

DECCAN Chronicle

THE LARGEST CIRCULATED ENGLISH DAILY IN SOUTH INDIA
HYDERABAD | SUNDAY | 22 NOVEMBER 2020

WEATHER



Max: 33°C
Min: 18.4°C
RH: 36%
Rainfall: Nil
Forecast: Cloudy sky. Haze, mist likely.
Max/Min temp. 33/19 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+42,735)	(+470)
90,92,344	1,33,220
covid19india.org	
STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS	
(+925)	(+3)
TS: 2,62,653	1,426
(+1,160)	(+7)
AP: 8,61,092	6,927

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

	5,82,60,146
	DEATHS
	13,83,349
	COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES
	217
worldometers.info/coronavirus	

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana
Titthi: Kartika Shudda Astami till 10.54 pm
Star: Dhanistha till 11.11 am
Variyam: 6.58 pm to 8.41 pm
Durmuhurtam: 4.06 pm to 4.51 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
MUJRI CALENDAR
Rabbi-ul Akhir 6, 1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5:21 am
Zohar: 12:12 pm
Asar: 4:04 pm
Maghrib: 5:46 pm
Isha: 6:56 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:25 AM
SUNSET TODAY 5:39 PM
MOONSET TODAY NA
MOONRISE TOMORROW 12:51 PM

COUNTER POINT



Leave 6 ft between seats and rows, have disinfectant tunnels at all entrances...

SHORT TAKE

Min temp below normal in N. India

New Delhi: Minimum temperatures in most parts of northern India remained below normal on Saturday with the meteorological department predicting a rise in night temperatures on Monday due to a western disturbance approaching the northwest part of the country. Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 8.5 degrees Celsius on Saturday, a day after it witnessed its coldest November morning in 14 years. The national capital recorded a maximum of 24.6 °C on Saturday, the lowest this season so far.

G-20 calls for united Covid fight

Dubai: Saudi Arabia's King Salman opened on Saturday the Group of 20 summit as the Coronavirus pandemic overshadows this year's gathering of heads of state, transforming it from an in-person two-day meeting of the world's most powerful leaders to a virtual gathering of speeches and declarations. The G-20's member-countries represent around 85 per cent of the world's economic output and three-quarters of international trade. "We have a duty to rise to the challenge together during this summit and give a strong message of hope and reassurance," King Salman said in his opening remarks.

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Comedian Bharti Singh arrested in drug case



SPORTS | 12

Chelsea jump to English table top

TABLOID

Healing power of gardens



Freeze frame



Tourists visit a water stream frozen due to drop in the temperature, at Nursery near Sissu in Lahaul-Spiti district on Saturday. The minimum temperature in Manali of Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh was recorded at -19C. Tribal district Lahaul and Spiti's administrative centre Keylong recorded -3.89C.

— PTI

India tells Pak to rein in JeM

MEA summons Pak charge d'affaires after Nagrota crackdown

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 21

The ministry of external affairs on Saturday summoned Pakistan's charge d'affaires to convey India's strong concern on the terror attack planned by the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Jammu & Kashmir and demanded that Pakistan desist from its policy of supporting terrorists and terror groups operating from its territory. India also asked Pakistan to dismantle the terror infrastructure operated by terrorists in its territory.

A major terror attack was foiled by the Indian security forces in Nagrota on Thursday. Initial reports indicate the attackers were members

of the JeM, a terrorist organisation proscribed by the UN and many countries.

"The Government of India expressed its serious concerns at continued terror attacks by JeM against India. JeM has been part of several attacks in India in the past, including the Pulwama attack in February 2019. The huge cache of arms, ammunition and explosive material indicate detailed planning for a major attack to destabilise the peace and security in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, in particular, to derail the ongoing democratic exercise of conduct of local District Development Council elections," the MEA said in a statement.

SOLDIER KILLED AS PAK VIOLATES CEASEFIRE ALONG LINE OF CONTROL

Jammu, Nov. 21: A havaldar in the Indian Army was killed and three others, including two women, were injured on Saturday as Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing on forward posts and villages in different sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The casualties came barely a week after multiple ceasefire violations by Pakistani troops along the LoC in north Kashmir left 11 people, including five



Havaldar Patil Sangram Shivaji

security personnel, dead on November 13. Havaldar Patil Sangram Shivaji, who was manning a forward post, was critically injured in the Pakistani firing.

— PTI

BJP to reach out to Bengalis in all states

YOJNA GUSAI | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 21

With a ramped up organisational base and support base in West Bengal, the BJP has now asked its state units in other states to constitute a 'Bengali prakoshth (cell)' to reach out to Bengali intellectuals and influencers in various fields to drum up support for it in the upcoming electoral battle in Mamata Banerjee-led TMC ruled state.

While its 'Save Bengal' campaign has already made "massive inroads" among 'probabsi Bengalis,' who played a

AIADMK, BJP continue TN ties

DC CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI, NOV. 21

The AIADMK's alliance with the BJP will continue in the 2021 Assembly elections, Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and deputy chief minister O. Panneerselvam declared on Saturday in the presence of Union home minis-

ter Amit Shah at a function in Chennai organised to launch projects worth ₹67.758 crore.

Dedicating the Kannankottai-Thervoy Kandigai reservoir to the nation, besides laying the foundation for a slew of high-profile projects, including the Chennai metro rail phase 2, Mr Shah took a swipe at the

counter the TMC's allegation of being a "non-Bengali party" at the national level by roping in

Congress-DMK alliance, saying that they had no right to speak about corruption.

Mr Shah, who addressed the crowd in Hindi, praised Tamil Nadu for its antiquity and culture and regretted that he could not speak in the ancient language. His speech was translated in Tamil by a BJP leader.

Bengali intellectuals through such 'prakoshths' in its state units while seeking their support in

West Bengal to take on state government, who the BJP often accuses of playing appeasement politics and political killings of its workers and supporters.

The party is also hoping that such 'prakoshth' would help the organisation in grooming "future Bengali leaders," both for the central team and for the state. The idea of 'Bengali prakoshth' was suggested by BJP's national joint general secretary (organisation), Shiv Prakash, who is one of the key strategists for West Bengal. The 294-member West Bengal assembly will go to polls in April-May.

Punjab rail block to be lifted for 15 days

Chandigarh, Nov. 21: In a move that may bring relief to the state facing an acute shortage of essential supplies, Punjab farmer bodies protesting against the Centre's farm laws on Saturday decided to lift their blockade of passenger trains for 15 days from Monday.

However, the farmer bodies said they will again block the rail tracks if the government failed to resolve their issues.

Meanwhile, Divisional Railway Manager (Perozepur Division)

● **THE FARMER** bodies said they will again block the rail tracks if the government failed to resolve their issues.

Rajesh Aggarwal in a statement said as soon as farmers lift their blockade, the Railways will resume services. The services were suspended since September 24, when farmers launched "rail roko" agitation against the agricultural laws.

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PM confident India will be able to achieve its renewable energy targets ahead of 2022 deadline

India to slash carbon footprint by 35%: Modi

Gandhinagar, Nov. 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the country was moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent.

He also said that efforts were on to increase the use of natural gas by four times in this decade and to double the oil refining capacity in the next five years. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the eighth convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) here via video conference.

"Today, the country is moving forward with the goal of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent. When I told this to the world, it expressed surprise and wondered if India could achieve this," he said. "Our effort is to increase the share of natural gas in our energy needs by four times in this decade. Work is also on to nearly double the oil refining capacity in the coming five years," he added.

He also expressed confidence that the country will achieve its renewable ener-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 8th convocation of Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar via video conferencing in New Delhi along with Reliance Industries CMD Mukesh Ambani.

gy generation target "before time". "Today, per unit cost (of solar power) has come down to less than ₹2 to ₹12-13 earlier. Today, solar power has become the country's pri-

ority. We have made a commitment to generate 175 gigawatt renewable energy and I am confident that we will achieve this before 2022," he said. "Also, our renewable energy target of

450 gigawatt by 2030, a big aim, will be achieved before time...I am confident of that," he said.

The PM said that despite the hardships caused by the Coronavirus, the graduating students should remember that their strength and capacities are much bigger than the challenges, and asked them not to lose confidence. "What is more important than problems is your purpose, preference and your commitment. It is not that you are facing a challenge for the first time in your life,

or that this is the last challenge. It is not the case that a successful person does not have problems. But those who accept the challenges and defeat them are the ones who succeed," he said.

He asked the students to recall the period of the country's Independence movement and how people sacrificed their lives for it. He asked them to similarly become a soldier for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani said India needs disruptive

solutions in renewable, low carbon and carbon recycle technologies, as well as breakthroughs in renewable energy and innovations in energy storage and utilisation to achieve the twin goals of becoming an economic and a clean-and-green energy superpower. "By the middle of the century, the world will use twice as much energy as we use today. In the next two decades, India's own per capita energy needs will be more than twice as much as today," he said.

— PTI

SHORT TAKES

BJP RELEASES CANDIDATES LIST FOR GHMC POLLS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The BJP released a list containing the names of 18 candidates for the GHMC elections on Saturday. The party has now officially announced nominees for 148 divisions out of the 150 in the civic body.

- **Sulemannagar:** V. Laxmi
- **Shastripuram:** Hari Darshan Yadav
- **Bholakpur:** Vishweshwarayya
- **Kondapur:** M. Raghunath Yadav
- **Gachibowli:** Vasepally Gangadhara Vellecherry
- **Serilingampally:** Karcherla
- **Madhapur:** Gangala Krishna Yadav
- **Miyapur:** K. Raghavender Rao
- **Hafeezpet:** Boini Anusha Mahesh
- **Chandanagar:** Sindhu Raghunath Reddy
- **Vivekanandanagar:** Uppala Vidya Kalpana Goud
- **Hydarnagar:** Velaga Srinivas
- **Boudhanagar:** Mekala Keerthi
- **Azampura:** J. Lavanya
- **Ramnasthupura:** M. Gurucharan
- **Ramachandrapuram:** N. Narsing Goud
- **Allwyn Colony:** Surabhi Ravinder Rao
- **Quthbullapur:** G. Swathika Rajender Reddy

ANOTHER CONGRESS LEADER JOINS AIMIM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Khaja Bilal Ahmed, another senior leader of the Old City, deserted the Congress and joined the AIMIM, three days after a prominent leader of the party, Mohammed Ghouse, had defected on Thursday.

Bilal, a former corporator, had resigned from the AIMIM in December 2017 and joined the Congress. On Saturday evening he called on AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi along with his followers at the latter's residence in Shastripuram. Owaisi welcomed him and hoped that they would work for strengthening the party.

Considered an intelligent leader, Ahmed's move is another setback for the Congress in the run-up to the civic elections. Another leader of the Congress, Mohammed Ali from Rein Bazaar, also joined the MIM on Friday.

NOMINATIONS OF 68 CANDIDATES GETS REJECTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Nominations filed by 68 candidates for the December 1 elections to the GHMC Council were rejected on Saturday. This leaves 1,825 candidates in the fray for the 150-seat Council from the 1,893 who filed their nominations.

According to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, on Saturday, these candidates had filed 90 nominations.

After Saturday's scrutiny of nominations, among the political parties, BJP had 539 candidates followed by 527 of the TRS, and 348 of the Congress, 202 from the TD, while the AIMIM had 72 candidates. Other recognised and smaller political parties had 143 candidates while independents continued to be the largest chunk with 613 in the fray.

The number of candidates left in the contests is expected to decrease further after Sunday, the day designated for withdrawal of nominations.

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NOTA against nala encroachment



Residents of Nallakunta threaten to use the NOTA (None of the above) option in the upcoming GHMC elections to protest against the encroachment of a nala (drain). — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

TRS plans mayor post to MIM: BJP

Bandi claims TRS surveys show BJP win

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar, continuing his tirade against Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, asked what was wrong in the BJP supporting Hindus, who account for 80 per cent of the population, when the Chief Minister was "instigating" Muslims, who form only 20 per cent.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters here on Saturday, Sanjay claimed that TRS would give the Mayor's post to the MIM, should they win

the GHMC elections. Sanjay said that like Rao and his Cabinet were jittery that the BJP would romp home in the elections that are due on December 1. Even TRS surveys showed a BJP win, he claimed. Sanjay said a vote for the TRS will straightaway go to the MIM.

On TRS leaders' criticism of his Bhagyalakshmi temple visit, Sanjay said he was ready to go to any temple where Chandrashekar Rao would swear about the fake letter and forged signature. Sanjay challenged the Chief Minister to

order an enquiry against him, if he has written a letter to State Election Commission with regard to the flood relief funds.

He stated that there were more than 40,000 Rohingya in Hyderabad and the TRS had colluded with the MIM to add their names to the voters list to ensure their own political survival. Along with a chargesheet on the failures of the TRS in the GHMC, Sanjay said he would release the party manifesto on Sunday in the presence of Union minister Prakash Javadekar.

