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Max: 22.4°C
Min: 18.1°C
RH: 91%
Rainfall: 1.3 mm
Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Light to moderate rains.
Max/Min temp. 27/17 °C

COVID-19 CUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+40,534)	(+456)
93,49,285	1,36,190
covid19india.org	
STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS	
(+761)	(+4)
TS: 2,67,665	1,448
(+733)	(+6)
AP: 8,66,438	6,976

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

6,16,26,862
DEATHS
14,43,815
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES
218
worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Kartika Shudda Trayodasi till 10.20 am
Star: Bharani till 3.17 am (Sunday)
Varjyam: 11.08 am to 12.55 am
Durmuhurtam: 6.32 am to 8 am
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am
HILARI CALENDAR
Rabbi-ul Akhir 12, 1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5:24 am
Zohar: 12:14 pm
Asar: 4:04 pm
Maghrib: 5:46 pm
Isha: 6:57 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:17 AM
SUNSET TODAY 5:49 PM
MOONSET 3:02 PM
MOONRISE 3:17 AM

COUNTER POINT



Lok Sabha, Assembly, municipal... all polls should be held at the same time so that we don't need to woo voters time and again!

FARMERS GET PERMISSION FOR DELHI CHALO STIR

SANJAY KAW and BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, NOV. 27

Thousands of farmers on Friday braved batons, teargas and water cannons along the Delhi-Haryana border before the authorities allowed them to march towards the national capital as part of their "Delhi Chalo" protest against the Centre's new farm laws. Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh, accused by Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar of instigating farmers, was the first one to welcome the Centre's decision to allow the protesters to enter the city. Soon after Capt. Singh urged the Centre to initiate talks to address the farmers' issues. Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar reiterated that the government would hold talks next week.

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REBEL TRINAMUL MINISTER QUILTS AHEAD OF POLLS

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, NOV. 27

Dealing a double blow to the Trinamul Congress ahead of next year's Assembly polls in West Bengal, rebel TMC minister Shubendu Adhikari resigned from chief minister Mamata Banerjee's Cabinet on Friday, while another disgruntled party MLA Mihir Goswami reached New Delhi to join the BJP. Both have distanced themselves from their party, fuelling speculation of their defection to the BJP, which has also kept the door ajar for them. The TMC heavy-weight, who was the face of Ms Banerjee's famous land movement in Nandigram was the minister of transport, environment and water resources investigation/development.

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KCR gears up for final showdown

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

TRS supreme and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao has set the stage to show through his public meeting at the LB Stadium on Saturday that the party has a strong grip on Greater Hyderabad. Apart from targeting the BJP government at the Centre for its alleged anti-people policies, Chandrashekar Rao is expected to highlight that the Opposition parties have created a tense atmosphere in the city with their high-voltage campaign. Several trade unions will express their support by sharing the dais with the Chief Minister on Saturday. Party leaders are of the opinion that given the communal nature of the



K. Chandrashekar Rao

campaign of some parties, it was inevitable for the Chief Minister to bolster the confidence of the people by reassuring that peace and harmony will prevail and the government would give no scope to hate-mongers. The party feels that Chandrashekar Rao's public meeting is crucial to the TRS' fortunes and may set the tone for the campaign in the remaining days till the polling day on December 1. They expect two lakh people to

attend the meeting at LB Stadium.

A senior party leader said that Chandrashekar Rao had already turned the people of the Greater Hyderabad area towards the ruling party with his promises of free water supply and extending of ₹10,000 financial aid to flood-affected families. The CM had mentioned that free water supply will benefit 97 per cent of the families in the GHMC limits. Most TRS leaders stated that people will not believe promises of Opposition parties as they are well aware that any party that comes to power in the civic body has to invariably enjoy the support of the state government in which case it is better if the TRS returns to power in the GHMC.

Beginning of the end of KCR's rule: Nadda

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Bharatiya Janata Party president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Friday slammed Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and IT minister K.T. Rama Rao over commenting on the campaign by Union ministers for the GHMC elections.

He said that he and the Union ministers would go anywhere for the party to come to power. Speaking at a road show from Kothapet to Nagole, Nadda said that the time has come to end the rule of Chandrashekar Rao in the state. He was accompanied by BJP state president Bandi Sanjay and minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy.

"Looking at the large number of people who have come today, it seems that the time is coming for the end of the KCR rule and the begin-



BJP national president J.P. Nadda with minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy and state BJP president Bandi Sanjay during a roadshow in Hyderabad on Friday for GHMC elections. — PTI

ning of BJP rule," Nadda told the crowd that had turned up despite the inclement weather.

He thanked those working under the Modi-led government to end corruption in Telangana state.

Nadda urged the people to vote for the BJP in all divisions.

The BJP president called on the cadre to work 100 per cent in this election and ensure the defeat of the TRS regime.

GDP growth betters in Q2

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO | DC NEW DELHI, NOV. 27

Amidst hopes of development of a vaccine for Covid-19 disease, the Indian economy rebounded at a faster-than-expected pace in the July-September quarter, helped by a pick-up in manufacturing. The country's GDP contracted by 7.5 per

cent during the quarter, which is lower than economists' projection of 8.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent contraction and signalling a sharp recovery from the record plunge of 23.9 per cent in the June quarter.

"India's real GDP fell to 7.5 per cent in the July-September quarter compared to a contraction of 23.9 per cent in the three

months ended June. The GDP at constant (2011-12) prices in Q2 of 2020-21 is estimated at ₹33.14 lakh crores, as against ₹35.84 lakh crores in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of 7.5 per cent," data released by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation showed.

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2 more jawans killed in Pak fire

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, NOV. 27

The renewed intermittent clashes between the Indian and Pakistani armies along the Line of Control (LoC) that began in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district earlier this week spread to neighbouring

Rajouri district on Friday, leaving at least two more Indian soldiers dead. The Army said that the Pakistani troops resorted to "unprovoked ceasefire violation" in Suderbani area of Rajouri early Friday.

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CCMB gets ICMR dry swab test nod

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The city-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) has secured approval for its dry swab technique to collect samples for the RT-PCR test Covid-19. This procedure is expected to bring down the testing cost by 50 per cent and make it more widely available.

The technique, approved by the ICMR, involves taking nasal swabs in a dry state and putting them in a tube which can be sent for RT-PCR testing. Currently, the samples

are collected in a liquid called Viral Transport Medium. This requires proper packaging. Despite that, events of spillage, leakage and damage have been noted.

Dry Swab-Direct RT-PCR ensures there is no spillage and fear of spread of infection. It has been found that the overall concordance is 96.9 per cent and it is low cost and there is a quick turnaround time.

From April 2020, CCMB has been testing Covid samples and this was a major concern.

■ Page 2: Threat of liquids spilling a worry

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SHORT TAKES

KALASAGARAM
STARTS ONLINE
FROM TODAYDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Kalasagaram, the annual musical festival, will be held online from Saturday. All programs would be webcast on www.kalasagaram.in and its YouTube platform, Kalasagaram Secunderabad. The programme would start on Saturday with a vocal concert by Ranjani and Gayatri. The events include two instrumental music and other vocal concerts. All concerts begin at 6.30 pm.

The artists are: Nov. 28: Ranjani & Gayatri (Vocal); Nov. 29: Shreya Devnath (Violin); Nov. 30: Bharath Sundar (Vocal) Dec. 1: Sumithra Vasudev (Vocal); Dec. 2: Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar (Flute); Dec. 3: Vignesh Ishwar (Vocal); Dec. 4: Ramakrishna Murthy (Vocal).

BTECH DROPOUT
ARRESTED FOR
SELLING GANJADC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

A BTech dropout who was selling marijuana oil to buyers through online delivery applications was apprehended by the Special Operations Team of Malkajgiri on Friday. Officials seized 2 litres of marijuana oil, also known as liquid hashish, along with other contraband from his possession.

The accused, Veerapalli Laxmipathi, 25, turned an interstate drug peddler after developing contacts in the Vizag agency area and began selling dry ganja, said the officials.

He took to selling marijuana oil after realising that it was being sold at ₹1 lakh per litre. Laxmipathi was nabbed at the Pedda Amberpet crossroads after a tip off was received by officials.

THREAT OF
LIQUIDS SPILLING
A WORRY

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Healthcare workers and laboratory technicians were working with liquids that could spill. With dry collection, the tubes can be directly put in the kit and tested. This will save time and result in quicker results.

CSIR Director General Dr Shekar C. Mande said the technique can be done in existing kits and with the available manpower. "It will help us ramp up the testing capacity in the country quickly," he said.

Multiple premier institutes and hospitals have been a part of this project like Apollo Hospitals in Hyderabad, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnosis, ISIR-Berhampur, CSIR-NEERI, GMCH-Nagpur, and Genepath based in Pune and others.

Dr Rakesh Mishra, director of CCMB, said, "The technology has been developed at CCMB and we are negotiating with private players for the production. This technique will be similar to the present techniques employed in laboratories where the samples are collected in dry tubes for testing for other diseases."

The modified method has also been published in peer review and other scientific journals in the world.

