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HIJRI CALENDAR

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PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.19 am

Zohar: 12.33 pm

Asar: 4.44 pm

Maghrib: 6.34 pm

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SHORT TAKES

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LS Speaker tests Covid+

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla was admitted to the AIIMS Covid Centre here for observation on March 20 after testing positive for coronavirus, and he is presently stable, the hospital said on Sunday. "He is stable and all his parameters are normal," the All India Institute of Medical Sciences said.

GAME | PLAN CBI probe into match fixing, betting set to return?

Will expose Azhar's graft, says TCA

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You can kick my head, but not people's dreams: Modi

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, MARCH 21

Daring West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to put her leg on his head and "kick" him, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear on Sunday that he would not allow the Trinamul Congress boss to "kick" away the state's development any further.

Addressing a mega BJP rally in Bankura, the PM said: "I saw nowadays followers of Didi are making wall paintings on her. In the pictures, Didi is seen trampling on my head and playing football with it. Why are they insulting the rich culture and tradition of Bengal?"

Sending a strong warning to Ms Banerjee, Mr Modi added: "So Didi, if you wish at all, you can



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a meeting for the West Bengal elections, in Bankura. — PTI

keep your feet on my head. Didi, you can even kick me. But listen to my words with all ears, I will not let you kick the development of Bengal any

longer."

The two-time CM had threatened to "kick out" the BJP from the state like a football in the Assembly polls.

Party leaders and cadre strongly believe that the Council poll results have boosted the party's sagging morale and confidence, just in time for the Nagarjunasagar bypoll.

Euphoric TRS leaders say that these two wins have brightened the party's victory chances and help create a counter narrative that there is no anti-incumbency, as is being projected by the Opposition parties.

As it is, the Chief Minister has already kick-

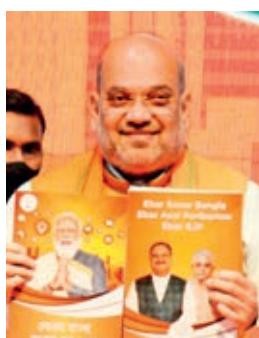
Didi too gets cut money, says Shah

DC CORRESPONDENT KOLKATA, MARCH 21

Using its manifesto "Sonar Bangla Sonkolpo Potro 2021" to end the TMC's rule in West Bengal, the BJP on Sunday promised to implement the Citizenship Amendment Act in its first Cabinet meeting if it comes to power in the state.

Earlier, Union home minister Amit Shah lashed out at CM Mamata Banerjee and her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee at a BJP rally in Egra of East Midnapore, where three-time Trinamul MP Sisir Adhikari defected to the BJP.

"An amount of cut money exists in every work here. It comes through Tolabaji (extortion). Mamata Didi often asks about the value of ₹500? Didi, your concern



Union home minister Amit Shah releases the BJP manifesto for the West Bengal polls, in Kolkata. ■ See Pg7 — DC

is different. Cut money of bhatije reaches you. But for the labourers of Bengal, ₹500 is a big amount. Mamataji wants to make bhatije CM while Modiji wants to build a Sonar Bangla," Shah alleged.

"Do you know I am a big Gadha (donkey)? I am calling myself Gadha because I could not understand they (Adhikari family) have so many qualities like loot, riot and murder. They have minted so much money that they have fled from us to protect their wealth. Someone told me ₹5,000 crores though I am not sure about it," Banerjee said.

Not caste or party, only good deeds matter, says hurt Etala

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC KARIMNAGAR, MARCH 21

Senior TRS leader and health minister Etala Rajendar once again blurted out his deep sense of hurt and subdued resentment, while speaking at a Rythu Vedika in the Veenavanka mandal of Karimnagar district.

Making these politically sensational comments,

Rajendar confounded the audience by digressing to rhetoric on sublime qualities that make an ideal leader, saying, "I appeal to people to remember a leader or a person who did good deeds for them, but not caste, money, party or flag."

■ Page 2: Doles can't end poverty, says Etala

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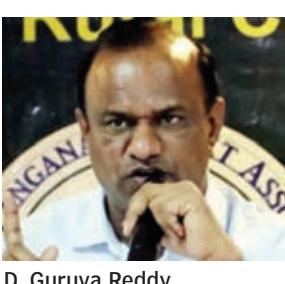
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Md Azharuddin
Union home minister Amit Shah to urge him to re-order the CBI to renew the probe into the betting scam. They also threatened to expose the recent wrong doings of Azharuddin, who they alleged has been resorting to gross viola-



D. Gurava Reddy
tions of the guidelines of the Supreme Court and recommendations of the Lodha Committee, while running the Hyderabad Cricket Association as its president.

■ Page 3: Azhar flouted many rules as HCA president

TCA PITCHES FOR BCCI AFFILIATION

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After MLC win, TRS hopes for encore in Sagar bypoll

Party believes poll win has punctured anti-TRS narrative

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Buoyed by the victory of both his candidates in the Legislative Council polls, despite the steep odds, TRS president and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao has shifted his focus to the upcoming Nagarjunasagar bypoll on April 17. Party sources said that Chandrashekhar Rao will lead the party's election and campaign strategy for the bypoll, just like in the MLC



Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao felicitates Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, who won the Legislative Council election at Pragathi Bhavan on Sunday. — DC

started the campaign for the Nagarjunasagar bypoll by addressing a public meeting at Halia on February 10, in which he showered sops worth several hundreds of crores for local development.

It is noteworthy that after the Assembly elections held in December 2018, Chandrashekhar Rao had

entrusted election management responsibilities to his son and party working president K.T. Rama Rao. Chandrashekhar Rao did not even campaign for the Dubbaka bypoll, whereas in the GHMC elections, he addressed a solitary public meeting on the last day of campaign.

Though the TRS had achieved great results under Rama Rao, it suffered setbacks in the Dubbaka bypoll and the GHMC elections in 2020-end at the hands of the BJP. This gave scope for the BJP to project itself as the principal opposition and the sole force with a capacity to dethrone the TRS in the next Assembly polls.

Amidst this phase of gloom, the Legislative Council poll challenge came as an opportunity for the TRS supremo to directly spring into action and try to deal a crushing blow to the narrative spun by the BJP.

■ Page 4: TRS hopes to get employee, student support

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SHORT TAKES

FRAUDSTER DUPES BIZ MAN OF ₹17 LAKH

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

A businessman was allegedly duped by a fraudster of ₹17 lakh after being lured with the offer of a ₹30 lakh prize.

Police said the victim received a registered letter purportedly from a shopping portal which was celebrating its anniversary, along with a scratch card. Upon scratching the card, he found a code that hinted that he was the winner of a car.

The victim called the number which was provided in the letter and someone who introduced himself as an executive with the shopping portal answered. The alleged executive gradually increased the prize money to ₹30 lakh and made the victim transfer ₹17 lakh by citing various charges. When the victim continued to get calls asking for money, he got suspicious and approached the police.

1ST RESPONDERS
RESCUE DRIVER WHO WAS STUCKDURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Some volunteers who were trained as a part of 'Savior' — Saving Accident Victims on Road — rescued a driver who got stuck in his lorry after ramming into another heavy vehicle near the Raikal toll plaza on the Hyderabad-Bengaluru National Highway-44 on Saturday.

In the last 10 days, about 130 volunteers have been trained as first responders as part of the programme by the Cyberabad traffic police in association with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and Care Institute of Health Sciences.

The volunteers were identified as Afroz, G. Raju, Khaja, Arfan, Methab, Abdul Sumi, Ejaz, Sanjeev and Rakesh. They brought him out of the vehicle and gave him first-aid, said by Cyberabad Traffic ACP Vishwaspasad.

Raju, 30, a mechanic, said the accident occurred a few metres from his shop. "Thanks to the training we received, we immediately pulled him out, gave him first aid and informed the police."

He said two doctors and traffic police officials trained them to rescue accident victims and give them cardiopulmonary resuscitation if needed. As part of the initiative, the police is training highway patrol personnel and staff of petrol bunks, dhabas, restaurants, shops and security guards along the roadside.

"The objective is to improve the survival rate of accident victims by providing immediate first responder support from volunteers who are trained by us in bleed control and dos and donts before the ambulance reaches the spot," said Krishna Yedula, Secretary General SCSC.

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EPIC JOURNEY

Mithra calls on every woman to travel places

Mother-son adventure on wheels

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL I DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

A pan-India road trip in 100 days covering 18,267 km across the length and breadth of the country. This is an adventure on wheels that 40-year-old Mitra Satheesh, a professor at the Government Ayurveda College in Kochi, began on March 17. On Saturday, she was in Hyderabad.

Giving her company on this epic tour by car is her 11-year-old son Narayan.



Mitra Satheesh along with her 11-year-old son Narayan.

Nalgonda, a wonder by travel," she said.

Explaining how the trip came about, Mitra said after the Covid-19 pandemic, she was attending to Coronaviruses patients at her Ayurveda college, which had been converted into a Covid care centre.

"It was a spontaneous decision, and my family, especially my husband, supported me for the tour," she said, adding that she was always fascinated about

"I have been driving for the past 11 years; and in May 2019, I made my first solo adventure trip to Bhutan. I learn about new cultures, new traditions, food habits, relationships and mind sets," she said.

"India is such a beautiful place to explore. Through my 'Deko Apna Desh', I am calling on every woman to travel places. Men should support women in this. Travel is an investment that

provides wonderful memories. Don't plan your trips so that they turn expensive. It is about experiences, not about comfort or luxury," she told Deccan Chronicle.

On Sunday, she visited the Old City, and had a feel of Hyderabadi flavours.

Mitra travels only during the day, covering about 800 km, sometimes less, depending on the travel conditions and schedule. "Before reaching a place, I research about that area and place," she said. "I take a lot of care with food, and carry cereals and milk in the car," she said.

On her next leg, after starting early Monday morning from Hyderabad, she will head to Kondapalli, then drive on to Rajahmundry, Visakhapatnam, see the Borra Caves and Araku Valley, after which her plan is to enter Odisha, then drive up to Kolkata, the northeastern states, and then take a turn to the northern states.

TCA pitches for BCCI affiliation

Bids concept of 'rural cricket in global wicket'

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

The Telangana Cricket Association is pushing for the BCCI's affiliation, stating that the Hyderabad Cricket Association does not have a reach in the rural areas of the state.

Proposing a concept of 'rural cricket in global wicket' at a press meet on Sunday, TCA secretary Dharam Guruva Reddy contended that his association was involved in catering to and nurturing young talent in the districts.

"The reason why we stepped up and started the Telangana Cricket Association is because there was a big gap between the talent available in the districts and the opportunities our players are deprived of in BCCI tournaments," Guruva Reddy said. "TCA also gains significance as the structure of Hyderabad Cricket Association is flawed. It is limited to the capital region and ignores talented players from other parts of the state. There is a need to have BCCI-affiliated presence throughout the state," he said.

"In terms of membership, conducting tournaments outside Hyderabad, geographical reach, talent search, selection system, infrastructure and transparency, there have been lapses in the HCA," Reddy added.

"The TCA has been successful in its ultimate purpose of taking the cricket to the rural areas, in which HCA has miserably failed to deliver. So 85 per cent of the population of the Telangana state requires an association which can cater to the entire state," he said.

It would be interesting to see how BCCI would act to the TCA's affiliation plea given the state already has a cricket body (HCA) which has jurisdiction over every district of Telangana.

Azhar flouted many rules as HCA chief

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that Ajay Gupta and his associates had approached him sometime to fix matches. Azhar says he does not remember how much money he had received from them. The Pepsi Cup match between India and Pakistan at Jaipur in 1999 was fixed through them. Jadeja and Nayan Mongia were also involved with him in the deal. He was paid around ₹10 lakh after that match by some unknown person on behalf of the Guptas.

Azharuddin has never been acquitted of any of the charges relating to betting by any court in the country," Guruva Reddy said, adding that the only "relief he got" from the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh High Court was the scrapping of a life-term ban imposed on him by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"The HC order remained unchallenged. We will also urge the BCCI to renew the legal battle against Azhar," Mr Guruva Reddy said.

The CBI's report on cricket match-fixing and related malpractices, available on the apex bureau's official website, gives detailed confessions of bookies, players and supporting staff, including Azharuddin, who admitted to having met the gang of bookies led by M. K. Gupta and received money and expensive gifts from the latter.

"On further questioning, he (Azhar) accepted

TCA SECRETARY Dharam Guruva Reddy contended that his association was involved in catering to and nurturing young talent in the districts.

Major spurt in virus cases in TS

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 21



People crowd at a tiffin centre in Secunderabad blatantly ignoring Covid-19 guidelines, — S. SURENDER REDDY

Etala: Government alert to rising Covid-19 cases

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

The government is keeping a close watch on the sporadic cases of Covid-19 among school going children in the state, said health minister Etala Rajendar.