I WISH

DC speaks to voters to find out the one thing they want their new corporator to do

NEED BETTER CIVIC AMENITIES



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— RHEA TALLEPALLI KURUVILLA, Kalyan Gardens, Yapral, Secunderabad

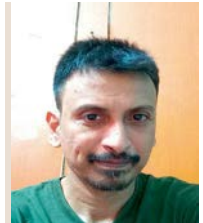
PLEASE CLEAR GARBAGE



come up in our division.

— MIR SUMAIR ALI, Businessman, Ghansi Bazaar

SEWAGE LEAK PROBLEM



Trimulgherry is very bad, and a severe road hazard, that needs to be solved.

— RAJASIMHAN, Physiotherapist, West Marredpally

Yapral needs better civic amenities as the roads and drainage are not there in many areas. There is tonnes of garbage lying around High Tension Road, Kalyan Gardens and surrounding upcoming colonies. There is a need for night patrolling as people are coming at night and dumping garbage. There are no streetlights which makes roads dangerous, and added to that is the problem of street dogs which must be caught and rescued.

ADILABAD FEELING THE HEAT OF GHMC ELECTION

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS I DC
ADILABAD, NOV. 21

People of rural and urban areas of erstwhile Adilabad district are feeling the heat of elections being held for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) with "messages" they are receiving on social networking sites regarding different political parties.

GHMC elections are confined not only to Hyderabad but to other districts too, particularly Adilabad. It is a fact that many people staying in rural areas and towns of erstwhile Adilabad districts have their family members and friends, who are voters in Hyderabad. Such people are thus getting into the mood of elections, though they are far away from the state capital.

This was not so the case in the past. It is only the fast spread of social media that is now connecting people with "issues" being discussed and debated in the GHMC elections.

Most BJP, Congress and TRS leaders, particularly MPs and MLAs, are proceeding to Hyderabad for campaign on their party's behalf.

struction of new buildings but there have been no civic amenities. Vehicles are parked all over the road as buildings have come up without parking lots. We are looking for someone who will improve our living conditions," he said. Syed Osman Ghani, Bilalnagar, Kalapathar, says that they need a more active police presence as rowdies and anti-social elements are creating troubles, young men are getting murdered. We want the contestants to assure that they would improve government schools.

PHCs should be established in all areas. The condition of the roads is terrible. When we talk about development, because of the nala in front of my house, there was no flooding during the recent crisis." Patnala Venkata Sai Kiran, Mansoorabad, LB Nagar is not at all happy with the manner GHMC let them down during the recent floods. He said that no rescue teams had come to our areas. He said "there is so much dirt and debris all over; the flood water that clogged, cleared by itself."

UTTAM FILES PLAINT AGAINST ADS BY TRS ON PROPERTIES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

State Congress president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy led a delegation to the State Election Commissioner on Saturday and complained against TRS advertisements being featured on L&T Metro Rail, RTC bus shelters and public toilets.

The delegation demanded that the SEC should ban TRS advertisements on public properties. It also asked the SEC to take action against the party.

Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that the BJP was doing "cheap politics" by admitting Congress leaders into its fold. He alleged that BJP general secretary Bhupender Yadav came from Delhi to "buy" Congress leaders in the state.

In another press conference, party working president Ponnampal Prabhakar alleged that BJP leaders were going to Congress leaders' houses and asking them to defect. He advised the BJP to offer tickets to their own party cadre and not those of the Congress.

Prabhakar asked why the Centre was not taking action on Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao whom BJP state unit president Bandi Sanjay ad called "desh drohi (traitor)".

He said that the BJP focusing its campaign on the MIM was a political drama.

POLICE OFFICERS UNDER SCANNER

Nizamabad/ Kamareddy: Few police officers in undivided Nizamabad district are facing severe graft charges.

The seriousness of the situation was exposed when three police circle inspectors were caught by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials recently.

1st ANNIVERSARY

"The memory of the righteous is blessed." Proverbs 10:7



Rev. Dr. B. Karunakar Thyagaraj
(09-11-1942 to 22-11-2019)

Inserted by: Global Banjara Baptist Ministries Board Members & Staff

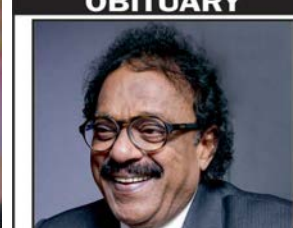
"Blessed is the memory of the righteous!" Proverbs 10:7
Thanksgiving & Memorial Service of



Mrs. Kusuma Jayakumar
(Retd AO, CDA Sec-bad)

24-10-1946 - 20-11-2020
Request your presence to celebrate the life of Mrs. Kusuma Jayakumar W/o Captain U. Jayakumar on 22-11-2020, 7PM onwards at Garrison Wesley Church, Lalabazar, Beside Trimulgherry GPO. Inserted by: Captain U. Jayakumar (Husband)
Ph: 9440390045/9963922339

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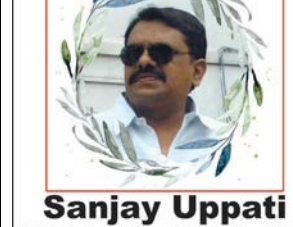


O. JAGANNATH REDDY (SUDHIR)
S/o Sri OLN REDDY
Expired on 21-Nov-2020

Funeral at Mahaprasantham, Jubilee Hills on Monday 23-Nov-2020 at 10 AM
Inserted by: FAMILY & FRIENDS
Cell: 9848135511

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound & the dead shall be raised incorruptible & we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52



Late Mrs. SOWJANYA BHAVANASI
W/o Late. Purushotham Bhavanasi
DOB: 18.01.1946 DOD: 22.11.2018
In Loving memory of our beloved Mother
WE LOVE YOU MOM
Inserted by: FAMILY

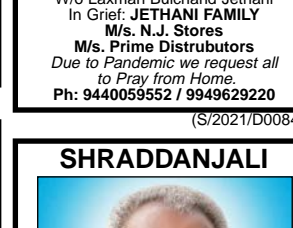
IN FOND MEMORY



Sanjay Uppati
DOB: 1-02-1974 DOD: 12-Nov-2020
Gone out of sight but always in our hearts.
We miss you dear friend,
May God give strength to the family.

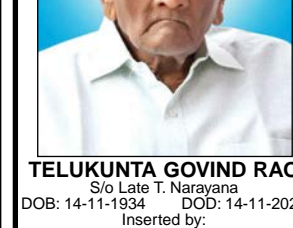
Inserted by: Friends from Sujatha High School 89 batch. rohindia.org

PAGDI



Late JAYA JETHANI
D.O.D: 19-11-2020
W/o Laxman Bulchand Jethani
In Grief: JETHANI FAMILY
M/s. N.J. Stores
M/s. Prime Distributors
Due to Pandemic we request all to Pray from Home.
Ph: 9440059552 / 9949629220

11th DAY CEREMONY



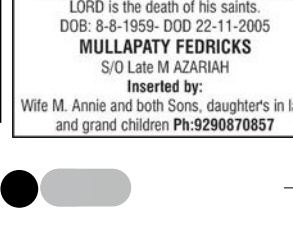
Late Sri. PAMPARI RAKESH KUMAR
South Central Railway
DOB: 26.06.1981 DOD: 13.11.2020
"In every step of our life we had your guidance and blessings and let it continue forever and ever."
Inserted by: Pampari Family Members and Near & Dear
Venue: On 23.11.2020 Monday, H. No. 1-8-52, Temple Alwal at 1:00 'o' Clock Lunch Follows. Mob: 9700516260

25th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

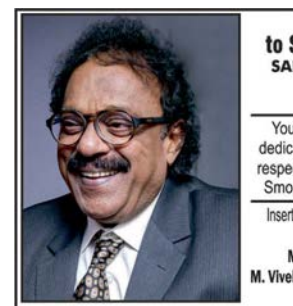


F.X. JOSEPH
SISA/HO/S.C. RAILWAYS
DOB: 4.1.1937 DOD: 22.11.1995
Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.
Inserted by: Assumptina Joseph (Wife) Son, Daughters, Daughter-in-law, Sons-in-law, Grandchildren, Near & Dear Ones. Ph: 8008607410

15th ANNIVERSARY



తీర్థనలు 116: 15 యెహూవా భక్తుల మరణము ఆయన దృష్టికి చేరువ గలదు
Psalm 116: 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
DOB: 8-8-1959 DOD: 22-11-2005
Inserted by: M/s. SHREE OM SADDENTERPRISES M/s. RAJA LAKSHMI AGENCIES



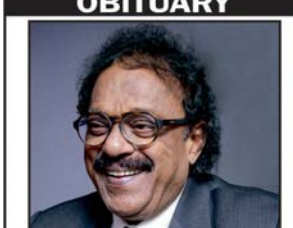
Smooth and peaceful to Sri Mallangi Dayananda Reddy MD
SANJIVINI MARKETING CORPORATION, HYDERABAD
DOB: 01-11-1955 DOD: 13-11-2020
You lived a charismatic life full of honesty, integrity, dedicated to service and devotion. You were loved and respected by all. May your journey into the hereafter be Smooth and peaceful.... **Mallangi Vijayalakshmi**
Inserted by: Bhanu Tej Reddy (Son), Navitha (Daughter-in-law), M. Sanjeevini Devi (Mother), K. Saraswathi (Sister), M.B. Reddy (Brother) - M. Malleshwar (Sister-in-law) and M. Vivekananda Reddy (Brother) - M. Bhagyalakshmi (Sister-in-law) their spouses, Grand sons, Grand daughters.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY 2020



Rev. Dr. M.Y.S. SARASWATHI WILLIAM
B.Sc. BEd. MA. Med. Retd. D.E.O. Hyderabad
2nd D/o Late M.A.S. William
Lay Secretary & Treasurer, Grade-1, K.G.H. Vizag
Born on: 19-06-1930
Heavenly Abode on 22-11-2016
Vocational Guidance Counsellor S.C.E.R.T. Award Winner as a Good Administrator Exemplary Character in her religious field finished her journey and went to receive a crown of righteousness for the Lord God Jesus Christ.
A precious one from us as gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is empty in our home which can never be filled
Inserted by: Daughters, Grand Children and Great Grand Son.
(S/2021/D00853)

OBITUARY



SRI. MALLANGI DAYANANDA REDDY (MD)
SANJIVINI MARKETING CORPORATION
DOB: 01-11-1955 DOD: 13-11-2020

Inserted by: M. Sanjeevini Devi (Mother) K. Saraswathi (Sister) M.B. Reddy (Brother) - M. Malleshwari (Sister-in-law) M. Vivekananda Reddy (Brother) - M. Bhagyalakshmi (Sister-in-law)

SHRADDHANJALI



VELOOR SUDHAKAR
DOB: 08.12.1938 DOD: 19.11.2020
You will be missed beyond words.
Deeply mourned by: Family members of Tadakamalla Narasimha Rao - Veda Kumari Tadakamalla Ravinder - Rekha Tadakamalla Ashok Kumar - Thulasi

DOB: 08.12.1938 DOD: 19.11.2020
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Deeply mourned by: Family members of Tadakamalla Narasimha Rao - Veda Kumari Tadakamalla Ravinder - Rekha Tadakamalla Ashok Kumar - Thulasi

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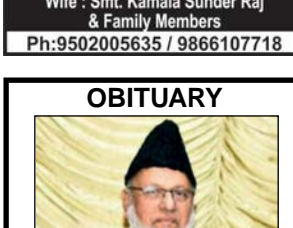
The memory of the just is blessed. Prov 10:7



Maj. Kongavaram Sunder Raj (Retd)
DOB: 6-7-1934 DOD: 22-11-2019

Inserted by: Wife: Smt. Kamala Sunder Raj & Family Members
Ph: 9502005635 / 9866107718

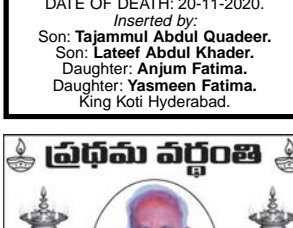
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MOHIBBE ZIANUL ABEDIN.
Regional Manager (Retired) State Bank of Hyderabad -
DATE OF BIRTH: 27-09-1943
DATE OF DEATH: 20-11-2020.
Inserted by: Son: Tajammul Abdul Quadeer. Son: Lateef Abdul Khader. Daughter: Anjum Fatima. Daughter: Yasmeen Fatima. King Koti Hyderabad.