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Show time



Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan (left) unveils a new logo of Pandit Jasraj's Pandit Motiramji, Pandit Maniramji 48th Sangeet Samaroh at The Plaza hotel in Begumpet on Friday as Durga Jasraj, daughter of Pandit Jasraj, addresses the media. The programme is scheduled on November 29 and 30 at CCRT. — R. PAVAN

TRS ex officio count
down from 38 to 31

Parties need 93 seats to elect mayor, deputy mayor

MADHY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

With 48 hours to go before campaigning in Grater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) ends, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti has realised that the number of its ex officio members in the twin cities' corporation has reduced from 38 to 31. Political parties need at least 93 seats to elect the mayor and his deputy. While the political parties are busy intensively campaigning to ensure the victory of their candidates, corporation authorities have been zeroing in on ex officio members, who are eligible to vote in the mayoral elections. The total number of ex officio members in the GHMC has reduced from 52 to 45, since seven of them have already voted in elections held for the newly formed municipalities or corporations adjoining the GHMC.

As on date, ex officio members of the TRS who are eligible to vote in the Hyderabad civic body has got reduced from 38 to 31, since MLA and MLCs Yegge Malleshham, Garikapati Rammohan Rao, Katepally Janardhan Reddy and minister Sabitha Indra Reddy have utilised their ex officio vote in Tukuguda municipality to elect its chairperson, who is from the TRS. They will hence be ineligible to vote in the GHMC polls. Likewise, in Aibatla municipality, MLA Manchireddy Krishna Reddy, MLC M. Srinivas Reddy and Rajya Sabha MP Banda

Prakash utilised their ex officio vote power.

In Pedda Amberpet municipality, MLCs Kurumiahgari Naveen Kumar and Patnam Mahender Reddy have utilised their ex officio capacity. In Narsingi municipality of Rajendra Nagar, MLA T. Prakash Goud and Chevella MP Gaddam Ranjith Reddy have used up their ex officio votes. In Boduppal Municipal Corporation, labour minister Ch. Malla Reddy has already voted as an ex officio member. In Kompally municipality, MLA K. P. Vivekananda too has utilised his vote. There is confusion pre-

GHMC. Anil Kumar Eravatri, a social activist, filed the petition urging the High Court to declare as "arbitrary" Section 90 (1) of the GHMC Act, which makes MPs, MLAs and MLCs electors in corporation.

"This (section) is absolutely against democratic principles. People should elect their public representatives. The mayor is the first person in the city and he / she will have powers to take decisions that best suit the GHMC, as done by the Prime Minister for the country or Chief Minister for the state. It is elected public representatives from constituencies who, in turn, elect the PM and CM. But

vailing over utilisation of Congress Lok Sabha MP A. Revanth Reddy's vote and that of TRS Rajya Sabha MP K. Keshava Rao. The director of municipal administration wing in the GHMC is yet to submit the list of ex-officio members, who would be eligible for voting in polls of the mayor and deputy mayor in the GHMC.

However, according to officials, 31 TRS, 10 AIMIM, three BJP and one Congress MP, MLAs and MLCs are eligible for voting as ex officio members in the corporation polls.

A senior official said any political party will

here, apart from the elected corporators, ex officio members have been included in electing the mayor. This is an absolute violation, which disrespects public and is against the principles of Democracy", the petitioner submitted in his affidavit.

The activist informed that besides the 150 elected corporators, there will be 55 ex officio members, who will cast their vote for choosing the mayor and deputy mayor. These ex officio members are more than one-fourth of the total corporators (150+55). They could change the vote of the people by giving a majority to one political party or another.

have to win more than 50 per cent of seats in the GHMC Council to elect the mayor and his deputy. Only directly elected ward members are eligible to contest for these two posts. In case a single party does not get majority, it should have an alliance with another political party. The issue of ex officio members voting arises only then. For instance, the TRS should have 107 as the magic figure to elect the mayor directly.

All in all, TRS will have to win at least 75 seats on its own to win the posts of mayor and his deputy, along with the support of its 31 ex officio members.

BJP is a disaster for the
nation, says OwaisiDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said that the Constitution of India apparently looks like a snake to the BJP, which desires that no political party should survive.

Addressing election meetings on Friday, Owaisi said that BJP is parachuting a number of high-profile leaders to campaign in the civic body elections.

Giving an international touch, he said Modi went to the US to campaign for US President Donald Trump and raised the slogan 'Ab ki baar Trump Sarkar'. Owaisi said that whoever was extended support by Modi has been unseated. Modi supported Cameron in London and Trump in the US and both of them lost power.

Owaisi asked Modi to initiate a surgical strike against China, which even

MIM would support.

Owaisi said the poor and middle-class sections were badly hit by policies adopted by the Modi government. People lost their lifetime thrifths due to the unwanted lockdown. The Centre imposed lockdown in the wake of Covid-19 when it was not required and lifted it at an inappropriate time. The country experienced 'economic disaster' due to lockdown.

He said due to lockdown 10 crore workers engaged in the unorganised sector became jobless and two crore salaried people lost their jobs. People are not in a position to pay school fees when they open.

The Hyderabad MP claimed that in 2014 many intellectuals opined that Modi would secure the country.

"China invaded 900 kilometres into Ladakh. All of sudden he announced demonetisation of ₹500 and

₹1,000 currency notes and claimed that it would invalidate black money," Owaisi said.

He said rich people were not affected due to demonetisation while poor people are subject to hardship. Likewise, farmers presumed that they would get benefits in case BJP came to power and now they realise that the party is against them. Water cannons were used on farmers who were protesting in Delhi where the temperature was as low as 10° Celsius.

Chandrayangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi said BJP leaders speak only about the existence of Pakistani and Rohingyas in Old City and surgical strike on Old City.

He asked whether these actions can undermine the Chinese military, improve the unemployment situation and improve the value of the rupee.

Agro Rythu
Kendras to
help farmersDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The state government has decided to establish more single window agri centres in order to cover each and every mandal for supply of seeds, fertilisers and pesticides. They will be named 'Agro Rythu Seva Kendram'.

K. Ramulu, vice-chairman and managing director of TS Agro Industries Development Corporation, told *Deccan Chronicle* on Friday that Telangana will be the first state to ensure that farmers get all farm requirements in accordance of the farming season.

"We have started 789 such centres and will be branching out soon. Some mandals may have up to three centres, depending on the local demand," Ramulu

said. He explained that the endeavour is to supply farm-related material at a cheaper rate and in time so that gullible farmers do not buy spurious or low-quality material, which could damage crops and affect produce.

Ramulu said that they are in discussions with branded companies like UPL, Critical Crop, Indofil, National Seeds Company, Cizent Seeds and Nuzvid Seeds for supplying their products in bulk while the delivery to farmers would be handled by the Seva Kendrams.

He said, "We are hiring agriculture or bio-science graduates for maintenance of these outlets in each mandal. The Kendrams will weed out middlemen and also help regulate prices of seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers in the open market."

TAKE ACTION
AGAINST SURYA,
TRS TELLS SECDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The TRS on Friday requested the State Election Commissioner to initiate action against BJP MP Tejaswi Surya, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha president, and his associates under the election code of conduct for participating and addressing a public meeting on the Osmania University campus in violation of High Court orders. TRS general secretaries M. Sreenivas Reddy and Bharath Kumar Soma submitted a memorandum to K. Parthasarathi, the SEC, that the High Court on June 2, 2016, had directed against allowing any political meeting on the campus.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE (L.A.) DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
SANGAREDDY

No. G1/1301/2018 Dated: 24-11-2020

FORM-F
NOTIFICATION BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
(See rule 7 (C))

Where a notification was issued vide letter No. G1/1301/2018, Dated: 26-11-2019 and Published in the District Gazette No. 30 Dated 26-11-2019 for acquisition of the land for establishment of the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone Project Zaheerabad for the public purpose.

In response to the said notification, the following affected persons (land owners) have come forward to settle their claims through negotiation. The details of the willing affected persons are as follows.

(i) Land owners Mungi Village Nyalkal Mandal Sangareddy District				
S. No.	Name and address of the land owner	Survey No.	Extent	Remarks
1	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	63/92/1	2.08	Earlier Form-C notification published in the name of Sri. Nandakumar S/o Shankarappa, Sri. Nandakumar sold-out the lands to Sri. Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham and the same has been implemented vide Talsildar Nyalkal proceeding No. 8/665/2018, Dated: 10-05-2018. (Copy enclosed). Hence Form-F submitted.
2	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	63/92/1	2.08	
3	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	64/92/1	0.25	
4	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	64/92/1	0.24	
5	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	64/92/1	1.33	
6	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	65/92/1	6.25	
7	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	66/92/1	3.08	
8	Vidyasagar S/o Vishwanatham	150/92/1	1.18	
Total			18.29	

(ii) Other than the land owners			
Sy. No.	Name and address of the person interested	Survey No.	Extent
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5	Executive Engineer (Electrical) & (One)	11 As per 7th CPC
6	Nursing Superintendent & (One)	11 As per 7th CPC
7	Administrative Officer & (One)	10 As per 7th CPC

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(iv) For the detailed advertisement including educational qualifications age and eligibility criteria etc. Kindly visit the Institute's website www.aiimsbibinagar.edu.in.
(v) The last date of receipt of complete application on the prescribed proforma along with the required documents through proper channel is 30 days after publication of advertisement in employment news / newspapers.
davp 17186/11/0003/2021 Sd/- Deputy Director (Administration)

VOTE | FOR Want newly elected GHMC body to conduct need assessment, training programmes

Domestic workers seek job security from parties

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Leaders and activists of political parties are actively wooing domestic workers living in slums. Having suffered the most during lockdown, domestic workers have responded by demanding a separate law from the newly elected council of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) that protects their livelihood

options.