"But there is no cause for worry as children of the school going age group are not impacted by the disease as much as people who are old and those with comorbid conditions," Rajendar said while speaking to the media at Veenavanka

on Sunday. "The disease is not severe in children," he said, adding, "even in the sporadic cases we have seen so far, students have been asymptomatic. We have given them Covid-19 kits and advised isolation at home."

He said it is absolutely vital that people follow Covid-19 safety precautions as the state is witnessing a rise in Coronavirus cases. The government is constantly assessing the situation and will take appropriate decisions as needed, he said.

recorded new Covid-19 cases in double digits.

Similarly, a week ago, the number of active cases for March 14 stood at 1,983 with 718 Covid-19 cases, while on Saturday, these numbers rose to 2,804.

The severity and speed

spreading again in Telangana can be gauged by the fact that last week, 120 of the 407 patients admitted to government hospitals were in Intensive Care Units, with these numbers rising to 521, and 159 on Saturday.

Similar has been the case

with private hospitals that appear to be attracting more patients.

From 858 beds occupied by patients a week ago, the number rose to 1,160 on Saturday, while the patient number in ICU wards has risen to 356 on Saturday from 253 on March 14.

It would be interesting to

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RESPONDING TO this, Arvind Kumar wrote: "I agree with you .. this is certainly not the way for translocation when we give permission to these companies to use ROW (right of way) Will take it up immediately (sic.)"

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"40k trees along ORR making way for a pipeline by @HPCL near Ghatkesar is this how trees are translocated? survival? (sic)," the group posted on Twitter.

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EPIC JOURNEY

Mithra calls on every woman to travel places

Mother-son adventure on wheels

SANJAY SAMUEL

PAUL I DC

HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

A pan-India road trip in 100 days covering 18,267 km across the length and breadth of the country. This is an adventure on wheels that 40-year-old Mitra Satheesh, a professor at the Government Ayurveda College in Kochi, began on March 17. On Saturday, she was in Hyderabad.

Giving her company on this epic tour by car is her 11-year-old son Narayan.



Mitra Satheesh along with her 11-year-old son Narayan.

Nalgonda, a wonder by travel," she said.

Explaining how the trip came about, Mitra said after the Covid-19 pandemic, she was attending to Coronaviruses patients at her Ayurveda college, which had been converted into a Covid care centre.

"It was a spontaneous decision, and my family, especially my husband, supported me for the tour," she said, adding that she was always fascinated about

"I have been driving for the past 11 years; and in May 2019, I made my first solo adventure trip to Bhutan. I learn about new cultures, new traditions, food habits, relationships and mind sets," she said.

"India is such a beautiful place to explore. Through my 'Deko Apna Desh', I am calling on every woman to travel places. Men should support women in this. Travel is an investment that

provides wonderful memories. Don't plan your trips so that they turn expensive. It is about experiences, not about comfort or luxury," she told Deccan Chronicle.

On Sunday, she visited the Old City, and had a feel of Hyderabadi flavours.

Mitra travels only during the day, covering about 800 km, sometimes less, depending on the travel conditions and schedule. "Before reaching a place, I research about that area and place," she said. "I take a lot of care with food, and carry cereals and milk in the car," she said.

On her next leg, after starting early Monday morning from Hyderabad, she will head to Kondapalli, then drive on to Rajahmundry, Visakhapatnam, see the Borra Caves and Araku Valley, after which her plan is to enter Odisha, then drive up to Kolkata, the northeastern states, and then take a turn to the northern states.



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SHORT TAKES

KAVITHA CONGRATULATES GOLI SHYAMALA

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

TRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha praises Hyderabad-based entrepreneur Goli Shyamala who swam across the Palk Strait that separates India and Sri Lanka. Shyamala met Kavitha here on Sunday.

Shyamala set out from Sri Lanka at 4.15 am on Friday and reached Dhanushkodi in Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu after swimming for 13 hours and 43 minutes to cross the 30-km Palk Strait. Shyamala is the first Telugu woman to complete the feat.

Kavitha said Shyamala was a role model for the state. Shyamala, who hailed from a middle-class family, has been supported by Kavitha.

PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LEADERSHIP OF KCR: ERRABELLI

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, MARCH 21

The result of the Legislative Council elections once again proved that the people of Telangana state have faith in the leadership of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, said panchayat raj minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao.

Speaking to mediapersons here on Saturday, he advised the leaders of the BJP and the Congress to refrain from making uncharitable remarks against Chandrashekhar Rao and his family. They should strive to earn the faith of the people by taking up their cause.

"We are surprised by the BJP leaders telling people that KCR will be jailed soon and so on. What crime did KCR commit? Is the development of irrigation facilities, welfare, and farmers support programme visible to the Opposition parties? Do the people take the Opposition parties seriously," Dayakar Rao asked.

EX-SIKASA MAN HELD, CALLED 'URBAN NAXAL'

DC CORRESPONDENT
MANCHERIAL, MARCH 21

Gurijala Ravinder Rao, former state president of Telangana Vidya Vanthula Vedika, was arrested after a police raid on his house at Kyatharpalli on the outskirts of Mancherial town on Sunday.

Police seized allegedly revolutionary literature and documents linked to Maoist activities and two memory cards from his house. Cases against him have been registered under Sections 120 and 120-B of the IPC, which refer to criminal conspiracy.

Producing him before the media, Ramagundam police commissioner Satyanarayana branded Ravinder Rao as an Urban Maoist who was in touch with Maoist leaders and their supporting activities.

Ravinder Rao was the first secretary of 'SIKASA' (Singareni Boggugani Karmika Sangham) affiliated to the Maoists, and is now in touch with Maoist leaders Bandi Prakash, Bhaskar and Verghese, the police commissioner said. Right now, Ravinder Rao was running a hotel, Vistharaku, Satyanarayana said.

The police commissioner said Ravinder Rao gave shelter to central committee member of Maoist party Varanasi Subrahmanyam and his wife, who were arrested in the past and released from jail on bail.

All parties conspired to defeat BJP: Bandi

TRS, CM spent thousands of crores in the Council polls

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar has attributed his party's defeat in the Legislative Council elections to all parties joining hands to defeat BJP candidates. Not just that, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao had threatened employees' union leaders to back the ruling party candidates from the two graduate constituencies.

Sanjay said that the people know how TRS won the elections.

He accused the Chief Minister of warning employees' leaders that ACB cases will be filed against them and their unions dissolved if they work against TRS candidates.

The senior BJP leader expressed unhappiness



State BJP president and MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar addresses the media at the party office in Nampally on Sunday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

that employees have got cheated once again by the ruling party chief's lies.

The BJP chief alleged that TRS and the Chief Minister had

spent thousands of crores in both the Council seats, apart from deputing all ministers and MLAs to ensure the victory of the party.

He maintained that the

victory in Mahbubnagar-Ranga Reddy-Hyderabad seat belongs not to the TRS but to late former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao.

He accused the Chief Minister of using a Congress man's photo rather than his own to win the election. Sanjay asserted that BJP candidates are moral winners in the polls and expressed the confidence that his party will win the Nagarjunasagar by-election.

In a sarcastic tone, Sanjay said: "I am using only the language that I have learnt from my teacher KCR."

Mallanna springs a surprise

Independent candidate ran TRS close in graduates' poll

RAVINDRA SESHU I DC
KHAMMAM, MARCH 21

Even a day after the result of Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal graduate constituency was declared, the large share of votes bagged by Teemar Mallanna is the most-discussed point among the voters.

More than Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) candidate Palla Rajeswara Reddy's win, the issue of nearly 83,000 votes Mallanna secured in first preference has surprised many. CPI leader E Venkateswara Rao said,

"I never expected such a massive support for Mallanna."

Said B. Prasen working in electronic media, "I thought Mallanna would emerge next to Congress candidate Ramulu Naik. But, he stood in second place after Palla."

The graduates who voted for Kondandram may have considered to vote, instead, for Mallanna if they knew he was getting a large share of votes. Retired headmaster P. Bhaskar said, "Winning of the opposition candidates was important to those voters who were not happy with the KCR government."

These voters may have cast their votes to Mallanna instead of Kodandram if they had anticipated Mallanna's vote-fetching ability."

He said that Mallanna stood as a hero in the election even though his

defeat. The graduate voters in the age-group of 20 and 35 cast their votes for Mallanna.

These voters viewed Mallanna as a real fighter against the K. Chandrashekhar Rao government. The voters above 35 years chose Kondandram as an alternative to TRS candidate Palla Rajeswar Reddy.

Mallanna said, "The graduate voters received my candidature well and I will work as a soldier on behalf of graduate voters. The ruling party used all its mechanisms and spent crores of rupees".

KCR wants Palamuru project done by Dec.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao instructed water resources department officials to complete work on the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme (PRRLIS) by the end of this year. He also wanted works on the pending projects in the Krishna to be completed in all respects.

The Chief minister was speaking at a high-level meeting at Pragathi Bhavan here on Sunday to review the project work and the need to speed it up. Ministers, MLAs and public representatives from the Palamuru region participated in the meeting.

Certain vested interests have created problems and obstacles for the completion of the Palamuru Ranga Reddy project by filing cases and getting stay orders. Yet, we are going ahead with more determination."

He said the government had completed the Kalwakurty, Netttempad, Bhima and Jurala projects and provided irrigation to 11 lakh acres in southern Palamuru, though some work was left unfinished.

"Works should be continued taking inspiration from the Kaleswaram project. In any case, the works on Palamuru Ranga Reddy scheme should be completed by December."

The CM explained that there was a difference between the flow of the Godavari river, which had more water, and the Krishna. There was less water in the Krishna due to the upper riparian states like Karnataka and Maharashtra building projects, a "neighboring state taking away water through pipes" and reducing rainfall.

"Against this backdrop, the rightful share of the state in the Krishna water should be utilised to the last drop. For this, all the

pending projects on the Krishna river including Palamuru Ranga Reddy should be completed on a foot-long," the CM explained. The PRRLIS could be linked to the Jurala project, he said.

The CM discussed the land acquisition for the PRRLIS and the funds required, construction of sub-stations, digging of the canals, setting up of the pumps and related works such as the number of reservoirs required.

He wanted pumps be fitted at Narlapur, Edula and Vattam and wanted the tunnel works from Narlapur to Edula to be completed by the end of June. He also asked about the Vattam-Karivena canal works. He asked why there was a delay despite the government releasing funds on time.

He told Chief Minister's secretary Smita Sabharwal, Rajat Kumar and Muralidhar Rao to conduct weekly review of the works.

A team of experts found ancient remains in Neelakanthapuram, an interior village in Madakasira mandal of Anantapur district.

They include Neolithic sling shots using which birds were scared away for protecting crops existing around 6000 BCE. In addition, iron slag and raw iron nodules from the Iron Age of 1500 BCE were found.

The team included Dr. E. Sivanagi Reddy, CEO, Cultural Centre of Vijayawada and Amaravati, V. Rajitha, assistant director of archaeology department in Anantapur and Prof. P. Chenna Reddy, former director of archaeology.

Dr. Sivanagi Reddy told Deccan Chronicle that the team explored the farm of former minister and ex-APCC chief N. Raghuvira Reddy on his invitation after he found the ancient objects while constructing a temple in his village since past one-and-a-half years.

FROM | AP Jagan wants polls held before SEC retires by the end of March

MD ILYAS I DC
VIJAYAWADA, MARCH 21

All are awaiting the MPTC and ZPTC elections after completion of gram panchayats, municipalities and corporations elections. The YSR Congress which swept the GP and urban election sought to continue the victory in the MPTC and ZPTC elections but the State Election Commission has not announced the schedule which halted their complete triumph. The opposition parties including Telugu Desam which continuously demanded conducting of elections turned silent in the MPTC and ZPTC elections after

viewing the landslide victory of YSRC.

There were 10,047 MPTC seats in 13 districts of AP State in which notification was issued to 9,692 seats in which 2,371 turned unanimous. Similarly, there were 660 ZPTC seats in which 126 were unanimous.

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy seeking the completion of MPTC and ZPTC elections in six days of time to concentrate on the Corona vaccination programme. AP Chief Secretary Adityanath Das met SEC Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar seeking conducting of MPTC and ZPTC elections but there was no response. A peti-

tion was filed in the AP High Court seeking conducting MPTC and ZPTC elections. SEC Ramesh Kumar is going to retire by the end of this month and time would take to appoint a new SEC hence the government seeking to complete MPTC and ZPTC elections before the retirement of Ramesh Kumar. The AP High Court heard plea seeking conducting of MPTC and ZPTC elections on Saturday and reserved its verdict.

