOD FUNDS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

TS Congress working president A. Revanth Reddy along with key leaders from Malkajgiri organised a protest at the GHMC headquarters on Monday over alleged embezzlement of flood relief funds. The MP accused the TRS leaders, including some corporators, of looting ₹250 crore of the ₹500-crore relief fund that was sanctioned.

He asked why the government had not distributed the ex gratia sum in the form of cheques or directly deposited it into the accounts of the affected families, instead of handing over cash. He alleged that the TRS was buying votes

in the process.

Revanth Reddy said he had submitted a representation with a list of victims who had not received financial aid, and urged the commissioner to issue the funds to affected persons in Kukatpally, LB Nagar and Malkajgiri.

SRAVAN DASOJU SLAMS KTR OVER FLOOD RELIEF

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

AICC spokesperson Dr Sravan Dasoju slammed minister K.T. Rama Rao for the alleged failure of the government and the GHMC to provide the list of beneficiaries of flood relief funds in Hyderabad, despite multiple requests having been made to the administration.

The Congress leader invited Rama Rao to an open discussion at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial to discuss the widespread irregularities involved in the distribution of flood relief funds in Hyderabad.

Despite having 100 corporators "like Kauravas" in the GHMC Council, the TRS had miserably failed to rescue the people during the floods. They are looting public money, Dr

Sravan alleged.

He asked why the government had not provided financial assistance to the farmers who were also adversely affected as incessant rains had lashed the whole state last

NEW APP FOR PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao on Monday launched an app for panchayat secretaries and another one for inspection of Palle Pragathi, the government's village development programme. He told the media that the apps were developed to improve local governance.

The panchayat secretary app will list out the daily and monthly activities of the offi-cials. It will monitoring data regarding cleaning of roads and government institutions, sanitation works, streetlight maintenance and solid waste collection from houses. The Palle Pragathi app will monitor data on cleaning of water tanks, holding of gram panchayat and gram sabha meetings, birth, death and marriage registrations, maintenance of records, issue of certificates among others

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SEC plotted to reduce Hindu voters: Bandi

BJP state prez sees number of Muslim voters rising

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

leader Tokala Srinivas Reddy, the Mailardevpally corporator, joined the BJP in the presence of TS unit president Bandi Sanjay, BJP vice-president D.K. Aruna, party MLC N. Ramachander Rao and former MP A.P. Jithender Reddy at the state party headquarters on Monday.
Speaking to the media

Speaking to the media after the event, Sanjay alleged that State Election Commission (SEC) officers had col-luded with the TRS and reduced the number of Hindu voters for the oncoming GHMC Council elections and increased the number of

Muslim voters.
Sanjay warned that if the State Election Commission issues the notification for the GHMC elections without considering the objections of the BJP, the party would obstruct the election process.

Sanjay said that the BJP was trying to make



BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar welcomes TRS leader Tokala Srinivas Reddy, the Mailardevpally corporator.

Bhagyanagar of the Old City, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was trying to turn it into Hyderabad.

He alleged that the Chief Minister along with MIM leaders had conducted a survey in the GHMC area and found that the BJP support had increased by a large extent. "Therefore, warned that the govern-

they are trying to win the GHMC elections by plotting conspiracies,' Sanjay alleged. He gave a call for an

agitation in the GHMC divisions November 11 against the reducing number of Hindu votes, and the misuse of funds meant for flood relief. He ment would be responsible if peace and law and order were disrupted ahead of the GHMC elec-

Sanjay and other party leaders travelled in the Metro Rail from Miyapur to Gandhi Bhavan station and headed to the party office for the induction of Srinivas Reddy.

Farmers protest



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy interacts with a farmer during a signature campaign at Huzurnagar on

Adviser Anurag Sharma gets three-year extension

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The tenure of former DGP Anurag Sharma as adviser to government on police, law and order and crime control has been extended by three years with effect from November 12. After his superannuation, the government had appointed him as adviser in November 2017. Sources told *Deccan*

Chronicle that Sharma has been advising the government on several important aspects of the functioning of the police department, including that of key postings and transfer of IPS officers.



Anurag Sharma

batch, Sharma is known to keep a low profile but plays a key role.

