

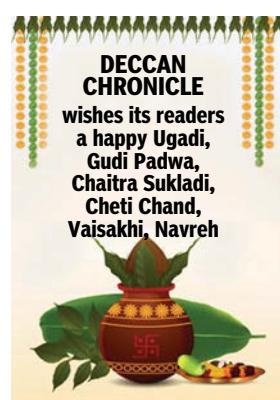
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CRESCENT IS NOT SIGHTED, RAMZAN FROM TOMORROW

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

The moon crescent, which marks the commencement of the holy month of Ramzan, was not spotted in Hyderabad and other parts of the country on Monday. Ramzan will begin from Wednesday. Taraweeh, the special Ramzan prayers, will begin on Tuesday, and end with the sighting of the next moon.

Markazi Ruyat-e-Hilaal Committee of Sadar Majlis Ulama-e-Deccan made the announcement following a meeting for moon sighting.

Committee general secretary Moulana Qubool Badsha Shuttari, confirmed that the moon could not be sighted due to thick clouds.

■ Page 2: Moon not sighted in AP also

RAMZAN TIMINGS
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4.37 am
(TOMORROW)

KTR's final warning to BJP

Says TRS won't refrain from paying back BJP in the same coin

DENIED ACCOMMODATION IN N'SAGAR, BJP LEADERS TO STAY PUT IN TENTS

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

The TRS that has maintained a patient demeanour to the taunts of the BJP will now respond in the same coin, warned the party's working president and IT minister K.T. Rama Rao here on Monday.

Addressing the media here, he demanded that the BJP leaders stop abusing Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao.

"This is a final warning to the BJP leaders. It is not for us to abuse Prime Minister Modi or home minister

Amit Shah. We have a better vocabulary when it comes to abusing. BJP leaders are forgetting the

stature of KCR while speaking about him. They think abusing the CM increases their image. If they contin-

ue with this, we too will start speaking out in the same manner," he said.

On the ABVP activists obstructing his convoy earlier in the day, Rama Rao said the government had listed out the 1,32,899 jobs it provided during the past seven years. "PM Modi promised two crore jobs per year. Were 14 crore job given in the past seven years of the BJP rule at the Centre," he asked.

The minister said the BJP is on a spree of selling PSUs to private entities and it does not have moral right to speak about government jobs.

■ Full report on Page 2

EC bars Mamata from campaigning for a day

New Delhi, April 12: The Election Commission on Monday barred West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee from campaigning for 24 hours for her remarks against central forces and a statement which had alleged religious overtones. The ban started at 8 pm on Monday.

The "commission hereby condemns such statements potent with serious law and order problems across the state(s) and sternly warns Mamata Banerjee and advises her to desist from using such statements while making public utterances during the peri-

od when Model Code of Conduct is in force," the order said.

On her speech which had alleged religious overtones, the Election Commission (EC) said that Banerjee has "selectively chosen" parts of her speech in her reply dated April 9 and "did not mention anything in the context of key parts of her speech".

Mamata Banerjee had denied the charges.

Lashing out at the ban, Mamata Banerjee later said she would stage a dharna at Gandhi Murti, Kolkata, from 12 noon on Tuesday to protest against the poll panel's "unconstitutional decision".

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pilloried Mamata Banerjee over a TMC leader likening the Scheduled Castes to beggars and claimed she could not have made the "seriously objectionable" comment without the permission of the CM.

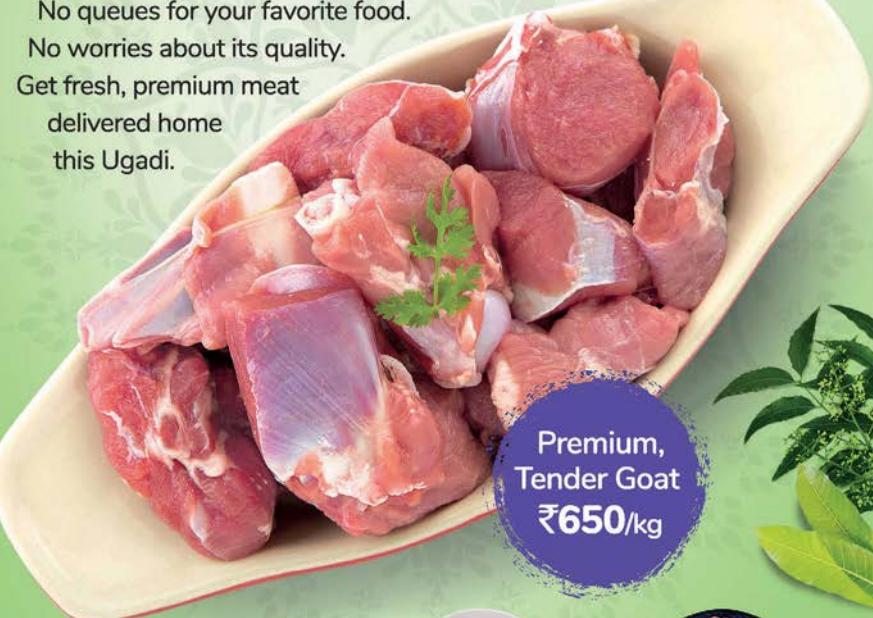
Modi said the people of Bengal have hit so many fours and sixes in the first four phases of the Assembly polls that the BJP has already completed its century and Mamata Banerjee's "innings is over."

He continued: "People have clean bowled Didi in Nandigram, and her innings in Bengal is over."



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SHORT TAKES

**LIVER, KIDNEY
TRANSPLANTED AT
APOLLO HOSPITAL**DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

Doctors at the Apollo Hospitals performed a complex combined liver and kidney transplant using organs from two different living donors for the first time in India. Only doctors in Japan had performed a similar surgery once in the past, Apollo Hospitals said.

The surgery was performed by chief transplant surgeon Dr Manish Varma, consultant nephrologist Dr Ravi Andrews and chief transplant hepatologist Dr Naveen Polavarapu on a 57-year-old Tanzanian patient, Gabriel Ceaser Sisa.

"The uniqueness of the case was compounded by the usage of a blood group mismatched organ, the liver, which made the task extremely perilous. However, with the hands-on experience and the expertise of the doctors, the outcome was a success and the patient has since recovered and is all set to be discharged," the hospital said.

This patient has to be on lifelong medication and undergo tests at regular intervals.

**CALLHEALTH TO
HELP DOCS VISIT
PATIENTS AT HOME**DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

CallHealth, technology-powered healthcare company, launched its service of having a general physician visit patients at home and treat/review their health condition, on Monday.

Hari Thalapalli, CEO, CallHealth, said, "Elderly family members and patients dealing with diabetes, BP, arthritis, thyroid and so on need continuous care and a dependable first line of defence." CallHealth's Doctor@Home service addresses this requirement, he said. The patients do not have to go to a clinic or a hospital, he said.

Temperature drops

Two-wheeler riders ride in pleasant weather on Tank Bund in Hyderabad on Monday, after rain brought down the sweltering temperature.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

**Light rain causes
drains to overflow**

Water stagnates at different places in city, traffic jams cleared after long time

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

Light rainfall on Monday has exposed the poor state of the city's nala desilting works at about 350 locations.

A few minutes' rain saw water-flow being severely hit at many points across the city. Water stagnation or flooding was heavy at Ranigunj, causing serious inconvenience to commuters travelling between Patnay Centre and Ranigunj.

An hour-long traffic jam was reported at Ranigunj during the day. Corporation authorities alerted disaster response force (DRF) teams. They came in and cleared several bottlenecks at Ranigunj, Panjagutta, Somajig-

uda, Banjara Hills and Alwal. With IMD predicting rainfall for three more days, civic authorities will have a hard task ahead amid the nala desilting works at about 350 locations.

A GHMC official said the corporation staff has been put on higher alert at 55 locations. "The light spell and cloudy weather have already created panic. Amid the ongoing nala desilting works, the city is bound to submerge at several locations," he said.

IMD predicted that many districts could see temperatures drop. The next two days will see more of rainfall in the city and other parts of the state.

The districts that could experience light to moderate rain in the next four days are Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Adilabad, Asifabad, Nirmal, Jagtial, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Sangareddy, Medak, Vikarabad, Narayangpet, Mahabubnagar and Wanaparthy. Some areas may also experience hailstorms.

Moderate to heavy rainfall is likely in some parts of Kerala, Karnataka, and Telangana by April 15, as per the IMD prediction.

**CAMPAIGN FOR
PROTECTION OF
WAKF PROPERTIES**DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

The Telangana Minorities Welfare and Wakf Protection Society on Monday announced a statewide awareness campaign for the protection of Wakf properties. Organisation president Abdul Haq Qamar said the state Wakf Board had 33,929 institutions with 77,538.07 acres. Of this, 57,423.91 acres had been encroached upon.

He claimed that the income generated from proper utilisation of these properties would be sufficient to provide education and improve the social economic status of the Muslim community.