The MPTC and ZPTC elections were originally scheduled on 21 March 2020 but SEC Ramesh Kumar vowed to restart the election process from where it was stopped but he did not take up the stopped MPTC and ZPTC

cause on 15 March 2020. The YSRC severely opposed the move stating that there was not much more spread and elections can be conducted. But the efforts of the ruling party went vain as SEC Ramesh Kumar showed reluctance to conduct elections. Later the things changed as Ramesh Kumar wished to conduct elections before his retirement but the YSRC government severely opposed the move hence he knocked on the doors of the Courts and got orders in his favour. SEC Ramesh Kumar vowed to restart the election process from where it was stopped but he did not take up the stopped MPTC and ZPTC

elections and conducted gram panchayat, municipal and corporation elections.

SEC Ramesh Kumar was against the electing of MPTC and ZPTC in large numbers agreed with the allegations of opposition parties including TD of forcefully unanimous elections.

As many as 2,371 MPTC seats turned unanimous which is 24.46% of total seats. Further, 126 ZPTC seats switched as unanimous which is 19.32% of total seats. The ruling YSRC won 2,217 MPTC seats unanimously, TD won 101 seats, Jana Sena 4 and 49 seats won by others unanimously.

TRS hopes to get support of employees and students

From Page 1

Chandrashekhar Rao monitored all election-related strategies, from enrolment of graduate voters to booth management.

For the first time, he even embarked on micro-level election management, once the focus shifted to booth-level and even individual-level, as the party reached out to every single voter, which the party believes really worked wonders. In the MLC polls, the TRS could wrest the BJP seat besides reducing it to fourth place in another seat, sending a mes-

sage that BJP was not really an alternative to the TRS.

The Chief Minister now wants to extend this strategy to the Nagarjunasagar bypoll by deputing ministers, party MPs, MLA and MLAs as election in-charges, who will camp in the constituency till the election ends.

Since the Yadav community is numerically strong here, the TRS chief has already announced sops for them in the recent Budget, including a return to the distribution of sheep programme. He has decided to field a candidate from the

Yadav community to take on Congress heavyweight K. Jana Reddy.

Similarly, Chandrashekhar Rao is expected to announce a new Pay Revision Commission for state employees and pensioners in the Assembly in a day or two in the ongoing Budget session. He will also announce a recruitment drive to fill over 50,000 jobs in government departments.

The party hopes to garner support from employees and students with these moves and is counting on that making a crucial difference to the bypoll.

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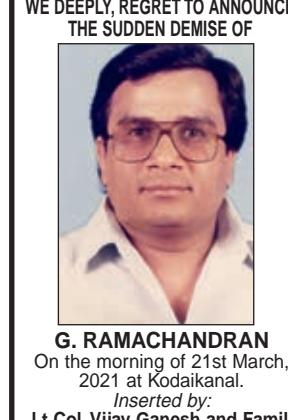
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They say that time is a healer but as the time goes on,

IN BRIEF
Mahesh Bhagwat bereaved

Hyderabad: Muralidhar Ranganath Bhagwat, the father of Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat, died in the city following prolonged illness. He was 86 years old. Ranganath Bhagwat was a primary school teacher at a zilla parishad school. He had suffered a brain haemorrhage in December 2019, and his right hand and leg were paralysed. In September last, he contracted Covid, the police commissioner said.

MANUU MEET ON BANDA NAWAZ STARTS TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD MARCH 21

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) will be organising a two-day nation conference on the Sufi saint Khaja Banda Nawaz Gaisu Daraz from Monday.

The event will be held by the university's Persian department in collaboration with the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, and is deals with his sayings, letters, publications, teachings and services.

Persian department head Prof. Aziz Bano said the inaugural will be held at 11.30 am at IMC preview theatre.

Dr Syed Shah Khusro Hussaini, Chancellor, Khaja Banda Nawaz University (KBNU), Kalburagi (Gulbarga) will be the chief guest and Prof. S.M. Rahmatullah, Manuu Vice-Chancellor, will preside over the inaugural.

Aghai Ustad Dr Nematullah Irazzada, Aghai Dr Ali Razapur Mohammad, Bulgaria, Prof. Sk Ishtiaque Ahmed of JNU's department of Persian are the guest of honours. The conference will be webcast live on the IMC, Manuu YouTube channel.

Two-day nation conference on the Sufi saint Khaja Banda Nawaz Gaisu Daraz from Monday.

Warm Arctic causes India heatwave

Study shows rising temperatures causing heat stress related deaths in India

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

What is happening about 9,000 km north of India is the cause of the thousands of deaths of humans and livestock in the country and the world over. The temperatures in the otherwise bone-chillingly cold icy Arctic up in the north are rising. This 'Arctic warming', occurring at twice the speed of the global average rise in temperatures is what is causing deadly heatwaves in India over the past few years, researchers have discovered.

These heatwaves have also been contributing to increased heat stress related deaths in India. While the country recorded 55 such deaths in 2000, by 2015, this category of fatalities rose to 2,081.

Caused as a result of climate change and global warming, the Indian heatwaves occur due to a phenomenon called Planetary Rossby Waves (PRWS). These are large scale disturbances of the atmospheric circulation. When these disturbed atmospheric circulation patterns clash with similar large-scale atmospheric movements that arise horizontally from the earth's rotation, the resulting phenomenon, called Quasi-Resonant Amplification, is said to play a key part in how the weather in India is impacted.

Researchers who concluded this, presented their findings in a study article titled 'Large-scale connection to Deadly Indian Heatwaves'. They found that the high-latitude warming during the spring months of April and May in the Arctic region relate to the heatwaves occurring in the same months. This analysis of Arctic warming in spring and its consequences for planetary wave changes is a novel aspect found by the researchers, not analysed earlier, the study said.

Explained D. Goverdhan, one of the authors of the study, and a researcher from the Centre for Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science, University of Hyderabad, "This Arctic warming reduces the normal Equator-to-Pole temperature gradient, because normally the Arctic region is very cold. Decrease of temperature gradient favours decrease of zonal wind, wind from west to east, which occurs in the mid-latitudes, and its vertical shear. A decrease of zonal wind favours, in some special conditions that are becoming more frequent recently, an increase of Rossby wave amplitudes."

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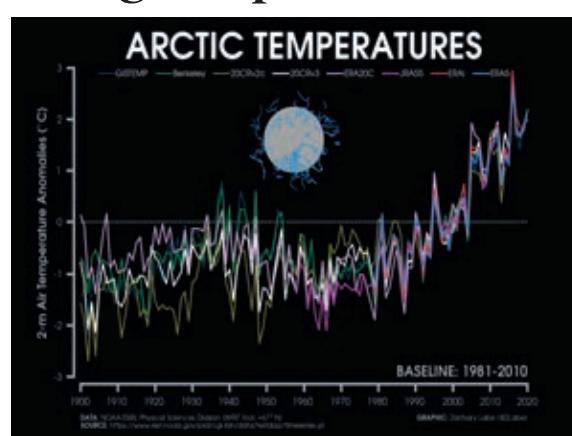


Chart shows 'temporal distribution' of 2m-air temperature anomalies in the Arctic region during the 1900-2020 period using global datasets.

● **'ARCTIC WARMING'**

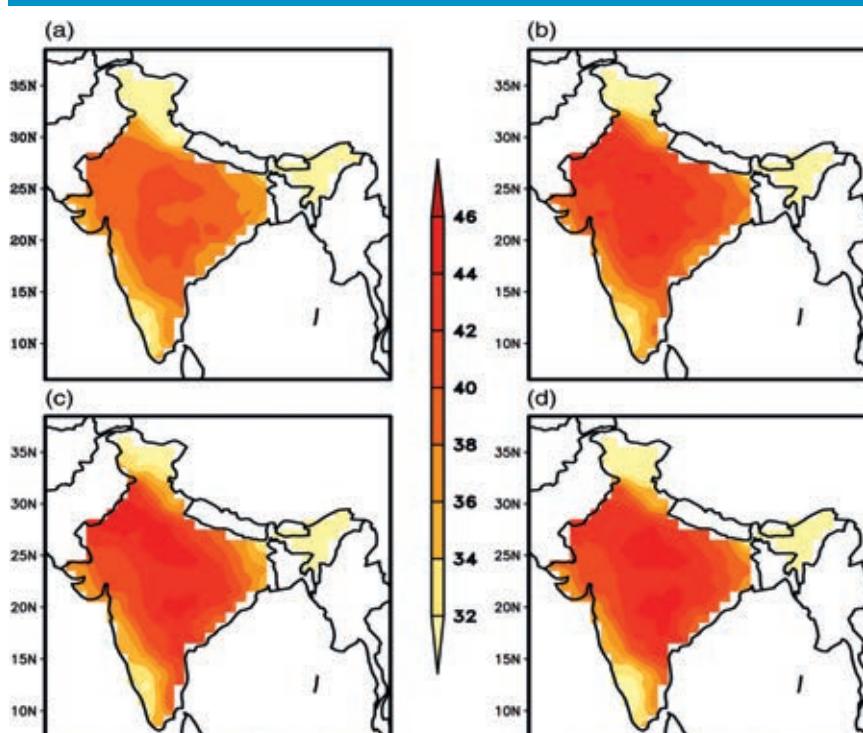
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India, he said, "The positioning of amplified Rossby waves is such that in some specific locations, especially over India, a high-pressure cell occurs, leading to sinking motion and increasing surface temperature drastically. This increase of surface temperature causes the heatwaves."

The results of the study confirmed that maximum surface temperatures in spring over India show predictability with high statistical significance, about four days ahead. Therefore, to predict heatwaves, maximum surface temperatures can be used, the researchers said.

A group of researchers from India and Brazil conducted the research study, the results of which were published in a reputed British journal *Quarterly Journal of Royal Meteorology*. Dr V.B. Rao, National Institute for Space Research, INPE, Brazil, Dr K. Koteswara Rao (corresponding author from Azim Premji University), Dr B. Mahendranath, (Andhra University), Dr T.V. Lakshmi Kumar (SRM Institute of Science and Technology), and PhD student Govardhan Dandu (University of Hyderabad), were part of the research team.

SIZZLING HOT: MAX TEMPS OVER INDIA



Surface maximum temperature in India during heatwaves: (a) Climatology (1979-2018); (b) 2010 mean; (c) 2013 mean; and (d) 2015 events mean.

KILLER HEAT CLAIMED 2081 LIVES IN 2015

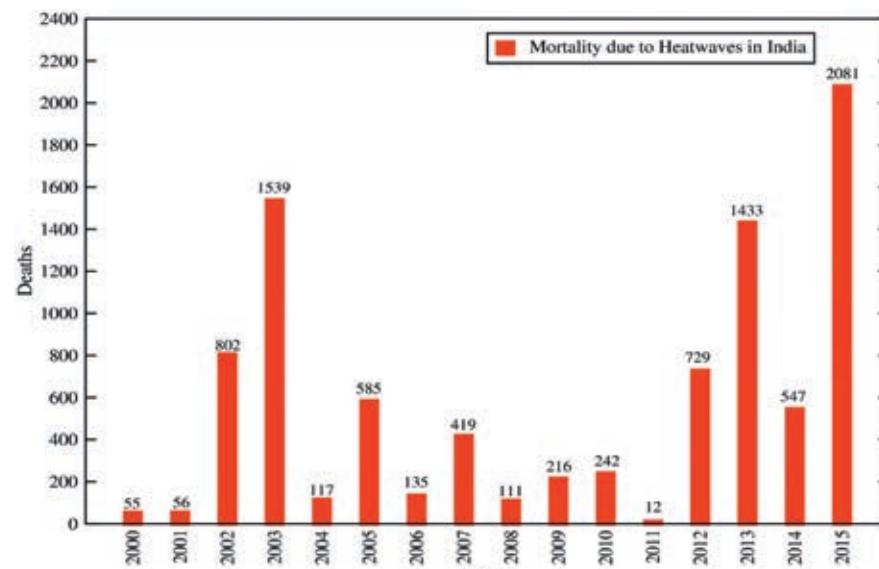


Chart shows the number of people who died in heatwaves, till 2015

WORLD FOREST DAY CELEBRATED AT KBR PARK

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Walkers and officials of forest department on Sunday planted saplings to celebrate World Forest Day at the Kasu Brahmananda Reddy (KBR) National Park here.

Speaking on the occasion, R. Shobha, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), said the state government has launched a special programme to rejuvenate degraded forests under the slogan 'Jungle Bachao Jungle Badhao'. The idea behind it is to create healthier environment for future generations.

The PCCF said awareness about forests and environment among children is essential to increase social awareness about protecting and multiplying forests.

On the day, forest officials and staff participated in a special event at Kandlikoya Oxygen Urban Forest Park in Medchal district. Students of the Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI) and representatives belonging to various charity organisations planted sandalwood saplings over an acre of land.

A special awareness programme on snakes was organised under the auspices of Friends of Snakes Society. Members of the Hyderabad Birding Pals Society described nuances of bird watching and rare birds found in the Telangana region.