While law and order has largely remained in control in Telangana state, the issue of transfer of IPS officers who were promoted but are continuing in the same posts for long is something that is bothering

• AN IPS officer of the 1982 batch, Anurag Sharma is known to keep a low profile but plays a key role.

many of them. They hold the view that their fraternity is being neglected by the government for the last couple of years while the police top brass is unable to bring their woes to the notice of the powersthat-be.

While in service, Sharma has held many key posts including that Hyderabad police commissioner and chief of the anti-naxal Greyhounds. He served as DGP from November 13, 2015,

COPS ARREST MAOIST MILITIA COMMANDER

Kothagudem: The police took into custody one Himala Joga, said to be a Maoist militia commander belonging to Peda-bodikal in Chhattisgarh. The arrest was made in Mondikunta in Aswapuram mandal on Monday. The police recovered five gelatine sticks, 100 metres of electric wire, a tiffin box, two detonators and two 9V batteries from him. Joga was transporting the explosives to destroy government property and killing the police, sources claimed. Joga is said to be facing four murder cases, two extortion and blasting

LEGAL I TANGLE SC upset HC stayed trial court proceedings in matrimonial case

Courts not adhering to deadline worries SC

PARMOD KUMAR I DC NEW DELHI, NOV. 9

The Supreme Court has deprecated the tendency of courts not adhering to the deadline given by it for the completion of trial and Telangana High Court overreaching its order by putting on hold the trial that was to be completed within two months as per its July 16, 2019, orders.

The top court bench comprising Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde, Justice A.S. Bopanna and Justice Ramasubramanian expressed its anguish over High Court staying the trial court proceedings in a matrimonial matter which the top court had directed the trial court to complete within two months.

Speaking for the bench. Justice Ramasubramanian said, "Suffice it to point out that any attempt to overreach an order of this court passed by consent should be discouraged and deprecated.

Having expressed its dis-

approval of the High Court staying the trial court proceedings which top court had directed to be completed within two months. Justice Subramanian said, "Therefore, the order of stay granted by the High

Court is liable to be vacat-

ed and trial directed to be proceeded" The court asked the trial

court to endeavour to conclude the trial within two months. The top court said this while closing a con-tempt petition filed by one T.S.K. Ashwin against his estranged wife Tubati Srivalli, blaming her for the delay in the completion of the trial in the matrimonial case and thereby delaying his proposed travel to

the United States. "Apart from party/parties responsible for protracting the proceedings, it is unfortunate that

the state, the trial court as

well as the High Court have

omitted to take note of the 365 of the IPC timeframe fixed by this court," the bench noted in its recent judgment.

The top court noted that though by its July 16, 2019, order passed with the consent of the rival parties, the trial, as directed by it, was to be concluded within two months but a period of 15 months has now elapsed, the trial has not concluded.

The case is rooted in a criminal complaint filed by the wife on December 20, 2015, against her husband, his parents and other close relatives for alleged offences under Section 498A read with Section 120B and Sections 420 and

The husband who was on bail granted on December 29, 2017, moved the trial court to relax the bail con-

dition to allow him to travel to the US. On dismissal of his application, he moved the High Court which allowed him on November 8, 2018, to go to the US, after furnishing bank guarantee of ₹3 lakh for appearance as and when called upon. The wife challenged it

before the Supreme Court, which passed an order on July 16, 2019, by consent of parties, directing the trial court to conclude the trial of the criminal case within two months.

AP bookies favour TRS to win Dubbak bypoll; BJP 1:3

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The outcome of the Dubbak by election is drawing the attention of bettors from Bhimavaram in AP which is famous for punters placing high stakes.

Bookies stationed at Mumbai opened the doors for online betting just as polling ended on November and is peaking ahead of the counting of votes on Tuesday. Sources disclosed that the bookies were offering 1:3 to 1:5 ratio on the BJP: If a punter bets ₹100 at 1:3 on the BJP, he will get ₹300 in case the party wins. The rate of the TRS was

FOUR KILLED.

TWO INJURED IN

ROAD ACCIDENT

DC CORRESPONDENT

Two women and two chil-

dren of a family were

killed in a major road acci-

dent that occurred in the late hours of Sunday on

national highway in the

outskirts of Venkatapur village, Korutla mandal.