Speaking at the event, Justice Chandra Kumar insisted that new amendments in the Wakf Act needs to be carried out by the Centre in order to give judicial powers to the Wakf Board. Advocate Nisar Ahmed Baig said that Wakf properties to be matched with revenue records and applying limitation to Wakf Board disputes is arbitrary.

**MAN JUMPS BETWEEN
BUILDINGS, DIES**

Hyderabad: An unidentified man, suspected to be a burglar, died after falling to the ground while trying to jump from one building to another at Venkatagiri Colony in Jubilee Hills on Monday morning. Efforts are on to identify him.

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₹50K-CR PER YEAR ON IRRIGATION PROJECTS: KCR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao sees great prospects for Telangana from this Ugadi onwards, saying the Telugu Almanac is predicting abundant water for irrigating crops across the state.

"It is a good omen that even nature seems to be favouring state government's vision in this regard," he remarked. Conveying his greetings to the people on Plavana Ugadi, the Chief Minister pointed out that the state government is spending ₹50,000 crore per year on construction of irrigation projects. Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, crop loan waiver, 24x7 free power to agriculture and so on just to benefit farmers of the state.

"Agriculture was labelled a waste profession in Telangana under united AP. With TS acquiring statehood, the profession has turned profitable," he remarked, underlining that the aim of his government is to bring happiness for farmers and their families, and ensure that they lead comfortable lives.

In his message on Monday, the CM said schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima have instilled confidence among farmers and brought a new hope into them. The state government was coordinating with farmers by forming Rythu Bandhu Samithis and constructing Rythu Vedikas in almost all villages.

Rao specifically recalled the age-old tradition when people consume the specially prepared Ugadi Pacchadi made of fresh neem flowers, tamardin, raw mango, sugarcane and other ingredients. The pacchadi symbolises various tastes from sweet and sour to bitter—the divergent experiences one encounters in daily life. It is often eaten recalling the ups and downs in life. "People of Telangana, who have tasted bitterness under united Andhra Pradesh are now enjoying the sweet fruits under self-rule," he observed.

The Chief Minister reminded people that water was being harnessed, stored and pumped to higher places through lifts, tunnels, canals and barrages by major projects like Kaleshwaram. This has made the dream of making one crore acre lands fertile become a reality. The project has won appreciation from many quarters. "Even during peak summer season, tanks are brimming with water and helping farmers get bumper yields," he asserted.

KCR RUNNING GOVT TO SERVE HIS FAMILY: BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

BJP leader and former MP Vijayashanthi on Monday mounted a blistering attack against Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao while campaigning for party candidate Panugotu Ravi Kumar in the Nagarjunasagar Assembly segment.

Vijayashanthi held roadshows at Nellikal in Tirumalagiri mandal. She termed Rao a "dora" (feudal lord) and accused him of running the government to serve his family's interests. Vijayashanthi said Rao's innings as Chief Minister began with a lie in 2014 and he continues to rule the state by uttering lies.

"He promised a Dalit Chief Minister during the statehood agitation. But he took over in 2014. After becoming the Chief Minister, he vowed that he would not seek votes if he failed to supply drinking water through taps to every household. But he is asking for votes though he did not deliver on his promise," she said.

Vijayashanthi said land encroachments by TRS leaders have become a daily affair. She urged voters not to waste their votes by going in with Congress as it amounts to going down the drain since Congress is not in power either at the Centre or in the state. She appealed to voters that if they want to teach a fitting lesson to Chandrashekhar Rao for his misrule, they should vote for BJP, which alone can check Rao's arrogant administration and family rule.

She said it's highly unfortunate that youth continue to commit suicides for jobs and job notifications.

"Telangana statehood was achieved for jobs, funds and water but none were met under KCR's rule. What is the purpose of statehood if youth continue to commit suicides for jobs?" she wondered.

TRS steers voters to 'car' ahead of bypoll

Party uses sample EVM papers to ensure voters get vote right

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

As April 17 polling day is nearing, the Telangana Rastra Samiti (TRS) has gone into a mission mode to educate voters of the Nagarjunasagar Assembly constituency about exercising their franchise for ruling party symbol car in the correct manner.

The party is using sample EVMs papers to ensure voters cast their votes for the TRS correctly, without confusing the party symbol with similar looking images on the machine.

The TRS is taking extra precautions this time to avoid the past experience of losing votes to independent candidates who have been allotted similar-looking symbols like truck, iron box, road roller, tractor, chapati

maker and so on. Voters, particularly in rural areas, had been confusing the TRS car symbol with these images.

Significantly, the ruling party believes it lost Huzurnagar Assembly poll in December 2018 and Dubbak bypoll in December 2020 owing to such confusion.

Though Election Commission removed truck and iron box symbols during 2019 Lok Sabha elections following a request made by TRS after 2018 Assembly polls, the party says the commission has allotted other similar-looking symbols in Nagarjunasagar constituency to independents.

As many as 45 contestants are contesting from the Nagarjunasagar constituency. Barring three major parties—TRS, Congress

and BJP—the rest are either independents or those representing smaller parties. Election Commission has been forced to use two EVMs to accommodate all of them.

Incidentally, the three major parties will figure in the first EVM. But this EVM has a few independent candidates with symbols like road roller, tractor and chapati maker, which TRS leaders say look like their party symbol car.

After 2018 December Assembly polls, TRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had formally lodged a complaint with the Election Commission of India saying TRS lost several votes to the truck symbol in several Assembly seats. Due to this, TRS candidate lost from one seat and victor-

ry margins of the party got reduced considerably in around 12 Assembly seats, the CM pointed out.

In the Dubbak Assembly bypoll, independent candidate Bandaru Nagara, who was allotted the chapati maker symbol, polled 3,570 votes, while the TRS lost this election to the BJP with just 1,118 votes. TRS leaders point out that all other independents polled votes in single digits. This is ample proof that TRS voters got confused and voted for Nagaraju. Otherwise, the ruling party would have easily won Dubbak, they claimed.

This is precisely the reason why TRS leaders are taking the issue very seriously and educating their party voters to vote in the right manner for the car symbol.

HC NOT INCLINED TO THWART TRS PARTY MEETING

VUJINI VANSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

The Telangana High Court on Monday effectively allowed the holding of a public meeting by the TRS in Anumal village in Nalgonda on April 14 for Nagarjunasagar Assembly bypolls.

The court adjourned the hearing of two petitions against the meeting to April 15, after the judge said she was not convinced of the need to thwart the meeting.

Justice G. Sri Devi heard two writ petitions filed by two different petitioners seeking a direction to the TRS to restrain from holding the public meeting in Nalgonda.

They argued that the meeting would be a violation of the Covid protocols and Election Commission guidelines on such meetings.

One petition was filed by Ch. Saideeah, a resident of Halia, Anumula mandal, who is contesting as an independent.

K.K. Mahender Reddy, counsel for the petitioner, said the TRS was trying to gather more than 50,000 people, which would be a violation of the EC guidelines vis-à-vis the Covid situation.

The state government had also issued an order on March 27, imposing restrictions on public gatherings and congregations, counsel noted.

Justice Sri Devi said she was not convinced by the contentions raised by counsel. The judge also took into consideration the contentions put forth by Advocate-General B.S. Prasad that all political parties are holding public meetings everywhere.

Another writ petition filed by Goli Saidi Reddy and Goli Srinivas Reddy, both agriculturists from Anumula, challenged the decision of the TRS in holding such a huge gathering on their 1.16-acre land.



BJP youth live in trekking tents in tandas (tribal hamlets) to take the party's message to the rural masses for Nagarjunasagar bypolls. — DC

Unique trend by BJP youths for Sagar polls

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

They were denied a decent place to stay but several youth belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party converted this into an opportunity to take the party's message to the rural masses, in particular the tribal areas, in Nagarjunasagar which is going for a bypoll on April 17.

As all hotels and resorts were booked by Telangana Rashtra Samiti leaders, and locals who offered to accommodate the BJP workers were allegedly threatened by ruling party activists, they came up with what definitely is a unique trend in poll campaigning—staying put in trekking tents in tandas (tribal

hamlets) each night, interacting with the inhabitants, understanding their problems and propagating the BJP's development mantra before moving on to the next tanda on the next morning.

"This gave us a great opportunity to develop a bond with the locals," said BJP leader P.M. Sai Prasad, who earlier served as national vice-president of party youth wing, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha.

"We are cooking our food and sometimes the locals are sharing their food with us," he said. The youth teams under Sai Prasad have been vigorously campaigning for party candidate Dr P. Ravi Kumar for the last six days, putting aside the difficulties caused by lack of a

proper place to sleep or even relieve themselves.

"Of course, we are trained to face harsh conditions since our Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and BJYM days," Prasad pointed out.

The BJP workers toured several habitations including Seethal tanda, Dokkalavai tanda and Rajavaram and explained to the voters the need to support a strong political force alternative to the TRS and Congress.

They are carrying mosquito creams, torch lights and other paraphernalia to equip themselves to face the onslaught and gaining strength and resolve from patriotic songs and chants like 'Vande Mataram', 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'.

TRS by defeating it," he said.