On the day, special programmes and meetings were also organised in all districts to create awareness about the need to conserve forests, tiger sanctuaries and other forest wealth.

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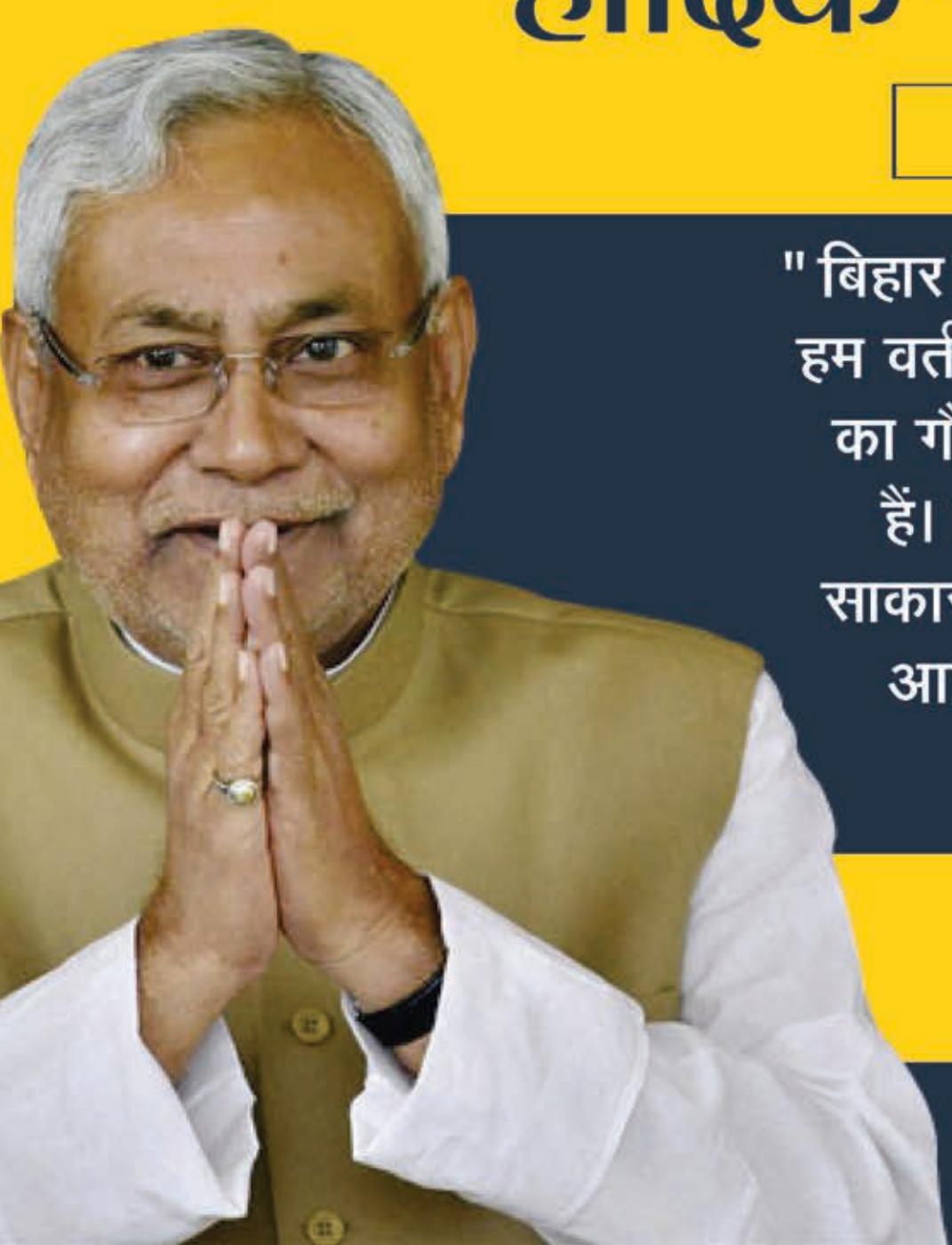
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Switch or status quo the only two options open for Kerala

With the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) releasing their manifestos, electioneering in Kerala is hotting up with the discussion hovering around whether the state will stick to its four-decade old practice of faithfully alternating between the two fronts or break it. The government led by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan goes back to the people with a fair record of facing one too many issues which include two back-to-back floods, epidemic Nipah and pandemic Covid-19. As for the UDF, it hopes to cash in on the controversies the government landed itself in the election year including the gold smuggling case and allegations of irregularities in government appointments.

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promises to raise the welfare pension to ₹3,000; a bit higher than what the LDF has promised. Health and education figure prominently on the UDF agenda too. But unlike the Leftists, the UDF is open to the idea of privatisation of education. It promises to attract more investment by creating world-class infrastructure and by making processes easy. The UDF promises to bring in legislation to protect the customs and rituals at the Sabarimala temple, though the issue is pending before the constitution bench of the Supreme Court.

Kerala has not been very open to the BJP and its brand of politics though its vote share has gone up from six per cent in the 2011 elections to nearly 15 per cent in the 2016 elections. It has remained stuck at that point for the last five years, and the saffron party is now making all efforts to make an inroad into the minority vote bank, especially of the Christians, and the middle class. It has drafted some of the well-respected technocrats such as "Metroman" E. Sreedharan for the purpose. It is yet to be seen how the effort will pay off. For the time being, the party plays a marginal role in the state's politics and the question remains as to whether Kerala will follow its own pattern or create a new one in these elections.

Team India in top form

Having come back twice in the series from a one-match deficit to beat England 3-2, Team India will go into the T20 World Cup later this year in a more positive frame of mind. The advent of players like Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav, who proved to be matchwinners in their debut series, means team composition problems may have been sorted out. In what seemed like a routine "win toss, bowl first and chase a target to win" series, Virat Kohli's men were forced to bat first at the business end of the series and still they won two key games in a row to take the Cup.

Team India's batting prowess against the white ball in all conditions is well-known. What was creditable was the batsmen delivered when the chips were down with the skipper putting up his hand to open the innings in place of the out-of-form batting star K.L. Rahul in the decider. Kohli anchored the series-winning effort rather than smashing the ball around as his opening partner Rohit Sharma was doing it well enough at the other end. Sachin Tendulkar had cottoned on to the idea that the best batsmen in the team should bat through most of the available overs in limited-overs cricket and Kohli has woken up to that now.

Attacking batting and clever bowling, as seen in the change of pace and denial of pace tactics used consistently in a sterling team effort was laudable, with Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Shardul Thakur outstanding in putting the leach on the England batsmen. The fact that England were a competitive side right through the series lends greater credence to this dress rehearsal for the T20 World Cup, which India hasn't won since sensationally shocking the world in the inaugural edition in 2007. Confidence in his team's combined abilities in a most unpredictable format of the game should be a morale booster for Kohli who, incidentally, has never won an ICC event as captain as opposed to MS Dhoni's phenomenal record in Cup events.

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SC pawn in RSS opening move aiming to fulfil Mathura agenda

The long-awaited event has happened as many had feared. On March 12, a bench of the Supreme Court comprising Chief Justice S.A. Bobde and Justice A.S. Bopanna issued notices to three ministries of the government of India — home, law and justice and culture on a petition filed by Ashwani Kumar Upadhyaya, a leader of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), challenging the constitutional validity of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which came into force on Sept 18, 1991.

According to the act, "No person shall convert any place of worship of any religious denomination or any section thereof into a place of worship of a different section of the same religious denomination or any section thereof... It is hereby declared that the religious character of a place of worship existing on the 15th day of August 1947 shall continue to be the same as it existed on that day."

The act did not apply to any

"place of worship which is an ancient and historical monument" or was covered by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites Act or Remains Act, 1958. Had this act been applied to the Babri Masjid promptly, the mosque would have been saved. The 1991 act says that nothing contained in it would apply to the Babri Masjid and to the litigation concerning it pending in the courts.

Other exceptions to the 1991 act are acquiescent in the conversion before this act came into force. Most important of all, the act will not apply to "any dispute with respect to any such matter settled by the parties amongst themselves before such commencement" of the Act of 1991. As it happens, dispute regarding one of the two mosques which the BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) hope to destroy concerned Krishna Janamasthan at Mathura, Krishna's birthplace according to Hindu belief.

But the matter was settled nearly half a century ago by an elaborate,

detailed agreement on Oct 12, 1968. It sought to "settle the long-standing disputes between the Shri Krishna Janamasthan Sangh and the Shahi Masjid Eidgah Trust". Documents to authorise it by the parties were mentioned. A written iqraarnama was registered. The signatories acted in a representative capacity at the instance of "both Hindu and Muslim communities". The core of the agreement was peaceful coexistence between the eidgah and the Krishna Janamasthan (birthplace).

In Mumbai, there is a traffic island which houses a mosque, temple and a church. This spirit evaporated with the rise of Hindutva for political ends. The BJP rose from two seats in the Lok Sabha in 1985 to power in 1987.

This sordid game was long in the planning. The RSS set up the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) at Mumbai on Aug 29, 1984. In 1986 at Allahabad, a World Hindu Sammelan (conference) was held.

Eventually, the VHP adopted an

18-point code of conduct which explicitly called for the 'liberation' of the birthplaces of Ram at Ayodhya and of Krishna at Mathura and also for the Kashi Vishwanath Mandir at Varanasi to be 'liberated' from the Gyanvapi Masjid.

In August 1990, L.K. Advani promised that if Muslims surrendered the Babri Masjid, the BJP would give up its demands for the other two at Mathura and Varanasi. Places of worship were being used as bargaining counters.

The 1991 act was praised by a five-member bench of the Supreme Court in the Babri Masjid case as recently as November 2019. Only a seven-member bench can overrule it now.

The issue, however, is more political than legal. The leader of the opposition in the UP Assembly and senior Samajwadi Party leader Ram Govind Choudhary said: "BJP and its forces that support it are busy in these kind of things — how to play with Hindu sentiments and encash it. All the more for all these years they could not and did not do

Subhani



India and US: It's still the economy, stupid

Sanjaya Baru

Sanjayovacha

Many observers and analysts have already commented on the fact that the first high-level visitor to India from the Biden administration in the United States happens to be US defence secretary Lloyd Austin. Keeping the defence and security relationship in focus serves both the Biden administration and the Narendra Modi government well at a time when the world's two biggest democracies are arguing about human rights and trade. Their shared concerns about China help bridge the differences on other fronts.

The same purpose of focusing on the security relationship and their shared views on the Chinese threat in Asia could have been achieved if US national security adviser Jake Sullivan had been the first visitor, but defence secretaries also double up as arms salesmen. Defence sales have remained at the centre of the bilateral relationship ever since George W. Bush signalled a reset on China and affirmed India's nuclear status. President Barack Obama resumed America's flirtatious relationship with China. President Joe Biden has now made it clear that he will stay with the course set by his predecessor Donald Trump of seeking to contain China. The "New Cold War" is here.

There are, however, two dimensions to the emerging US-China Cold War First, trade and investment policies. Second, Indo-Pacific security. India has differences with both China and the United States on trade and investment issues. Not surprisingly, therefore, President Biden chose to send his defence secretary as his first emissary to India. Mr Austin's visit has thus given both governments the opportunity to say nice things to each other within days after India's external affairs minister and the US secretary of state were able to participate in a gathering of friends called the "Quad". When

China has for long been a factor in relations between India and the United States. What keeps changing is the equation in this geopolitical *menage a trois*. Even at a time when their bilateral relations were otherwise prickly and the United States and India were described as "estranged democracies", American military support to India when China attacked it in 1962 kept the relationship going. There was a brief interregnum, at the time of the liberation of

Bangladesh in 1971, when the US Navy entered the Bay of Bengal as an act of solidarity with Pakistan and in consultation with China.

When Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpeyi wrote a letter to President Bill Clinton mentioning China as a factor in India's decision to conduct the Shakti nuclear tests in 1998, President Clinton promptly leaked the letter to Beijing, thus ingratiating himself with the Chinese leadership. China was then a major market and destination for US investment. US business interests drove its strategic policy and President Clinton was beholden to American business lobbies that were still enjoying their honeymoon years with China.

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The apologists for both governments have argued that it is just as well that the focus in the bilateral relationship is currently on defence and security and not on trade and investment, because that is where there is greater agreement. The question remains, though, whether the two governments would be able to narrow down their differences on trade, investment and human rights in the extra time they have bought for their partnership by first focusing on China, the Indo-Pacific region and defence matters.

Consider the fact that even during the tenure of President Donald Trump, a self-confessed friend of India and hailed as such by the Narendra Modi government, the United States was not prepared to address India's concerns on trade and investment related issues, even if it was quite happy to refrain from comments on human rights issues. Can one expect the Biden administration to be more accommodative than Mr Trump and his administration?