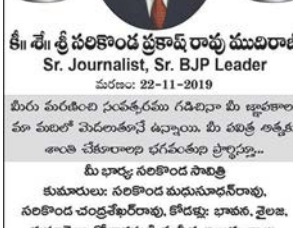
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DOB: 8-8-1959 DOD: 22-11-2005
Inserted by: M/s. SHREE OM SADDENTERPRISES M/s. RAJA LAKSHMI AGENCIES

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY



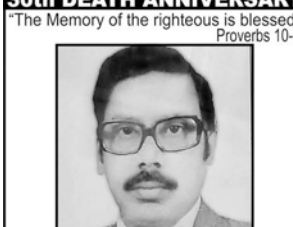
G. SUBBA LAKSHMI
(Rtd. Teacher)
D.O.B: 04-11-1937 D.O.D: 22-11-2016
Sri Gujarati High School, R.P. Road Secunderabad.
"Your always in our heart"
Inserted by: Husband: Ramesh B. Hundiwala Mobile: 9391272172
(S/2021/D00839)

22nd ANNIVERSARY



U.P. SWAMY
(Ex-Serviseman EME)
D.O.D: 22-11-1998
You will always remain in our hearts and thoughts forever
Inserted by: Wife: Kamala Sons, Daughters, Daughter-in-laws, Son-in-laws & Grand Children
Ph: 9550014565

30th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Kuchipudi Samuel Walter-Raymond Peters
DOB: 17-02-1942 DOD: 22-11-1990
"True to his words" - I will never forget you, I have carved you on the Palm of my hand.
Isaiah 49:16
The Lord never left our side and has carried us unhurt in the 30 long years of your absence.
Inserted by: Wife: Padma Walter Peters Children: Parineta & Vijay John, Sanhit & Cynthia Peters (Australia)
Grand Children: Rachel, Remiel & Aaron, Abigail

GHMC voters prefer progress to promises

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The GHMC election campaign is gathering momentum and the contestants are out on the streets with tall promises to catch the voter's eye. However, the voters, wiser from past experience, are, more or less, determined to vote for progress.

The voter is looking for someone who can control crime in sensitive areas. The condition of the drainage system, roads and supply of water will play a

crucial role in the elections. Some hope for better education in government schools, as they are spending a large portion of their earnings on education and health. Most of the voters belong to lower-income groups or the middle class. Harish Reddy Bollavar, a resident of New Friends Colony, Hyderguda, in Attapur, said they have been facing drinking water problems, bad roads and rainwater remains stagnant. "All that we have seen here in the last five years has been con-

SHORT TAKES

NON-COVID-19 SERVICES RESUME AT GANDHI HOSP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Non-Covid-19 services were resumed at the Gandhi Hospital on Saturday, after an eight month break during which the facility was the designated a centre of excellence for Covid-19 treatment by the state government.

Junior doctors working at the hospital had been agitating for the past few months demanding that the hospital restart all healthcare services as they were missing out on learning and gaining the experience of treating patients with different ailments at the hospital, otherwise known for its super-specialty services.

Gandhi Hospital superintendent Dr M. Raja Rao said 88 non-Covid-19 out-patients were attended to on Friday. He said till 4.30 pm, 15 persons were admitted as in-patients. Of these, eight were in the general medicine department, two each in the orthopaedics and obstetrics and gynaecology departments, and one each in surgery, neurosurgery and gastro departments.

He said that 13 patients were admitted to the Covid-19 wards in the hospital, which have been segregated from the general services wards.

WAKF BOARD REVIEWS STATUS OF LAND DISPUTES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Wakf Board reviewed the status of land disputes involving major institutions and discussed with their standing counsels and law officers reconciliation of revenue records related to the Wakf land.

There are more than 1,200 cases over Wakf properties pending in different courts.

Wakf Board Chairman Mohammed Saleem said, "We are contesting the cases and whenever we feel it necessary, we are taking the services of senior and experienced lawyers."

He said that among the major cases involving the Wakf properties are those attached to Dargah Baba Sharfuddin, Dargah Saif Nawaz Jung, Ashoorkhana Ali Saad, Masjid Alamgir and Idgah at Guttala Begumpet and Dargah Maqdoom Biyababani (Alur). The value of these properties is in the hundreds of crores.

KHAJA HUSSAIN 'DEVI PRIYA' DIES AT 70

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 21

Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter, and Kendra Sahitya Academy Award winner Shaik Khaja Hussain (70), popularly known as Devi Priya, passed away on Saturday morning following a brief illness in Hyderabad.

Born in Tadikonda in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, Devi Priya bagged the Sahitya Akademi award in 2017 for his book Gaali Rangu. His 'Running Commentary' on contemporary politics in a Telugu daily was very popular. Later, he continued the column for a couple of vernacular news channels.

Devi Priya is known for his satirical political cartoons and poetry. Poetic precision was his primary strength. But he drew a thin line between direct and ornamental poetry. He attributed his poetic evolution to his love for mythological epics. Apart from penning poetry, he has also written lyrics for several Telugu movies.

His song Jambhal Bhari Bhai penned for Maa Bhoomi was very popular among all. He authored several books including Gareebi Geetaalu and Amma Chettu Chepa Chiluka.

NETA'S NATTER



AP officer finds Delhi doors closed

Some of his admirers thought he would make it to the Prime Minister's Office, others saw in him a potential Cabinet Secretary. But Praveen Prakash, principal secretary to AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, found the doors were shut in New Delhi. The 1994 batch officer, to the utter shock of his friends and followers, did not find a place in the Centre's empanelment list of additional secretaries. This is crucial because Central postings for the rank of secretary and above are given to empanelled officers at the level of additional secretary. Only in rare cases are the secretaries at Centre picked directly from the states. There were reports that Prakash had urged the Chief Minister to allow him to go to the Centre once he is empanelled. Different reasons are cited for Prakash missing the bus, including the unceremonious exit of L.V. Subrahmanyam as Chief Secretary which, according to his critics, was triggered by a tiff with the former. Poor Prakash has to try his luck again like his senior Sanjay Jaju who had to apply for review and get empanelled at a later stage. Amidst rumours that a strong section in the ruling party is working over-time to ease him out of the CMO, the powerful babu too is trying hard to retain his position. It will be very difficult for him to work in other posts in the state in case of his exit from the CMO. That will leave him with the lone option of going back as Resident Commissioner, AP Bhavan, an independent post of the state government in New Delhi.

Second time unlucky for former babu

Former bureaucrat Dr P.V. Ramesh, who recently put in his papers as additional chief secretary to Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, has missed the political bus not once but twice. YSRC leaders say that when all was set for Jagan fielding him from the Tirupati Lok Sabha seat in 2019, Dr Ramesh, who was in a Central post that time, met with an accident and fractured his hand. The YSRC had to import B. Durga Prasad, a TD leader, and field him. Unfortunately, Prasad passed away due to Covid-19 and this necessitated a bypoll. This time too, Dr Ramesh has no chance of becoming the party candidate as his relations with the Chief Minister became so badly strained in the meantime that he had to quit the CMO. His misfortune has brought a stroke of luck to another medical professional, Dr Gurumurthy, a physiotherapist to be precise, who accompanied the Chief Minister during his padayatra and treated him and is all set to be the party's nominee for the bypoll.



Fade out, Jana Sena in GHMC polls

The Jana Sena Party's desperate attempt to tie-up with the BJP for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections appears to have put the BJP state unit chief Bandi Sanjay to some inconvenience. Sanjay, fresh from the Dubbak victory and in the midst of pulls and counter-pulls of the GHMC elections, had to refute a statement from the Jana Sena that the Pawan Kalyan-led party was having talks with the TS BJP leadership for seat-sharing in the local polls. Sanjay made it clear that the BJP had not made any effort to share seats with Jana Sena. Disappointed with the statement, Jana Sena leaders are learnt to have moved the BJP high command at Delhi — after all the two parties are allies in Andhra Pradesh — but to no avail. Even so, despite Sanjay having said that there was no seat-sharing with the Jana Sena, some BJP leaders caused an awkward situation by meeting with the Pawan Kalyan party. The Jana Sena which had suddenly appeared on the scene quietly melted away.

Cong man's rejection unfair: MP

Revanth says candidate was approved and then rejected; cops cane Cong protesters

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The police on Saturday resorted to lathicharge on Congress workers and other leaders in Quthbullapur Assembly constituency.

The incident took place when Congress workers, led by Malkajgiri MP A. Revanth Reddy and former MLA K. Srisaillam Goud, staged a protest at the office of Gajularamaram returning officer against the rejection of nomination of Congress candidate of 125th division. The candidate, Srinivas Goud, is the brother of Srisaillam Goud.

Former MLA Manmadha and Congress worker Padma sustained injuries, Padma fell from a van while police took the protestors into custody. She was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital. A few private vehicles and police vehicles were also damaged in the scuffle.

Revanth Reddy alleged that the returning officer (RO), who had declared the nomination valid earlier, rejected the papers succumbing to pressure from the ruling party. The RO did not even allow the lawyer of the candidate to enter the office.

He said that the Congress candidate was detained by the RO after declaring the nomination valid. After learning of the detention of the candidate, a large number of Congress workers reached the office and started a protest.

The Congress MP argued with the police for preventing the lawyer from enter-



State Congress working president A. Revanth Reddy speaks to the police at the Gajularamaram returning office, where a Congress candidate's nomination papers were rejected.

ing the office. When the party workers and leaders tried to barge into the GHMC office, the police resorted to lathi-charge.

The police arrested Srisaillam Goud and took him to a police station.

Revanth Reddy talking to media persons at the GHMC office alleged that the election authorities shamelessly worked as slaves of the ruling party. He pointed out that if the complaint was received before scrutiny then the RO had power to reject the papers, but detaining the candidate till the complaint reached the office and then rejecting the

papers was illegal.

The Congress MP said that it was an anonymous complaint and leaders of the ruling party had pressurised the election authority as Srinivas Goud's candidature could impact the chances of TRS candidates in the 125th divisions and also the adjoining divisions.

Revanth Reddy said that the passport of the candidate clearly shows that Srinivas Goud had two children without considering the official document, the RO had thrown out the Congress candidate based on an anonymous complaint.

TRS, BJP leaders join Congress

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee working president and Malkajgiri MP A. Revanth Reddy questioned the TRS high command why it had changed sitting corporators for the ensuing GHMC elctions. He asked the TRS to explain whether it had turly developed Hyderabad.

On Saturday, Revanth Reddy visited Uppal division and welcomed TRS leaders into the Congress

fold. BJP leaders also joined the party in his presence.

Speaking at the event, the MP asked IT minister K.T. Rama Rao to show the development that had taken place in the city that had cost ₹67,000 crore in six years. He also demanded to know the extent of development in Uppal division.

He recalled his demand about reduction of house tax and current bills of the Covid lockdown period. But the government does not consider the problems of poor people.

Kishan, BJP team meet Swamy Goud

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy, BJP OBC Morcha president Dr K. Laxman and former MLA Chintala Ramchandra Reddy met TRS senior leader Swamy Goud, a former Legislative Council chairman, at Jubilee Hills on Saturday. Swamy Goud has not been attending any TRS activities of late.

Later, Swamy Goud told

the media that it was a friendly visit and there was no political context to the meeting. "If it was anything about politics I will definitely share it with all my media friends," he said.

Recently, at a meeting held to commemorate Sardar Panna Goud, Swamy Goud had praised Congress working president A. Revanth Reddy and had called him a person with a good heart who always thinks about the backward classes people.

Aadhaar, caste optional for Dharani: TS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The state government told the Telangana High Court that mentioning the owner's Aadhaar and caste details was optional when the details of non-agriculture property is being entered on the Dharani portal.

This was stated in an affidavit of Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, filed in

response to the High Court asking the government under which law the details were being collected. The court had issued interim directions and stayed the entry of non-agricultural property details.

The Chief Secretary explained that the government was not insisting on property owners to give caste details. Only the community status such SC, ST,

BC, OC were being collected as per the Constitutional scheme.

The government said Aadhaar details were being collected for the sake of extending subsidies and government schemes. The government is providing subsidised water and power supply. Recently, 50 per cent of property, tax waiver was given to property owners, the affidavit said.

The government said the digitalisation of the non-agriculture property details would continue. Having a digital record would be very useful, and the properties could be protected from litigation.

The government said several litigations had piled up over agriculture and non-agriculture properties, and it was making an effort to streamline the transactions

and safeguarding the ownership.