State Congress working president A. Revanth Reddy, speaking during the campaign, said most people in Nagarjunasagar constituency call Jana Reddy 'Jana Nayak'. Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao would not be able to dent his popularity, Revanth Reddy said.

He said that the development in the constituency was because of Jana Reddy and not the TRS. The Congress leader said that the Assembly had lost its sheen in the absence of Jana Reddy.

Bhongir MP

Vote for Cong. as a symbol of protest against fake govt: Jana

DC CORRESPONDENT
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The Bhongir MP said that voters should vote for Congress to get employment and water. Jana Reddy would raise the people's voice in the Assembly to fight against the government's unilateral policies.

VH on indefinite hunger strike for Ambedkar statue

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

alled adjacent to that of late Chief Minister Dr Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy, which also did not have permission.

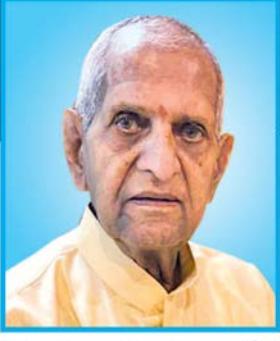
Dalit organisations had applied for permission for re-installing Dr Ambedkar's statue opposite the traffic police station at Punjagutta. The programme was fixed for April 14 to commemorate his birth anniversary.

The statue was installed by Hanumantha Rao on April 12, 2019, and removed by the GHMC the next day amid a ruckus. The civic body staff dumped the statue at Jawharhargar dump yard after carrying it along with garbage in vehicles used for transporting trash. Corporation officials claimed that Dalit organisations did not obtain a no objection certificate from the city-level committee, comprising the collector, traffic police and the corporation. Incidentally, the statue was

SCR APPEALS TO PASSENGERS TO FOLLOW COVID PROTOCOLS

Hyderabad, April 12: Gajanan Mallya, South Central Railway General Manager, appealed to rail passengers to follow Covid-19 protocols while travelling in trains. Passengers were asked to check the Covid-19 protocols at their destination stations so as to have a smooth journey. The railways has made wearing the mask compulsory to enter stations and to travel in trains.

OBITUARY



Sri Madan Mohan Gulati
(17.11.1936 - 11.4.2021)

Left for heavenly abode on Sunday, 11th April, 2021. FUNERAL PROCESSION starts TODAY, Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 12:00 Noon from our residence 45/1, Surya Enclave, Tirumulgherry to Swarg Vatika, Mansarovar Heights, RTC Colony, Tirumulgherry, Secunderabad.

Mourned by:
Anil-Nidhi Gulati Sunil-Divita Gulati
Shyam-Riva Gulati (Sons - Daughter in Laws)
Cell : 9848032252 / 9848044464

SAD DEMISE



ADI NOWROJI MEDHORA
DOB 03-12-1930 – DOD 04-04-2021
May the departed soul rest in peace.
Chief Engineer Retd., Irrigation Dept., Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

Inserted by: Katy (wife), Viraf, Azeer, Phiroze (sons), Parjatha, Upjeet (daughter-in-law), Natasha, Arish, Sanaya, Anaita (grandchildren), Homai (elder sister). Phone: 9849191045 (CA-3570)

SHRADDHANJALI



Smt. ANASUYADEVI
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Siddhanta Sastri Freedom Fighter
You will always be remembered in our hearts for ever, May Her Soul Rest in Peace
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T. Narasimha Rao - Vedukumar
A. Murali - Savitri
V. Ravikumar - Suganya
Ch. Jayaprakash - Premalatha
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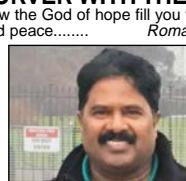
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Smt. RAJKUMARI (SHANTA)
W/o Sri Goluk Singh
(Retd Addl. S.P.)
D.O.D: 10-04-2021
Address: Plot No.18, Venkateswara Colony, Sikh Village, Secunderabad, Near Rocky Apts.
Funeral on 13-4-2021, at Swarg Vatika, Trimulgherry @ 11 am.
In Grief: Thakur Family
Mobile: 9701056320/
9899733636/ 9848037050
(S/2122/D00040)

FORVER WITH THE LORD



Late VIJAYA KUMAR DASARI
Date of Birth: 2nd May, 1965
Date of death: 12th April, 2021
Funeral at St. John's Cemetery, Parade Grounds, on 13th April at 3.00 pm.
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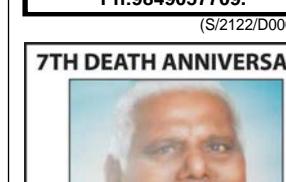
EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY



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S/o Late. Kommu Premanandam & Devakaruna Prem.
D.O.B: 29-04-1964 D.O.D: 13-04-2020
Inserted by:
Wife, Children, Brothers,
Sisters-in-law, Niece.
Ph: 9849057709.

(S/2122/D00041)

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



MOOLA LAXMAIAH (Advocate)
S/o M. Buchiah

DOB: 12-4-1950 DOD: 13-4-2013

Dad, may your soul rest in peace and may your blessings be with us forever, as always. We love you.

SHORT TAKES

MUFTI: PDP WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR J&K SPL STATUS

Srinagar, April 12: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said her party will continue to struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and asserted that India and Pakistan will have to sit across the dialogue table for the resolution of all outstanding issues, including Kashmir.

"We will continue with our struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.... We do not accept your (government's) decision of revoking it," she said at a party function here.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the special status to the erstwhile state was given by the Constitution of India.

"This position was not given by China or Pakistan. Why is the BJP government pained when we seek its restoration? We had acceded to India on certain conditions and one of them was to protect our identity," she said.

Mufti said the Centre will have to restore Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

"If you care about the people of Jammu and Kashmir, you will have to return what you have snatched from us," she said. The PDP chief said India and Pakistan will have to hold talks for resolving their outstanding issues, including the problem of J&K. "One day the two countries have to sit together to resolve all the outstanding issues, if they want peace in the region," she said.

Mufti said the SAARC summit should be held so that the issues between the two neighbouring countries are resolved.

CEASEFIRE PACTS WITH THREE NAGA GROUPS EXTENDED

New Delhi, April 12: The Centre on Monday extended the ceasefire agreements with three insurgent groups of Nagaland for one more year till April next year.

In a statement, the ministry of home affairs said the ceasefire agreements are in operation between the government of India and National Socialist Council of Nagaland/NK (NSCN/NK), National Socialist Council of Nagaland/Reformation (NSCN/R) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland-K-Khang (NSCN/K-Khang).

"It was decided to extend the ceasefire agreements for a further period of one year with effect from April 28, 2021 to April 27, 2022 with NSCN/NK and NSCN/R and from April 18, 2021 to April 17, 2022 with NSCN/K-Khang," the statement said. These agreements were signed on Monday. The three outfits are breakaway factions of dominant groups NSCN-IM and NSCN-K.

The NSCN-IM had entered into a ceasefire agreement with the central government in 1997 and has since then been engaged in peace negotiations.

The NSCN-IM had signed a Framework Agreement on August 3, 2015 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to find a permanent solution to the Naga issue.

The Framework Agreement came after over 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 18 years, with the first breakthrough made in 1997 when the ceasefire agreement was sealed after decades of insurgency in Nagaland which started soon after India's independence in 1947. However, the talks with the NSCN-IM is currently going nowhere as the group has been insisting for a separate Naga flag and constitution, a demand rejected by the central government.

NEW | POLICY

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In the coming week or ten days, Jammu and Kashmir's UT administration will come

Pilgrims progress

Sikh devotees chant religious slogans as they leave for Pakistan from Amritsar to take part in Baisakhi festival. Over 800 Indian Sikhs arrived in Pakistan's Lahore to attend the 10-day harvest festival of 'Vaisakhi' at a 16th Century gurudwara in Punjab province, among other historically important shrines in the country.

French minister on 3-day visit to India**DC CORRESPONDENT**
NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to France next month, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian will begin an official three-day visit to New Delhi starting Tuesday.

In a statement, the MEA said, "Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France will pay an official visit to India from April 13-15, 2021. During his stay in New Delhi, Le Drian will hold talks with minister of external affairs S. Jaishankar on April 13, 2021 on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. He will also meet the minister of environment, forest and climate change Prakash Javadekar at a panel discussion on Climate Change. He will also participate in the Raisina Dialogue."

The MEA added, "India and France enjoy a strategic partnership since 1998 which has been marked by regular high level exchanges and growing cooperation in diverse areas. Le Drian's visit will pave the way for further strengthening of the partnership across trade, defence, climate, migration and mobility, education and health sectors in the post-Covid context".

India is a major strategic partner of France and has close defence ties with it. India is also currently in the midst of the process of acquiring 36 state-of-the-art Rafale fighter aircraft from France, with several of these aircraft already inducted into the Indian Air Force. Both countries had also held their annual strategic dialogue in January in New Delhi.

It may be recalled that in December last year, Modi had spoken to French President Emmanuel Macron during which Modi had reiterated India's full support to France in the fight against terrorism, extremism and radicalism."