The question will be answered when the recently confirmed US trade representative Katherine Tai engages her Indian counterpart, commerce minister Piyush Goyal. During the Senate confirmation hearings last week, Ms Tai did not reveal her mind on India. Even

LETTERS

KCR'S ACUMEN

The fielding of Surabhi Vani Devi, daughter of P.V. Narasimha Rao, as MLC and winning the seat confirmed Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao's political acumen. Winning of both the seats also silenced the critics of the TRS. Both MLCs should fulfil aspirations of the people.

G.V.N. Murthy
Hyderabad

MLC ELECTIONS

The two seats, as expected, were captured by the ruling TRS hands down. It's a fact that all political parties are resorting to unfair practices during elections and quoting from the scriptures at other times. The nation wants a ban on defections and defectors contesting in elections. It seems neither the ruling BJP nor national parties like the Congress and the Communists are interested in the Anti-Defection law.

Baru Rajendra Prasad
Hyderabad

LOCKDOWN STUDIES

Parents and students have expressed the great loss at not having classroom education. The government needs to revise the training methods to make education more interactive. Education through TV is only for a limited time for a particular class. The number of dedicated channels are to be increased with different subjects. Discouraging small screen classes through cellphones and improving the mandatory use of TV channels for education will benefit students.

G. Murali Mohan Rao
Secunderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Yahya, Mujib meet again: no progress

NEW DELHI, MARCH 21 Awami League Leader Sheikh Mujib Rehman had an unscheduled meeting with President Yahya Khan in Dacca today, reports Radio Pakistan.

The talks at President's house lasted for about 70 minutes. Awami League General Secretary Tajuddin Ahmed accompanied Mr. Rehman.

Sheikh Mujib Rehman later told newsmen that today's talks were connected with some clarification regarding the earlier talks.

According to the radio, the Sheikh is expected to meet President Yahya Khan again tomorrow.

any public interest, welfare, development works. Price rise is unprecedented, unemployment has reached highest in 45 years. So they are back to usual tricks."

This is a replay of the tactics used in the Babri Masjid case. There is already a debate in the courts and on public platforms about the danger of political problems being discussed in courts of law. In this case, as in the Babri Masjid case, to the political dimension is added the vastly more charged dimension namely religion. This is not insuperable. In the Shaheed Ganj Masjid case in Lahore, the premier of Punjab Sikandar Hayat Khan refused to bring in legislation to override a hostile judgement of the high court. He was then a member of the Muslim League. Mohammad Ali Jinnah backed him completely. So did the council of the All India Muslim League. They were much smaller men who played around with the Babri Masjid case.

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SHORT TAKES
**YOUNG ENGINEERS
MUST FOLLOW
PASSION: PREZ**

AKSHAYA KUMAR
SAHOO | DC
ROURKELA, MARCH 21

President Ram Nath Kovind on Sunday exhorted budding engineers of the country to ardently follow their passions to be more productive and innovative in their career.

Addressing the 18th annual convocation ceremony of National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Odisha's Rourkela, the President said, "I advise you to never judge your success only in terms of material gains. You don't have to limit yourself by the pressures of conventional notions of success and societal pressures. You need to figure out what you really want to do in your life. Choose to do what gives you satisfaction and meaningfulness. Do what takes you closer to your aspirations. Do what makes your families proud of you. Plan for yourself a fruitful and productive path ahead."

The President praised the institute for its achievements and also advised the students to undertake more research-oriented and innovative initiatives.

"As the second largest government-run Technology Institute in Eastern India, NIT Rourkela has made significant contributions to the field of engineering and technology. For over six decades, this engineering college has been enriching the pool of technical professionals in the country," the President said.

"I am pleased to know that NIT Rourkela has students from 33 out of the total 36 states and Union Territories of India. I am told that students of 17 different countries are also enrolled in various academic disciplines," the President said.

**WHAT KIND OF RAM
RAJYA IS THIS,
RAUT ON U.P. CASE**

Mumbai, March 21: Expressing disappointment over the incident of a Muslim boy being beaten up mercilessly for drinking water at a temple in Uttar Pradesh, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Sunday asked what kind of 'Ram rajya' is this.

He said the incident showed that some people belittle India's image by indulging in communal polarisation.

"This incident happened in a land where a temple dedicated to Lord Ram is coming up. What kind of Ram rajya is this?" he asked in his weekly column "Rokhthok" in Sena mouthpiece *Saamana*.

"What kind of Hindu religion are we representing?" he further asked.

In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee is called anti-Hindu because she refuses to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'. But denial of water to a young boy and mercilessly thrashing him is also anti-Hindu, Raut said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi touches upon different issues in his 'Mann ki Baat' radio programme.

"Hope he speaks on this issue too," he added.

"We are against Pakistan and not against Muslims. Communal polarisation is done to win elections in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam and West Bengal," he alleged.

Pawar hints at Deshmukh's exit over Bir's allegations

Final call will likely be taken today after meet with Jayant Patil, Ajit Pawar

**SONU
SHRIVASTAVA | DC
with agency inputs**
MUMBAI, MARCH 21



BJP workers protest against Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh in Pune on Sunday, following the allegations levelled by former Mumbai police commissioner Parambir Singh.

— PTI

Raut says Bir's letter, Waze case tainted MVA's image

Mumbai, March 21:

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Sunday admitted that the allegations made by former Mumbai police chief Param Bir Singh against minister Anil Deshmukh, and the Sachin Waze case have tainted the image of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in the state, and said all allies need to introspect if their feet are on the ground.

Asked about Deshmukh's ouster from the Cabinet, Pawar said it was the CM's prerogative. "The final decision on Deshmukh will be taken by Monday," he said.

Pawar suggested the name of former Mumbai police commissioner Julio Ribeiro to probe the charges levelled by Singh.

The MVA constituents don't want the Centre to step in, therefore Ribeiro's name has been suggested to counter the claims of unfair investigation by state agencies.

When asked if the CBI would probe this case, Pawar said that Julio Ribeiro's name was above the CBI or any other agency.

The decision regarding

Talking to reporters, he also said that "something needs to be rectified" and the ruling allies should come together to discuss how these stains can be washed off.

"Such allegations against the government or ministers are unfortunate and shocking. The contents (of Singh's letter) are sensational," he said. "The veracity of the letter's contents will be do-

ne by the CM and Sharad Pawar. The MVA government has completed a year-and-a-half now and all allies need to introspect if their feet are on the ground," he said.

Raut said police administration is the backbone of any government. The backbone is symbol of pride and self-respect and the government should always strengthen it, he added.

— PTI

Deshmukh's resignation is likely to be taken by Monday after holding a meeting with Maharashtra NCP president Jayant Patil and deputy

chief minister Ajit Pawar by the NCP chief at his New Delhi residence.

Although the NCP chief

also termed the allegations levelled by Singh as

"serious in nature", he also questioned the timing of the letter and sought to know why the officer spoke only after he was transferred.

— PTI

BJP earmarks ₹10K for refugees in WB manifesto

**RAJIB CHOWDHURY | DC
KOLKATA, MARCH 21**

Using its manifesto "Sonar Bangla Sonkolpo Potro 2021" to end the TMC's rule in West Bengal, the BJP on Sunday promised to implement the Citizenship Amendment Act in its first Cabinet meeting if it comes to power in the state.

Amit Shah, releasing the manifesto in Kolkata on Sunday, with an eye on the votebank of Hindu migrants, also said the BJP would earmark ₹10,000 as annual financial aid to each refugee family for five years and a monthly pension of ₹3,000 to Matuas and Dalpatis, while wooing Gorkha communities with recognition to 11 sub-tribes under the Scheduled Caste category.

Free public transport for women, a hike in widow pension from ₹5,600 to ₹3,000 and a 33 per cent quota for women also found a place in the BJP's manifesto.

Other key sops include an end to infiltration, official language status of Bengali, implementation of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and Ayushman Bharat, building three new AIIMS in Bengal (North Bengal, Jangal Mahal and Sunderbans), award of the Seventh Pay Commission hikes for state government staff, no fee for girls from KG to PG in government schools, Bengali to be made mandatory in school education till Class 10. The BJP will also probe corruption in Central funds allocated for Cyclone Amphan and other calamities and compensation, apart from providing compensation of ₹25 lakh for each family which lost a member in political violence.

For tea garden workers,

the Congress has prom-

ised a daily wage of ₹365.

Releasing the Congress manifesto at the party's office in Guwahati, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi while concluding his two-days long visit to Assam said that his party will protect the idea of Assam that is being "attacked" by the BJP and RSS.

"We are aware that the RSS and BJP are attacking diverse cultures of this nation. Attacking our languages, history, our way to thinking, and our way of being. So this manifesto provides a guarantee that we will defend the idea of

the state of Assam," he said. Terming his party's manifesto as the "people's manifesto", Gandhi said that the manifesto contains the "aspirations of the people of Assam".

The Congress has also promised to waive off debt for women who have taken loans from microfinance banks, to provide free of cost of yarn, loom and other equipment to weavers,

free of cost state transport for all women, agricultural debt will be waived-off for farmers, to revive two paper mills again among other sops.

IF AIADMK WINS, IT WILL BE BJP'S VICTORY: STALIN

Kancheepuram (TN):

Even if the AIADMK emerged victorious in a single seat, the victor would be 'BJP MLA' and hence people should vote for his party and its allies in the April 6 Assembly polls, DMK president M.K. Stalin appealed to the electorate here on Sunday.

In his campaign at Uthiramerur, Stalin said he had been saying that his party-led combine would win 200 out of 234 segments in TN. However, considering the feedback from the people to his continuous campaign across the state, he said, "only we are going to win in all 234 constituencies."

— PTI

POLL | VOW Rahul Gandhi congratulated Baghel and his govt for keeping up the party's promise

C'garh CM fulfils ₹5,600 cr promise to farmers

**DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 21**

The Chhattisgarh state government on Saturday fulfilled its promise of providing ₹5,600 crore to farmers in the state under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, a scheme to provide financial support to farmers.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday, during a programme at his residence-cum-office in Raipur, digitally transferred ₹1,104.27 crore as the fourth and last installment of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana (RGKNY) into the bank accounts of more than 19 lakh farmers of the state, keeping the promise of financial aid to farmers under the scheme.

Also transferred was ₹7.55 crore as the 15th and 16th instalments of the Godhan Nyay Yojana into the accounts of cattle rearers. So far, ₹80.42 crore have been paid to the cattle rear-



Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel chairs a meeting for the digital transfer of the fourth and last installment of RGKNY at his residence-cum-office in Raipur.

ers. Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi in his virtual message congratulated the Chief Minister and his government for keeping up the party's promise. "Today, we have fulfilled the promise of providing ₹5,600 crore to the farmers of Chhattisgarh. At a time when the Central government has brought three laws which are against the farmers, I am happy that Chhattisgarh government has taken up the path of helping the farmers, small

businessmen, youths and poor people. This has resulted in strengthening the rural economy of the state by putting money in it. As a result, Chhattisgarh is not facing the problems that other states are witnessing. I congratulate the

people of the state and the government for this achievement," Gandhi said. The Chief Minister in his address said that after coming to power, his government had promised that farmers will get the actual price of their produce. Under the RGKNY, 19 lakh farmers were provided ₹5,627 crore as agricultural input assistance.

"Today I am satisfied that we have fulfilled the promise made to the farmers. We have proved that we do not make false promises," he said.

Appreciating the schemes, Congress leader P.L. Punia said that the Parliament standing committee on agriculture has also suggested the implementation of these schemes in all states.

The Chief Minister added that farmers have been paid ₹4,500 crore in three installments under the

scheme before Saturday. The RGKNY was implemented from May 21, 2020, to provide agricultural input assistance to farmers and to increase production and productivity of major crops of the state.

Under the RGKNY, farmers cultivating paddy in Kharif 2019 were paid in installments directly into their bank account at the rate of ₹10,000 per acre on the basis of the acreage obtained through cooperative society.

In all, under this scheme, 18.38 lakh farmers including 9.54 lakh marginal farmers, 5.62 lakh small farmers, and 3.21 lakh large farmers, have been paid ₹4,500 crore in three installments as input assistance and 4,777 certified seed growers have been paid ₹23.62 crore in three installments. In this way, ₹4,523.62 crore has been paid to a total of 18.43 lakh farmers in three installments.