Responding to apprehensions over the safety and protection of data which was collected for the Dharani portal, the government said it will be saved in the State Data Centre. It had taken safety measures against hacking and changing the details. No third party could get the details of property owners.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DISTRICT COLLECTORATE :: WANAPARTHY											
FORM - 'C'											
NOTIFICATION											
Under the Right Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (Telangana Amendment), 2016 (Act 21 of 2017) amended from the Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 and Following an exemption as per the Section - II(1) and 10(A), See Rule 6(2)											
File No: G/693/2020						Dated: 04-11-2020					
The Telangana Government/ District Collector, Wanaparthy, felt that a total extent of Ac.6.38/14 gts. is needed in Ammaipally, Weempangandla Sampatropally Gopaldinne Bollaram, Kalwarala Villages of Weempangandla Mandal and Kehtapally village of Pangal Mandal in Wanaparthy District for the construction of D23-Minor - 29TE-SMI-15R, KM.0.000 to 0.375 KM Ammaipally Village - D-23 Minor - 29TE Sub Minor 6R from KM.3.95 Weempangandla Village & Mandal, D23 Minor-28L Sub Minor 8L @ KM.4.860 Sampatropally Village, D23R Minor -6R Sub-Minor-17R at KM 7.075 Gopaldinne Village, D-23 R 14 R MI KM.0.000 to 1.200 Kalwarala Village, D25- 4TEMI KM 0.00 KM 0.350 Kethapally Village of Pangal Mandal (Package No. 27) which is being built in Public interest which was shown in the below mentioned schedule.											
Hence, A notification has been issued for the acquisition of Ac. 6-38¼ gts needed in Ammaipally, Weempangandla Sampatropally, Gopaldinne, Bollaram, Kalwarala Villages of Weempangandla Mandal and Kehtapally Village of Pangal Mandal in Wanaparthy District as explained in detail for the above Said project.											
SCHEDULE											
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D-23 Minor -28L Sub-Minor 8L @ KM 4.860 Sampatropally Village Weempangandla Mandal											
6	218	Patta	Dry	0-20	R. Venkatramulu S/o Baliah	221	219	220	218	Arable no Structure	
				Total	0-20						
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9	194	Patta	Dry	0-03½	Bathula Nagiah S/o Balaswamy	196	193	182	197	Arable no Structure	
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Such advertisement relates to whomsoever it may concern under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (Telangana Amendment), 2016 (Act 21 of 2017) amended from the Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act (Amended by the Telangana) Act 2013 (Central Act. No. 30/20130 and following an exemption as per the Section -II (1) to inform the concerned people.											
The plan related to the lands and other details can be inspected at the office of the District Collector, Wanaparthy and the Special Deputy Collector (LA), RLISP-II, Pebbair. The Telangana Government/ District Collector and his Staff are authorized to enter into the land mentioned in the above schedule survey and take the measurements or to dig the land to check sub-soil and lay a bore to find out the quality of the land and are permitted to take up necessary steps under Section-12 of Act.											
As per Section-II (4), no one is permitted to do any kind of transactions such as sales/ purchases/ mortgage with reference to such land in the above cited schedule without the notice of the District Collector, after the date of issuance of this notification. As per Section-(15) the owners of the land in the above mentioned schedule should bring to the notice of the Land Acquisition Officer/ District Collector, Wanaparthy, or the official concerned, in writing, if they have any objections with regard to the acquisition of their land, duly submitting the necessary proofs within 60(Sixty) days of the issuance of such preliminary notification.											
Sd/- Special Deputy Collector (LA), RLISP-II, Pebbair											
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Forest dept denies tiger sighting video

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Telangana forest department on Saturday dismissed reports published in a section of the media and a video making the rounds on social media of a tiger following a group of people, allegedly in Kumaram Bheem-Asifabad district, as fake.

In a statement, the department said the video, that shows some people shouting at a tiger and forcing it to

retreat, was shot in Anjanwadi forests of Yavatmal district in Maharashtra in October, and not in Asifabad district as claimed by some media reports.

Some people have been claiming that this tiger was seen in the Bejjur forests of Asifabad district, C.P. Vinod Kumar, Adilabad circle chief conservator of forests and field director of Kawal Tiger Reserve said. It may be recalled that people in several villages in Asifabad district,

particularly in Dahegaon mandal, have been living in some fear of a tiger after a 22-year-old man, Sidam Vignesh, was killed by a tiger on November 11 when he, along with two youngsters ventured into the forest near Digida village, where he used to live.

Following the incident, the forest department deployed several teams of tiger trackers, set up four trap cages and has stepped up monitoring the movements of any large cats in the area. "In Asifabad dis-

trict alone, 32 teams have been deployed, camera traps have been installed and tiger movements are being constantly tracked and monitored," Vinod Kumar said.

He also urged people not to believe rumours or fake forwards on social media claiming tiger presence in forest or near villages unless otherwise confirmed by the forest department which was taking every possible measure to ensure no conflicts take place between wild animals and humans.

CENTRAL RAILWAY MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT E-PROCUREMENT A.T. Notice No.: E-40/2020, DT: 19-11-2020		
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SHORT TAKES

HYDERABAD
NATIVE ENDS LIFE
IN TIRUMALADC CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE, NOV. 21

A devotee belonging to Hyderabad died by suicide at Vakula Matha guest house in Tirumala on Saturday. Police identified the victim as Gadilli Sridhar, 42, a resident of Malkajgiri, Secunderabad, who used to work in a private company. His body was found in Room No 511 at the guest house by the staff. Police have shifted the body for post-mortem and informed the family about the incident.

Police said Sridhar took the room after producing a darshan ticket. He came alone to Tirumala though he was booked along with his nephew Ashwin, police added.

FEE RULE BEING
IGNORED, SAY
PARENTSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Members of Hyderabad Schools Parents Association (HSPA) on Saturday gathered at People's Plaza to demonstrate against non-implementation of Government Order 46 on school fees.

Parents say the government is tight-lipped over implementation of its order over collection of abnormal fee by schools. This is despite the HSPA making several representations to officials of the education department at various levels on the matter.

Claiming that the TRS government had failed to implement its own promise during the 2016 civic polls to regulate the fee charged by private schools and stop commercialisation of education, parents have put several demands in front of the government ahead of the GHMC elections.

The HSPA has particularly demanded that the state government immediately issue an ordinance disallowing all schools from hiking their fee for the current and the next academic year. The association wanted the government to announce a deadline by which it will enact a new law regulating fee being charged at private schools.

Furthermore, HSPA said education must become the top priority of government, wherein it makes much higher investments towards improvement of government schools.

The parents' body has also demanded that fee increment should be done once in three years. The option of paying the fee monthly should continue instead of schools demanding a lump sum payment.

Registering their protest at the People's Plaza, HSPA sought penal action against 11 schools declared guilty of violating GO 46. This will set an example for all private schools to fall in line and not violate the governments rules.

Parents further demanded that no child should be deprived of online classes irrespective of whether or not the parents had paid their children's fee.

They said that the Telangana Fee Regulatory Guidelines should be framed immediately and Tirupathi Rao committee report be made public as soon as possible.

● **REGISTERING THEIR protest** at the People's Plaza, the Hyderabad School Parents Association sought action against 11 schools declared guilty of violating GO 46. This will set an example for private schools to fall in line and not violate the government's rules.

Virus stays in body
9 days, sheds for 90KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Live SARS-CoV-2 virus stays in the body for nine days and viral shedding can continue for 90 days according to 79 studies in the world peer-reviewed Lancet Microbe.

It has also been observed that majority of viral transmissions occurred early, especially within the first five days after the onset of symptoms. The observation is based on the data collected from January 1 to June 6 and published in pre-print sites. This understanding of the onset of the disease and viral transmission data will be used to design the treatment modules for the first days when symptoms manifest themselves. This can help control the severity in the cases.

The viral transmission rates in asymptomatic and symptomatic cases are found to be the same but there is a difference of opinion noted as some say that it is more in the former. There is a need for more studies on adult patients to get more data to understand the transmission process.

The virus in the body sheds in the upper respiratory tract for 83 days, 59 days in the lower respiratory tract, 60 days in serum samples and 126 days in stools.

This high load of virus shedding differs but it is confirmed that the body fluids are the source of shedding of virus.

This means that precautions and protocols must be zealously followed and lapses can lead to spread. In hospital and healthcare set-ups alertness has to be maintained as they have constant and continuous influx of patients.

● **THE CORONAVIRUS** in the body sheds in the upper respiratory tract for 83 days, 59 days in the lower respiratory tract, 60 days in serum samples and 126 days in stools, according to 79 studies conducted across the world.

SARS-CoV-2 mutates
more in kids: StudyDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The SARS-Cov-2 transmission and mutation rate is higher in children when compared to adults according to genome studies published in the *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. The reason is suspected to be the growing cells in children.

But this is a speculation and it is not clear how and why is the virus mutating and transmitting so quickly.

Dr Satish Ghanta, senior pediatrician, says, "We know that children can be super spreaders. But there are two groups wherein one has the virus but no disease and the other has the virus and also the disease. We need more time to understand this. Earlier it was believed that mortality among children was only two per cent worldwide but now it is increasing."

The different mutations of the virus have led to a lower cycle threshold of some strains wherein the virus is found in asymptomatic and symptomatic patients but the severity is very less. It has been found that the mutation

● **THE DIFFERENT** mutations of the Coronavirus have led to a lower cycle threshold of some strains. In these cases, the SARS-CoV-2 is found in asymptomatic and symptomatic patients but the severity of the infection is very less, the study found.

rate is 22.5 substitutions per year in children. The other strains are found to have lesser mutations of 13.5 substitutions.

The study found that children below five years of age had higher mutation rates when compared to those above five years.

Data from India shows that children have been affected but many of them were asymptomatic cases.

Dr Narhari, senior pediatrician at Niloufer Hospital, said, "Overall, the experience among children has shown that SARS-CoV-2 in them is asymptomatic in nature. This is because there is an immune response which does not allow the virus to go to lungs. There are a few cases which have been noted with multi-inflammatory syndrome and some of fever of unknown origin."

Etala vows 64K tests a day

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Fifty-one lakh Covid-19 tests have been carried out in the state and there is no compromise on testing, Dr Ramesh Reddy, Director of Health, said on Saturday.

During a review meeting carried out by the department along with health minister Etala Rajendar, it was stated that the tests will be increased to 64,000 per day. Arrangements being done for the same as there is a fear that there will be a risk of co-infection and Covid-19 with the

onset of winter and resultant respiratory diseases

People have been urged to wear masks properly and not go out of their homes without masks. Dr Ramesh Reddy said: "There is a need to be vigilant for the next two months. People have to comply with the protocols of Covid-19 and follow the regime of wearing masks, washing hands and avoiding unnecessary travel."

The state has 1,600 ventilators available in 62 government hospitals and there is no shortage of oxygen. Dr Reddy said,

TS RECORDS 925
NEW COVID
CASES, 3 DEATHSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Covid-19 does not appear in any mood to let go its hold on Hyderabad city and the rest of the GHMC area. As per the health department bulletin, the week beginning November 14 and ending on November 20 saw 895 additional persons contracting Coronavirus infection within the civic body limits. On an average, the GHMC area registered 128 cases a day in the last week. During this same period, Telangana state as a whole registered 5,940 cases.

While GHMC area recorded 161 Covid-19 cases on Friday, the state reported 925 instances apart from three more deaths due to the disease. The caseload so far is 2,62,653 while 1,426 people have died since the first case of Covid-19 was detected on March 23 this year.

The health department announced that 1,367 Covid-19 patients have recovered on Friday, taking the cumulative number of recoveries to 2,49,157. While there are 12,070 patients "active" with the disease, 9,471 of them are in isolation, and the rest are in government and private hospitals.

"We are prepared for the second wave and sending special teams to the districts to ensure that the hospitals are able to take care of patients."

Quarantine leave for the healthcare staff is no longer valid and all of them have to report to work.

With the GHMC elections on December 1, Dr Ramesh Reddy urged politicians and activists to wear masks during their campaigns. With political activity increasing in city, there is a need for following protocols as a lot of people can get exposed.

Deeply divided, doctors
go for IMA polls todayDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Indian Medical Association's Telangana state branch will hold elections on Sunday but many doctors are calling it undemocratic, unethical, stage-managed and a game of musical chairs.

Bitter fighting between the factions is being seen on social media platforms and Whatsapp groups.

About 17,000 doctors are members of the TS IMA but only 370 elected state members can vote for the posts. The by-laws of the state IMA restrict the election only to a few.

Dr T. Kripal Singh, professor and head of the department, forensic medicine and toxicology at Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, said it was "very shameful" that doctors are indulging in such politics. Dr Singh said: "The TS IMA elections are worse than the GHMC elections. Instead of promoting co-operation among the members there are a few who have divided the members into groups. Only these members have the right to stand for elections and vote."

"A primary member of the IMA can contest the central IMA elections but they cannot contest the TS

IMA polls. This is atrocious. What has the present body done during the pandemic for the people of the state? They allowed private hospitals to loot people. Has anyone from the IMA uttered a word against this 'Corona loot'? Why is such a body being allowed to hold elections," Dr Singh said, adding, "The fraternity is suffering because of them. What is there for the young aspiring medical students of the state?"

Many doctors have written to the government asking it to stop these elections.

Dr Sanjiv Singh Yadav, secretary of the state IMA, said, "There are faults and they need to be rectified by electing a new panel. The present body will have to change." Dr Yadav is contesting for vice president.

Sunday's elections will be for 85 posts for which there are 270 contestants. For president, vice-president and state secretary, two doctors are nominated. For the state working committee, there are 38 contestants for 17 posts. Another 21 persons are contesting for the 12 seats on the central working committee.