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SC dismisses plea to delete Quran verses

PARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

he was confining the prayer to the regulation of Madrasa education. He pleaded that children should not be "indoctrinated" at Madrasas with certain verses of the Quran that preach violence against the non-believers and hence these should be removed.

In his petition Rizvi had sought removal of 26 Quranic verses, claiming that they are used as a "justification" by the Islamic terrorist groups for targeting the non-believer civilians and these were not part of the original holybook but they were inserted later.

"On account of the versus of Holy Quran, (more particularly described in the Writ Petition), the religion of Islam is drifting away from its basic tenets with a fast pace and nowadays is identified with violent behaviour, militancy, fundamentalism, extremism and terrorism," the plea noted.

Assistant Police Inspector Riyaz Kazi, a colleague of police officer Sachin Waze, was on Monday suspended from service, after he was arrested by the NIA probing the recovery of an explosives-laden SUV found outside industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in Mumbai and the subsequent

CBI summons Deshmukh

SHAHAB ANSARI | DC
MUMBAI, APRIL 12

The CBI has issued summons to former Maharashtra home minister Amit Deshmukh for questioning in connection with corruption allegations levelled against him by former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh.

According to a CBI source, Singh has been asked to appear before the central probe agency on April 14. The agency recorded statements of Deshmukh's sub-

ordinates on Sunday and this is the first time the minister has been summoned for questioning after the CBI commenced preliminary enquiry (PE) on April 6, on the orders of the Bombay HC, into the allegations of corruption and misuse of his official post.

The CBI has so far recorded statements of Param Bir Singh, currently posted as the Director General of state Home Guards, Sachin Waze, DCP Raju Bhujel, ACP Sanjay Patil, advocate Jayshree Patil, a petitioner, and hotel owner Mahesh Shetty.

Param Bir Singh had in a letter alleged that Deshmukh allegedly asked suspended cop Sachin Waze to extort over ₹100 crore a month from bars and restaurants of Mumbai.

The NIA arrested Waze last month in connection with murder of Thane based businessman Mansukh Hiren as well as the parking of explosives-laden vehicle near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in South Mumbai.

WAZE AIDE SUSPENDED FROM POLICE FORCE AFTER ARREST IN AMBANI THREAT CASE

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, APRIL 12

The police informed the media about suspension of Kazi via a press release in which it was stated that Additional Commissioner of Police (Arms unit) Virendra Mishra has issued the order suspending Kazi saying decision has been taken considering his arrest in a serious matter. As per suspension order Kazi cannot do any private work.

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Sinha said despite Covid-19 pandemic, Kashmir witnessed the highest number of domestic tourist arrivals in the country since December last year.

The unemployment rate at many tourist destinations like

SHORT TAKES

MP DEFERS 10, 12 EXAMS AMID SURGE IN CASES

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, APRIL 12

Madhya Pradesh government on Monday announced fresh curbs to tackle Covid-19 pandemic amid surge in Coronavirus cases in the state. Accordingly, the 10th and 12th board exams in the state have been deferred to June while total lockdown has been enforced in Bhopal for six days till April 19.

"The 10th and 12th board examinations, schedule to commence from April 30 and May 1 respectively, have been deferred to June. The date for these board examinations will be announced later", state education minister Inder Singh Parmar said.

He said the school hostels barring that of Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalaya would be closed down till further order.

Meanwhile, the state government on Monday decided to enforce six-day shutdown in Bhopal in the wake of sudden spurt in Coronavirus cases in the capital.

Bhopal on Monday reported 823 fresh positive cases and three deaths.

Total lockdown for nine have been enforced in 11 cities in the state since six in the evening on Friday.

RAINFALL LIKELY IN SEVERAL PARTS OF INDIA

New Delhi, April 12: Several parts of the country are likely to receive rainfall in the next five days due to different cyclonic circulations, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday.

According to the National Weather Forecasting Centre of the IMD, under the influence of trough and cyclonic circulations over the south peninsula, scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kilometres per hour are very likely over southwest peninsular India in the next five days.

The IMD said isolated heavy rainfall is also likely over south and ghat areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Mahe, coastal and south interior Karnataka during April 14-16.

Another cyclonic circulation lies over southwest Madhya Pradesh and neighbouring areas. Under its influence, isolated rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) is very likely over Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha during next 4-5 days and over Jharkhand during next 24 hours.

ON-BOARD MEALS BANNED IN FLIGHTS LESS THAN 2 HOURS

New Delhi, April 12: Airlines are not permitted to serve meals in flights that have a duration of less than two hours, the civil aviation ministry said on Monday, as Coronavirus cases continue to soar in the country.

The ban will come into effect from Thursday, the ministry said in its order.

When scheduled domestic flights were resumed on May 25 after Coronavirus lockdown last year, the ministry had allowed the airlines to serve in-flight meals under certain conditions.

Modifying the previous order, the ministry's fresh directive said: "The airlines, operating flights on domestic sectors, may provide meals services on board, where the in-flight duration is two hours or more." The ministry stated it has decided to review the on-board meal services in domestic flights.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a rally for West Bengal Assembly polls at Barasat in North 24 Parganas district on Monday.

Assam polls: 12 BPF candidates moved to C'garh

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC RAIPUR, APRIL 12

candidates after they arrived here.

When contacted by this newspaper, media cell chief of Congress in Chhattisgarh Sailesh Nitin Trivedi, however, said he was not aware of the development. "Let me verify it", he said.

The three-phase Assembly polls in Assam which ended on April 6 promises to throw up a nail-biting verdict with ruling BJP locked in a keen contest with 10-party Opposition grand alliance led by Congress.

On Sunday, Pramila Rani Verma, the only BPF candidate who stayed put in Assam, told the local media in Guwahati that other party candidates left Assam on Saturday.

Assam's minority-based All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), another constituent of Congress-led grand alliance, sent all its candidates to Congress-ruled Rajasthan in a chartered plane to thwart any bid by BJP to poach them.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has sponsored their stay in Rajasthan.

Don't scare BJP, you will serve under our feet: Ghosh to cops

Warns of sending Bengal cops to Bihar if they disagree with views of BJP

PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI | DC BEHRAMPORE (WEST BENGAL), APRIL 12

A day after warning of more Shitalkuchi-style killings in the remaining phases of the Assembly election in West Bengal, state BJP chief Dilip Ghosh threatened to send state police personnel to neighbouring Bihar if they disagreed with the views of the saffron party.

On Monday the Midnapore BJP MP, undeterred by complaints of intimidation and the TMC's demand for a ban on him for his threat of repeating the Shitalkuchi killings, told the police at a party rally at Suti in Murshidabad: "Don't try to threaten the BJP. Remember, we are coming to power, and you will have to serve under our feet. If you do not agree with us, go to Bihar, buy land and live there. I will arrange it for you."

He also claimed: "We will bring back your lost pride and glory like the Ashoka symbol and independence, like the Uttar Pradesh police, so that no more Central paramilitary forces will be needed to combat law and order situations during elections."

In the evening Ghosh, however, swung into damage control mode on his threat to repeat the Shitalkuchi-style killings. He said: "We do not want a repetition of the Shitalkuchi incident, where TMC miscreants tried to loot EVMs and the

'Undeclared' President's rule in Bengal: Mamata

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, APRIL 12

Accusing the Election Commission of imposing an "undeclared" Article 356 for the President's Rule during the Assembly election in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday dared to quit politics if the BJP could show her even a single instance of repeating the Shitalkuchi killings, told the police at a party rally at Suti in Murshidabad: "Don't try to threaten the BJP. Remember, we are coming to power, and you will have to serve under our feet. If you do not agree with us, go to Bihar, buy land and live there. I will arrange it for you."

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West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during an election campaign for State Assembly polls at Ranaghat in Nadia district on Monday. — PTI

imposed here for the polls. Though it is not publicly spoken about anywhere, it has been put in place. I can challenge them every moment and at every point.

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India. Muslims were used as a vote bank here. While 70 per cent of Muslims remained backward, the youth of the community are either implicated in illegal activities like terrorism or are forced to work as migrant workers in other states. In comparison, Muslims are safe and living better in UP and Gujarat under the BJP." State Congress chief

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said at Bhagabangola: "Bengal is not the land of the fathers of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah. It is our Bengal. It is the land of Hindus and Muslims. We are safe under the constitutional rights of India. We will not allow the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens."

Constitutionally you are wrong. My point is constitutionally, factually and legally is correct," the Trinamul Congress supremo told the EC at a party rally in Dum Dum of North Kolkata.

She claimed, "We have undertaken a lot of development work. We will complete ten years in power in the next two months. The tenure includes four elections out of which two were about parliament while the two others were about Assembly. Meanwhile Covid-19 pandemic has been underway. So we actually got a time of only five-six years for work. If BJP can show me a single instance of its work against our volume of work in these years, I will then quit politics."

TMC SPREADING LIES ABOUT NRC, SAYS SHAH

KALIMPONG/DHUPGURI (WB), APRIL 12: Seeking to allay fears created among the people of the hills by TMC's "lies", Union home minister Amit Shah asserted on Monday that the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will have no impact on the Gorkhas.