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JYOTHI 70MM	MUKUND 70
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VIMAL 70MM	SRIDEVI Chilkaguda
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SAI RANGA 70	VYJAYANTHI 70
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BR HITECH	11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

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SHALINI - 10.00, 1.15, 4.30, 7.45, 11.00 BALANAGAR - 10.00, 1.15, 4.30, 7.45, 11.00 CHANDANAGAR - 12.30, 7.00, 10.15 BVK - 10.45am, 1.35, 4.30, 7.30, 10.30pm S2 - 10.00am, 1.10, 4.20, 7.30, 10.40pm TIVOLI - 11.00, 1.25, 1.50, 4.10, 4.45, 7.00, 7.50, 10.00, 10.50 PLATINUM - 9.00, 10.00, 11.45, 2.30, 4.00, 5.15, 8.00, 9.30, 10.45
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Narayanguda SHANTI 70MM R.T.C X Road SUDARSHAN 35MM Kukatpally VISWANATH 70MM BRAMARAMBA 70MM Dilshukhnagar MEGA 70MM MAHALAXMI, Kothapet EESHWAR, Attapur SANGEETHA, R.C Puram SRI LAXMI, Karmanghat

PRASAD MULTIPLEX - Khairatabad AMB CINEMAS - Gachibowli TIVOLI CINEMAS - Secunderabad FORUM - Kukatpally I ICON - HITECH MOOSARAMBAGH I IRRUM MANZIL GALLERIA I CENTRAL - Punjagutta RK - Banjara I INORBIT - Cyberbad GPR - Kukatpally I SHA - Chintal RADHIKA - Kapra I M CUBE - Attapur CINEPLANET - Kompally I CINESQUARE - Uppal I SHIVAGANGA - Dilsukhnagar I LAXMIKALA - Moosapet I INOX GVK - Banjara I GSM - Miyapur MP MALL - Kachiguda DSL - Uppal I MANTRA - Attapur CCPL - Malkajgiri MIRAJ - Balangar I Chandanagar CARNIVAL CINEMAS - Ameerpet I S2 CINEMAS - Mallapur I

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Directed By: Manikanth Getti Produced By: Rajesh Sugunan-Mavindra Sugunan-Muppandal Music By: Keerthana-Bhaskar-Raghava Reddy Cinematography: Negamraju Palle Edited By: Satyakumar

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Austin in Kabul amid US troop row

Kabul, March 21: US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin arrived Sunday in Kabul on his first trip to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief, amid swirling questions about how long American troops will remain in the country. State-owned Radio and Television Afghanistan and popular TOLO Television reported Austin's arrival in Kabul from India. He met senior Afghan government officials, including President Ashraf Ghani.

There was no mention of the May 1 deadline. Washington is reviewing the agreement between former President Donald Trump's administration and the Taliban last year and has been stepping up pressure on both sides in the protracted conflict to find a swift route to a peace agreement. — AP

TIES SEVERED: N. KOREANS LEAVE MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur, March 21:

North Korean diplomats vacated their embassy in Malaysia and prepared to leave the country Sunday, after the two nations cut diplomatic ties over the extradition of a North Korean criminal suspect to the US.

The North Korean flag and embassy signage have been removed from the premise. Two buses ferried the diplomats and their families to the airport, where they were seen checking in for a flight to Shanghai. Ties have been virtually frozen since the 2017 assassination of the estranged half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Kuala Lumpur.

— AP

Migrant surge: Biden on his heels

Washington, March 21:

Somehow, they didn't see it coming. Within weeks of Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, the Biden administration had reversed many of the most maligned Trump-era immigration policies, including deporting children seeking asylum who arrived alone at the US-Mexico border and forcing migrants to wait in Mexico as they made their case to stay in the United States. While the administration was working on immigration legislation to address long-term problems, it didn't have an on-the-ground plan to manage a surge of migrants. Career immigration officials had

warned there could be a surge after the presidential election and the news that the Trump policies were being reversed.

Now, officials are scrambling to build up capacity to care for some 14,000 migrants now in federal custody — and more likely on the way. — AP

PHILIPPINES: 200 CHINA VESSELS AT REEF

MANILA, March 21: The Philippine government expressed concern after spotting more than 200 Chinese fishing vessels it believed were crewed by militias at a reef claimed by both countries in the South China Sea, but it did not immediately lodge a protest.

A government body overseeing the disputed region said late Saturday that about 220 Chinese vessels were seen moored at Whitsun Reef on March 7. It released pictures of the vessels in one of the most hotly contested areas of the waterway. — AP

BLAST IN IRAN KILLS ONE, WOUNDS 3

iran, March 21: An explosion Sunday killed one person and wounded three others in the Iranian province of Sistan and Baluchistan, state TV reported, as details about the incident remained scarce.

The TV report described the explosion that struck a public square in the city of Saravan as a blind terrorist act that killed a pedestrian. It wasn't immediately clear who was behind the apparent attack. Sistan and Baluchistan province is a well-worn trafficking route for drugs and petrol and has been the scene of occasional clashes between Iranian government forces and militant groups. The province is also where a Sunni separatist group operates. — PTI

2nd WEEK

SANDHYA 35MM (ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM) 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BRAMARAMBA 70MM 2.45, 6.30, 9.45PM

MEGA 70MM 2.15, 6.15PM

FORUM-5.15, 10.50PM

INORBIT-1.30PM

MUSARAMBAGH-4.00PM

GALLERIA-1.15, 5.15PM

ICON-1.20PM|CENTRAL-2.15PM

IRRUMMANZIL-4.05PM

5.15 PM

1.40, 10.20 PM

MALLAPUR 5.00PM

1.45, 7.10PM

PLATINUM 3.15, 8.30PM

AMEERPET 10.00PM

MOOSAPET 6.10PM

DSL-7.30PM|MANTRA-4.20PM

CCPL-4.20PM

SHALINI-2.00PM

BALANAGAR-5.15PM

INOX GVK-12.45PM

GSM-10.00PM

7.20PM

ASIAN CINEMAS GPK KUKATPALLY-4.30PM

RADHIKA KAPRA-4.40PM

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Cops use tear gas to end Thai stir

Bangkok, March 21: Scores of people were injured and arrested in the Thai capital after police used water cannons, tear gas and rubber bullets Saturday night to break up a rally by pro-democracy protesters calling for the release of detained activists, constitutional changes and reform of the nation's monarchy. The rally outside Bangkok's Grand Palace was a continuation of student-led protests that began last year and have rattled Thailand's traditional establishment, which is fiercely opposed to change, especially with regard to the monarchy. The rally organisers had said they planned to have demonstrators throw paper planes with messages over the palace walls.

The demonstrators, who numbered close to 1,000, managed to break through a barrier made of shipping containers outside the ceremonial palace stacked two high. — AP



THRILLING HIT SEE TODAY



SUDARSHAN35MM

(ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS SOUND SYSTEM)

11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

ARJUN 70-11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30

RAJADHANI COMPLEX-DSNR 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

SANTOSH ABIDS-11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15

INJARA VENKATARAMANA/ PADAMAVATHI COMPLEX-KACHIGUDA 6.00PM(ONE SHOW)

LAXMI KALACINEPRIDE 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

OAMB 10.50, 1.45, 4.35, 7.25, 10.05, 10.25PM

9.00, 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45PM

ASIAN CINEMAS RADHIKA-10.55, 1.50, 7.25, 10.30PM

SIVAGANGA-2.00, 9.00PM

CINESQUARE-10.55, 1.55, 4.45, 7.15, 10.40

MCUBE-11.00, 1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM

SHA-2.30, 9.45PM|GPR-1.35, 7.30, 10.30

PVR FORUM-11.00, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.00PM

RK-5.05, 10.40PM

GALLERIA-10.15, 4.10, 7.10, 10.10PM

CENTRAL-11.25, 1.50, 5.10, 8.00PM

INORBIT-11.00, 1.50, 8.00, 11.00PM

PRISTON-5.00, 10.50PM

MOOSARAMBAGH-1.50, 7.50, 9.45PM

IRRUMMANZIL-1.10, 4.10, 7.10, 10.10

ICON-4.40, 7.15, 10.15PM

CINEPLANET-KOMPALLY 11.00, 1.45, 7.40, 10.40PM

MJR SQUARE-NARAPALY 10.55, 1.20, 7.40, 10.40PM

INOX INOX GV-11:00, 4:30, 7:25, 10:30PM

MP-10:30, 1:15, 7:15PM

GSM-11:40, 3:00, 6:35, 9:15PM

Cinepolis CCPL-11.00, 4.55, 10.50PM

MANTRA-10.50, 1.20, 7.35, 10.35PM

DSL-12.40, 7.10, 10.20PM

SUDHA-11.00, 4.35, 10.50PM

PVR PRISTON-3.45, 6.45, 9.45PM

ICON-12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

CENTRAL-11.00, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.00

GALLERIA-10.00, 1.00, 4.00, 7.00, 10.00

IRRUMMANZIL-1.00, 4.00, 7.00, 10.00PM

MUSARAMBAGH-1.40, 4.40, 7.40, 10.40PM

FORUM-10.10, 11.35, 1.10, 4.10, 7.10, 10.10

INORBIT-10.30, 1.30, 4.30, 7.30, 10.30PM

PVR 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

TIVOLI 10.15, 4.30, 7.40PM

PRASAD'S 7.35, 10.35PM

PLATINUM 9.30, 2.30, 10.45PM

VIMAL 70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SAMPORNA 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

VYJANAYNTHI 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SRILAXMI 70MM 12.00, 3.00, 7.00, 10.00

NARTHAKI 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30

BR HITECH 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SAIRANGA 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

MAHALAXMI 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SREERAMANA 2.15, 9.15PM

BHUJANGA 70 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

TALLURI 70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

LAXMI SHAMSHABADI 11.30, 2.30, 6.15, 9.15

KRISHNA ALIYABAD 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

GLOBAL CINEMAS RELEASE

Myanmar docs' march peaceful

1 person shot dead at a rally elsewhere

Mandalay, March 21:

A peaceful march at dawn on Sunday by medical professionals in Myanmar's second biggest city kicked off another day of protests around the country against last month's coup. Security forces shot dead at least one person at a rally elsewhere.

With public protests getting ever more dangerous, anti-coup demonstrators in Mandalay acted early to minimize the risk of confrontation with security forces. The independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners had verified 247 deaths nationwide since the post-coup crackdown.

The actual total, including cases where verification has been difficult, is probably much higher, it said. It also has confirmed that 2,345 people have been arrested or charged, with 1,994 still detained or sought for arrest. About 100 doctors, nurses,

medical students and pharmacists, wearing the long white coats, lined up on a main road in Mandalay to chant slogans and proclaim their opposition to the Feb. 1 coup that toppled the elected civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi. The army takeover reversed the slow progress towards democracy that began when Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won a 2015 election after five decades of military rule.

Mandalay has been a major centre of opposition to the takeover. But in recent weeks, the numbers of protesters has fallen off in the face of lethal use of force by police and soldiers firing live ammunition into crowds. Engineers in Mandalay on Sunday held what has been dubbed a "no-human strike," an increasingly popular tactic that involves lining up sign-

— AP

Pak bans travel from 12 nations

IMRAN, FIRST LADY HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS

Islamabad, March 21: Pakistan imposed a complete ban on travel from 12 countries, including South Africa, Rwanda and Tanzania, in a bid to curb the spike of Coronavirus cases as the country on Sunday recorded 3,667 new cases, taking the national tally to 626,802.

The New South Wales State Emergency Services responded to 640 calls for help on Saturday night, including 66 for flood rescues. New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian said that hundreds of people have been rescued from the waters.

Evacuation orders have been issued at multiple locations on the Mid North Coast in the northeast of the state, which Berejiklian said was experiencing a one-in-a-100-year event, and whilst we don't think things will worsen on the Mid North Coast, definitely conditions will continue, so the rainfall will continue across the parts that have already been affected. Berejiklian also said that parts of Western Sydney are being hit by a one-in-50-year weather event, with some locations recorded more than 11.8 inches of rain since Friday morning, breaking records.

The Warragamba dam, west of Sydney, started overflowing on Sunday and so far, 13 evacuation centres have been opened. More evacuations are expected as the bad weather is to last into the middle of the week.

— AP

The CAA also updated

in category C, for inbound travellers and shifted the United Kingdom from category C to category B. The CAA said the international travellers from category

A countries do not require Covid-19 PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test before entry into Pakistan. Australia, Bhutan, China, Fiji, Laos, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Morocco, Myan-

mar, Nepal, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Trinidad and Tobago and Vietnam have been placed

in category A. — PTI

Rallies across the country against Atlanta shootings

Atlanta, March 21: A diverse crowd gathered

Saturday near the Georgia state Capitol to demand justice for the victims of recent shootings at massage businesses and to denounce racism, xenophobia and misogyny. Hundreds of people of all ages and varied racial and ethnic backgrounds gathered in Liberty Plaza in Atlanta, and in similar rallies across the country, waving signs and chanting slogans.

In Atlanta, they cheered US Sens. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, and Georgia state Rep. Bee Nguyen, the first Vietnamese American to serve in the Georgia House.

last year passed a hate crimes law allowing additional penalties for certain offences when motivated by a victim's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender or disability. A hate crime is not a stand-alone crime under Georgia law, but can be used to add time to a sentence of someone convicted of another crime. "No matter how you want to spin it, the facts remain the same. This was an attack on the Asian community," said Nguyen, an advocate for women and communities of color. She noted the shooter targeted businesses operated by women of Asian descent. "Let's join hands with our ally community and demand justice for not only these victims but for all victims of white supremacy," she said. A couple hundred people gathered in a separate Atlanta park and marched through the streets to join the larger rally.