This contest has raised a lot of issues which were

not highlighted earlier. Former state members and senior doctors said it is a battle for supremacy of one group over another. One group is led by incumbent president Dr Pratap Reddy and another by Dr Ravinder Reddy who is chairman of the TS Medical Council. "The division is not good for the state body," a doctor said.

Senior doctors who are primary members of the IMA have appealed to the government to not recognise the state IMA body. They demand that members with a standing of 20 to 25 years must be allowed to contest all the posts. Voting must be for all the members. There is also demand for e-voting from senior members. Presently doctors have to go to head office of IMA Koti to cast their vote.

Other senior doctors are upset with the advertisement of IMA panels as that they feel that it demarcates groups which is not good for the fraternity in the long run.

With the pandemic and the problems in health-care, doctors demand that they must be untied and stand as one as they have to strive for health as a priority. Their efforts are defeated with this fighting, some doctors feel.

Pushkaralu celebration



Vedic pandits offer Pushkar Harathi to the river at Sankalbagh ghat on Saturday to mark Tungabhadra pushkaralu. There was thin attendance at the pushkaralu but officials expect the turnout to pick up on Sunday.

— DC

Dead cop's organs help 8 persons

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The family of Koneri Anjaneyulu, a constable from the Cyberabad Central Armed Reserve, who had died in a road accident, donated his organs that have saved the lives of eight others.

On November 18, when Anjaneyulu, was on his

way to work on his two-wheeler, his vehicle was hit from behind by a speeding vehicle. Anjaneyulu, who hailed from Babapur in Pargi mandal, was rushed to a local government hospital and from there to a private hospital in Banjara Hills. But the doctors declared him brain dead early on Saturday.

Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar who consoled the bereaved family, requested them to consider organ donation to which the family agreed.

The doctors then harvested Anjaneyulu's heart, lungs, kidneys, liver and eyes as part of the Jeevandana programme.

JNTUH releases students'
list eligible for grace marksHARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The JNTUH has released a college-wise list of students eligible to apply for grace marks and credit exemption. This is available on the TSheet in portals of their respective principals.

As per the directions, students have to fill up the appropriate undertaking form to be downloaded from the student service portal, and the principals have to sign them. These forms need to be either printed on the college letterhead or with a separate covering letter from the principal enclosing the appropriate form and sent to the office of Director of Evaluation. Applications received by November 20 will be processed and efforts will be made to issue PC and CMM at the earliest possible date.

For those who seek grace marks, JNTUH said that a separate Form-5 earmarked for this category will have to be filled. Marks shall be added up to 10 marks for four year UG courses in a maximum of two subjects the candidate has failed, seven or eight

STUDENTS WRITE LETTER TO NTA,
POKHRIYAL, SEEK SOPS FOR JEEDC CORRESPONDENT
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As many as 283 JEE aspirants from across the country have written a joint letter to the National Testing Agency, Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and IITs requesting them to increase the number of JEE Mains/Advanced attempts for the 2019 batch as a special case, and scrap the 75 per cent eligibility criteria for 2021.

The students said that the JEEs were conducted at a time when public transportation and accommodation facilities were

meagre or non-existent, and many parts of India were experiencing heavy floods. These factors affected the candidates' performance on the day of the exam.

They requested authorities to relax the requirement of 75 per cent marks to 50 per cent. "There are many students who are not satisfied with their performance in JEE Mains and Advanced 2020, who have decided to appear for these life-changing exams in 2021 which will be their last chance," they said. Relaxing the norm would lower the burden on such students.

marks for lateral entry students of B. Tech and B. Pharm, respectively.

For those who seek only credit exemption, the students who failed in not more than two subjects and credits of the failed subjects is less than or equal to six, are eligible to

apply through Form-6. Those seeking grace marks and credit exemption, Form-7 earmarked for this category needs to be filled up. Rules mentioned in the above two cases of grace marks and credit exemption will be applicable.

LAKE | RESTORATION

Online campaign of residents around Trimulgherry lake bears fruit

TSPCB issues second notice to SCB, GHMC

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
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The 10-year-long battle by resident welfare associations to save the Trimulgherry lake, by way of an online campaign, has forced the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TPCB) to slap a note on Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

On Saturday, the board issued a second notice on Trimulgherry lake, which is spread over 26 acres, and remains neglected by the authorities. The surrounding areas have suffered nauseating bad smell and mos-



Residents of colonies around the polluted Trimulgherry lake have launched an online campaign.

— By arrangement

quitoes for the last 10 years. Although residents of these colonies approached

SCB, GHMC and irrigation department, each has been passing the buck but did pre-

cious little to address the problems.

Now the four residential associations of Malani Enclave, Indian Airlines Colony, Padmanabha Colony and Surya Avenue, which are near this lake, have started an online campaign and 85 complaints were registered with the Central Pollution Control Board stating that the untreated sewage is let being let into the lake by SCB.

According to Nagubandi Venkataramana, a banker who resides in Malani Enclave, the first notice was served by the TSPCB on April 18, 2018, but there was no response even after that. He added the problem rose when

the cantonment sewage water was let into the lake.

Bala Showry, secretary of Malani Enclave, said, "During the recent rains, all these four colonies were inundated and water of up to six feet height entered houses. While no relief compensation was paid to the residents, even th SCB, GHMC, and irrigation department did not resolve the issue."

Residents lambasted politicians for never visiting the place, not even during the recent floods. They said that if the authorities fail to respond to the second notice, they would lodge their complaints on the online portals of both GHMC and SCB.



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Ranjona Banerji
Off the beaten track

How I tweeted away my pandemic summer

I say this to sound like I have an all-round life, but I mean Twitter. Thanks to Mark Zuckerberg and his strange ideas of how threatening decapitation is not threatening decapitation, my interactions with Facebook have diminished. WhatsApp I have always abhorred because there are only so many “Good Morning” fake cups of coffee and bunches of flowers that you can receive without falling violently ill.

Aha, I hear you thinking, this means you are in favour of “fake news” and are actually a secret WhatsApp addict. You could imagine that but you could also imagine that I ruthlessly block anyone who bores me with endless rightwing rubbish.

It is true that I have another Zuckerberg product or acquisition on my phone and that is Instagram. This I like. I haven’t fully grasped its purpose other than the purpose of all social media which I understand is to sell me as “data”. But I do enjoy the photographs. Especially of endless images of boiled eggs and avocados in such creative and innovative juxtaposition. The human mind is fabulous.

Is that it? There’s the Nasa app for the latest on space exploration, the Chirp app for the latest on gravitational wave detections, the free weather apps which are quite my favourite to waste time on, the Google map app which forces me to find geographical locations mentioned in every book I read. The tennis apps, well their purpose is obvious. If I can’t remember anything else after looking at my phone to check, well, this is it.

I don’t have much to do with the “gig” economy either and not just I live in a remote area where no one really wants to gig by. I am wary of using my phone to pay, transact, bank. And I do like humans and physical shops and such. And I don’t want to chat with my phone service provider on WhatsApp no matter how many annoying messages they send me!

So after this long detour, we reach Twitter. Or do we? Once, angry with Twitter for its Zuckerbergian refusal to stop toxicity and for suspending antitoxic handles, a few of switched us to Mastodon. This was really sweet for a while. There were only like-minded people on it and you had lovely chats. But boy did it get hellishly boring after a while. There was no information you see, because there were no news sites, no information sites, no sports sites. No nothing, really. Bye-bye it was to Mastodon. I still get plaintive emails telling me what I’m missing, like from an old flame who hasn’t realised it’s over.

Now we reach Twitter. It’s got everything right with it and everything wrong with it. I’m not going to get philosophical and stuff and tell you it’s a microcosm of life blah blah. But it is compelling and it is negotiable. And I spend most of my day on it. Yeah, it sounds pathetic, but do I care?

You want the obvious: you interact with a wide range of people from all over the world. There is no endless procession of smiling cups of coffee. Fake news may proliferate but is easily called out. News itself is widely available with “real time” updates. You can take part in conversations or you can just watch.

Trolls? Yes. There are trolls. They can be putrid, vile, scary. You have to deal with them. For journalists, trolls have long been part of our lives. Earlier, trolls would write postcards and letters. Then they sent emails and wrote comments below your articles and columns. They made more or less the same threats of death and rape. It was just a question of scale and accessibility. There’s no one-size-fits-all answer. I don’t interact; they wither away.

It’s a great escape too from the real world and that’s why it’s an addiction. An ever-widening circle of information, entertainment, interaction, annoyance, humour, joy and so on. People you might never have known existed otherwise. People you never would have met. And yes, I have met some Twitter friends in real life. And sometimes, especially since Covid, have interacted more with real friends on Twitter than in real life!

I get that it’s not for everyone. It can be too political, too in-your-face, too demanding of responses. It can force you to fall into weird rabbit holes. Words, phrases, ideologies you don’t understand. I feel my age on Twitter at all times and have to use online dictionaries to understand what people, young people, say and mean. There are worlds within worlds revealed. If I were a proper psycho-babbler, I would have more insights to offer into human nature and the infinite spirals we can traverse!

I get that some people prefer cat videos and holiday snaps. Either way, we are part of this grand social media exercise. If you’re up for a fight, you know where to find me!

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Get priorities straight in time of a pandemic



Patralekha Chatterjee
Dec 360

The number of Indians infected by Covid-19 has crossed 90 lakhs. Over 1.3 lakhs have died of the virus. The economic distress in the wake of the pandemic is palpable. Millions have seen their earnings drop.

Amid the deaths, disease, debt and despair, guess what some state governments in India are concerned about? They are worrying about who one marries, whether the person is of the same faith or a different one, and if there is any hint of conversions, forced or otherwise.

In the last few weeks, several BJP-ruled state governments have been ratcheting up tension by publicly announcing their plans to bring about legislation to outlaw what they describe as “love jihad”.

Last week, it was the turn of Madhya Pradesh, where night curfew has now been imposed in Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Vidisha, and Ratlam districts from November 21 as Covid-19 cases surge. In the middle of all this, Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra found time to declare that a “love jihad bill”, which intends imposing five years of rigorous imprisonment for “violators”, will soon be introduced in the state Assembly.

Madhya Pradesh is not the only state stoking sentiments around the “love jihad” conspiracy theory, which pivots around the belief that Muslim men in India are part of some organised campaign to convert Hindu women to Islam. Four other BJP-ruled states — including Uttar Pradesh and Haryana — are following

the same playbook.

At an election rally in Jaunpur last month, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath warned of dire consequences to those found guilty of “love jihad”.

Earlier this month, Haryana home minister Anil Vij announced that his state was planning to bring in a strict law to control “love jihad” cases and soon a committee would be constituted to draft the law. The tourism minister of Karnataka, also BJP-ruled, has tweeted that the southern state would bring in a “a law banning religious conversions for the sake of marriage”. Assam minister and BJP Northeast point-person Himanta Biswa Sarma has joined in the chorus against “love jihad”.

What is behind this rush for laws to outlaw “love jihad” in the time of a pandemic?

It is clearly a rallying cry to mobilise BJP supporters. But that is only part of the story.

Think of all the issues and questions that gets pushed off the news cycle each time “love jihad” grabs headlines. Public health experts like Anant Bhan and Hemant Shewade point out that India is far from being on the top of the pandemic and governments at the Centre and in states must focus on addressing the needs of those with Covid-19 and those who have other diseases. There is literally no time to waste.

Why then this noise about “love jihad” when in February this year, G. Kishan Reddy, Union minister of state for home in the Narendra Modi government, said: “The term ‘love jihad’ is not

defined under the extant laws.” He also said: “No such case of ‘love jihad’ has been reported by any of the Central agencies.” Mr Reddy was replying to a question by Congress MP Benny Behanan in Parliament on “whether Central agencies have reported any case of ‘love jihad’ from Kerala during the past two years and if so, the details thereof?”

Mr Reddy also noted that Article 25 of the Constitution provides for the freedom to profess, practice and propagate religion subject to public order, morality and health. “Various courts, including the Kerala high court, have upheld this view,” he said in a written reply.

It is astonishing that in 2020, an adult woman in India is not seen as capable of making decisions on her own about herself and there are so many who are willing to believe that there is a vast conspiracy leading to young Hindu women being seduced and coerced into marriage by Muslim men under false pretences. Hadiya Jahan’s case comes instantly to mind. Her family claimed that she was a victim of “love jihad”, despite her saying that that she had converted willingly. The Supreme Court subsequently restored the marriage. A Supreme Court-ordered probe by the National Investigation Agency into 11 cases of inter-faith marriages in Kerala has not found any evidence of forced conversion in any of the cases.

All this high-decibel talk about an imagined ‘love jihad’ and the rush for laws to stop something that does not exist is worse than tilting at windmills — it is helping divert attention from far more pressing issues surrounding the pandemic

In India, there is no law barring couples from different faiths from getting married. Couples, including interfaith ones, can get married under a Special Marriage Act without changing their religion. The law, however, requires the registrar to post a notice about the intended marriage 30 days before the wedding and this has triggered many problematic situations, with families and right-wing groups trying to stir the pot if it the couple are from different faiths.