Sr. Lissy Joseph, honorary secretary, Telangana Domestic Workers' Union, said, "Lockdown left many domestic workers jobless. The newly elected body of GHMC should conduct a need assessment, conduct training programmes for rehabilitation of domestic helps, and extend financial aid to them in setting up small businesses."

Sr. Lissy further pointed out, "There is lot of violence against domestic

workers both at home and outside, including workplace. We want the new GHMC council to create a reporting and monitoring system in this regard."

Among employees, domestic workers were the first to be hit as soon as the first case of novel Coronavirus was reported during the first week of March in Hyderabad. People, who used to see domestic helps as saviours on the home front, now suspected them as disease carriers.

Many gated communities put up notices that no

● **AMONG EMPLOYEES**, domestic workers were the first to be hit as soon as the first Covid case was reported during the first week of March in Hyderabad. People, who used to see domestic helps as saviours on the home front, now suspected them as disease carriers.

domestic help will be deployed at any of the residences.

Bodasu Pavan, a domestic help said, "We lost work during lockdown. As times were tough, we started working as helpers in public and private hospitals. But they too exploited us and paid us low amounts. Now, we will vote for a party, which gives us employment and security."

Many domestic workers became victims of floods, as they lived in low-lying





GHMC polls..



Braving heavy rains and wind thousands turned out in @JPNaddas road show at LB Nagar which reflects mood of Hyderabad for change in GHMC elections. @bandisanjay_bjp@kishanreddybjp@vivekvenkatswam and Indrasena Reddy participated. Hyd with BJP. @blsanthosh @tarunchughbjp

N. RAMCHANDER RAO,
BJP MLC



When we can rejuvenate the lengthy Holy Ganga in a record time why can't we do it to Musi?? What @trspartyonline couldn't do all these years, BJP will do it in 5 years. Think before you vote. #BJP4GHMC

G. KISHAN REDDY
Union Minister of State



As polling day approaches it's clearly a battle of wits between @BJP4Telangana & @aimim_national in GHMC elections. Only the abundant money power & voter list manipulation in which @trspartyonline is an expert may give some respite to @KTRTRS, the heir apparent.

B.L. SANTHOSH
BJP general secretary



There are 10 states where 80% of Muslims live. 4 of these (all BJP ruled) don't have a single Muslim minister. The number of Muslim ministers in these 10 states is almost half of what it was before 2014. 14% of India has only 3.93% ministers in states.

ASADUDDIN OWAISI
AIMIM president



Hyd city is in election mode. All leaders are working hard to win the hearts and votes of community. Election is the temple of democracy. But during such times there are some evil minds who are working to create communal issues through social media. Don't not believe them. Inform us.

ANJANI KUMAR
Hyderabad police commissioner

IN BRIEF

Sub-inspector held for bribery

Kamareddy: ACB officials arrested Kamareddy sub-inspector Govind on late Thursday night after he reportedly demanded and accepted a bribe of ₹20,000 from an IPL betting gang. He has asked for the bribe to provide station bail to a IPL betting ring organiser on November 13. ACB said Govind had confessed to making the demand, during investigation. Govind was sent to judicial remand, the ACB sources said. It may be mentioned that Kamareddy circle inspector I. Jagadish was previously arrested by the ACB in a ₹5 lakh bribery case.



TRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha speaks during her campaign in Gandhinagar for the TRS candidate in the upcoming GHMC elections, on Friday in Hyderabad.

— By arrangement

Kavitha: Why bring in Jinnah?

MLC urges focus on local issues, challenges Oppn not to highlight religion

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

TRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Friday challenged Opposition parties, particularly the Bharatiya Janata Party, to speak for at least five minutes without taking the name of any religion, and then ask for votes from the people of the city.

Speaking to people at several places during her

GHMC election campaign in Gandhinagar, Kavitha alleged that the BJP was only focused on dividing society by constantly highlighting the deeply-rooted polarisation in the peacefully co-existing society.

She asked, "What connection do we, the people of Hyderabad, have with Osama bin Laden, Jinnah, Pakistan and Bangladesh? In what way are they con-

nected with the GHMC elections? We want peaceful co-existence without reference to caste, creed and religion."

Kavitha said that the BJP was not focusing on the farmers' agitation against the newly passed agricultural laws and their concerns, but was concentrating on the upcoming GHMC elections.

Responding to the allegation that was being lev-

elled by Opposition parties that the TRS was missing in action, especially during the floods, Kavitha said the party had never been out of touch with its very own people.

She emphasised the need for the people to vote for the TRS in the GHMC elections to ensure peaceful co-existence and sustainable development of the city.

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8K COPS FROM RACHAKONDA ON POLL DUTY

NAVEEN KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The Rachakonda police commissionerate, which covers seven GHMC circles and 30 wards in 13 police station areas, will be deploying 8,000 personnel on election duty. The commissionerate has about 14.2 lakh voters and 1,640 polling stations in 573 polling locations.

"We have conducted meetings with all political parties and sensitized them to the model code of conduct," said Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat.

He said 101 polling stations are hypersensitive and 498 sensitive. He said 101 route mobiles were deployed to cover the polling locations. Social media was also being monitored.

The Rachakonda police invited volunteers from among retired Army, paramilitary and police personnel for the GHMC polls. Those willing to work as volunteers can contact the Election Cell Rachakonda on 8333993352 or Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, at Neredmet.

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DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy condemned the TRS and the BJP for linking the Covid-19 vaccine with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections and alleged that both parties were trying to intimidate voters by indirectly conveying that those who do not vote for them would be denied the vaccine dose, as and when it is available.

Addressing road shows at M.S. Makhta, Malakpet and other places on Friday, he said that the BJP-led government at the Centre and the TRS government were equally responsible for nearly three lakh Covid positive cases and about 1,500 deaths in Telangana state, especially Hyderabad, which have been reported since the outbreak of the pandemic.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Friday assured realtors that the registration of non-agriculture properties will begin soon.

Addressing the Real Estate Summit organised by CREDAI here, he said the government had intended to bring a great change in the registration of proper-

ties through the Dharani Portal.

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TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy campaigns in the rain in Khairatabad.

Similarly, neither Union Ministers nor the Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had visited any of the flood-affected areas in Hyderabad to console the

victims. More than 100 people were killed and thousands of families lost all their belongings due to the floods, he said.

"BJP, TRS and MIM are enacting a rivalry drama

that has been scripted by Union home minister Amit Shah and is choreographed by Chandrashekar Rao. They are maintaining synchronisation wherein a provocative statement is countered by a venomous remark and for practical action, they are visiting temples or memorials. Even before the people could make out that they are being misled, another leader gives a controversial statement and the rumblings go on," he said.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said, "The Congress will give ₹50,000 to every flood-affected family and ₹5 lakh and ₹2.5 lakh to fully and partially destroyed houses, respectively. An ex gratia of ₹25 lakh will be paid to families whose kin died due to floods. We will also bring Covid-19 treatment under AarogyaSri and facilities at Gandhi, Osmania, Niloufer and other hospitals would be duly upgraded."

KTR questions Centre on Rohingya

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Earlier, speaking at an Arya Vysya meeting at People's Plaza here, Rama Rao asked what the Centre was doing if the Rohingya had come into the country.

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KCR's name not on protocol list of VIPs to receive Modi

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The TS government was surprised that the name of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao did not figure in the protocol list of VIPs to receive Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his arrival in the city on Saturday. The list was received from the Prime Minister's Office on Friday.

As per standard protocol, the Governor, the Chief Minister, Union ministers and senior officers welcome the Prime Minister whenever he visits the state.

In view of the Prime Minister's visit to Hyderabad, the state government on Friday officially communicated to the Prime Minister's Office that the Chief Minister will receive the Prime Minister along with other VIPs at the Hakimpet air base.

According to the state government, the Prime

Minister's Office in reply sent a list with the names of five officers to be present at Hakimpet for receiving the PM.

Sources in the state government said that Prime Minister's private secretary Vivek Kumar informed Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar over phone that the presence of the Chief Minister was not necessary at the airport.

The Prime Minister's Office named the Hakimpet Air Office Commandant, Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, DGP M. Mahendar Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri collector Swetha Mohanty and Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar to follow protocol and welcome the Prime Minister at the airport.

Senior officers were surprised at the list and pointed out that it had never happened before that the Chief Minister's name had been left out.

I WiSH...

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

...ENCROACHMENTS ARE PREVENTED



Corporators are the ones who oversee illegal constructions, they ignore it when the roads are occupied. GHMC authorities and public representatives should be blamed for the encroachments and illegal constructions. Passing the buck is the only mantra that the public representative have. The new corporators should see to it that further encroachments or illegal constructions do not take place.

— **Satish Kumar Roshans**
Businessman

...‘NO-VEHICLE’ ZONE IS CREATED



Footpaths for pedestrians is the most needed in the city. In many of the areas, we don't see decent public transportation. This has to be improved. 'No motor vehicle' zones should be developed in the city. Even though many flyovers and bridges have come up, traffic still had to be managed well. This should be done in a efficient manner.

— **Purabhi Mahapatro**
Hitec City resident

...RK PURAM FLYOVER IS WIDENED



The flyover at Ramakrishnapuram is very narrow for even regular traffic. It also lacks a divider to separate traffic. It's an absolute nightmare to drive during traffic jams as oncoming vehicles encroach on the road-space and add to the chaos. I really hope that the flyover is widened. This part of the city is often overlooked for some reason.