The deceased, residents of Mallapur mandal, were identified as Latha (30),

Rama Devi (29), Charan (4 months) Shanvi Sri (2).

According to Circle Inspector of Korutla, Rajasekhar, the accident occurred when their car

tyre burst and the vehicle

rammed into a lorry that

was parked on the road-

Srinivas of Mallapur man-dal along with his family

members were returning

home after sending off to

his Dubai-bound brother-

in-law Chandra Mohan at

Gudikandula

Jagtial-Nizamabad

KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 9

BOOKIES STATIONED at Mumbai opened the doors for online betting just as polling ended on November 3 and is peaking ahead of the counting of votes on

1:1, meaning that the bettors expected the ruling party to retain the seat.

Asked why punters were so eager to bet on Dubbak, Bhaskar Raju, a resident of Bhimavaram, said, "It is just gambling. Gambling is always fun for many of my friends. Losing and winning doesn't matter for them."

not take bets based on guess-

work, they do a lot of homework before opening the lines for any election. They deploy their teams to know the people's pulse till the polling day and then decide the wagers, he explained. Bangaru Raju, a resident of Ganapavaram of West God-avari district, said that punters from various places including Tadepalligudem, Tanuku, Narasapuram, and even from Krishna and Guntur districts had bet huge amounts on the Dubbak result. He said, "I have a gut feeling that the bets may

cross ₹100 crore. One of my

friends bet a crore on BJP

and another placed ₹50 lakh

SAD DEMISE

Raju said that bookies do

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Shri J.C. MALLICK



W/o G.V. Sanjeeva Rao Date of Birth: 09-09-1952 Slept in the Lord: 09-11-2020 ody will be kept at Wesley Church Clo

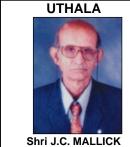
Korutla bus station.

Latha was the wife of Srinivas. Rama Devi was Chandra Mohan's wife while Charan and Shanvi Sri were their children. Srujan and Shirisha, children of Srinivas, were in-

jured in the accident. They were shifted to the government main hospital in Karimnagar immediately. On receiving information about the accident, police rushed to the spot and started rescue operations. The car was damaged completely. Latha and Shanvi Sri died on the spot. With the help of JCB, the police rescued Devi, Charan, S. S. DASS D.O.D 10-11-1987 (37Yrs) Rama Srinivas and his two children and shifted them to a

hospital in Jagtial. Rama Devi and Charan succumbed undergoing treatment. As the condition of Srujan and Shirisha was critical, they were shifted to Karimnagar government main hospital. The police sent the bodies for postmortem and started investigation after registering a

RAMA DEVI, Charan succumbed while undergoing treatment. As the condition of Srujan and Shirisha was critical, they were shifted to Karimnagar government main hospital.



Snri J.C. MALLICK
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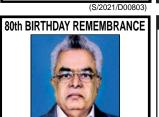
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W/o Late William Yu Shau Yeng DOB: 24.10.1935 DOD: 10.11.201

Remembering you is easy we do it everyday, Missing you s the heartache, that never goes away Inserted by: Family Members





Late. Rev. Dr. VARARUCHI DALAVAI Former Executive Vice - President BCM International November 1940 - January 2014 Let your memories remain in our hearts if the sacrifices you made to establish BIBL CENTERED MINISTIRES in many parts the Globe fulfilling Christ's decree to a parts of the world. Acts Ch. 1:7,8 BCM Ministries Hyderabad

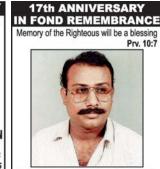
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Prof. Jayakar Dalavai (Brother)



"Our loved ones never really leaves us for we keep them in our thoughts and hold them in our hearts forever.

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M.G.K. Emmanuel (Veer Kumar) & Suzana
Sister's, Brother's-in-law
Nieces : Catherine, Tanisha & Aradhana
Ph:9849110630, 6309820429



Mr. M. H. PRASAD RAO DOB: 23.09.1967 DOD: 10.11.2003 Inserted by: WIFE & CHILDREN Mob.: 9177115097

SHORT TAKES

WOMEN HELP DESK SET UP AT HYD AIRPORT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

The Cyberabad Police inaugurated a help desk for women at Rajiv International Airport on Monday. Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said that women transiting through the airport could reach the police for help in case of any emergency.