The All India Lawyers’ Association for Justice, a national lawyers’ collective, has condemned the announcements made by the BJP-ruled states to pass a law against “love jihad”.

In a statement, the association said that it “believes that every person has the right to marry or not, and to select their partners as per their will and desire... Governments, instead of pursuing a communal agenda that penalises those who exercise their constitutional freedoms, must take immediate steps to enact a law that would specifically cover the field of so-called ‘honour’ crimes.”

It is clear that charges of “love jihad” may not stick in court. It is also clear that the “love jihad” bogey is more a marker of the politics of intimidation than anything else. All this high-decibel talk about an imagined “love jihad” and the rush for laws to stop something that does not exist is worse than tilting at windmills — it is helping divert attention from far more pressing issues surrounding the pandemic.

We can neither afford deepening of fissures nor divisions.

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LETTERS

POLICE ACTION

The founding fathers of our Constitution described Article 32 as its soul (SC fails if it can’t protect fundamental rights of all, DC, Nov. 27). It is the foremost duty of the SC to protect fundamental rights of citizens and uphold personal liberty and individual freedom and direct all lower courts/law enforcement agencies to follow the dictum. Under the present scenario, can a common man expect fair justice and live without fear of being exploited and live in dignity and peace?

B.K. Mohanty
Hyderabad

CENTRAL JOB TESTS

The Chief Minister’s demand to ensure Central job tests are given in regional languages is not correct (KCR: Central job tests must be held in state languages, DC, Nov. 21). Central job aspirants need to have basic knowledge of English, the medium of communication after getting the job. Irrespective of one’s acceptance of Hindi as the national language, job aspirants must know both the languages and the test assessments will be largely fair if a common language is used in question papers.

Katuru Durga Prasad Rao
Hyderabad

SERIOUS ISSUES

It is good to hear that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is taking up issues of disinvestment of public sector banks, farmers and also taking along all religions together. It’s high time that we stop talking about religion with every issue.

P.J. David
Hyderabad

RECKLESS PROMISE

Is there any limit for stooping down to create chaos and confuse voters? The offer to waive traffic challans shows a political party’s desperate bid and its irresponsible behaviour towards public safety and discipline. We have so many rash drivers involved in fatal accidents with permanent injuries to victims. Many have lost bread winners in families and are now forced to live in misery.

Abdul Mateen
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN

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Many European nations buying Indian wagons

NEW DELHI, NOV. 22

India has now become the largest supplier of railway wagons to some of the East European countries.

The State Trading Corporation has just concluded an agreement with Yugoslavia for the supply of 3,600 railway wagons costing about ₹38 crore. The first delivery of these wagons is to be effected by the end of 1971.

According to State Trading Corporation sources, these wagons are to be manufactured and delivered by the private sector wagon manufacturing industry in West Bengal.

The wagons to be supplied to Yugoslavia are to be utilised for carrying mineral ores in the country.

STC sources said Yugoslavia had now called for new tenders for supply of 10,000 railway wagons. India was also participating in this bid.

Kurt Jacobsen and Sayed Hassan Khan

The real social distance in US: Can Joe, Kamala ensure change?

Be jubilant, but keep it short. Donald Trump clings to the White House but it’s a pretty good bet that he will depart, kicking and tweeting, on January 20. He nonetheless garnered 72 million votes, so his long-anticipated exit may not be permanent. The Democratic Party failed to cut into his support because they were loath to say one word that smacked of the visionary aspirations of FDR’s New Deal or LBJ’s Great Society, regarded as hideously socialist by their big donors.

Wall Street injected millions of dollars into Joe Biden’s campaign, and awaits Cabinet appointments and more, which will be duly granted given that some 40 former lobbyists populate his transition team. So we are a long way from Mr Biden posing credibly as a humble man of the people. It was truly bizarre listening to affluent Democrats dismiss Bernie Sanders as not a “real” party member when he and Elizabeth Warren were the only candidates who stuck to the values of traditional FDR Democrats.

After fending off the left-liberal

platforms of Mr Sanders and Ms Warren, complacent Democrat officials are determined to revert to the same stale economic policies that bred Mr Trump’s resistible rise to power in the first place. Throughout his lacklustre campaign, Mr Biden avidly played the Covid-19 card of extreme lockdown, pleasing perhaps a third of the populace who can afford a Zoom lifestyle but far less so a hard-pressed majority who plead that the economy (jobs, wages, small businesses and housing stability) is their foremost worry.

Lockdown proponents like to claim that disobeying their rules means you will murder your granny. They don’t like to hear that lockdowns mean condemning multitudes to poverty, homelessness and early deaths (from untreated illnesses) in order to protect their privileged selves. The anti-Covid measures in the United States simply managed to shift the risks from the upper class to the poor, and is no small part of the reason for the boosted Trump vote. A loss of seats in the House of Representatives and

an inability to gain a Senate majority should alert the Democratic Party lords that something essential is missing in their economic programmes, but all they do is blame the left for their own shortcomings.

Mr Biden’s popularity was only modestly higher than Mr Trump’s. The bulk of Democrats voted for Joe Biden out of distaste for Mr Trump, not enthusiasm for he who has little to offer those outside his high-income social orbit. Mr Biden has a track record any conservative can cherish — servant of the credit card industry in his home state of Delaware, passing a 2005 law stripping people of bankruptcy relief; tormentor of Anita Hill during a 1991 Supreme Court nomination event, installing a judge who became a reliable rubber stamp for reactionary views; pushing a 1994 crime bill that sent the incarceration of minorities skyrocketing; and blithely offering several times, including as Barack Obama’s vice-president, to slash social security and Medicare to make foolish compromises with crafty Republicans.

Mr Biden’s good manners will be a relief, but only for a short spell.

Kamala Harris praised Mr Biden for his “audacity” in choosing her as running mate when nothing was more obvious than the careful political calculations involved in the choice. In mainstream American politics, “identities” of race, creed, ethnicity and gender are are allotted to flourish instead of class interests, which are not supposed to exist. One hopes that Ms Harris’ shattering of race and gender barriers puts those symbolic goals behind us, because Barack Obama’s presidency gave black voters who weren’t already prosperous nothing but a vicarious thrill. Canny elites can always pick useful opportunists to do their bidding, on the assumption that all that people crave is to become part of the establishment. Too often, they’re right about that. Ms Harris is a dedicated careerist who played her cards right as a public prosecutor with a merciless approach to the poor, even threatening to jail parents of truant children.

The US isn’t centre-right, but the

people who run it are. A New York Times poll attests two-thirds of US citizens want a wealth tax, national healthcare, free college tuition and a Green New Deal, just for starters. A recent Fox News poll put those figures even higher.

Mr Biden and Ms Harris became Democratic candidates because they are “safe hands” who enable Wall Street, mega corporations, and too-big-to-fail banks to go on bilking average citizens. The top 10 per cent in the US now own 78 per cent of the wealth. At this rate, the top 10 per cent should own everything in another lifetime, but something has to give. The real social distancing that the US has practised since the 1970s is the ever-yawning gap between the wealthy and the rest. Mr Biden is by no means a remedy, unless the social justice movements arising during Trump’s era pressure him ever so reluctantly into the role.

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IN BRIEF RESIGN WITH ME, GUATEMALA VP URGES PREZ

Guatemala City, Nov. 21: Guatemala's vice president told President Alejandro Giammattei that both men should resign their positions "for the good of the country" following the approval of a budget cutting educational and health spending that caused a public outcry. "We both resign," Vice President Guillermo Castillo said he told Giammattei Friday. He had suggested vetoing the approved budget, firing government officials and attempt more outreach to various sectors around the country.

Giammattei had not responded publicly and Castillo did not share the president's reaction to his proposal.

Castillo said he would not resign alone. Discontent had been building over the new 2021 budget on social media and then generated clashes with police Friday in front of the congress. The spending plan was negotiated in secret and approved by the congress.

JAN MORRIS, AUTHOR, PASSES AWAY AT 94

New York, Nov. 21: Jan Morris, the celebrated journalist, historian, world traveller and fiction writer who in middle age became a pioneer of the transgender movement, has died at 94.

Morris died in Wales on Friday morning, according to her literary representative, United Agents. Her agent Sophie Scard confirmed her death. Morris had been in failing health. Additional details were not immediately available. The British author lived as James Morris until the early 1970s, when she underwent surgery at a clinic in Casablanca and renamed herself Jan Morris.

Her best-selling memoir "Conundrum," which came out in 1974, continued the path of such earlier works as Christine Jorgensen's "A Personal Autobiography" in presenting her decision as natural and liberating. "I no longer feel isolated and unreal," she wrote. Morris was a prolific and accomplished author and journalist who wrote dozens of books.

BOB DYLAN DOCUMENTS SELL FOR \$495K

Boston, Nov. 21: A long-lost trove of Bob Dylan documents including the singer-songwriter's musings about anti-Semitism and unpublished song lyrics has sold at auction for \$495,000.

Boston-based R R Auction said Friday the collection privately held by the late American blues artist Tony Glover, a longtime Dylan friend and confidante, was sold Thursday to a bidder whose identity was not made public. The collection included transcripts of Glover's 1971 interviews with Dylan and letters the pair exchanged.

The interviews reveal that reveal that Dylan had anti-Semitism on his mind when he changed his name from Robert Zimmerman, and that he wrote "Lay Lady Lay" for Barbra Streisand. Dylan, 79, was close with Glover, who died last year. The two men broke into music in the same Minneapolis coffeehouse scene. Glover's widow, Cynthia Nadler, put the documents up for auction online.

HURRICANE IOTA: MORE BODIES FOUND

Tegucigalpa/Mexico City, Nov. 21: Authorities in Central America recovered more bodies on Thursday from landslides triggered by hurricane Iota, which battered the impoverished region this week, the second deadly storm to roar through this month.

The number of reported deaths rose to more than 40 across Central America and Colombia, and the toll is expected to rise as rescue workers reach isolated communities.

Most of the deaths occurred in Nicaragua and Honduras. Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez issued an urgent plea for international help. "We are in a situation of great calamity and we need the world to help us rebuild our country," he said while speaking at a news conference.

The strongest storm on record to hit Nicaragua, Iota struck the coast late on Monday as a Category 4 hurricane. It inundated low-lying areas still reeling from the impact two weeks ago of Eta, another major hurricane that killed dozens of people in the region.

Daily US virus deaths highest since May

Country now averaging over 1,300 Covid deaths per day, daily infections at a record high of 188,000

Washington, Nov. 21: The surging Coronavirus is taking an increasingly dire toll across the US just as a vaccine appears at hand, with the country now averaging over 1,300 Covid-19 deaths per day — the highest since the calamitous spring in and around New York City.

The overall death toll has reached about 253,000, by far the highest in the world. Total confirmed infections have eclipsed more than 11.7 million, after the biggest one-day gain on record Thursday — almost 188,000. And the number of people in the hospital with Covid-19 hit another all-time high at more than 80,000.

With health experts deeply afraid Thanksgiving travel and holiday gatherings next week will fuel the spread of the virus, many states and cities are imposing near-lockdowns or other restrictions. California ordered a 10 pm to 5 am curfew starting Saturday, covering 94% of the state's 40 million residents.

The Texas border county of El Paso, where more than 300 people have died from Covid-19 since October, is advertising jobs for morgue workers capable of lifting bodies weighing 175 pounds or more. Officials are offering more

DON ELDEST SON DONALD TRUMP JR. TESTS +VE

Washington, Nov. 21: Donald Trump Jr, the eldest son of US President Donald Trump, has tested positive for Covid-19, his spokesperson said, latest in the First Family to have been infected by the deadly virus. Trump Jr tested positive at the start of the week and has been "quarantining out at his cabin since the result," the spokesman said on Friday. "He has been asymptomatic so far and is following all guidelines," the spokesman added. — PTI

than \$27 an hour for work described as not only physically arduous but "emotionally taxing as well." The county had already begun paying jail inmates \$2 an hour to help move corpses and has ordered at least 10 refrigerated trucks as morgues run out of room. Covid-19 deaths in the US are at their highest level since late May, when the Northeast was emerging from the first wave of the crisis. They peaked at about 2,200 a day in late

Russia Covid-19 toll hits new high

Moscow, Nov. 21: Russia on Saturday registered record numbers for daily infections and deaths from the Coronavirus, two days after having passed two million cases.

Health officials reported 24,822 new infections and 476 deaths, bringing the national total to 2,064,748 million cases and 35,778 fatalities since the beginning of the year.

While those figures suggest a lower death rate

than elsewhere in the world, they need to be treated with caution. The official Russian death toll only includes those in which Covid has been established as the primary cause of death after an autopsy.

Data published by Russia's federal statistics service earlier this month indicated excess deaths of more than 117,000 year-on-year between March and September, suggesting that virus fatalities could

be much higher.