— **Sandeep Kumar,**
IT professional, Sainikpuri

...AMBERPET GETS FLYOVER QUICKLY



Land-grabbers are claiming six acres of Bathukamma Kunta. There are huge traffic jams at Che Number crossroads due to the delay in the construction of the flyover. I appeal to the corporator to expedite the work. No one has addressed the nala overflow problem, due to which bylanes in the area get waterlogged. Also address the issue of stray animals.

— **M. Srinivas**
Resident of Bagh Amberpet

...PLAYGROUNDS GET EQUIPMENT



Playgrounds are in the worst condition and almost none has sports equipment. The GHMC never paid attention to them. Locals throw garbage into the playgrounds. Streetlights need special attention. I hope the new Council will provide sports material to each playground and form a committee of neighbours for their maintenance. Coaches should be also appointed.

— **Mohammed Asjad Hussain**
Private company employee, Mallepally

COMMUNITY | CONNECT

More than one lakh Bengalis live in city but only 20,000 have voter identity cards

Bengalis in Old City still await caste certificates

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

More than one lakh Bengali people are enjoying the fruits of employment in Telangana state and a majority of them live in and around Ghansi Bazaar division of Charminar Constituency. However, only 20, 000 of them have voter identity cards.

Srimath Sardar, a Bengali youth, who addressed an election meeting of MIM candidate

Parveen Sultana from the division, said most of them belong to poor artisan families.

He said, "We are engaged in the gold jewellery and furniture making sector and textile industry. I am a teacher and survive on tuitions. Although we all wish to participate in the GHMC electoral process, most of us could not obtain a voter identity card."

He said that most of them had adopted



Srimath Sardar

Hyderabad, where people treat them like family members.

"We get jobs and houses on rent without much dif-



Abdul Razzaq

ficulty. We appeal to the government to adopt us as well. We are ready to settle here forever," he said, speaking for a



Deepa Das

majority of his fellow-settlers.

He urged the government to extend scholarships to their children as

they were poor and cannot afford fees, despite the eagerness to study.

Deepa Das said her family has settled here for the last 13 years. Her family members are involved in ornament making.

"Though we are now able to speak in Hindi and Urdu, and even Telugu, we do not want to lose our mother-tongue. I wish the government introduces Bengali in select schools, so that our children, who are growing here, will be

fluent in Bengali. Unfortunately, we are not even getting caste certificates here", she said.

Mohammed Abdul Razzaq said although most of the families have settled here, they remain attached to the homeland.

"Some families go to their hometown during festivals and return. If the state government provides caste certificates and extends other facilities, many Bengalis will settle here forever," he said.

SHORT TAKES

BJP TEAM ASKS GOV. TO APPOINT OBSERVERS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

A BJP delegation met Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan on Friday and requested her to intervene and ensure peaceful and fair elections to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

The delegation led by BJP OBC Morcha president Dr. K. Laxman along with MLC N. Ramchander Rao and former MLA Ch. Ramchandra Reddy demanded that the Governor appoint special observers for the smooth conduct of elections.

Dr. Laxman speaking to the media later alleged that government officials were doing favours to the Telangana Rastra Samiti and were indulging in party activities. He asked the Chief Minister why no take action had been taken against anti-social elements who were trying to create communal problems in Hyderabad. The BJP leader criticised Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for wanting to control the polling percentage and suspected that the ballot system would be manipulated by the CM.

Dr. Laxman pointed to minister K.T. Rama Rao's statements and alleged that the father and son duo was trying to get the GHMC elections postponed by creating a panic situation in the name of communal problem.

The BJP leader criticised Rama Rao for questioning the campaign of BJP national leaders for the GHMC elections. He advised Rama Rao to invite Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and terror group leader Azhar Masood for the TRS campaign.

LIST WORK DONE IN TS, TRS TELLS KISHAN, BANDI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The TRS demanded that Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy and the three other BJP MPs from Telangana state — state BJP president Bandi Sanjay, D. Arvind and Soyam Bapura — list out their contribution to the state's development since they were elected last year.

TRS MPs including Lok Sabha floor leader Nama Nageswara Rao, K.R. Suresh Reddy, Banda Prakash, B.B. Patil, P. Ramulu and Manne Srinivas Reddy, addressing a press conference, slammed at the BJP state leaders for making baseless promises and spreading false propaganda to gain advantage in the GHMC polls.

They said that considering the electoral promises given by the BJP leaders, one need not be surprised if Prime Minister Narendra Modi promises to distribute free Covid-19 vaccines to the people of Hyderabad during his visit to the Bharat Biotech plant on Saturday.

They asked the BJP MPs if they had raised any issues pertaining to the state in Parliament or got any project sanctioned.



State BJP state president Bandi Sanjay during campaign for the GHMC elections at Madannapet on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

KCR, family looting Telangana: Nadda

Owaisi in an 'unholy alliance' with TRS: BJP chief

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and his family were looting Telangana state. MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi was in an "unholy alliance" with the TRS to loot the state, he said.

Nadda was speaking at a meeting of intellectuals under the slogan 'Change Hyderabad' here after his road show in Kothapet. He alleged that the Chief Minister was getting commission from the Kaleshwaram project construction which he had redesigned and

pushed up the cost to ₹1 lakh crore.

Nadda was confident that the BJP would win the GHMC elections. "It's not a galli election, it's an election with 74 lakh voters in Hyderabad covering five Lok Sabha constituencies. The BJP will take the lead and win the election," Nadda said, in response to criticism by minister K.T. Rama Rao to the BJP fielding Union ministers for a civic body election.

Nadda said that the people of the country had supported Prime Minister Narendra Modi and had given him a second term. In the recent Dubbak

bypoll, the BJP had performed well and even got 38 per cent of votes in the rural areas. All this pointed to increased BJP support and a win for the party.

On Covid, Nadda said that the precautions put in place by the Prime Minister had worked well; even European countries had failed to control Covid cases though they had the latest technology.

He stated that the Centre had increased the number of Covid tests from 1,500 to 15 lakh a day. Sixteen thousand labs were established for Covid.

Nadda announced that 3 lakh ventilators

are in the manufacturing stage and would be delivered to hospitals across the country.

He claimed that the World Health Organisation had appreciated the Ayushman Bharat scheme of the Centre which is implemented successfully for poor people. However, Chief Minister Chandrashekar Rao had not implemented it in Telangana state, he noted, BJP general secretary Bhupender Yadav, Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy, party state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar and other leaders participated in the meeting.



PCC TREASURER GUDUR TO QUIT CONG, JOIN BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Gudur Narayana Reddy, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) treasurer and AICC member, may resign from the primary membership of the party.

According to reliable sources, Narayana Reddy has decided to leave the Congress because of personal reasons. He may tender his resignation in a day or two. Narayana Reddy has served Congress at different levels for the last 39 years after starting as a leader of the National Students Union of India before making it to Youth Congress.

Kishan Reddy vows to develop Amberpet

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Friday participated in road shows at Kacheguda, Nallakunta and Golnaka divisions falling in the Amberpet Assembly constituency.

In an emotional tone, he said, "The people of Amberpet gave me political life and they will always be in my heart. No matter how much I do for them, irrespective of whether I am in a political position or not, I will always be there for people of this constituency."

He appealed to them to vote for BJP candidates and ensure that the party will have its Mayor so that there would be an all-round development of Hyderabad and bring it international stan-



Union minister G. Kishan Reddy campaigns on Friday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

consolidate its position in the next two months. Kishan Reddy said. He also participated in a programme held in the Musheraabad Assembly constituency.

Meanwhile, former corporator Aruna Jayender joined the BJP in the presence of Kishan Reddy and OBC National president Dr. K. Laxman.

NO ONE IS TAKING KCR SERIOUSLY, ANYMORE: BANDI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that the party is working for the country and poor people, during election campaigns at Saidabad, IS Sadan Kurma Guda and Singareni Colony on Friday.

He ridiculed Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's proposed public meeting on Saturday and said that people of Hyderabad would not him seriously. The senior BJP leader said for sheer lies and histrionics, Chandrashekar Rao should be given an Oscar. Sanjay was confident that the next Mayor would be from BJP.

Wanting to know why Chandrashekar Rao had not visited Bhainsa where poor Hindus had lost their property, he said the Chief Minister was projecting a Hindu image for himself but people have seen through his lies.

Alleging that Chandrashekar Rao had aligned with a "traitor" like the MIM for his political gains, Sanjay reiterated that there would be a surgical strike on Old City to flush out illegal immigrants staying there.

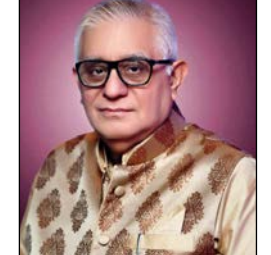
If BJP wins, they will build two lakh bedroom houses for the poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Sanjay said.