Shah, during an address after a roadshow in Kalimpong, said as long as the Narendra Modi-led BJP government is there no Gorkha will be harmed.

"NRC has not yet been implemented, but whenever it is done, not a single Gorkha will be asked to leave," the senior BJP leader said.

"The Trinamul Congress is lying about the possible fallout of NRC on the Gorkhas in order to create fear among them," he said.

Noting that Darjeeling and Kalimpong have suffered atrocities for long, Shah claimed in 1986, over 1,200 Gorkhas lost their lives, but they did not get justice.

The home minister also alleged that the Mamata Banerjee-government has also been responsible for the death of many Gorkhas in recent times.

"We will form an SIT and send those responsible for the wrongdoings behind bars," Shah said. — PTI

Declared dead, Covid patient alive

NAYYAR AZAD | DC PATNA, APRIL 12

removed from the face, the body turned out to be a person other than her husband.

The dead body was taken back to the hospital and after much hue and cry, the wife found her husband alive. The PMCH authorities later dismissed the health manager Anjali Kumari on charges of "negligence".

Sources said that the hospital authority is also trying to find out whether other doctors or officials were involved in the incident. The health manager was dismissed by the hospital authorities immediately after the matter surfaced, sources said.

Reacting to queries on the growing

KARNATAKA CM: LOCKDOWN COULD BE IMPOSED IF THE NEED ARISES

Bengaluru, April 12: Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Monday said the state government could impose lockdown if the necessity arises.

"(I told him) we have imposed night curfew in the districts where the Coronavirus cases are rising," Yediyurappa said.

He insisted that people should wear face masks, use hand sanitizers and maintain social distancing. — PTI

taken the holy dip in the Ganga till 10 am.

Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar said the Shahi Snan was being conducted smoothly throughout the Mela Kshetra from Haridwar to Devprayag. So far, seers of three out of a total of 13 akhadas have bathed in the river at Har ki Pari while bathing by devotees is underway at the other ghats, the DGP said.

Seers of Niranjani Akhada led by their Mahamandaleshwar Acharya Kailashanand Giri were the first to take a dip in the river on the occasion. Seers of Ananda Akhada also took bath along with them.

They were followed by Joona Akhada saints led by Acharya Kailashanand.

Former King of Nepal Gyandira Bir Bikram Shah was also among those who took a dip in the Ganga on the occasion. — PTI

Devotees defy Covid norms during 2nd royal bath of Kumbh Mela

Kumbh: Thousands take a dip in Ganga

Dehradun, April 12: Amid rising Coronavirus cases in the country, thousands of saffron-clad seers and ash-smeared Nagas flouted Covid-19 norms and converged at Har ki Pari in Haridwar for a holy dip in the Ganga during the second royal bath of the Kumbh Mela on Monday.

The seers of different akhadas, led by their Mahamandaleshwars, by

turns took out grand Shobha Yatras through the main thoroughfare of the pilgrimage city to gather at Brahma Kund, Hari ki Pari for the holy bath on the occasion of Somvati Amavasya. Marching barefoot to their destination with many of them not wearing masks or observing social distancing, the seers took a dip in the river as they were showered with flow-



Large number of people at flower market near Dadar station ahead of Gudi Padwa festival in Mumbai on Monday, amid surge in Covid-19 cases across country. — PTI

SC judges to hold court from home after 44 staffers test +ve

PARMOD KUMAR | DC with agency inputs NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

With 44 Supreme Court staffers out of over 3,000 testing positive for the Coronavirus infection in the past one week, the Judges on Monday decided to hold the court through video-conferencing from their residences — a setback for hybrid hearing that the top court had started in March after a gap

of nearly one year.

While some judges had been coming to the apex court premises to hold court, few others have been presiding over proceedings from their residences till now.

As a consequence the hearing today was rescheduled with courts that were to assemble at 10.30 am assembled at 11.30 am and the courts that were to assemble at 11.00 am assembled at 12.00 noon.

The other notification sus-

pended physical mentioning of cases for urgent hearing by advocates from Monday till further orders. However, the mentioning of the matters for urgent hearing or listing through video-conferencing will continue.

The entire court premises including the court rooms were sanitised. While everything appeared to be in retreat, the top court officials said that the situation was not alarming.

IN BRIEF

34 migrants die as boat capsizes

Djibouti: Thirty-four migrants drowned on Monday after their boat capsized off the coast of Djibouti, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said, the second such accident in just over a month.

Survivors reported that the boat capsized in rough seas at around 4.00 am (0100 GMT) after leaving Yemen with around 60 passengers on board, an IOM official in Djibouti said, asking not to be named. "The migrants were being transported by people smugglers."

Mohammed Abdiqir, the IOM's regional director for East Africa and the Horn of Africa, added on Twitter.

Huthis claim attack on Saudi

Dubai: Yemen's Huthis claimed on Monday to have launched drone strikes against Saudi energy giant Aramco's facilities, amid an upsurge in fighting between the insurgents and the Riyadh-backed government in northern Yemen. Neither Aramco or Saudi authorities immediately reported any attack. Huthi spokesman Yahya Saree said in a statement that the strikes took place overnight, in retaliation for the six-year military campaign led by Saudi Arabia in Yemen. He said the Huthis had targeted

Aramco refineries in the western Saudi city of Jeddah and in Jubail in the east, with 10 drones launched at dawn.

Report: Syria used chemical arms in 2018**Saraqib attack involved the use chlorine, claims OPCW**

The Hague, April 12: The Syrian air force used the chemical weapon chlorine in an attack on the town of Saraqib in 2018, the global toxic arms watchdog said on Monday after an investigation.

The report is the second by an investigations team set up by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which has the new power to apportion blame for attacks.

The OPCW said in a statement that the Investigations and Identification Team (IIT) "concludes that units of the Syrian Arab Air Force used chemical weapons in Saraqib on 4 February 2018".

"There are reasonable grounds to believe that, at approximately 21.22 on 4 February 2018, a military helicopter of the Syrian Arab Air Force under the control of the Tiger Forces hit eastern Saraqib by dropping at least one cylinder," the OPCW report said.

"The cylinder ruptured and released chlorine over a large area, affecting 12 named individuals."

OPCW investigators interviewed 30 witnesses, analysed samples collected at the scene, reviewed symptoms reported by victims and medical staff and examined satellite imagery to reach their conclusions, the Hague-based organisation said.

"Symptoms... included shortness of breath, skin irritation, chest pain, and coughing," the report said.

However, it said it "regrets" that the Syrian regime refused to grant access to the site, some 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Aleppo, despite repeated requests.

The team issued its first report a year ago, in which it said Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's air force used the nerve agent sarin and chlorine in two attacks on the village of Lataminah in March 2017.

Despite strong objections by Damascus and its ally Moscow, OPCW member states voted in 2018 to set up the team to attribute blame for attacks.

Previously the watchdog could only say if chemical attacks had happened or not.

— AFP

EU tries to save Iran N-talks**Iran blames Israel for sabotage at Natanz site**

Brussels, April 12: The European Union on Monday warned against attempts to derail talks aimed at returning the United States to the Iran nuclear deal, after Tehran accused Israel of an attack on its main Natanz site.

EU spokesman Peter Stano said the reported incident "could have been an act of sabotage" but insisted that there had been no official attribution over who was responsible.

"We still need to clarify the facts in detail as quickly as possible," he said, adding: "We reject any attempts to undermine or weaken diplomatic efforts on the nuclear agreement."

The Natanz site near Tehran was hit by a power outage on Sunday that Iran labelled "terrorism", a day after officials announced the country had started up advanced uranium enrichment centrifuges.

Negotiators in Vienna are trying to find a way to return the United States to

agency.

However, Israeli media widely reported that the country had orchestrated a devastating cyberattack that caused a blackout at the nuclear facility. While the nature of the attack and the extent of the damage at Natanz remains unclear, a former Iranian official said the assault set off a fire while a spokesman mentioned a "possible minor explosion."

The attack also further strains relations between

the US, which under President Joe Biden is now negotiating in Vienna to re-enter the nuclear accord, and Israel, whose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to stop the deal at all costs. Netanyahu met on Monday with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, whose arrival in Israel coincided with the first word of the attack. The two spoke briefly to journalists but took no questions.

— AP

Biden has said he wants to revive the agreement, which places limits on the Islamic republic's nuclear programme in return for relief from biting economic sanctions.

— AFP

RUSSIA THREATENS TO FORCE-FEED NAVALNY: TEAM

Moscow, April 12: Russian prison officials are threatening to start force-feeding jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, his team said on Monday, after he lost eight kilograms (18 pounds) since starting a hunger strike.

"Seeing the seriousness of the hunger strike, the administration is threatening every day to start force-feeding," Navalny's team said in a post on his Twitter account.

It said Navalny, who last week said he had a cough and fever, had been transferred back to the prison barracks from its infirmary.

"They are still not allowing a doctor to see him," it said.