"Our women police constab les would be available 24x7 at the help desk to assist women in need. I request women who face issues like harassment, stalking or any other atrocity to approach the She Teams by messaging on WhatsApp number 9490617444 or by using the Dial 100 facility," said the offi-

At normal times, the airport processes about 62,000 passengers a day. Around 30 to 35 per cent of these are

HURT BY MLA'S TAUNT, WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

DC CORRESPONDENT KAKINADA, NOV. 9

village-volunteer Nagaram in Mamidikuduru mandal of Konaseema area, and mother of two, Suvarna Jyothi, attempted to commit suicide by consuming phenol, anguished at Gannavaram MLA Kondeti Chittibabu's reprimand on Monday. She admitted to Government Hospital at

In her suicide note, she mentioned that Chittibabu had reprimanded her in the presence of hundreds of people over a house-site issue, though she was not at fault. As she belonged to a BPL family, she sought the officials for a house-site, but the MLA scolded her.

Nagaram Sub-Inspector V. Srinivasa Rao said that the volunteer had asked for a house-site during the YSRC's Praja Sankalpa Yatra on Monday and the MLA had stated that house-sites could not be allotted to anybody as the issue was pending in the

He said that as a volunteer, she should be updated on the prevailing situation and inform the people. After concluding the meeting, the volunteer went to her house and took this extreme step. Nagaram police registered a

Chittibabu Meanwhile, visited the hospital and convolunteer. instructed the medical officials to render better medical treatment to her.

HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Nizamabad MP D. Arvind

slammed minister K.T. Rama Rao over the mis-

management of flood relief

funds and alleged that the

government was giving

₹10,000 per affected family

from taxes which were col-

Flood-affected victims dread to return home

Their localities in a mess, residents fear they will fall sick

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

Residents from some of the areas worst affected by the recent floods are unhappy with the response from the civic authorities, who, they say, have done precious little to make their neigh-bourhood clean enough to make them return home.

Families that were evacuated from Nadeem Colony, Al Jubail Colony, Hashamabad, Hashamnagar, Omer Colony and Hafizbabanagar, say they are finding it very difficult to go home because of the unhygienic conditions in public areas.

Kumail Ali, his parents and siblings were among those rescued from the inundated area of Hashamabad in Chandrayangutta, after which they take good care, it is just not were provided shelter in right to impose ourselves

Urooj School. All this while, they have been dependent on local NGOs for their food and water. Kumail and his father lost their jobs during the lockdown.

"The family is badly hit by the Covid-19 crisis, and the flooding has worsened things. Our family cannot even express how many nights we slept without food in the shelter. When we tried returning home, the whole area resembled a garbage dump yard. We fear getting infected. There is also no medical aid in the shelter in which more than 20 families have been accommodated," Kumail

Ali said. Then there are those who moved to homes of their relatives. "But how long can you stay with them. Though they love us and on them indefinitely," said Saba Fatima of Omar Colony in Bandlaguda. She moved to her sister's place in Bahadurpura.

"It's been almost three weeks and the authorities should have speed up rehabilitation works. Water-log-ging still remains and there are mosquitoes all around. We don't know when we will be able to return home," Fatima said. Syed Hyder Hussain, a resident of Al Jubail Colo-

nv. said after the rains stopped the weather was clear. "We know it was a natural disaster but despite clear weather since then, sanitization works are pending in our colony," he said. "We are worried about a second wave of Covid-19

with media reporting that

places. Now there is also

the worry of seasonal dis-

our home and the entire area is full of garbage, mosquitoes and there is a nauseating smell," said Sameena Banu, a housewife residing at Hafizbabanagar. Sameena, her husband and her three children are currently staying with a relative. "I am scared of the seasonal diseases and moreover authorities should sanitize our home

and the neighbourhood for Covid-19," she added.

eases. We went to check out

Meanwhile, the Public Grievances Association has sent a representation to the health minister, Hyderabad collector, principal secretary, urban develop-ment and the GHMC commissioner, on the ground realities and the need for medical support in the this is happening in many flood-affected areas, its president Azmath Hussain Jaffery, said.