12th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



KATTA SUKANYA REUBEN
DOB: 16-11-1930
Called to Glory: 28-11-2008
We all miss you Peddi
Suchi, Sanju, Suppi and Family

PAGDI/ MARKA



SHRI SURESH HARIRAM DAYAL
DOB: 26-11-2020
Today 28th Nov. 2020 at our residence 4.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Passcode: 28112020
Zoom Meeting ID: 834 0918 5096
DAYAL'S & BULCHAND'S FAMILY
Ph: 9849027566

OBITUARY



DR. BRIG. SURENDER NATH CAPOOR (RETD.)
S KUMAR, INDIAN ARMY
A war veteran infantry officer with over 40 years of service passed away in his sleep at Hyderabad on the 24th of November 2020. Sunita Capoor (SN) was a product of St. Gramma's School in Hyderabad, he joined the NDA and then IMA Dehradun. To this day he is one of the youngest officers to complete his Staff College at Wellington. Post retirement he completed his Doctorate.

A LIFE WELL SPENT DEDICATED TO THE NATION. JAI HIND
Condolence messages Email: sn@vqindia.com

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"Those who are righteous will be long remembered." Psalm 112:6



AKULA PREM KUMAR
DOB: 19-10-1951
DOD: 28-11-2016
"You are always in our thoughts."
Inserted by: Wife: A. Revathi
Son, Daughters, Sons-in-law & Grand Children.
Mobile: 9849305995
(S/2021/D00878)

The memory of the righteous will be a blessing. P.V. 10:7
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Rev. P.J. WILSON
D.O.B: 28-11-2011
Inserted by: All Family Members & Members of Bethany Prayer Fellowship.
(L/2021/D00021)

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Mr. ARUN RAJ
D.O.B: 28-11-1964 DOD: 26-08-2020
Mrs. Shweta Raj, Mr. Anuj Raj, Miss. Anushka Raj,
Mr. & Mrs. Anand Mohan Lal,
Mr. & Mrs. Rahul Mathur,
Mr. & Mrs. Animesh Mohan Lal,
Aarna, Anvita, Aarin
(A/2021/D00027)

SHRADHANJALI



SURESH HARIRAM DAYAL
DOB: 26-11-2020
DOD: 28-11-2020
In grief: CHANDRAMANI MEHBOOBANI SADIWANI
RAMCHANDANI FAMILY



OBITUARY
Dr. Paravastu Ranga Chari
(S/o Late Paravastu Venkata Ramanuja Swamy)
B.Sc., M.S., FRACS, FAMS, FAASC, FICS, FASI, FSSA.
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Prof. Emeritus of
Orthopaedics - Osmania Med College, Hyd & Formerly
Prof. of Orthopaedics Deccan College of Med Sciences, Hyd
DOB: 06-06-1927 DOD: 27-11-2020
Funeral today, Sat, 28-11-2020,
at 12:30 p.m., from resl. to Bansilalpet
Shamshaan Vatika, Hyderabad
Cell: 93913 71293

LOVING MEMORY



MAKTHALA AUGIAH MUDIRAJ
(Freedom Fighter) DOD: 28-11-2013
MAKTHALA KALAVATHI MUDIRAJ
DOD: 28-11-2017
Inserted by: MAKTHALA FAMILY & RELATIVES
M. Poorna Chander Rao, M. Suresh,
M. Vengopal, M. Narsingh Bhawan (Sons),
Late Pramela, Swarna, Jayalaxmi,
Jayasree, Renuka, Ramadevi, Sujatha,
Latha Devi (Daughters), M. Sandeep
Kumar, M. Sampath Kumar, M. Vinay
Kumar, M. Vijay Prakash (Grand Sons),
M. Veda Vaishnavi, M. Dakshith (G.G. Child).
Cell: 9849414283

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7



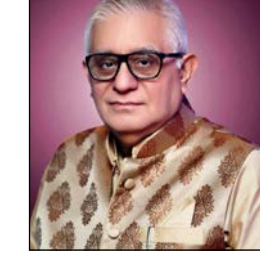
Sri VIJAY MARUR
(Expired 28-11-2019)
Always in our thoughts, Forever in our
Hearts. Your life was a Blessing, your
memory a treasure. You are missed beyond
measure.
Team LIVEWIRES
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IN LOVING MEMORY



JITTA NAGAMANI
Missing you always remembering
you forever Amma.
DOD: 28-11-2019
From: Daughters:
P. Surekha, D. Anitha
V. Srinivas Sunitha
We Miss You Amma
(S/2021/D00877)

SHRADHANJALI



SURESH HARIRAM DAYAL
DOB: 26 Nov. 2020
In grief:
LAVEENA SURESH DAYAL (Wife)
Children: BHARAT (Bunty) &
POOJA KRIPALANI
BHARAT & SMITA DAYAL
MANISHA DAYAL, TARUN KRIPALANI
STAFF OF S.H. DAYALS

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



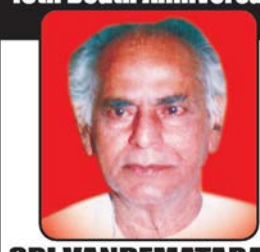
Dr. A.J. Sanjeeva Rao
DOB: 23-12-1929 DOD: 29-11-2010
(Retd. Commercial Instructor, ZTS, SCR)
Mrs. Asoda Soundarya Thilaka
DOB: 26-07-1938 DOD: 21-04-2020
(Retd. Teacher St. Pious High School)
"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed & very dear."
FAMILY MEMBERS
Ph: 9346619386, 950555244

15th ANNIVERSARY



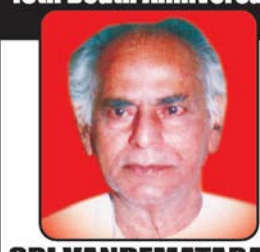
Smt. ANNAMMA MUTHYAL RAO
W/o Late Shri J.B. Muthyal Rao
(Former Union Minister & Ambassador)
We Miss your
Affectionate Presence
Inserted by: Family members,
9849013448, 9908866668, 8978000468.

19th Death Anniversary



SRI VANDEMATARAM RAMCHANDRA RAO
(Freedom Fighter)
Inserted by: VANDEMATARAM FAMILY
VANDEMATARAM BAL VATIKA
Begum Bazar, Hyderabad.
Ph: 9849045914

37th Death Anniversary



Mr. Felix B. D'Souza
Founder of
JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL
Abids, Hyderabad
(Established - 1978)
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

First Anniversary



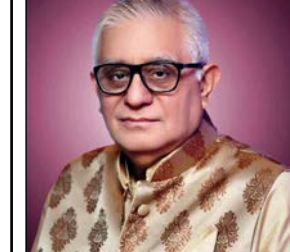
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OBITUARY



Mr. GULAM SAMDANI
S/o. Late Mr. Gulam Ali
(Retd. Education Dept.)
D.O.D: 26-11-2020
The funeral services has been
completed, deep and heart felt
Condolences from family
members, for further details
Contact Mr. M.A. Mubeen
Ph: 9959388635.

SHRADHANJALI



SURESH HARIRAM DAYAL
In grief: KISHORE & PRITI DAYAL
RAJ & SNEHA DAYAL
GIRISH & VINITHA DAYAL
HARSHI DAYAL, JAANVI DAYAL
DAYAL & BULCHAND FAMILY

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



JITTA NAGAMANI
One year has passed since you left us
gone to heaven.
DOD: 28-11-2019
Grand Son: Ponnam Sesha Sai Prasad
Grand Daughter: Ponnam Haritha
Great Grand Daughter:
Ponnam Deekshita & Ponnam Family.
We Miss You Nani.
(S/2021/D00876)

11th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



ELIZABETH MARY BURDER (LALLY)
DOD: 28-11-2009
We love you
"You continue to live in our hearts"
Inserted by: Family members, Loved ones
Friends & Grand Children Violet & Eashani Burder
Ph: 9849244397/27800453
(S/2021/D00875)

15th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. Sandhi John Sundara
Prakasam, B.A. (Hon's)
S/o Late Sandhi Bhushanam
Retd. Superintendent - I & PR
DOB: 30-Jan-1935
Called to Glory on: 28-Nov-2005
Inserted by: Grand Children: Blessy Florence,
Joyce Janet & Family Members
(S/2021/D00081)

Vote only for Cong, Revanth urges Malkajgiri electorate

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Congress party working president and MP A. Revanth Reddy appealed to people from Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituency to give 30 seats to the Congress to fight for justice.

He was campaigning at Gajula Ramaram, Jagadgirigutta, Ranga Reddy Nagar, Moosapet, Fatehnagar and Balanagar divisions on Friday.

He was confident that the party would win Gajularamaram division and alleged that the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) had tried to cancel the Congress candidate's nomination, which was thwarted by the High Court.

Reddy warned the Minister Vemula Prasanth Reddy for trying to scare people in the division that if they do not vote for TRS they



A. Revanth Reddy, state Congress working president and MP, campaigns for the GHMC elections in his Malkajgiri Lok Sabha constituency on Friday. — By arrangement

would cease to get benefits of welfare schemes. He reminded the people that the election, which is slated for December 1, was for local bodies and not for Assembly or Parliament.

The Congress government had constructed

2,000 houses for the poor under Rajeev Swagruha scheme while the TRS not only failed to construct even one house but also grabbed lands of the poor people, the MP alleged.

At Jagadgirigutta division, he said that TRS

and BJP were hiding people who were suffering from Covid and victims of the recent floods. He accused the BJP and MIM of creating a rift between Hindus and Muslims and urged the people not to get swayed by such provocations.

The MP cautioned the people that if they wished Hyderabad to be peaceful, then they should not fall into the traps of BJP and MIM. He warned if anyone tries to raze PV Ghat and NTR Ghat, they would not be spared.

He alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao will stay in his farm house and not give appointment to his own MLAs. There is no way the common people can meet the Chief Minister and express their grievances.

He said voting for Congress candidates would only ensure justice for them.

IN BRIEF

Woman, mother held for stealing

Hyderabad: A 25-year-old woman and her mother were arrested by the CCS police of Malkajgiri for stealing gold and silver ornaments worth ₹22.18 lakhs from her in-laws' place in Yaprul. Officials seized 44 tolas of gold ornaments, 15 tolas of silver ornaments and ₹10,500 from Vasagoni Sony, 25, and Nemuri Leelavathi, 43. Police alleged the duo had hatched the plan to steal the valuables on November 23 to pay the mortgage on their house. They stole the valuables when the family rest of the family went for a wedding ceremony, Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said. The duo then tried to make it appear that a burglary had taken place, he said.

TS RECORDS 761 NEW COVID-19 CASES, 4 DEATHS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

There were 761 new cases of Covid-19 and four deaths in the state on Thursday, taking the caseload to 2,67,665 and the toll to 1,448. A total of 42,242 samples were tested during the day, a bulletin of the state health department said.

It put the number of active cases at 10,839. The GHMC area recorded 136 cases, Medchal Malkajgiri 69 and Ranga Reddy 55. The other parts of the state have fewer numbers.

Doctors said that due to the sudden change in the weather, people should follow safety protocols of masks, handwashing and physical distancing. Those who have do not need to must not move out of the house. Checking real-time air quality before stepping out of homes is advised for this vulnerable population.

SPINE SURGERY HELPS MAN TO STAND STRAIGHT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Stiffness of the spine due to ankylosing spondylitis made it difficult for 32-year-old Mohammed Faraz to stand erect. He was suffering from this condition for two decades and had a deformed posture leading to acute pain in the lower back and legs.

A resident of Baroda in Gujarat, he was referred to Medicovert Hospitals by a friend. Dr Surya Prakash Rao Voleti, consultant spine surgeon at the hospital, said that bones in the patient's spine were fused and stiff, making it a big challenge for the anesthesiologist to insert the tube for the surgery.

Faraz had to be given general anaesthesia and care had to be taken to not stress the vital organs due to the prone position during surgery. It took an eight-hour procedure to rectify the deformity and align the spine.

Post operation, the recovery was smooth, the hospital stated. The patient has been discharged and will be able to lead a normal life, it said.

KONDA GORRE WILDERNESS PARK OPENS NEAR ORR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The Konda Gorre Wilderness Park at Lalgudi Malakpet, near the Outer Ring Road on the Karimnagar highway, was inaugurated on Friday. Konda Gorre refers to the small four-horned antelope known as chowsingha.

This is the city's only such wilderness park and has an accent on biodiversity conservation. The rewilded park has a stated objective of total inclusivity. It is meant for nature lovers and adventure-seeking walkers.

The park was inaugurated by P. Raghuvver, managing director of the Telangana State Forest Development Corporation (TSFDC).

The corporation has planted over 10,000 saplings, mostly of the forest species. The forest area in the park is about 2,635 acres. A small portion has been developed as an urban forest park. The area would be protected with fencing.

In its final form, the park will have cycling tracks, jogging paths, nature trails, green cafes, dormitories, campsites among others.

The Konda Gorre brand identity was unveiled on the occasion and T-shirts and caps with the antelope branding were distributed.

When Customs asked Kohli to 'show' software

F.C. Kohli, father of Indian Software Industry was a tiger, genius, creator, pioneer

SRIRAM KARRI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

In the cold January of 2005, Hyderabad was gearing up to hold a mega IEEE national conference, marked by several other events on the sidelines — talks, paper submissions, panel discussions, industry interactions and awards night. Most industry bodies were participating — Nasscom, Computer Society of India (CSI), Hyderabad Software Exporters Association (HYSEA), STPI, with the largest software company of India, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), being the principal sponsor.

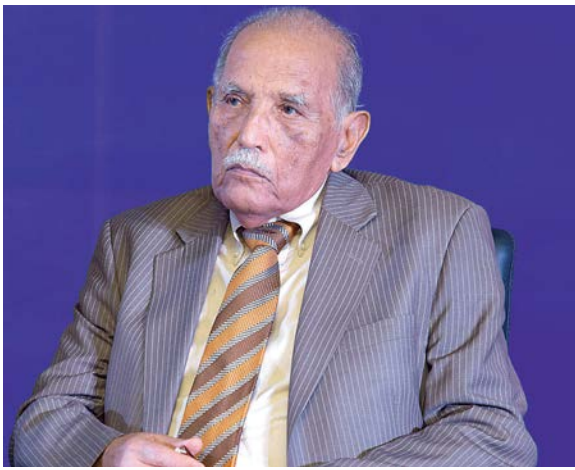
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) event had its global chairman amongst the guests, besides top CEOs of Indian software industry. President Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was to link digitally to give the inaugural address.

TCS, which had just

gone public a few quarters prior, had set the Indian tech industry abuzz with excitement with its campaign, "Software put India on the global map, but who put software on India's map?" The answer was obviously TCS, but if the contribution and achievement had to be personified, it was its founding CEO Faqir Chand Kohli (popularly called F.C. Kohli, or even FCK lovingly by colleagues and juniors).

As head of marketing and communications of TCS, Hyderabad region, it was my responsibility to ensure this conference was a success in terms of its marketing, branding and communications. It was a challenge but not as daunting as talk I wished to moderate with F.C. Kohli.

I was warned adequately against it by Rajesh Nambiar, then head of TCS region, my boss (now Chairman and Managing Director, Cognizant India).



FAQIR CHAND KOHLI: 1924-2020

"Be warned, he is a ferocious tiger: Unpredictable, You may get reduced to a joke in public," Rajesh told me.

I could handle any tiger, I thought, and went ahead.

Employees of the Tata Group pride the number one. Its former Chairman, J.R.D. Tata was India's

first pilot, whose license was number #1. TCS was India's first software company. Its development centre in Hyderabad, deccanpark, had the address #1, Software Technology Parks, Madhapur. F.C. Kohli was the visionary #1 of TCS and India's technology industry. And an

alpha male.

As news spread, not just employees of TCS, but software professionals from other companies began assembling on the lawns of the outdoor amphitheatre by 9.30 am. The security folk were going crazy.

The white tiger arrived. Thousands stood up. I tried to begin my anchoring act, announcing into the mike, "Ladies and gentlemen, the founder of TCS, father of the Indian software industry... may I welcome, and introduce... F.C. Kohli."

Even before reaching the stage, the 82-year-old man, a ramrod straight personality, thundered, "No need to introduce me. I will do it myself. I know more about me than you."

The interaction of over 90 minutes will stay etched in memory forever.

When someone asked him about stock options, he replied, "You (are) an idiot who wasted his parents' money and did an

MBA. You should have remained an engineer and designed great products."

When a lady tried her luck through flattery, asking him to share the secrets of his success, he dismissed it, nonchalantly: "This is the first time in my life anyone has accused me of being successful."

On November 26, 2020, the post-graduate from MIT, the man who joined Tata Power four years of India's independence and was part of the first team in India to instal and manage our first computer system to run a power line between Mumbai-Pune, creator of TCS, one of the world first three to transform a power utility firm to computer-based operations, the man who retired as CEO of TCS at the age of 75 years, passed away. He was 96.

I did have a win in my talk. I asked him if he recalled anything unusual or funny about the start-

ing days of the software industry in India. He recalled one.

In the sixties, he got an unusual call late one night from the customs office over a crate imported into India, worth some \$2,500 odd.

When he rushed there, officials told him, "Sir, because of our respect for you, we called. We would have booked a case if it was anyone else. This document says you have imported hardware and software items. We can see the hardware... but where is the software?"

Bureaucrats could not see, but he saw, clearly, not some invisible-to-the-naked-eye software, but a future. If Steve Jobs created a near trillion dollar worth Apple, FCK created an even bigger Indian software industry.

Let me stop now, enough said. A word more and he might just scream from his grave... what a pathetic obituary you write... I deserve better.

Hyd temp plunges 7°C below normal due to cyclone: IMD

Meteorological department officials predict non-rain bearing high clouds

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

Courtesy of Cyclone Nivar, which made landfall on Thursday, the city will experience a dip in the temperature from Saturday, an official of the Indian Meteorological Department-Hyderabad (IMD) said on Friday.

The rain on Friday deviated from the norm for this time of the year by 1,800 per cent. Besides, the maximum temperature in the city was recorded at 22.4° Celsius, which is 7°C below normal for this time of the year and a drop of about 3°C since Thursday.

The highest rainfall in the city was registered at Hayathnagar followed by Uppal. The rain gauges set up by the Telangana State Development Society (TSDDS) recorded 6.8 mm and 5.3 mm of rainfall respectively.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, IMD-H director Dr K. Nagarathna said: "The day would be sunny from Saturday onwards. There would be fog and mist in the morning so people who are driving vehicles will have to be careful."

While she said that there would be no rain in the city for the next few days, she did say that there would be high clouds in the sky, which aren't rain-bearing.

The temperature would begin to fall during this time, and this would mark the onset of the winter, she said.



Motorists protect themselves from the drizzle as a result of Cyclone Nivar that hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh on Friday.

— P. SURENDRA

GHMC in auto pilot mode

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 27

The GHMC has put its response to heavy rain, under the impact of Cyclone Nivar, on auto mode. The Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams and monsoon action teams will deploy in case of an emergency. They will be followed by road repair teams.