The 44-year-old opposition politician now weighed 77 kilograms (169 pounds), it said, down from 85 kilograms (187 pounds) when he started the hunger strike on March 31.

Navalny, who barely survived a poisoning with nerve agent Novichok last August, began refusing food in protest at what he said was a lack of proper medical treatment in prison for severe back pain and numbness in his legs.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's best-known opponent, was arrested in mid-January when he returned to Russia from Germany, where he had been treated for the poisoning, and was sentenced to two and a half years in prison on old embezzlement charges in February.



Aung San Suu Kyi

AUNG SAN SUU KYI HIT WITH A NEW CRIMINAL CHARGE

Yangon, April 12: Myanmar's ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi was hit with a fresh criminal charge on Monday, as the junta's tough crackdown on dissent rolls on.

The 75-year-old Nobel laureate has not been seen in public since being detained in the early hours of February 1 as the military deposed her government and seized power.

The generals have used increasingly brutal methods to try to quell a growing protest movement against their rule, while Suu Kyi faces a raft of criminal charges that could see her barred from office.

"Amay Suu has been charged again under section 25 of the natural disaster management law," lawyer Min Min Soe said after a court hearing in the capital Naypyidaw, where Suu Kyi appeared by video link.

"She has been charged in six cases altogether — five charges in Naypyidaw and one in Yangon." The most serious charge Suu Kyi faces falls under Myanmar's official secrets law.

Min Min Soe said Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest in Naypyidaw, appeared in good health but it is not clear if she has any idea of the turmoil that has unfolded in Myanmar over the past two months.

Near-daily protests seeking her release and the restoration of democracy have been met with rubber bullets, live rounds and even grenades by the security forces.

More than 700 civilians have been killed in the space of just 70 days since the coup, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners monitoring group, which says more than 3,000 have been arrested.

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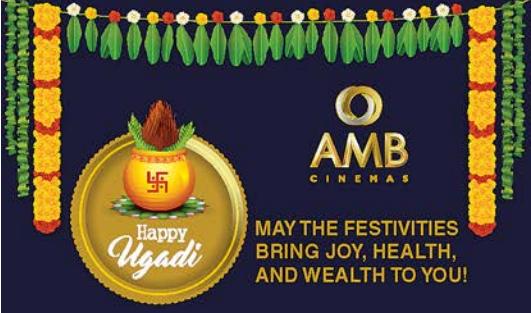
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ACTIVIST ON TRIAL FOR PORNOGRAPHY

Moscow, April 12: A Russian court on Monday opened the trial of a feminist activist and artist charged with disseminating pornography after she shared artwork depicting female anatomy online. — AP

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German govt aims to unify pandemic restrictions

Berlin, April 12: The German government aims to agree on a bill Tuesday that would shift more powers from state to federal authorities to set pandemic restrictions.

The country's decentralised political system has resulted in an often confusing patchwork of rules and regulations to

reduce Coronavirus infections in Germany's 16 states. Government spokesperson Steffen Seibert told reporters on Monday that the goal of the bill is to have a single nationwide rule for all areas where there are more than 100 new weekly cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Currently more than

half of Germany's 400 cities and counties have higher infection rates. Some regions in the northern state of Schleswig-Holstein with lower infection rates began reopening open-air dining in cafes and restaurants on Monday. The proposed bill would need to be passed by Parliament.

Seibert said the government is already in talks with all parties to ensure that happens quickly. One issue still being discussed is whether to make testing for Covid-19 compulsory in the workplace. The pro-business Free Democratic Party, which co-governs in some German states, opposes this requirement.

Germany's disease control agency reported 13,245 newly confirmed cases on Monday, taking the total number of known COVID-19 infections since the start of the pandemic above 3 million. The Robert Koch Institute said there were 99 additional deaths, raising the total tally to 78,452. — AP

Virus may fuel crimes: Europol

The Hague, April 12:

The Coronavirus pandemic could fuel organised crime for years to come in Europe, a continent already at "breaking point" from an unprecedented flood of cocaine, the EU's policing agency warned Monday.

In its flagship four-yearly report, Europol said increasingly violent criminal gangs are likely to muscle in on legitimate businesses left vulnerable by the economic damage caused by Covid-19.

Criminals are also offering fake Coronavirus vaccines and home-testing kits as they seek to capitalise on global efforts to recover from the virus, the Hague-based agency said.

"We are at the breaking point," Europol's director Catherine De Bolle said.

"The impact on the lives of citizens, on the economy, on the rule of law is too big. That's what we see from this... report."

The "Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment" is an in-depth report issued every four years which will be used by EU member states to set crime-fighting priorities until 2025.

"A prolonged pandemic will put heavy strain on European and global economies" and a predicted economic recession "may shape serious and organised crime for years to come," the report said.

— AFP

BORIS REQUESTS PUBLIC TO 'BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY'

United Kingdom, April 12:

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged people to "behave responsibly" as the country that has had Europe's deadliest Coronavirus outbreak took a big step on its roadmap toward a resumption of normal life.

Monday brought the easing of restrictions that have been in place in England since early January to suppress a surge in infections linked to a more transmissible new virus variant first identified in the southeast of the country.

Long lines formed outside some stores, including a branch of Nike Town on London's busy Oxford Street, and pubs and restaurants with outdoor space reported a flood of bookings. — AP

Ahead of Olympics, Tokyo gets stricter against Covid

Tokyo, April 12: Tokyo adopted tougher measures against the Coronavirus on Monday as it struggles to curb the rapid spread of a more contagious variant ahead of the Olympics in a country where less than 1 per cent of people have been vaccinated.

Japan started its vaccination drive with medical workers and expanded on Monday to older residents, with the first shots being given in about 120 selected places around the country.

The near-emergency status there is to continue through May 5, the end of Japan's "Golden Week" holidays, to discourage

traveling. Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike has asked residents to avoid nonessential trips and practice social distancing. She asked bars and restaurants in many areas of the prefecture to close at 8 pm.

An elder care home in downtown Tokyo was among the locations where vaccines were being administered on Monday. But Koike urged residents to buckle up and be cautious while vaccinations are in an early stage.

"We are still unarmed as we fight against the resurgence of the infections," Koike said. — AP

Astra's diabetes drug suffers setback for virus

London, April 12: British pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca on Monday said that following a trial, its diabetes drug Farxiga was not successful in treating Covid patients at risk of severe complications.

AstraZeneca, whose separate Covid vaccine rollout has been hampered by health concerns, said its trial "assessing the potential of Farxiga to treat patients hospitalised with Covid-19 who are at risk of developing serious

complications... did not achieve statistical significance".

The trial was carried out alongside Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute and looked at potential complications including diabetes and heart failure.

"While the trial did not achieve statistical significance, the findings are very interesting and valuable, and will inform future clinical science," Saint Luke's cardiologist Mikhail Kosiborod said in a joint statement.

Public confidence in AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine has meanwhile been badly shaken by reports linking it to rare, but potentially fatal, blood clots.

Two days before blastoff, the 27-year-old Gagarin wrote a farewell letter to his wife, Valentina, sharing his pride in being chosen to ride in Vostok 1 but also trying to console her in the event of his death.

"Fully trust the equipment, it mustn't let me down. But if something happens, I ask you Valentina to become broken in grief," he wrote, using a nickname for her. Authorities held onto the letter and eventually gave it to Gagarin's widow seven years later after he died in an airplane crash.

She never remarried. Gagarin's pioneering, single-orbit flight made him a hero in the Soviet Union and an international celebrity. — AP

Gagarin almost died on first space odyssey

Moscow, April 12: Crushed into the pilot's seat by heavy G-forces, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin saw flames outside his spacecraft and prepared to die. His voice broke the tense silence at ground control: "I'm burning. Goodbye, comrades." Gagarin didn't know that the blazing inferno he observed through a porthole was a cloud of plasma engulfing Vostok 1 during its re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, and he was still on track to return safely.

It was his quiet composure under pressure that helped make him the first human in space 60 years ago. Gagarin's steely self-control was a key factor behind the success of his pioneering 108-minute flight.

The April 12, 1961, mission encountered glitches and emergencies — from a capsule hatch failing to shut properly just before blastoff to parachute problems in the final moments before touchdown. From the time 20 Soviet air force pilots were selected to train for the first crewed spaceflight, Gagarin's calm demeanor, quick learning skills and beaming smile made him an early favorite.

quick BITES

INDICATORS	%
Sensex	47883.38 -3.44
Nifty 50	14310.80 -3.53
S&P 500*	4,129.44 0.002
Dollar (₹)	75.06 -0.40
Pound Sterling (₹)	103.11 -0.69
Euro (₹)	89.33 -0.50
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	46,070/57 0.12
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	63.19 0.38
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.011 0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.676 0.010

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Over five lakh download 'Mera Ration' app

The government's Mera Ration mobile app has been downloaded by more than 5 lakh people within a month of its launch, a senior government official said. The app, launched on March 12, is helpful to ration card holders, particularly migrants, for identifying the nearest fair price shop and checking details of their entitlement and recent transactions. The Android-based app is currently available in Hindi and English.