— AP

Atlanta spas and four others at a massage business about 50 kilometres away in suburban Cherokee County. Six of the eight people killed Tuesday were women of Asian descent. Another person was shot but survived. Investigators have said Long confessed to the slayings but said they weren't racially motivated. He claimed to have a sex addiction, which caused him to lash out at what he saw as sources of temptation, according to authorities. Police have said they're still working to establish a motive, including looking into whether the attacks can be classified as hate crimes.

Georgia lawmakers

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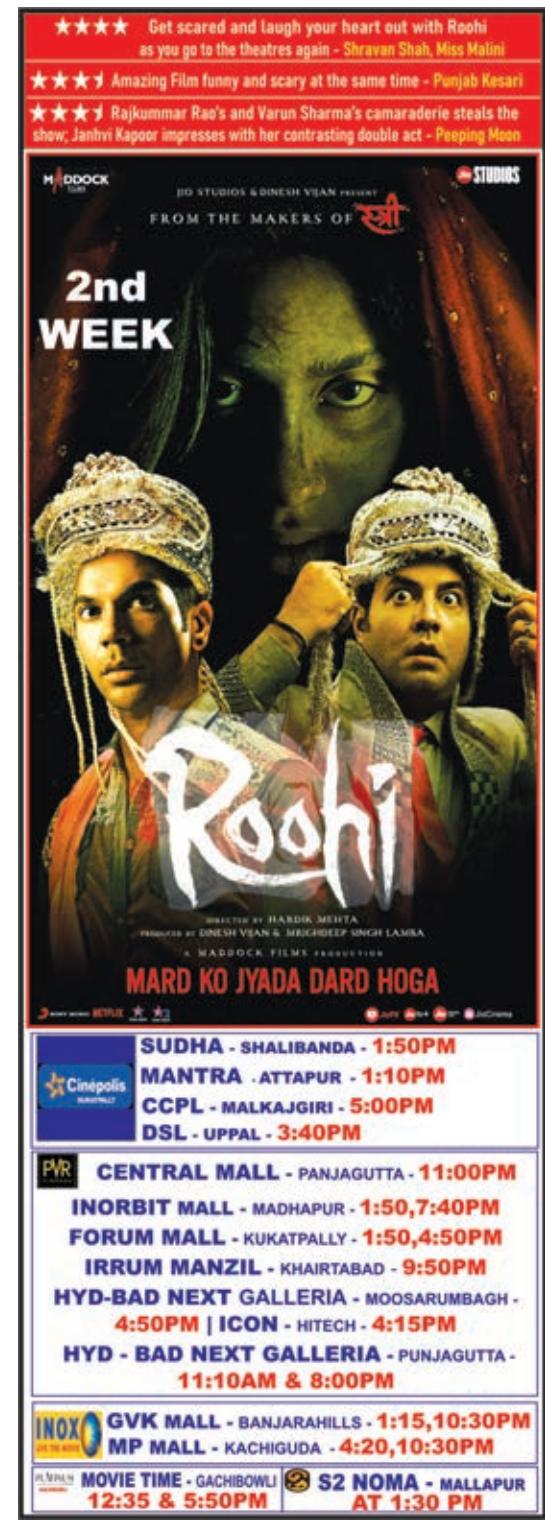
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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	49,858.24
Nifty 50	14,744.00
S&P 500*	3,913.10
Dollar (₹)	72.48
Pound Sterling (₹)	100.99
Euro (₹)	86.47
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	44,580 ▼168
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	64.04
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.193
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.730
As of Friday/Saturday	0.001

■ Year of Covid swells capital flow, investor numbers Pandemic boost for market

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, MARCH 21

One year of pandemic and lockdown seemed to have unlocked Indian Capital market's hidden potential in many ways, as the market grew to a far bigger size in these 12 months, thanks to the bull run in the global market.

Working from home and in search of little extra income, a new breed of retail investors joined the capital market in hordes last year, with their numbers swelling by more than 1.51 crore to over 6.36 crore, as per BSE data.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies crossed Rs 200 crore for the first time during this period.

The NSE average daily turnover in the capital market segment has been rising consistently month over month from Rs 47,917 crore in March 2020 to Rs 81,373 crore in February 2021.

The largest-ever foreign investment in a financial year has also taken place in FY21 with foreign portfolio investors investing Rs 2,77,752 crore in the equity market so far.

Retail investors' matured approach has led to some profit taking from equity mutual funds but due to consistent inflows from the foreign portfolio investors, it has not led to any negative impact on the market.

"SIP asset under management (AUM) as also retail equity folios, are at an all-time high at Rs 4.21 lakh crore and 8.07 crore, respectively, and overall net average AUMs is at all time high at Rs 32.29 lakh crore," as per the Association of Mutual



At \$36 bn, FPI inflows highest since FY13

FC BANKING BUREAU
WITH AGENCY INPUTS
MUMBAI, MARCH 21

Foreign portfolio investors have pumped in a record \$36 billion into equities so far this fiscal up to March 10, the highest since FY13, shows the latest data from the Reserve Bank.

According to analysts, the major factors driving the FPI inflows are the abundant global liquidity, abysmally low interest rates in the developed world and the ultra-loose monetary policy being followed by the leading central banks.

There is a gush of liquidity in the global financial markets after the US this month announced a \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package.

"Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) made net pur-

chases in the equity segment so far this fiscal, while have been net sellers in the debt market during the period. Cumulatively, FPIs have pumped in a record \$36 billion into equities so far this fiscal up to March 10, which is the highest since FY13," said an RBI bulletin.

The report further notes that the quality of FPI inflows improved during the period, as category-I foreign investors—comprising central banks, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, regulated entities and multilateral organisation—increased their stake to a high 95 per cent of total equity assets at end-February compared with 87 per cent at end-December 2019.

Kshitij Purohit, product manager currency & commodity, CapitalVia Global

Net FDI inflows jumped to \$44 billion, till end January, up from \$36.3 billion year ago, driven by the massive inflows in November and December with the last month of the year getting a record \$ 6.3 billion. But the inflows moderated in January.

Funds in India's February 2021 data.

It is also being said that retail investors are now directly investing in equities by unlocking profit from equity mutual funds.

Consistent with mutual funds penetration in small cities and towns, the

Research, said, higher oil prices are taking Indian economy down due to reduced household disposable income, which is trimming corporate margins, putting pressure on the USD-INR pair. On the other hand, higher US yields are raising the cost of financing in US dollars, which is increasing the cost of trades in the emerging markets...If US bond yields continue to rise along with rising oil prices, it can trigger outflows from Indian debt and even Indian equity.

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new retail investors have joined from all parts of country during the pandemic as per the BSE data of registered investors.

Though Maharashtra (31.29 per cent) is adding the highest number of over 3 lakh new investors every month, in states

like Telangana (75.69 per cent), Assam (73.32 per cent) and Mizoram (73.12 per cent) new investors were added at a faster rate during the past one year. New investors have been added from all states at the rate of 20 per cent to 75 per cent.

Trade deficit in engg goods narrows to seven-year low

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, MARCH 21

Trade deficit in engineering goods in the current fiscal till February is the lowest in seven years. While narrowing of trade deficit is good news generally, this time the trend has not been quite healthy for the manufacturing sector.

With \$64.3 billion exports and \$72.9 billion imports, the trade deficit has come down to 8.62 per cent till February in FY21. The deficit was 24.6 per cent last fiscal till February. In fact for the past seven years, engineering trade has been witnessing double-digit deficit. The lowest deficit was recorded in 2014-15, at 6.6 per cent, as per the data from the Engineering Export Promotion Council.

However, the flip side to the low trade deficit is that most of the categories that recorded exports growth have been raw materials. Iron and steel exports grew 20.5 per cent between April and February against the previous fiscal. Similarly exports of copper and products rose 34.42 per cent, zinc and products 31.86 per cent and aluminium and products 8.74 per cent during the period.

Most of the categories of value-added engineering products, including industrial machinery, automobiles, auto components and parts and other products like railway transport goods, medical and scientific instruments, electrodes accumulators, bicycles and parts, cranes and lifts have recorded negative growth during the period.



The higher exports of basic metals and decline in value-added products have not been good for the manufacturing sector. While iron and steel exports were going up, manufacturers of value-added products were worried about the increase in steel prices and shortage of the metal throughout the year.

"It has not been an ordinary year. The trend is a reflection of the economic activity, which was marred by the lockdown during the initial months. Manufacturing activity is picking up and March could be a good month, as exporters try to push the shipments as much as possible at the end of the fiscal for the sake of their balance sheets and better credit availability," said Suranjan Gupta, executive director of EEPC India.

LG may close down mobile phone business

KYUNGJI CHO
MARCH 21

AG and Vietnam's Vingroup JSC on possible sale of the smartphone business seemed to have failed, according to the report.

LG Electronics' CEO said in January that all options were on the table for the loss-making operation. The company was

said to have halted development last month of phones with a rollable display, and DongA said on Sunday that LG has shelved a planned first-half rollout of all new smartphones.

LG may share its decision on the business' fate with employees as soon as early April, the DongA report said. — Bloomberg

SHORT TAKES

Para shooter Singhraj bags gold

Al Ain, UAE: India's Singhraj displayed his skills to win a gold medal at the Al Ain 2021 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup here. He bagged the top honours in P1 men's 10m air pistol SH1 finals.

Singhraj, the Sydney 2019 World Championships medalist, pipped Rio 2016 bronze medallist Server Ibragimov by 2.8 points. The final score read 236.8-234.

In fact, after the penultimate final series, Ibragimov was leading by just 0.1 point.

In the final series, the Indian had better control as he shot a 9.9 and 10.4, while the Uzbekistan shooter managed 9.5 and 7.9 to settle for the silver.

Turkey's former Paralympic champion Muharrem Korhan Yama took the bronze with 214.4 points.

World Championships medallist Manish Narwal, who had qualified in second place, had to settle for fourth place with 194.3 points.

Rahul Jakhar, who had claimed a bronze medal in P3 mixed 25m air pistol SH1, finished in eighth place.

— PTI

Lee, Okuhara win All England titles

Birmingham: Lee Zii Jia put up an incredible show to emerge as the All England badminton men's singles champion, while Nozomi Okuhara secured her second All England crown after beating the Thai shuttler Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-12, 21-16 at BWF World Tour 1000 event on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Lee toiled for one hour and 14 minutes to dethrone Viktor Axelsen of Denmark 30-29, 20-22, 21-9 in a pulsating final at the Arena Birmingham on Sunday.

With the win, Zii Jia ended a four-year title drought for Malaysia to show that he is indeed the worthy successor of his senior Lee Chong Wei.

Chong Wei was the last Malaysian to win the title in 2017.

Lee shocked world number one Kento Momota to reach the last four and the 22-year-old suffered no dip in form as he comfortably saw off the unseeded Dutchman Mark Caljouw.

— Agencies

Ind women slump T20 series defeat

Lucknow: Indian women dished out a superb batting effort but their bowling colleagues failed to step up as South Africa women registered a series-clinching six-wicket win in a last ball thriller in the second T20 International here on Sunday.

Shafali Verma (47) blasted six fours and two sixes in her 31-ball innings and forged a 79-run stand with Harleen Deol (31) to set the foundation while Richa Ghosh provided the late charge with a 26-ball 44 not out to help India post a competitive 158 for 4 after being put in to bat. Chasing the target, Lizzelle Lee smashed a 45-ball 70, while Laura Wolvaardt slammed an unbeaten 39-ball 53 as South Africa romped home in the last ball. Defending the total,

Rajeswari Gayakwad got rid of Anne Bosch (2) early but Lee starred in two crucial partnerships, adding 58 with skipper Sune Luus (20) and then 50 with Laura to keep them in the hunt. — PTI

Brief scores: India 158/4 in 20 overs (Shafali 47, Richa 44) lost to South Africa 159/4 in 20 overs (Lizzelle 70, Lura 53).

Punjab punish Real Kashmir

Kalyani: Chencho Gleytsahn's 37th minute strike helped Punjab FC register a hard-fought 1-0 win over Real Kashmir FC in an I-League match at the Kalyani Municipal Stadium here on Sunday.

With both Real Kashmir and Punjab FC out of the title race, the two teams were playing for pride.

The match could have ended with more goals, had the goalkeepers of respective teams not been in inspired form. In the 4th minute, Real Kashmir had the chance to take the lead when Haroon Amiri found Lalrindika Ralte inside the box. Ralte set himself perfectly with a nimble touch, but his shot was saved miraculously by goalkeeper Kiran Limbu.