Most of the new cases announced Saturday were recorded in Moscow (7,168) and in the country's second city, Saint Petersburg (2,476), with other regions recording figures in the tens or hundreds.

"We are getting a lot of calls at the moment," Dmitri, a Saint Petersburg ambulance driver, told AFP. "The number of sick people is growing." The medical team he worked

with collecting samples to identify cases visited around 20 addresses every day, he said.

"People are scared, and they are calling for a doctor as soon as they get a little cough," said Lyudmila, one of the two nurses on the team.

On Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin described the surge in infections and deaths as "alarming".

— AFP

PORTUGAL EXTENDS VIRUS EMERGENCY

Lisbon, Nov. 21: Portugal on Friday extended until December 8 the state of emergency it imposed to bring down the Coronavirus infection rate as the second wave of the disease spreads.

President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa announced he had signed the decree extending the emergency measures which had been due to lapse on Monday, warning that a further extension remains a possibility.

"The state of emergency will last as long as is necessary to fight against the pandemic" he said in a televised address.

While the second wave of the virus should reach its peak in late November or early December, a third wave will "probably" follow early next year, the president added. More than 80 percent of Portugal's population has been under partial lockdown.

The announcement came after the socialist government held an emergency cabinet meeting to decide on the virus restrictions. — AFP

Warangal doc finds possible cure for Covid-19 issues

Washington, Nov. 21: An Indian-American scientist has discovered a potential strategy to prevent life-threatening inflammation, lung damage and organ failure in patients diagnosed with Covid-19.

Published online in the journal Cell, the research coming from the lab of Dr Thirumala-Devi Kanneganti, an Indian-born researcher working at St. Jude Children's Research Hospi-

tal in Tennessee, identified the drugs after finding that the hyperinflammatory immune response associated with virus leads to tissue damage and multi-organ failure in mice by triggering inflammatory cell death pathways.

The researchers detailed how the inflammatory cell death signaling pathway worked, which led to potential therapies to disrupt the process. "Understan-

ding the pathways and mechanism driving this inflammation is critical to develop effective treatment strategies," said Kanneganti, vice chair of the St Jude Department of Immunology. Kanneganti was born and raised in Telangana. She received her undergraduate degree at Kakatiya University in Warangal, where she majored in Chemistry, Zoology, and Botany. — PTI

WH: Trump admin did everything for transition

Washington, Nov. 21: The Trump administration has done "everything statutorily required" to do in the event of a transition, the White House has said, asserting that a constitutional process is being played out to determine the winner of the November 3 presidential election.

Incumbent US President Donald Trump, a Republican, has refused to concede the election to 78-year-old Joe Biden, a Democrat, and has filed multiple lawsuits challenging the poll results in several states. Trump, 74, has made allegations of widespread electoral fraud, without providing any evidence.

Former US vice president Biden was declared the winner of the closely-fought US presidential election on November 7. Biden now has 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232 votes. To win the race to the White House, the successful candidate should have at least 270 electoral votes out of the 538-member Electoral College.

His lead in the public vote overall stands at more than 5.9 million. Backing President's Trump's stance, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany refused to acknowledge President-elect Biden's victory on Friday — her first press briefing since October 1. "The president's been very clear, he wants every legal vote to be counted," she said. — PTI

GEORGIA GOV CERTIFIES VOTES FOR BIDEN

Atlanta, Nov. 21: Georgia's governor and top elections official on Friday certified results showing Joe Biden won the presidential race over Republican President Donald Trump. The certification brings the state one step closer to wrapping up an election that has been fraught with unfounded accusations of fraud by Trump and his supporters. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger certified results. The results show Biden with 2.47 million votes, President Donald Trump with 2.46 million votes and Libertarian Jo Jorgensen with 62,138. — AP

BIDEN CABINET PICKS AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK

Washington, Nov. 21: President-elect Joe Biden is moving quickly to fill out his administration and could name top leaders for his Cabinet as early as next week. Biden told reporters on Thursday that he's already decided on who will lead the Treasury Department.

That pick, along with his nominee for secretary of state, may be announced before Thanksgiving. The Cabinet announcements could be released in tranches, with groups of nominees focused on a specific top area, like the economy, national security or public health, being announced at once. — AP

@POTUS A/C TO GO TO BIDEN JAN 20 EVEN IF TRUMP DOESN'T CONCEDE

Los Angeles, Nov. 21: Micro-blogging site Twitter will hand control of the presidential @POTUS account to President-elect Joe Biden the moment he is sworn in on inauguration day on January 20, even if President Donald Trump has not conceded his election loss, the company has said. The @POTUS account is

the official account of the President of the United States and is separate from the @realDonaldTrump account that Trump uses to tweet. Biden, 78, will be the 46th US President when he is sworn in. The handover requires no sharing of information between the outgoing Trump team and the incoming Biden team. — PTI

Sea of mourners



Activists and supporters of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) gather around an ambulance carrying the coffin of hardline Pakistani cleric Khadim Hussain Rizvi, founder of TLP, during his funeral in Lahore on Saturday. — AFP

Eight killed, 31 injured as mortar shells hit Kabul residential areas

Kabul, Nov. 21: About 23 mortar shells slammed into different parts of the Afghan capital on Saturday, killing at least eight people and wounding 31 others, an official said. The shells were fired from two cars, Interior Ministry spokesperson Tariq Arian said.

No one took immediate responsibility for the early morning attack that also targeted the posh Wazir Akbar Khan area of Kabul, which houses

diplomatic missions. The Taliban issued a quick statement denying any responsibility for the attack. The Islamic State group affiliate also operates in the area and has claimed responsibility for recent assaults in Kabul including two devastating attacks on educational institutions that killed more than 50 people, many of them students.

As well as insurgent groups, there are several heavily armed warlords

with militias living in Kabul with long-standing animosities against each other. The mortar barrage comes as representatives of the Afghan government and the Taliban continued to hold talks in Qatar, though progress has been slow. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is expected to press for a reduction in violence in his meetings with both Taliban and government negotiating teams later Saturday during a daylong stop in Doha.

The Taliban have mostly ignored such previous requests. Hours before the attack rattled Kabul, a bomb attached to a car killed one security personnel and wounded three others in an eastern neighborhood of the capital, said Kabul police spokesperson Ferdaws Faramarz. Violence in Afghanistan has spiked in recent months with increasingly horrific attacks often claimed by the Islamic State group affiliate. — AP

Terror financing: 2 Hafiz Saeed aides jailed

Lahore, Nov. 21: A Pakistani court has jailed two more aides of Mumbai attack mastermind and Jamat-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed in a terrorism financing case. The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) of Lahore on Friday

handed down six and five-and-a-half years of imprisonment to JuD leaders Muhammad Ashraf and Lucman Shah, respectively. ATC Judge Arshad Hussain Bhutta also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each of them. On Thursday, the 70-

year-old JuD chief was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment in two terrorism cases by ATC Lahore.

Saeed's two close aides — Zafar Iqbal and Yahya Mujahid — were sentenced to 10 and a half years each, while his brother-in-

law Abdul Rehman Makki was sentenced to six months of imprisonment in the same cases.

Saeed, a UN designated terrorist whom the US has placed a \$10 million bounty on, was arrested on July 17 last year in the terror

financing cases. He was sentenced to 11 years in jail by an anti-terrorism court in February this year in two terror financing cases. The JuD chief is lodged at Lahore's high-security Kot Lakhpat jail. — PTI

Tibetan leader in WH: 1st in 60 yrs

Washington, Nov. 21: The head of the Tibetan government in exile has visited the White House for the first time in six decades and met the newly appointed senior US official on Tibetan issues, the Central Tibetan Administration said on Saturday, a development that could enrage Beijing, which has accused the US of trying to interfere in China's internal affairs. Dr Lobsang Sangay entered the United States White House on Friday — a historic feat.

This is the first time in the last 60 decades the head of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has been invited into the White House, the CTA said in a statement. "It is a great honour to be the first political head of the Central Tibetan Administration to formally enter the White House," Sangay said in a tweet. "Today's visit amounts

to an acknowledgement of both the democratic system of the CTA and its political head... This unprecedented meeting perhaps will set an optimistic tone for CTA participation with US officials and be more formalised in the coming years," said the CTA, which is based in Dharamshala in India.

Sangay, the President of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), was invited to the White House to meet the newly appointed US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues, Robert Destro, on Friday, it said.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on October 15 named senior diplomat Destro as Special Coordinator for Tibetan matters, who, among other matters, would focus on advancing dialogue between the Communist government in China and the Dalai Lama. — PTI

2020 | LIST It also includes US ex-Prez Barack Obama's 'A Promised Land'

3 Indian writers in '100 Notable Books'

New York, Nov. 21: Critically-acclaimed books by three Indian writers have featured among this year's '100 Notable Books' list of *The New York Times* that also includes former US president Barack Obama's newly released memoir 'A Promised Land'.

Editors of *The New York Times Book Review* selected 100 "notable fiction, poetry and nonfiction" works from around the world. The prestigious list also includes the work of

fiction 'A Burning' by India-born Megha Majumdar. "A brazen act of terrorism in an Indian metropolis sets the plot of this propulsive debut novel in motion, and lands an innocent young bystander in jail.

With impressive assurance and insight, Majumdar unfolds a timely story about the ways power is wielded to manipulate and crush the powerless," the report said of the book. 'Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line' by Deepa

Anappara, who grew up in Kerala, also features on the list.

"This first novel by an Indian journalist probes the secrets of a big-city shantytown as a 9-year-old boy tries to solve the mystery of a classmate's disappearance.

Anappara impressively inhabits the inner worlds of children lost to their families, and of others who escape by a thread," the leading said. Samanth Subramanian's 'A Dominant Character:

The Radical Science and Restless Politics of J. B. S. Haldane' is a nonfiction work. "Haldane, the British biologist and ardent communist who helped synthesise Darwinian evolution with Mendelian genetics, was once as famous as Einstein.

Subramanian's elegant biography doubles as a timely allegory of the fraught relationship between science and politics," the report said. Subramanian is a journalist and lives in London.

'Red Pill' by British-Indian author Hari Kunzru also features in the list. "A fellowship at a study center in Germany turns sinister and sets a writer on a possibly paranoid quest to expose a political evil he believes is loose in the world.

Kunzru's wonderfully weird novel traces a lineage from German Romanticism to National Socialism to the alt-right, and is rich with insights on surveillance and power," the report said. — PTI

SHORT TAKES

A special hundred for Chandorkar

New Delhi: Former first class cricketer Raghunath Chandorkar on Saturday turned hundred years old, becoming only the third Indian cricketer to complete a century of birthdays.

Chandorkar played seven first class games, representing Maharashtra (1943-44 to 1946-47) and Bombay (1950-51). The wicket-keeper batsman had scored 155 runs in seven games. He also effected three catches and two stumpings. Prof. D.B. Deodhar (1892-1993) and Vasant Rajji (1920-2020) are the only other Indian cricketers to celebrate 100 birthdays.

—PTI

Kosgei, Yeshaneh to run at DHM

New Delhi: The Delhi Half Marathon on Saturday announced the entries of world record holders Brigid Kosgei and Ababel Yeshaneh for the upcoming event. At the Chicago Marathon in October 2019, Kenya's Kosgei stunned the world when she broke the long-standing women's world marathon record by more than a minute, clocking 2:14:04. Yeshaneh was a distant second on that occasion but still ran a superb personal best of 2:20:51.

However, the tables were turned at the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in February this year when a contest between the pair in the final stages of the race saw Ethiopia's Yeshaneh prevail in a world record 64:31 with Kosgei second in 64:49.

Gangjee shoots even par in Japan

Miyazaki, Japan: Rahil Gangjee staged a superb comeback on his back-nine to card an even par 71 in the third round of the Dunlop Phoenix Open, here. Gangjee now has rounds of 71-72-71 and at one-over for 54 holes he is Tied-49th in only his second event in Japan in 2020.

Almost 20 events have been cancelled in Japan this year due to the pandemic. Former world number one Amateur, Takumi Kanaya, playing only his fourth event as a Pro, is once again in contention as he shot a third straight round in 60s and moved into sole third place. — PTI

Govt to introduce fitness app in Jan.

New Delhi: Sports secretary Ravi Mittal on Saturday said the government is planning to launch an application in January next year to help people check and improve their fitness level. "We are developing a fit India app next year. It will be like other health app but the main thing will be that everyone will be able to evaluate their fitness," Mittal said. "We will be launching this app sometime in January. I would like to request all the participants in the event to come to this app and check their fitness. If you check your fitness every month, it will improve your fitness."