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Market falls 3.5%, investors lose ₹8.77 L cr Panic wave in mkt

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, APRIL 12

Sensex and Nifty-50 fell close to 3.5 per cent on prolonged lockdown fears, as the second Covid wave became more severe with 1.69 lakh people affected in a single day.

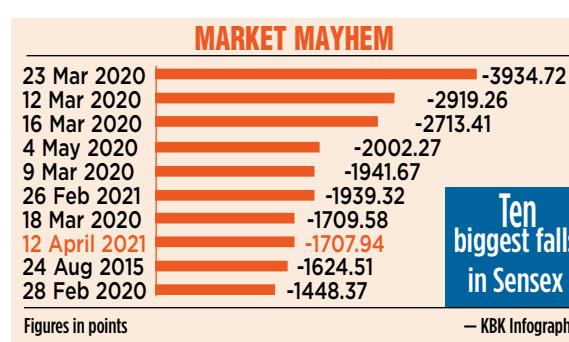
Investors suffered a notional loss of over Rs 8.77 lakh crore, as BSE's market capitalisation dipped to Rs 200,85,806 crore from Rs 209,63,241 crore last Friday.

The Sensex fell 189 points intra-day to 47693.44 with the weekend spike in cases making investors jittery, who resorted to profit taking in stocks and sectors that had run up sharply in recent weeks.

The Sensex closed below the 48000-mark, down by 1707.94 points at 47883.38 while the Nifty-50 closed 524.03 points down at 14310.80, after touching an intra-day low of 14248.70.

Foreign portfolio investors net sold stocks worth Rs 1,746.43 crore and there was little support coming from the domestic institutions as they were net buyers by just Rs 232.76 crore. "The rising cases of Covid-19 and a fear of probable lockdown in some parts of the country led to a sell-off in our markets which resulted in a huge under performance compared to the global peers," said Ruchit Jain, analyst-technical and derivatives, Angel Broking.

NSE's India VIX index, an indicator of market volatility in coming days, climbed up 16.22 per cent to 23. Among the sectoral indices the top losers were Nifty Metal (-6.07 per cent), Realty (-7.50 per cent), Bank (-5.10 per cent).



Ten biggest falls in Sensex

— KBK Infographic

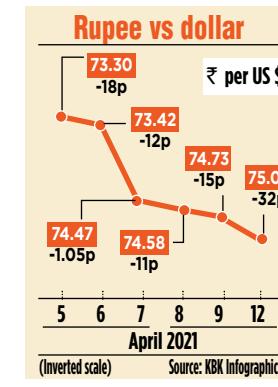
Choppy times ahead for rupee

FALAKNAAZ SYED
MUMBAI, APRIL 12

The rupee plunged below 75 against the dollar for the first time in eight months on Monday as investors worried over the likely economic fallout of several states considering lockdown restrictions and a strong dollar globally. Analysts believe volatility is ahead for the rupee, with more states joining localised lockdown to contain the Covid-19 second wave. This was the sixth straight session of loss for the rupee, during which it has depreciated by 193 paise.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee closed at 75.05 against the dollar after trading in the 74.78-75.14 range, down 32 paise.

Adding to the panic was the Reserve Bank's policy of providing more and more liquidity to the system through the government securities acquisition programme, under which it will purchase Rs 1 lakh crore worth bonds from the market. GSAP, though positive for the bond market (where yields have softened by 5-8 basis points) is not so for the cur-



rency. There is now excess liquidity of Rs 7 lakh crore in the reverse repo basket and there will be an infusion of Rs 25,000 crore on the 15th of this month. Such high liquidity means interest rates will remain low. The problem is, the US 10-year yield is now at 1.66 per cent, while Indian bonds are being driven down. This makes India less attractive for investors.

"Choppy times are ahead for the rupee, which was definitely not expected as the liquidity dimension added by the RBI and the commentary provided have spooked the market," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Care Ratings.

TCS Q4 NET RISES 15% TO ₹9,246 CRORE

FC BUREAU
MUMBAI, APRIL 12

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Monday ushered in the March quarter earnings season, reporting a 14.9 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to Rs 9,246 crore.

The country's largest software services firm had posted a net profit of Rs 8,049 crore in the year-ago period.

In a regulatory filing, TCS said its revenue grew 9.4 per cent in the March 2021 quarter to Rs 43,705 crore from Rs 39,946 crore a year ago. "Our investments over the last decade in building newer capabilities, and in research and innovation, position us well for the multi-year technology services opportunity ahead. While we continue to dominate in our traditional areas of strength, we are making good progress in gaining share in the growth and transformation opportunity," Rajesh Gopinathan, chief executive officer and managing director, TCS, said.

The company's net profit for the financial year ended March 2021 was up at Rs 33,388 crore (excluding legal claim provisions) against Rs 32,340 crore in the previous financial year. Its net profit on a reported basis stood at Rs 32,430 crore for FY21.

The board has proposed a final dividend of Rs 15 per equity share.

SMEs to get ₹250 cr of ₹10,900-cr PLI

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, APRIL 12

Micro, small and medium enterprises, which account for the majority share of the food processing industry, will receive incentives valued at a mere Rs 250 crore in six years under the recently announced Rs 10,900-crore Performance Linked Incentive Scheme

for the segment. "This includes Rs 250 crore or approximately 2 per cent of the outlay, which has been earmarked for innovative/organic products in the SME sector..." said the draft. The remaining will be allocated to select large manufacturers of food products.

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INFLATION RISES, IIP CONTRACTS

FC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

With a sharp spike in food inflation, retail inflation jumped to 5.52 per cent in March, the highest in three months, while the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted by 3.6 per cent in February, data from the statistics ministry showed.

Food inflation saw a steep rise of 4.94 per cent in March from 3.87 per cent in February, but vegetable prices fell to 4.83 per cent last month from 6.27 per cent in February.

The IIP also showed a worrisome trend by contracting 3.6 per cent against an expansion of 4.5 per cent in February 2020. The IIP had contracted 1.6 per cent in January 2021 as well.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

PASSENGER VEHICLE SALES DROP 2.24% IN FY21: SIAM



Kalpana Sampat Mumbai, April 12: Pramerica Life Insurance on Monday announced the appointment of Kalpana Sampat its MD & CEO, from April 9. Prior to this, she was the chief operating officer at the firm. Before joining Pramerica Life, Sampat was the CEO for Swiss Reinsurance Co, India branch, and was instrumental in its launch in 2015.—PTI

FLIPKART PARTNERS ADANI GROUP Chennai, April 12: Flipkart has entered a strategic and commercial partnership with the Adani group. In this two-pronged partnership, Flipkart will work with Adani Logistics to strengthen its supply chain infrastructure. Flipkart will also set up its third data centre at Adaniconnex's Chennai-based facility. Adani Logistics, on its part, will construct and lease a 534,000 sq. ft. fulfilment centre in Mumbai to Flipkart. At the Adaniconnex unit, Flipkart will be able to design its data centre. —FC Bureau

GAMES

SHORT TAKES Man Utd hit back to sink Tottenham

London: Manchester United staged a superb fightback to shatter Tottenham's top-four bid with a 3-1 win, while West Ham climbed to fourth place in the Premier League as the revitalised Jesse Lingard inspired a 3-2 victory against Leicester on Sunday.

Ole Gunnar Solskjær's side trailed to Son Heung-min's first half strike, but United scored three times after the break through Fred, Edinson Cavani and Mason Greenwood. Second-placed United's fourth successive league win avenged their embarrassing 6-1 home defeat against Tottenham in October. — AFP

Son racially abused on social media

London: Tottenham Hotspur are to take action after Korean star Son Heung-min was subjected to "abhorrent racist abuse" on social media following Sunday's 3-1 defeat by Manchester United. Son is the second Spurs player in as many matches to suffer such abuse following Davinson Sanchez after the 2-2 draw with Newcastle United on April 4. Son scored Spur's goal but was involved in a controversial incident when he went down clutching his face after contact with Scott McTominay.

"Another matchday and more abhorrent racial abuse suffered by one of our players," said a Spurs statement. — AFP

Darmian wins it for Inter Milan

Milan: Antonio Conte's Inter Milan tightened their grip on the Serie A title on Sunday with Matteo Darmian scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win over Cagliari to stretch their winning streak to 11 games. Champions Juventus consolidated third place with a 3-1 win over Genoa as Atalanta battled to a 3-2 victory over Fiorentina to stay fourth ahead of Napoli who won 2-0 at Sampdoria. "We're starting to see the finish line," said Conte after Inter restored their 11-point lead on second-placed AC Milan who won 3-1 at Parma on Saturday. Achraf Hakimi came off the bench and set up Darmian to grab the winner with 13 minutes to go at the San Siro. — AFP

Hideki goes green at Augusta Matsuyama becomes first Japanese to win Masters

Augusta (United States), April 12: Hideki Matsuyama became the first Japanese man to win a major golf championship on Sunday, holding his nerve down the stretch to capture the 85th Masters after a dramatic final round.