Token of appreciation



Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy felicitates ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic, at the MCH Ground in Amberpet, Hyderabad, on Monday. "As we pass through these testing times, all of us need to be appreciative of the ASHA workers who have braved all odds in serving the needy," Kishan Reddy said. - DEEPAK DESHPANDE

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Department of Atomic Energy

Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

e-TENDER NOTICE

Regional Director (P&S), HRPSU, Nuclear Fuel Complex, ECIL

Post, Hyderabad 500062 invites online tenders as given below

1. (a) Tender Enquiry No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/ECON/2451(A)

(b) Description: "On - Premises" Digital Signage System on

turn-key basis - Qty. 1 No., details as per tender specifications

(c) Last date for submission of online pre-bid queries: 30/11/2020 upto

2:00 PM (d) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online: 31/12/2020

(a) Tender Enquiry No. : DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/CAP/11193

(b) Description: Supply of Industrial X-Ray Equipment with

the specifications - Bipolar, Constant Potential, Fine

Focus, Oil-Cooled of 320KV max - Qty. 1 No. details as per

tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online

23/11/2020 upto 2:00 PM (d) Tender Fee : NIL (e) EMD

(a) Tender Enquiry No. : DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/CHEM/9488

(b) Description: Supply of Dilute Nitric Acid - Qty. 2500 MT,

details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid

Online: 01/12/2020 upto 2:00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD

(a) Tender Enquiry No. : DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/ENG/16995

(b) Description: Double Wall High Vacuum Shells and Dish of

VVAF, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of

Bid Online: 20/11/2020 upto 2:00 PM (d) Tender Fee: NIL (e) EMD

Visit https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in for details.

upto 2:00 PM (e) Tender Fee : NIL (f) EMD : ₹ 2,24,000/-.

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TS doing well in fighting Covid: Dr Harshvardhan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

government on Monday told the Centre that Telangana state was on track in containing Covid-19 and has put in place all measures required to prevent any sudden increase in Coronavirus infections.

Health minister Etala Raiendar was briefing Union health minister Dr Harshvardhan on the status of Covid-19 and its management in the state during a video conference. Responding to Harshvardhan expressing satisfaction over Telangana state's Covid-19 management, Rajendar said the state looks forward to continued support from the Centre in this

He said as on Monday, the state had conducted 48 lakh tests and that only five per cent of all those tested have been found to be Covid-19 positive. Of the approximately 2.5 lakh Covid-19 cases, only a little over 19.000 were active while the death rate from the disease was 0.55 per

Telangana state is well prepared to combat the

the financial assistance

Speaking to the media at

the party headquarters here, Arvind claimed Rama

Rao would be defeated from

He said Chief Minister K.

Chandrashekar Rao, minis-

ters Harish Rao and Rama

from Central funds.

Assembly elections.

TS RECORDS 857 CASES ON BACK OF REDUCED COVID-19 TESTING

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

It was once again the time for the weekend dip in Coronavirus tests 42,673 tests which resulted in 1,440 cases found being

more people died from Covid-19 taking the toll to 1,381. The overall Covid-19 cases till date was 2,51,188, the department said. Greater Hyderabad Municipal

The hospitals

cent.

salaries from public money,

and they should work for

Arvind said the govern-

ment should learn a lesson

from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had

encroachments in Gujarat

during his tenure as Chief

two

Minister

lakhs

and new cases with Telangana state reporting that it recorded only 857 Covid-19 cases on Sunday when 23,806 tests were performed. This compared with which

According to the state health department bulletin on Monday, four

shortage of oxygen Dr Harshvardhan to supply in the hospitals. prepped to treat Covid-19 patients, the current occupancy of beds is between 12 and 15 per

Rajendar requested tering the vaccine.

Corporation area registered more than a fourth of all the cases reported on Sunday. The department said the number of new cases in the GHMC limits was while Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri reported 88 and 61 cases

respectively.