Live on TV

CRICKET

Big Bash League: Melbourne Stars vs Sydney Sixers from 8:15 am on Sony Six, HD

TENNIS

ATP Finals: Final from 11:30 pm on Sony Six, HD

FOOTBALL

Indian Super League: FC Goa vs Bengaluru FC from 7:20 pm on Star Sports 2, 3

English Premier League: Fulham vs Everton from 5:30 pm; Sheffield United vs West Ham from 7:30 pm; Leeds United vs Arsenal from 10 pm; Liverpool vs Leicester City from 12:45 am (Monday) on Star Sports Select 1, HD

Italian league: Fiorentina vs Benevento at 5 pm on Sony Ten 2; Roma vs Parma from 7:30 pm on Sony Six; Inter Milan vs Torino from 7:30 pm; Udinese vs Genoa from 10:30 pm; Napoli vs AC Milan from 1:15 am (Monday) on Sony Ten 2

UFC

Fight Night: Figueiredo vs Perez and other bouts from 8:30 am on Sony Ten 1, HD

WWE

Survivor Series: Kick-off show followed by bouts from 4:30 am (Monday) on Sony Ten 1, HD

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Chelsea's new castle

Blues take top spot for first time in over two years

Newcastle, Nov. 21: Frank Lampard warned Chelsea to stay humble after they climbed to the top of the Premier League for the first time in more than two years with a convincing 2-0 win at Newcastle on Saturday.

Lampard's side moved above Leicester on goal difference thanks to Federico Fernandez's first half own goal and Tammy Abraham's strike after the interval.

Chelsea are unbeaten in nine games in all competitions and haven't lost in their last six league matches.

With five clean sheets in their last six matches in all competitions, Chelsea's third successive league victory was the perfect way to start a hectic period leading up to Christmas.

Maurizio Sarri was in charge the last time Chelsea were in pole position in the Premier League in September 2018.

But Lampard's squad are more formidable than his predecessor's fragile team and a serious title challenge looks increasingly possible.

"It's not an easy game. We played well in patches and the result is key in these games," Lampard said. "The Premier League is tough, relentless, and we dealt with the challenge of the game very well."

"I won't get excited about being top of the table for five minutes. It's important to be humble and know it's a long race."

Chelsea could surrender top spot before the end of the day, with both Aston Villa and Tottenham able to go above them depending on their results.

"We can't have it all our own way, but we put the game away with a professional performance."



Chelsea's Tammy Abraham (left) scores against Newcastle United in their English Premier League match at the St. James' Park in Newcastle on Saturday.

— AP

THE RESULT

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Chelsea
(Fernandez 10-go,
Abraham 65)

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Lampard said.

"First 20 minutes were great, we had control and all the possession. I always felt that the real danger from us would be on the counter."

"You saw that with Timo Werner on the break and then setting up Tammy's goal."

Lampard had complained about having to play in the Saturday early kick off when several of his players had only returned from international duty on Thursday.

— AFP

Huesca's winless streak continues after 1-1 draw

Pamplona, Nov. 21: Osasuna came from behind to draw with Huesca 1-1, keeping the visitors winless since their return to the Spanish league.

Huesca dominated early at El Sadar Stadium. Sandro Ramirez finished off a poor clearance by Osasuna goalkeeper Sergio Herrera to open the scoring in the fifth minute.

After not creating any scoring chances in the first half, Osasuna improved with substitutes made at the restart. Defender David Garc scored an equalizer in the 68th. Huesca have

drawn seven and lost three games since returning to the spotlight after one season in the second division. The point lifted it from last place to out of the relegation zone in 17th place.

"We were not able to play our game, but it was always positive to get a point, especially at a tough ground like this," Ramirez said.

"Victory still eludes us, but I think if we keep doing things well it will come."

Osasuna was in 10th place after a third consecutive round without a win. — AP

MONACO COME BACK TO STUN LEADERS PSG

Paris, Nov. 21: Kylian Mbappe's two goals against his former club were not enough as French league leaders Paris Saint-Germain wasted a 2-0 lead and lost at Monaco 3-2.

Mbappe's first-half brace took him to 99 goals for PSG since joining from Monaco three years ago in a deal worth a staggering 180 million euros.

But lively German forward Kevin Volland netted twice after the break, and was fouled by center half Abdou Diallo for a penalty converted by former Spain and Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas in the 83rd.

Diallo was sent off to leave PSG with 10 men in the closing stages.

The defeat was PSG's third of the season and ended a run of eight straight wins after losing the first two games.

Monaco moved up to second place, and four points behind PSG, despite being without top scorer Wissam Ben Yedder as he recovers from the coronavirus.

Another comfortable PSG win looked on the cards when Mbappe latched on to a fine pass from winger Angel Di Maria and finished confidently in the 24th minute.

The France striker then beat goalkeeper Vito Mannone from the spot in the 36th after midfielder Youssouf Fofana gave away a penalty.

Striker Moise Kean and Mbappe had goals ruled out for offside shortly before the break, and Monaco pulled one back in the 51st when Volland turned in Fofana's cross from the right. — AP

Siraj stays in Oz post Dad's demise

Kolkata, Nov. 21: BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Saturday said that pacer Mohammed Siraj, who has lost his father, was given the option of flying back home to be with his grieving family but he decided to stay back in Australia for "national duty".

Ghouse, who was suffering from a lung ailment, died on Friday. He was 53.

"The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had a discussion with Siraj and he was offered the option of flying back and be with his family in this hour of grief," Shah was quoted as saying in a BCCI media release.

"The fast bowler has decided to stay with the Indian contingent and continue performing his national duties. The BCCI shares his grief and will be supportive of Siraj in this extremely challenging phase," Shah added.

Board president Sourav Ganguly took to Twitter to laud the Hyderabad pacer for his resilience and mental fortitude in this hour of tragedy.

"May Mohammed siraj have a lot of strength to overcome this loss. Lots of

● **Board president Sourav Ganguly took to twitter to laud the Hyderabad pacer for his resilience and mental fortitude in this hour of tragedy.**

good wishes for his success in this trip... tremendous character," Ganguly tweeted.

Ghouse, who was an auto rickshaw driver, was the biggest influence in Siraj's life, as he encouraged him to take up cricket as a career and took care of all his needs despite limited means.

Siraj first came into lime-light with 41 wickets for Hyderabad in Ranji Trophy, followed by a record Rs 2.6 crore IPL deal from Sunrisers Hyderabad as an uncapped player.

He has only been picked the four-match Test series in Australia. If Siraj had chosen to fly back to India, he would have had to do another 14-day quarantine here in Australian under the local government rules on his arrival.

— PTI



Austria's Dominic Thiem celebrates after winning the first set during the semifinal against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the ATP World Finals at the O2 arena in London on Saturday.

— AP

Thiem edges past Djokovic in semis

London, Nov. 21: Dominic Thiem recovered from squandering four match points in a dramatic second-set tie-break to beat Novak Djokovic in the last four at the ATP Finals on Saturday.

The US Open champion won 7-5, 6-7 (10/12), 7-6 (7/5) and will face either Rafael Nadal or Daniil Medvedev in Sunday's final at the elite eight-man event.

The world's top four players all made it through to the semi-finals for the first time at London's O2 Arena, which is hosting the season-ending event for the 12th and final year.

Thiem forced the only break to take a tight first set 7-5 but neither player could make the breakthrough in the second set, which went to a tie-break. Thiem had four match points but agonisingly watched them all slip away as 17-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic levelled.

It was a similar story in the third set, with both players rock-solid on serve and the match came down to a deciding tie-break.

The Serbian world number one raced into a 4-0 lead and looked certain to win but Thiem stormed back, winning six points in a row to earn two more match points.

BULGARIAN PLAYER GETS LIFETIME BAN

In London, the Tennis Integrity Unit has banned Bulgarian player Aleksandrina Naydenova for life and fined her \$150,000 for match-fixing offenses.

Naydenova "had partaken in match-fixing activity multiple times between 2015 and 2019," the anti-corruption body said in a statement Friday.

The 28-year-old, whose highest WTA singles ranking was 218, had been provisionally suspended Dec. 27 last year prior to a disciplinary hearing.

The TIU said Naydenova committed 13 breaches of the Tennis Anti-corruption Program with 12 of them relating to match-fixing and one relating to "several incidents of non-cooperation" with the investigation. — Agencies

Appiah wins it for NorthEast Utd

Vasco, Nov. 21: Kwesi Appiah scored from the spot as NorthEast United FC began their Indian Super League campaign with a 1-0 win over Mumbai City FC here on Saturday.

A red card and a penalty turned a game, that Mumbai were otherwise dominating, on their head and handed NorthEast United a winning start at the Tilak Maidan.

Appiah (49') scored the only goal from a penalty after the Islanders were reduced to 10-men following Ahmed Jahouh's red card just before the breather.

In the early stages, it looked like NorthEast were aiming for nothing more than a goalless draw, with extreme caution visible in their game plan.

Predictably, it was Mumbai who dominated the first half. The Islanders were neat and proactive for long spells, though they were unable



Mandar Rao Dessai (left) in action on his Mumbai City debut against NEUFC in an ISL-7 match at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco on Saturday.

— ISL

to find a cutting edge.

Despite having players like Jahouh, Hugo Boumous, and Rowlin Borges, all capable of cre-

ating magic on their day, Sergio Lobera's side failed to get a single shot on target in the first 45 minutes. — PTI

NEW-LOOK GOA READY TO FACE CHHETRI & CO.

Margao, Nov. 21: A new-look FC Goa, strengthened by the addition of fresh foreign players and a new head coach, will begin their ISL campaign with renewed vigour when they clash with formidable Bengaluru FC here on Sunday.

FC Goa have never won the ISL trophy and would be hoping that this time around they go one step forward than 2018 and 2015 seasons, when they emerged as runners-up.

On the other hand, BBFC who have won the ISL once, would also be hoping for a winning start and the contribution of star striker Sunil Chhetri would be the key. — PTI

Rohit will be sorely missed in white ball series



Ayaz Memon
Over The Top

Going by the cricket played between the two teams in the past few years, India's tour of Australia promises rich and exciting cricket in all formats. But there are hardships for Virat Kohli and Co which can't be overwhelmed by hype.

In the ODIs and T20is, India will be without their best white ball batsman, Rohit Sharma. In Tests, the team will be without the services of their best batsman in red ball cricket

over the best part of a decade, Virat Kohli.

More than just irony, this is a serious setback to India. It leaves the batting vulnerable across the different formats, which the Aussies will be eager to exploit. Though he came back after a spell on the bench to play in the knock-out stages and led Mumbai Indians to the title, Rohit wasn't cleared by the BCCI's medical team for the ODIs and T20is. He is currently in rehab and recovery at the National

Crickets Academy in Bangalore.

Kohli will return to India after the first Test to be by his wife's side for the delivery of their first child.

Australia's strict quarantine rules (14 days) has scuttled Kohli's prospects of returning back for the Tests, so he is available only for the first day/night pink ball affair at Adelaide.

The Test series are under greater scrutiny as the previous rubber — also played Down Under — was won by India: A wonderful achievement considering no Indian team had ever done this in Australia in over 70 years.

Obviously, the home team will be seeking revenge, and with the

return of Steve Smith and David Warner — both serving a ban in 2018 — it will be that much tougher for India to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Considering his massive success as opening batsman after his wondrous exploits in the World Cup, Rohit will be sorely missed. Though K.L. Rahul has shown superb form, it is in white ball cricket. How well he adapts to the longer format is now crucial for India.

Much of the pre-Test series conversation and debate has been around how good the current Indian pace attack is, even without Ishant Sharma (also in rehab in Bangalore) and Bhuvaneshwar Kumar.

In 2018, India's pace attack — Bumrah and Shami in particular — was outstanding, and the major factor in the series triumph. If they are in similar form this time, there is every chance of an encore.

However, former India captain Kapil Dev, has an interesting — and perhaps more pertinent — take on the matter. Kapil believes that the fate of the series does not hinge on the fast bowlers, but on the Indian batsmen, though for vastly different reasons than in his playing days.

"India's pace attack is superb," Kapil said when we chatted the other day. "I am confident bowlers will take 20 wickets. But will batsmen provide 350-400

runs for bowlers to win the match?"

Moot question. Before the pace bowling got teeth and edge to bundle out rivals, India's batting was seen as it strength playing overseas. Now there is doubt whether the batsmen can do enough to support bowlers!

The Test series begins after the ODIs and T20is are completed, which should give the Indian players enough time to settle down and acclimatize to Australia conditions.

But this does not mean that the next couple of weeks is a slack period. White ball cricket has its own huge significance in the sport today which players and teams will ignore at their own peril.

This will be a particularly testing period for Kohli. His success as captain in the shorter formats does not quite match up to the terrific win percentage he has in Tests.

There has been wide debate whether the captaincy should not be bifurcated between him (Tests) and Rohit (ODIs and T20is). England, Australia and South Africa for instance follow the split captaincy theory, Pakistan (now) and New Zealand (for the most part) don't.

There are pros and cons to the theory, but what's clear is that in the Indian context, the debate will intensify and Kohli placed under even further scrutiny if results are not favourable.