— PTI

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SHOOTING

World Cup: 10m Air Rifle Mix Final from 10 am on Sony Six, HD



Manchester City's English defender Kyle Walker (left) blocks a cross from Everton's French defender Lucas Digne during their English FA Cup quarterfinal match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, north west England, on Saturday. Manchester City won 2-0. — AFP

GUNDOGAN FIRES

Manchester City storm into FA Cup semis with Everton win

London, March 21: Manchester City's quest for an unprecedented quadruple of trophies remains intact after seeing off Everton 2-0 to reach the FA Cup semifinals on Saturday as Southampton also booked their place in the Last Four.

City were far from their flowing best at Goodison Park, but goals in the final six minutes from Ilkay Gundogan and Kevin De Bruyne booked City's place in the semifinals for the fourth time in five seasons.

"Pep Guardiola described the clash as the toughest his side have had since November as they recorded a 25th win in 26 matches in all competitions.

"It was the toughest game since the last international break we had. We have been incredible in terms of results and performances (over that period)," said Guardiola.

"Tonight was so difficult, they have experienced players behind the ball with two up for the counter-attack."

"It was incredible commitment from my players. An incredible victory," he added.

City won the domestic treble of Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup for the first time in English football history two seasons ago and are firm favourites to repeat that feat.

Guardiola's men are 14 points clear at the top of the Premier League, face struggling Tottenham in the League Cup final next month and were drawn against Borussia Dortmund in the quarter-finals of the Champions League on Friday.

Oleksandr Zinchenko cleared Everton defender Yerry Mina's header off

the line with the best effort either side mustered before half-time.

Joao Pedro started in goal for The Toffees for just the second time due to injuries to regular goalkeepers Jordan Pickford and Robin Olsen.

Gundogan was following up, though, to head into an empty net and end the resistance from Carlo Ancelotti's men.

De Bruyne then wrapped up the tie with a thundering finish in stoppage time as Everton appealed in vain for a high boot by Mahrez on Mina.

Meanwhile, Southampton cast aside their Premier League struggles to ease past Bournemouth 3-0 to reach the semifinals.

Ralph Hasenhuttl's side have slumped into the Premier League relegation battle after losing 10 of their last 12 top-flight matches.

But the Saints have been immune to those woes in the FA Cup and booked a place in the Wembley semi-finals thanks to Nathan Redmond's double after Moussa Djenepo's opener.

Hasenhuttl insisted the FA Cup was a "big target."

— AFP



Rakhi Sinha of the Markenzo Fairways plays a shot during the second round of the Hyderabad Premier Golf League at the Hyderabad Golf Club on Sunday. The Fairways climbed to the second position behind Origins.

Origins keep Golf League lead

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Team Origins retained their lead while the Markenzo Fairways swiftly moved from fourth to the second spot at the end of the second round of the Hyderabad Premier Golf League played at the Hyderabad Golf Club on Wednesday.

On Sunday, the Fairways were powered by Gurpreet Kaur Sandhu and Rakhi Sinha, the only two ladies among the 144 players participating in

the inaugural league championship.

Team Villaggio Highlanders are third with 300.12 points while the Swans (296) and Civet Rangers (291.87) finished in the top 5.

THE STANDINGS

TEAMS

1. Origins 330.63 points.
2. Markenzo Fairways 310.
3. Villaggio Highlanders 300.12.
4. Swans 296

5. Civet Rangers 291.87

TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES

1. Venkat Ravilla/ Gurpreet Kaur Sandhu (Markenzo Fairways) 40.62 points.
2. Madhav Kota/ Shyamant Manger (Origins) 40.
3. Ranganath Maramraju/ Mitun Reddy (Civet Rangers) 39.12.
4. Hemant Jalan/ Sanjeev Dhawwan (Bar Phir Par) 38.
5. Chandra Koduri/ Murali S (Origins) 38.

Series win shows India's Cup preparation is on right track



Hemant Kenkre

Silly Point

India's 3-2 win against England in the recently concluded Twenty20 International series was very fulfilling for skipper Virat Kohli. Particularly their show in the last two matches in which the team defied the odds that were laid out against them. For starters, post the first three matches, it looked like the team which won the toss will win the game, as putting the opposition in and batting second seemed par for the course. In the five-game series held at

Ahmedabad, England skipper Eoin Morgan won the toss four times, electing to field each time.

Kohli got lucky (for a change) in the second match which turned out to be an emphatic win for India, batting second. It was an 'Oh my God' moment for Indian fans when he bumped fists with Morgan after the coin had flipped England's way in the fourth encounter making the visitors favourites to win the match, and the series. India's coming back from behind, in that

match, not only kept them alive in the series but raised their hopes for the bigger challenge that lies ahead this year.

The series against England was labelled by many as a 'dress rehearsal' for the ICC T20 World Cup that is to be played in India starting October this year, and rightly so. The ICC rankings for teams in the T20 format show India, at number two, a few points behind England who lead the table. This series, therefore, was a preparation for the top two ranked teams in conditions that they would encounter in the world event and one that would be watched closely by other teams to find clues that will help them challenge the rest of the field.

The result of this series has given the team management's (not just India and England) lots to learn and churn for the top billed T20 event to follow. For India, the 3-2 win may seem close if one considers the result but the way they came into the series post their loss in the third match will make them feel that they are on the right track in their preparation for T20WC.

After their 36-run victory in the decider, Kohli is ecstatic calling it a 'complete game' for his team. And, the reason for Kohli's statement was obvious. The result was a culmination of the learnings the team management had taken while the series was on. Winning on pure form or the lack of it from the opposition is one thing while a victory while over-

Rashmikaa wins national tennis

Gurugram, March 21: Maharashtra's Arjun Kadhe and Telangana's Shravalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty emerged the new national champions after winning their respective finals at the 2020 The Project Tennis Hard Court Championships, here on Sunday.

Second seed Rashmikaa topped Gujarat's Vaidehi Chaudhari 6-2, 7-6(2) in the women's singles final.

Both Kadhe and Rashmikaa lost just one set each on their way to the final.

Kadhe, who trains in Pune and has the experience of competing at higher level, got the better of Tamil Nadu's Prithvi Sekhar 6-3, 6-4 in the men's singles summit clash.

Sekhar had knocked out the 2019 champion Niki Poonacha in the semifinals.

"This (win) means a lot to me. I have played three finals before and this is my fourth final and I really wanted this (win). I wanted to be a national champion one day. This win has a different significance. It is a thing which I will carry with me forever," Kadhe said.

The 2020 Championships



Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty poses with the trophy after winning the National Hardcourt Championship in Gurugram.

could not be held due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Former Davis Cupper and current Billie Jean King Cup team captain Vishal Uppal hosted the championships at his academy, The Tennis Project, here.



Suraj Joshi (right) receives the winner's prize at the inaugural NISA Open Golf Tournament at the NISA Environmental Park and Training Area (NEPTA) in Hakimpet, Hyderabad, on Sunday.

Suraj shines at 1st NISA Open

DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MARCH 21

Suraj Joshi emerged champion of the inaugural NISA Open Golf Tournament at the NISA Environmental Park and Training Area (NEPTA) in Hakimpet, Hyderabad, on Sunday.

Suraj continued his scintillating form at Balaidos by scoring twice to make it 10 goals in his last 10 games, before he set up Marco Asensio to add a third goal in injury-time.

Many in Zidane's squad will now join up with their national teams on Monday but Benzema will remain in Madrid, with the 33-year-old still sidelined by France after his alleged role in a plot to blackmail Mathieu Valbuena in 2015.

Benzema's latest contribution came in the same week Zidane admitted a Madrid return could be "possible" for Cristiano Ronaldo this summer.

But speculation around

Ronaldo makes light of Benzema's superb showings in recent weeks, with his five goals in Madrid's last three league games

earning a crucial draw at

Atletico, victory over

Elche and now a win at

Celta.

— AFP

aplenty as the winners received their prizes from N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, former Chief Minister of United Andhra Pradesh; Lt Gen T.S.A. Narayanan; Bhaskar Reddy, president of Telangana Golf Association and C.V. Anand (IPS), Director of the National Industrial Security Academy.

Bhuvaneshwar was the real McCoy taking 2 wickets for 15 runs on a belter of a pitch sending the dangerous pair of Jason Roy and Jos Buttler back in the pavilion.

The Indians with a win in the T20 contest, back on their Test series accomplishment look to be preparing well for the T20WC challenge. The team is well balanced with a strong bench strength. Kohli inadvertently let out that they may have two more T20 series (New Zealand and South Africa, in all probability) before the WC which will help them iron out whatever deficiencies they may have but the statement has been made. For now, hosts India are certainly the favourites for the oncoming T20WC.

SHORT TAKES

Morgan tells Eng to make most of IPL

Ahmedabad: Captain Eoin Morgan wants England's IPL-bound players to make the most of the opportunities in the upcoming T20 league as they prepare themselves for the ICC T20 World Cup to be held in India later this year. The T20 World Cup is scheduled to be hosted by India in October-November this year and Morgan expects English cricketers to take full advantage of the IPL, starting April 10. "Taking advantage of the upcoming IPL is going to be huge," Morgan said. "As a team and individuals we don't want to stand still, we want to continue to move forward. Any opportunity guys get at the IPL, you want to try to make the most of it," said Morgan, who is the skipper of IPL side KKR. — PTI

Injured Jofra ruled out of ODI series

Ahmedabad: An injured Jofra Archer was on Sunday omitted from a 14-member England squad for the three-match ODI series against India starting in Pune on Tuesday. Eoin Morgan on Saturday had revealed that Archer was likely to pull out of the ODI series and the ensuing IPL as the star pacer's elbow injury has worsened. A statement from the England and Wales Cricket Board said that "Archer is returning to the UK for further management and investigation of his right elbow injury. He has been deemed unfit for selection for the ODI series that features matches on 23, 26 and 28 March," the ECB said. — PTI



Members of the Indian cricket team and the support staff are jubilant as they pose after winning the T20 series against England in Ahmedabad.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rohit says it's early to talk about batting line-up for World Cup TEAM IN PUNE FOR ODIs

Ahmedabad, March 21: India vice-captain Rohit Sharma feels it is still too early to finalise the team's batting line-up for the upcoming T20 World Cup and skipper Virat Kohli opening alongside him in the series decider against England was only a tactical move.

Before Rohit's media interaction, Kohli said that he will open in the upcoming IPL and would also like to bat at the top of the order in the T20 World Cup at home later this year.

"It is still long time to go for the (T20) World Cup, so early days to talk about how our batting will look

like. We have to sit and analyse what suits the team the most," said Rohit.

"Today was a tactical move because we wanted to play an extra bowler and wanted to leave one batsman out. Unfortunately it was KL (Rahul) which was very tough," he added.

India replaced an out-of-form Rahul with pacer T. Natarajan to have an extra bowling option for the crucial game.

"KL has been one our key players in limited overs, especially in this format. Looking at current form, the team management decided to go

with the best 11. Having said that, it doesn't send any signal that KL will not be considered or anything like that. This was just for one particular game. Things might change as we go closer to World Cup," Rohit added.

Before the series, Kohli had said that Rohit and Rahul were India's first-choice opening pair. "We do understand his (Rahul's) ability and his contribution at the top, what he's done for us. So, yeah, I'm not going to rule out anything or neither will I say that this is the preferred batting line-up for a World Cup," added Rohit.

— PTI

Pune, March 21: The Indian cricket team arrived here for the final leg of the ongoing series against England, which comprises three ODIs, beginning with the first game.

After claiming the four-Test series 3-1, which was played in Chennai and Ahmedabad, India on Saturday clinched the five-match T20 series by 3-2 margin at the refurbished Narendra Modi Stadium.

It is reliably learnt that the Indian team, led by skipper Virat Kohli, arrived here by a Chartered Flight from Ahmedabad at around 4.45 pm.

The three ODI matches are to be played at the MCA stadium in Gahunje, on the outskirts of the city, on March 23, 26 and 28, sans spectators.

Karnataka pacer Prasidh Krishna, all-rounder Krunal Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav were included in India's 18-member squad which was announced on Friday.

India had suffered a 1-2 loss in the ODI series in Australia last year. — PTI

India rule in 10m pistol team events

New Delhi, March 21: Skeet shooter Ganemat Sekhon won her maiden senior ISSF World Cup medal after a dominant India claimed both the gold on offer by some distance in the men's and women's 10m air pistol team events respectively on Sunday.

Sekhon bagged the women's skeet bronze on the third competition day of the tournament.

The Indian women shot 16 in the gold medal round to finish way ahead of Poland's Julita Borek, Joanna Wawrzonowska and Agnieszka Korejwo, who managed 8 at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range. — PTI



India's Yashaswini Singh Deswal (from left), Shri Nivetha and Manu Bhaker pose with their gold medals after winning the women's team 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi on Sunday.

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