Thanks to the steep fall in testing over the weekend, 11 districts reported new cases in single digits while Nizamabad recorded no new cases on Sunday. However, the department said that the number of active cases was still over 19,000 with this figure standing at 19 239 of whom 16,449 patients were either in home or institutional

of people for adminis-

Arvind

the Centre had sanctioned

₹224 crore to repair flood damage and had

released ₹202 crores for

road repairs throughout

He said that Rama Rao

proposing the resumption of of double-decker bus

services was an "election

provide the state with information related to Covid-19 vaccines and their availability as and when it happens and its supply and priority lists

Based on the approval of the work by the Commissioner GWMC, 4 Nos. of Electrical Works under Municipal General Funds for Rs.27.75 Lakhs and under pattana pragathi fund for Rs.2.30 Lakhs will be called through online tender system on "e" procurement platform The tender notice along with list of works are enclosed.

Tender Notice No.EE/ELEC-III/GWMC/CTN/03/e-proc/2020-21, Dt:07.11.2020

Starting date for downloading: 10.11.2020 from 10.30am onwards, Last date for downloading: 16.11.2020 upto 4.00, Opening of Bids: 16.11.2020 at 4.30pm.

DIPR No. 1120/PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21

Department of Atomic Energy Department of Atomic Energy Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice

Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11136 is extended upto 02/12/2020 up to 2:00 PM.

Visit https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in for details.

[DPS/HRPU/NFC/2021/46C3]

Department of Atomic Energy Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit **Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice**

1. Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11137 is extended upto

07/12/2020 up to 2:00 PM. 2. Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.:

DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11171 is extended upto 16/11/2020 up to 2:00 PM.

Visit https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in for details. [DPS/HRPU/NFC/2021/52C1]

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001 Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813

Website: www.pspcl.in E-Tender Enquiry No. 292/P-1/EMP-W-11747 dt. 30.10.20 Tender ID.2020_POWER_55596_1

Scope of Work: COLLECTION & PREPARATION OF COAL ASH, GAS, OIL, POLLUTION MONITORING SAMPLES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORKS OF D.M. PLANT AT GGSSTP, RUPNAGAR.

EMD: Rs. 1,20,500.00 for contractors/firms and Rs.60,250/- for Co-op Societies Registered with Co-operative Societies, Punjab. Date & time upto which tender shall be received/uploaded: 08.12.2020

Date & time of opening of tender: 15.12.2020 upto 11:30 AM

Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website & https://eproc.punjab.gov.in & no hard copy of the same will be

issued by this office. Note: 1. In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and or e-procurement system Government of Punjab. Contact No. +91-

(172)-2970284/63. It is also requested to get their digital signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only. 2. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspaper. Details

regarding corrigendum may be seen on website: eproc.punjab.gov.in. SE/Head Quarters. RTP-47/2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction-II, N.Rly., Tilak Bridge acting For and on behal-

of The President of India, invites 'E-Tender' under Two packet system against Tender

no. - 124-Dy.CEE/C/LKO/2020-21 closing date/time 02.12.2020 (11:30 Hrs.) on

124-Dy.CEE/C/LKO/2020-21

124-Dy.CEE/C/LKO/2020-21 dated: 07.11.2020

Design, Supply, Erection, Testing &

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SCADA in connection with electrification o

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Eighteen (18) months

60 days

Tender Submission Closing Date 02.12.2020 (11:30 Hrs.)

07.11.2020

Note: (i) Contractor must submit required document as per tender document to be

uploaded on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in while submitting the offer

(ii) All participant contractor(s) will submit their requisite documents along with their

ender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document

shall be entertained after opening of the Technical and commercial offer. Even suc

Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in

IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in for the following work.

NIT. No.

Tender No

Name of work

Tender Document cost

Approx. Tender value

Earnest money (EMD)