Carrying the hopes of a nation on his shoulders, Matsuyama calmly ground out clutch pars and struck for crucial birdies in a pressure-packed march at Augusta National, hanging on over the final holes for a historic one-stroke victory.

Matsuyama took the green jacket symbolic of Masters supremacy, a top prize of \$2.07 million and a place for the ages in Japanese sports history.

"I'm really happy," he said through a translator. "Hopefully I'll be a pioneer in this and many other Japanese will follow. I'm happy to open the floodgate and many more will follow me."

"Maybe a lot of younger golfers thought, 'That's an impossibility,' but with me doing it they will realize it is possible and if they set their minds to it they can do it," he added.

After seeing his seven-stroke lead with seven holes remaining shaved to two shots with three to go, Matsuyama watched Xander Schauffele find water off the 16th tee on the way to a triple-bogey disaster. Matsuyama settled for bogey but closed with par at 17 and a bogey at 18 to fire a one-over-par 73 and finish 72 holes on 10-under 278.

USA's Will Zalatoris was second on 279 with Jordan Spieth and Schauffele sharing third on 281.

Matsuyama became only the second Asian man to win a major title after South Korea's Yang Yong-eun at the 2009 PGA Championship.

Matsuyama, ranked 25th, hadn't won since the 2017 WGC Akron tournament. The best prior majors by Japanese men were Isao Aoki's runner-up effort at the 1980 US Open and Matsuyama's share of second at the 2017 US Open.



Hideki Matsuyama of Japan celebrates after being awarded the Green Jacket by 2020 Masters champion Dustin Johnson (left) of the United States after he won the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday.

Azhar writes to Justice on appointment

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, APRIL 12

Against the backdrop of Sunday's acrimonious Annual General Meeting, Hyderabad Cricket Association president Mohammed Azharuddin has sent a letter to Justice (Retd) Deepak Verma, appointing the former Supreme Court judge as Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of the HCA.

"I am pleased to inform you that the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Hyderabad Cricket Association has appointed your goodness as the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of HCA for the year 2020-21 thereby ratifying the decision of the Apex Council dated 06.06.2020," the letter signed by Azhar reads.

Justice Verma confirmed his acceptance on Monday in an email addressed to the President and other members of HCA. "I hereby formally accept the appointment as Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of the HCA," he wrote.

Swansong



Members of Team Swans pose with the trophy after being declared winners of the inaugural Hyderabad Premier Golf League on Sunday. Having reached the semifinal stage after six rounds, the event was suspended due to the spike in Covid infections in Hyderabad and winners announced on the basis of leaderboard scores till then. Team Swans had 1005.25 points, followed by Marken Fairways (1002.88), Civet Rangers (995.75) and Villaggio Highlanders (992.62).



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Off the field



RCB cricketers play chess during a promotional shoot. — Twitter

Women's Challenge not to be expanded

The BCCI is likely to stick to three teams for the Women's T20 Challenge tournament, usually held during the IPL play-offs. The Board had planned to increase the exhibition event to four teams last year but it will continue to be a three-team affair due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the delayed IPL was held in the September-November window last year, the Women's Challenge clashed with the WBBL, making the Australian players unavailable. "There is a good chance that it will be held in Delhi. Talks are on with the leading Australian and England players," a BCCI official said.

Parag 'underarm' raises eyebrows

Riyam Parag went as low as legally allowed in cricket to release a ball when bowling to Chris Gayle during the Punjab Kings' innings against Rajasthan Royals in the IPL on Monday. The umpire was seen having a word with the bowler after the delivery, as the commentary box exploded in surprise.

"How low is a legal sidearm delivery?" was the question raised by Harsha Bhogle. "Underarm deliveries are not allowed any more, as the Australians know well," he said.

Avesh cherishes Dhoni's wicket

Delhi Capitals' pacer Avesh Khan said he fulfilled a long-cherished dream when he got former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni's prized wicket in their IPL opener against Chennai Super Kings. "Three years ago, I had a chance to take Mahi bhai's wicket, but somebody had dropped the catch. But now my dream of taking Mahi bhai's wicket is fulfilled, so I am very happy about it," Avesh said.

"Since he has not played competitive matches for some time, we had planned to put pressure on him and because of that pressure I could take his wicket," he added.

ROYAL FUMBLE!

Samson's hundred in vain as Rajasthan falter at finish line

Mumbai, April 12: Sanju Samson's magnificent 119 went in vain as Punjab Kings beat Rajasthan Royals by four runs in their IPL match here on Monday.

Rajasthan needed 13 off the last over and five off the last ball. Samson who denied a single to partner Chris Morris in the penultimate ball was caught at sweeper cover.

"I don't have words to explain my feelings. Would have loved to finish it off for my team. I don't think I could have done better than that. I thought I timed it well for a six but somehow Catches go down and good catches were also taken. It's part of the game," said Samson who became the first player to hit a century on captaincy debut.

Earlier, KL Rahul and Deepak Hooda pummelled the Rajasthan Royals bowlers into submission with their sensational stroke play propelling Punjab Kings to an imposing 221 for six in the IPL here on Monday.

While Rahul smashed seven fours and five sixes in his 50-ball 91, Hooda, playing his first game since the last IPL, plundered six maximums and four boundaries as he blazed his way to 64 off just 28 balls.

Put into bat, Punjab lost opener Mayank Agarwal (14) early, who edged it back to Royals captain and wicketkeeper Sanju Samson for IPL debutant Chetan Sakariya's first wicket.

He ended being the pick of the bowlers, conceding only five runs in the 20th over.

Rahul, who got his first four with a glance to the fine-leg fence, and Chris Gayle (40 off 28) gave the team a good start with their 67-run stand.

Rahul got a 'life' after Ben Stokes dropped him at the fence in the seventh over even as Gayle looked in his elements.

The duo then took on Stokes, as Gayle hit his

SCORECARD

Punjab Kings: KL Rahul c Tewatia b Sakariya 91, Mayank Agarwal c Samson b Sakariya 14, Chris Gayle c Stokes b Parag 40, Deepak Hooda c Parag b Morris 64, Nicholas Pooran c Sakariya b Morris 0, Shahrukh Khan (not out) 6, Jhye Richardson c Morris b Sakariya 0. Extras (nb 2, w 4) 6. Total (in 20 overs) 221/6.

FoW: 1-22, 2-89, 3-194, 4-201, 5-220, 6-221.

Bowling: Chetan Sakariya 4-0-31-3, Mustafizur Rahman 4-0-45-0, Chris Morris 4-0-41-2, Shreyas Gopal 3-0-40-0, Ben Stokes 1-0-12-0, Rahul Tewatia 2-0-25-0, Riyan Parag 1-0-7-1, Shivam Dube 1-0-20-0.

Rajasthan Royals: Ben Stokes c & b Mohammed Shami 0, Manan Vohra c & b Arshdeep Singh 12, Sanju Samson c Hooda b Arshdeep Singh 119, Jos Buttler b Richardson 25, Shivam Dube c Hooda b Arshdeep Singh 23, Riyan Parag c Rahul b Mohammed Shami 25, Rahul Tewatia c Rahul b Meredith 2, Chris Morris (not out) 2. Extras (lb 2, nb 1, w 6) 9. Total (in 20 overs) 217/7.

FoW: 1-0, 2-25, 3-70, 4-123, 5-175, 6-201, 7-217.

Bowling: Mohammed Shami 4-0-33-2, Jhye Richardson 4-0-55-1, Arshdeep Singh 4-0-35-3, Riley Meredith 4-0-49-1, Murugan Ashwin 4-0-43-0.

Rajasthan Royals skipper Sanju Samson en route to his hundred against Punjab Kings on Monday. — PTI

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We have destructive batting unit: Morgan

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, APRIL 12

Knight Riders skipper Eoin Morgan said the Kolkata franchise have one of the most destructive batting line-ups in the IPL. He warned rivals that they would soon be firing on all cylinders.

"One of the many strengths we have within our squad is two of the most talented guys in the country opening the batting for us," Morgan said after beating Sunrisers Hyderabad by 10 runs on Sunday.

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Tripathi today at No. 3 played beautifully, and the middle-order we have is extremely versatile. When Dinesh plays like that or Andre plays the game he can play, you're going to see a very destructive batting unit that has potential to win you matches," Morgan added.

Morgan also hailed his bowling unit. "Certainly the bowling, we couldn't have asked for a better start. Chopped and changed a bit in the powerplay. Huge amount of structure that goes into the decisions on the field. We have got a fantastic head coach in (Brendon) McCullum," said Morgan.

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Vijay Hazare I was just looking to get back into my rhythm and focus on what I am doing and really improve my game every time I went out to bat.

"It was really great to have the runs behind me, so coming into IPL, I know that I am confident," Padikkal said.

Padikkal continued rich form in the last Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (218 runs at an average of 43.60 in six matches) and Vijay Hazare Trophy (737 runs in seven matches).

"...last IPL was amazing for me. It was such a great experience and exposure for me, the opportunities I got and the fact that I was able to contribute to the side is all that matters in the end."

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