Completion Period

Date from tender advertised

Date up to which Contractor(s)

nay note Updates/corrigendum

Validity of Offer

on IREPS website

Eligibility criteria

revised date of opening

GGSSTP, Roopnagar RO: I/101897

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

IDPS/HRPU/NFC/2021/571

EMD

Tender No. Description Quantity No. & Due Date (Nos./Sets) (Rs.) 1 05201351 / Set of Roof Elements for LHB 925 773890/-04.12.2020 Coaches 2 05201473 / Pillar (6 Types) 253460/-24211 09.12.2020 Nos. 05201418 Set of Final Roof Element 538 210900/ 16.12.2020 Complete Set 05201416A Front Part 21 78320/-02.12.2020 Nos 05201423A/Integerated WTCC for 843 1094280/ 07.12.2020 Antyodaya Coaches Nos 07201370 Fixing Clip 72MM DIA 34700 NIL 08.12.2020 Nos 02201197 / Emergency Lighting System 681 240240/-02.12.2020 for EOG type LHB Coaches Set 8 07201286 / Interlock Washer Suitable for 27900 NIL 08.12.2020 M16 Bolt. PL No. 33672593 Nos. 05201466 / Battery Box Assembly 03.12.2020 Schedule of Infrastructural 630 358110/-03.12.2020

(1) For details and making On-line bids, visit Website http://ireps.gov.in Drawings / Specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in (2) Tenders will close at 14:25 Hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14:30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 9 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. (3) For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at **PCMM**

Requirements

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against Tender No. 17201461 for Electro-Pneumatic Pressurised Flushing System for LHB Coaches. Regarding: Due Date. Existing Entry 11.11.2020. To be Read as: 02.12.2020. **PCMM**

Notice No.: G-122-01 / Store / 087 / 2020-21 Dated: 09.11.2020

Minister. Rama Rao did lected from the people and Rao, TRS MP J. Santosh not from the minister's not have the guts to remove a single pan shop in the pocket. He claimed that the Kumar and party MLC

removed

Arvind slams KTR over flood relief funds

Body-worn cameras for jail staff

USEFUL | TOOL | Device to record their conversations with inmates

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 9

clashes Jail breaks, between inmates, ill-treatment or death of prisoners or sexual abuse -- prisons in India have often come under the lens for these crimes, and accusing fingers have been pointed at prison staff for colluding with inmates. But, if the efforts being put in by the Centre and the state government is any indication, these incidents could come down drastically.

Like a few other states, the Telangana state prisons will introduce body worn cameras (BWCs) for its staff to record their conversations with inmates and the goings-on within correctional homes to ensure transparency, accountability, security and protection of human rights.

The move comes after a recommendation of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

• NATIONAL CRIME Record Bureau data shows 673 inmates escaped in 2018, 113 from police custody and 560 from judicial custody. Total 30 incidents of jail break and 106 instances of clashes/group clashes among inmates were reported in that year

• INDIA HAS 1,339 correctional homes with 60,024 staff for 4,66,084 inmates. The occupancy rate is 117.6%

According to a BPR&D official, introducing BWCs for prison staff would help in dealing with complaints received regarding smuggling, human rights violation, manhandling or highhandedness of inmates besides complaints and allegations against the staff

in terms of behaviour. It would also help smoothen the procedural impediments of security mainte-nance, facilitate the role of correctional staff at cells and administrators and will enable them to make a future policy as per existing international, constitutional, legal and judicial

standards and practices. "The BWCs come handy in the areas (inside correctional homes) which are not covered by CCTV cameras, where close monitor-ing is needed especially while handling high-risk criminals or terrorists. It can be put to best use in areas where trouble is anticipated," a BPR&D offi-

cial said.

"To be more specific, it is recommended that BWCs be used for searching and items like mobile phones, contraband, weapons, cigarettes among other things," the official

frisking, especially when inmates come back to correctional homes from courts or hospitals. It is a useful tool while conducting surprise checks of cells or barracks to detect illegal currency,

Speaking to Deccan of Prisons Rajiv Trivedi said that ₹80 lakh each has been sanctioned by the Centre for a pilot project in about six states including Telangana. "We are in the process of identifying the cameras and the required software," he said.

the prisons departments to provide BWCs to the staff different domains think-tank on policing and recording and storage of

Chronicle, Director General

Currently, there are about 2,000 prison staffers in Telangana jails but not all will be donning BWC. "It is a limited test project to see if it improves the staff efficiency and inmates' compliance," Trivedi added. The BPR&D has advised

including executive, medical, correctional, ministerial in the correctional homes. The government reforms also suggests setting up of a control room within the correctional homes for monitoring, recorded data.



noto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & Void."



As per mentioned in Tender Document