GHMC officials are confident that there won't be any emergency from Saturday since the Indian Meteorological Department

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ment has predicted the possibility of 30-40 per cent rainfall in the next two days, and the stormwater network can cope with this. According to officials, the GHMC did not receive any instruc-

tions from either the state government or higher authorities since the model code of conduct is in place. He said that officials, even those on poll duty, should act in any case of emergency.

"Since everyone is deployed on poll duty, it would be at the discretion of junior officials to act in the event of an emergency by deploying additional teams. No official instruction would be given since the mechanism is in place," a senior GHMC official said on the condition of anonymity.

IMD WARNS OF FORMATION OF SECOND CYCLONIC CIRCULATION

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, NOV. 27

Even as Andhra Pradesh is grappling with the aftereffects of Cyclone Nivar, that struck the Tamil Nadu coast on November 26, another cyclonic circulation has developed on the east equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining south Andaman Sea, the Indian Meteorological Department said on Friday.

Weather officials said that under its influence, a low pressure area is very likely to form over south-east Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours and intensify further. It is likely to move westwards and reach Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts on December 2. Under its influence, heavy rainfall is likely from December 1 onwards over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

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NDRF, SDRF continue rescue op across AP

DC CORRESPONDENTS
NELLORE, KURNOOL, NOV. 27

The State Disaster Rescue Force and police rescued 13 persons stuck in flood waters in two different incidents at Chittoor district on Friday, in the aftermath of Cyclone Nivar.

In one rescue operation, which lasted for 20 hours, SDRF along with fire and police personnel rescued six persons belonging to a family who got stuck in the Gargeya river at Akulavaripalle in Pileru mandal of Chittoor district on Friday.

Two SDRF men with the help of locals reached the other side of the river and tied a rope across the water. They used a swing chair to rescue the victims, including a couple and their children from a marooned house in a mango garden at Kandada village of Yerpedu mandal in Chittoor district on Friday.

According to Urban Superintendent of Police Avula Ramesh Reddy, with the release of water from



Bus carrying women employees to Sri City gets stuck in flood waters in Sathyavedu mandal of Chittoor district on Friday.

— DC

Sadasiva konda dam the house in which they were residing in the village was inundated with water causing tension to the inmates.

Chittoor district received an average rainfall of 10.4 cm during the last 24 hours. Gudipala mandal recorded highest rainfall with 25.2 cm and Tirupati rural received 2.8 cm on Friday. Several water bodies across the district breached causing hardships

to the people and halting the traffic movement.

Cyclone Nivar dumped 84.4 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours at Chagalamarri in Nandyal division of the district. Sirivella, Allagadda, Koilkuntla, Orvakallu and Atmakur mandals were badly affected. The flood water breached causeways at various places in these mandals.

Paddy on 4,500 hectares, green gram on 1,900 hectares, maize and horti-

culture crops like banana and papaya were lost. The district administration has announced an alert in low-lying areas.

The flood situation is grave in Nellore district following inflow of 4 lakh cusecs into the Somasila reservoir. Officials were releasing all the 4 lakh cusecs downstream into the Penna river.

District administration sounded high alert and made arrangements to

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evacuate people from villages on the banks of the river from Somasila to Nellore. Many habitations are under a sheet of water and flood water entered the ancient Sri Talpagiri Ranganadha Swamy temple at Nellore.

Elsewhere, NDRF and SDRF teams rescued 120 persons at Devarayapalli in Anantasagaram mandal apart from 100 members stranded in RTC buses which were stuck in the swirling flood waters at Saidapuram.

Rescue teams rushed to a village on the banks of the river after two youths, Rafi and Sreenu belonging to Thoorpukambhampadu got stuck in the flood waters of the river and saved them.

Traffic on NH 16 came to a grinding halt due to breaches to the diversion road close to Audi Sankara Engineering College near Gudur. An alternative road is being laid to restore traffic.

Forest officials spot tiger in Bhadradri dist after 20 years

RAVINDRA SESHU | DC
KOTHAGUDEM, NOV. 27

Forest officials have been surprised over finding pug marks of a tiger in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district at two places in Sarapaka-Sandellapadu-Krishnasagar reserve forest and Mondikunta near Manuguru.

The marks were discovered two days ago in Markodu and Gundala forest areas. Forest experts, based on an analysis of the tiger pugs, suspect the big cat is moving towards Aswapuram.

The presence of a tiger in Kothagudem forest area has been witnessed after 20 years. "A tiger wanders more in nights and can move up to 20 kilometres within one night if situation so demands. It seems the big cat is examining whether or not the area is good enough for it to settle," disclosed Prasada Rao, forest range officer of Kothagudem.

Tigers give top priority to prey, water and availability of dense forest.

Nobody has yet confirmed the area from which the tiger has come.



A forest official examines pug mark of a tiger in Bhadradri-Kothagudem.

Moment of tigers is frequent in erstwhile Karimnagar, Warangal and Adilabad districts; particularly the Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary.

Forest officials say the tiger may continue to live in Kothagudem forests if there is enough prey available. Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary had abundant gaur, sambar, mountain goat, and wild boar. A recent study has also found that the number of these animals has increased. In addition, spotted deer are also thriving in the forests of Yellandu and Manuguru divisions.

Kinnerasani sanctuary does have leopards. But the big cat though is a surprise.



Photograph shows 'K8', a resident tigress, at the Peddavagu near Regichettu Madugu in Penchikalpet forest range in Kagaznagar division in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district on Thursday afternoon.

— By arrangement

‘Resident tigress’ seen drinking water

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC
KOMARAM BHEEM ASIFABAD, NOV. 27

A "resident tigress" has been sighted drinking water in Peddavagu during broad daylight in Penchikalpet forest range on Thursday afternoon. A youth of the area, Gangadhar, used his mobile to capture a video of its movement on his mobile near Regichettu Madugu. The video has since gone viral on social media.

Forest officials identified the tiger as K8, a female from the second litter of Palguna, one of the tigers that migrated to Kagaznagar division from the Tadoba Andhari tiger reserve of Maharashtra in 2015.

K8 has continued to move about in the area in which she was born three

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years ago. Penchikalpet forest range officer Satla Venugopal clarified that the tiger sighted is not the one that killed an Adivasi youth near Digida in Dahegaon mandal in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district a few days ago.

Regichetti Madugu is a place where K8 has been frequently sighted. It is a dense forest with abundant drinking water. The tiger crossed the road upstream of Peddavagu.

IN BRIEF

NAVY'S MIG-29K
CRASHES, PILOT
MISSINGPAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 27

Indian Navy's two-seater, trainer aircraft MiG-29K flying over Arabian Sea crashed on Thursday evening.

One of the pilots of the MiG-29K was rescued. However, the second pilot is still missing even more than 24 hours after the accident. The missing pilot has been identified as Cdr Nishant Singh.

Aircraft and ships are involved in searching for the missing pilot.

As a safety mechanism, Indian Navy's pilot flying suit is equipped with vest which inflates and allows them to remain afloat in water during such emergency scenarios. Also there is personal locator in the suit, which when pressed by a pilot in distress, emits emergency radio signal which helps in locating him in such cases.

"We have increased the number of units searching for the missing pilot. Every effort is being made to locate him," said a senior official.

Till the time of filing of this news report there has been no trace of Cdr Singh.

BID TO CAP SURGE
PRICING BY CAB
AGGREGATORS

New Delhi, Nov. 27: The government on Friday proposed to cap surge pricing charged by cab aggregators like Ola and Uber at 1.5 times of the base fare. The development assumes significance in the backdrop of a long-pending demand of citizens to cap the pricing of ride-hailing services.

"The aggregator shall be permitted to charge a fare 50 per cent lower than the base fare and a maximum surge pricing of 1.5 times the base fare," said the Motor Vehicle Aggregators Guidelines, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

This will enable and promote asset utilisation which has been the fundamental concept of transport aggregation and also substantiate the dynamic pricing principle which is pertinent in ensuring asset utilisation in accordance with the market forces of demand and supply, the ministry said.

The driver of a vehicle integrated with the aggregator shall receive at least 80 per cent of the fare applicable on each ride and the remaining charges for each ride shall be received by the aggregator.

In states where the city taxi fare has not been determined by the state government, an amount of ₹25/30 shall be the base fare for the purpose of fare regulation, the guidelines said.

Similar fare fixation shall be done by the state government of other vehicles integrated by aggregators with the relevant state, the ministry said.

Research firm RedSeer said that the guidelines for cab aggregators which seek to cap surge pricing at 1.5X among other provisions are expected to have mixed impact for the sector that will benefit from improved safety regulations but could have "negative" fallouts for drivers' earnings.

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Protesters pelt stones during the Delhi Chalo march by members of various farmer organisations over the farm reform laws at Singhu border in New Delhi on Friday. - PTI

Farmers brave tear gas,
baton charge to reach Delhi

Centre invites farmers for talks on Dec. 3; Amarinder welcomes decision

SANJAY KAW &
BHASKAR HARI
SHARMA | DC
NEW DELHI, NOV. 27

Thousands of farmers on Friday braved batons, tear gas and water cannons along the Delhi-Haryana border before the authorities allowed them to march towards the national capital as part of their "Delhi Chalo" protest against the Centre's new farm laws.

Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh, accused by his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar of instigating farmers, was the first one to welcome the Centre's decision to allow the protesters to enter the city.

Soon after Capt. Singh urged the Centre to immediately initiate talks to address the farmers' issues, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar reiterated that the government would hold talks next week.

He said, "The government has always been ready to discuss issues with farmers. We have

invited farmers' organisations for another round of talks on December 3. I appeal to them to leave the agitation in view of Covid-19 and winter."

After camping overnight near Delhi, the farmers clashed with the police for the second day at the Tikri border near Delhi-Bahadurgarh highway. Carrying flags and shouting slogans, the farmers had gathered at various entry points into Delhi in a determined bid to push their way through as part of their march while the police blocked them with barricades, teargas shells and baton charges.

Clashes broke out at multiple places and Delhi's borders resembled a virtual warzone with restless crowds of farmers, mostly from Punjab and Haryana, milling around and a sea of police personnel keeping them at bay. Drones circled the air and plumes of smoke from teargas shells could be seen from far.

Security was strengthened at the border and sand-laden trucks and

● **CLASHES BROKE** out at multiple places and Delhi's borders resembled a virtual warzone with restless crowds of farmers, mostly from Punjab and Haryana, milling around and a sea of police personnel keeping them at bay.

● **HOURS LATER**, the farmers were given permission to enter Delhi and hold a peaceful protest at the Nirankari Samagam Ground.

water cannons were stationed. Barbed wire was also used for fencing at the Singhu border to prevent the protesters from entering the city earlier in the day.

The police resorted to a lathicharge for a brief time to control protesters who broke barricades. Hours later, they were given permission to enter Delhi and hold a peaceful protest at the Nirankari Samagam Ground at Burari in north Delhi. However, there are still thousands of farmers still camping at the bor-

der points, and undecided on whether to go to the identified protest site. It is expected there might be some clarity on this situation on Saturday.

Traffic was also disrupted in many parts of the city due to the protests. The Dhansa and Jharoda Kalan borders were closed for traffic, and commuters had to take an alternative route. There were long queues of vehicles on the Delhi-Hardwar stretch due to the closure of the Delhi-Dehradun highway.

In Baghat, the protesters blocked traffic on the Sonapat highway using tractors and raised slogans against the new farm laws.

A farmer was killed and two others injured as the tractor-trolley in which they were travelling met with an accident.

The Delhi police, which expressed concern over the pandemic situation, had sought permission from the AAP government to use the city's nine stadiums as temporary jails for farmers arrested or detained, but this was denied. Delhi

health minister Satyendra Jain said every citizen had the right to protest peacefully. In a letter to the home secretary, he said the Centre should accept the demands of farmers, adding that putting farmers in jails was not a solution.

Former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda appealed to the people of the state to extend all possible help, like food and accommodation, to the protesting farmers.

In a scathing attack on the Centre, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said no government in the world can stop the farmers from fighting the "battle of truth".

"The Prime Minister should have remembered that whenever the ego hits the truth, it is defeated. No government in the world can stop the farmers fighting the battle for truth. The Modi government has to accept the demands of the farmers and the black laws have to be withdrawn. This is only the beginning!" Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

I am detained,
says MehboobaYUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, NOV. 27

People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on Friday claimed that she has been detained at her residence here and is not being allowed to visit the family of her party's youth wing leader Waheed Ur Rehman Parra who was arrested by National Investigation Agency earlier this week in a militancy-related case.

Ms. Mufti tweeted, "I've been illegally detained yet again. Since two days, J&K administration has

refused to allow me to visit @parawahid's family in Pulwama. BJP Ministers & their puppets are allowed to move around in every corner of Kashmir but security is a problem only in my case".

Later during the day, the PDP leader called a press conference at her residence in Srinagar. PDP leader called a press conference at her residence in Srinagar. PDP leader called a press conference at her residence in Srinagar. PDP leader called a press conference at her residence in Srinagar.

Border clashes spread,
two more jawans killedDC CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, NOV. 27

The renewed intermittent clashes between the facing armies along the Line of Control (LoC) that began in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district earlier this week spread to neighbouring Rajouri district on Friday, leaving, at least, two more Indian soldiers dead.

The Army said that the Pakistani troops resorted to "unprovoked ceasefire violation" in Suderbari area of Rajouri early Friday. "Pakistan Army resorted to unprovoked

● **ON THURSDAY**, a Junior Commissioner Officer Subedar Swathantra Singh was killed and a local resident was injured along the LoC.

cease fire violation on the LoC in Sunderbani sector of district Rajouri on November 27," Lt. Col. Devender Anand, the Jammu-based defence spokesman said.

He added, "Our troops responded immediately to the enemy fire. In the ensuing fire, two jawans of the Indian Army Naik Prem Bahadur

Khatri and Rifleman Sukhbir Singh got critically injured and later succumbed to their injuries."

He said Naik Prem Bahadur Khatri and Rifleman Sukhbir Singh were "brave, highly motivated and sincere soldiers".

On Thursday, a Junior Commissioner Officer Subedar Swathantra Singh of 16 Garhwal was killed and a local resident Muhammad Rashid was injured in Pakistani artillery and small arms fire along the LoC's Kirni and Qasba sectors in Poonch district.

Key Trinamul
Cong minister
Adhikari quitsRAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, NOV. 27

Dealing a double blow to the Trinamul Congress ahead of next year's Assembly polls in West Bengal, rebel TMC minister Shubendu Adhikari resigned from chief minister Mamata Banerjee's cabinet on Friday, while another disgruntled party MLA Mihir Goswami reached New Delhi to join the BJP. He joined the party in the evening. Both have distanced themselves from their party, fuelling speculation of their defection to the BJP, which has also kept the door ajar for them.

In his resignation letter on Friday, Mr Adhikari told the CM, "I do hereby tender my resignation from my office as minister. Steps may be taken for its immediate acceptance. I am simultaneously emailing this to His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal, for doing the needful at his end. I thank you for giving me opportunity to serve the people of the state, which I did all through with commitment, dedication and sincerity."

The TMC heavyweight, who was the face of Ms Banerjee's famous land movement in Nandigram during Left Front rule and later became an MP twice, was the minister of three key state government departments, transport, environment and water resources investigation/development.

Within hours of Mr Adhikari's resignation, meanwhile, Bishnupur BJP MP Soumitra Khan made a startling revelation, claiming over 58 TMC MLAs, including state panchayat minister and Narada sting accused Subrata Mukherjee, were ready to defect to the saffron party.

Welcoming Mr Adhikari's step, Mr Khan said in North Bengal, "It was bound to happen. I now imagine what Rabi Babu (TMC MLA Rabindranath Ghosh) and Goutam Da (TMC minister Goutam Deb) will do. It is a matter of concern (sic). I feel that after Mr Adhikari, Subrata Mukherjee is next in the line. On January 9 in 2019, when I joined the BJP, Bhaipo (CM nephew Abhishek Banerjee) had said a lot. But today we have 18 Lok Sabha seats here."

Tweeting the resignation letter, governor Jagdeep Dhankhar said, "Today at 1.05 pm a resignation letter of Mr Suwendu Adhikari from office as minister addressed to the chief minister has been forwarded to me. The issue will be addressed from the constitutional perspective."

Senior TMC MP Sougata Roy, who recently met Mr Adhikari twice to placate him on Ms Banerjee's instructions, said: "He is still an MLA of our party as he has not quit the post. He has also not tendered his resignation from our party's primary membership. He will remain a member of our party as long as he continues to be an MLA."

He added, "Stepping down from the ministership is purely his personal decision. I am feeling sad about. What I had from the conversation with him... I felt he would not quit the party. I am still hopeful. I will try to ensure he remains in our party."

Mr Adhikari's step came a day after he quit the chairmanship of Hooghly River Bridge Commission, a state undertaking in the transport department, sending out his first official signal to the TMC of his exit from government.

STATUE FOUND
FALLEN

Ballia (UP) Nov. 27: An Ambedkar statue was found damaged last night in a village under Maniyar police station of the district. The statue in Bhagipur village was found lying on the ground on Thursday night, police said.

<p>PARADIP PORT TRUST</p> <p>Corrigendum-II to e-Tender Call Notice No.EM/OHP/40/2020 for the work "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection & Commissioning of 3200 TPH capacity Shiploader at IOB."</p> <p>The last date of submission & opening of the bid for the above e-tender call notice are hereby extended as follows: 1. Last date & time Bid submission : 10.12.2020 up to 1800 hrs. (2) Opening of Technical Bid : 11.12.2020 at 1030 hrs. All other terms and conditions of the original tender will remain unchanged.</p> <p>Refer our website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app</p> <p>Executive Engineer (M) PPT/PR/326/20-21 Dt-27.11.2020</p>
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<p>Request for Proposal For Hiring of Human Resource (HR) Agency for Ministry of Food Processing Industries</p> <p>Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India, desires to engage a credible Human Resource (HR) Agency for providing support to MoFPI in recruitment of professionals under the various schemes of MoFPI.</p> <p>For details regarding eligibility, terms of reference, timeline etc., kindly refer to the RFP of tender ID:-2020_MoFPI_593444.2 and related corrigendum at Ministry's website: (https://moftpilic.in/tender/RFP) and at Central Public Procurement Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app)</p> <p>Eligible firms willing to participate and meeting the eligibility criteria may submit the application as per the stipulated timeline.</p> <p>davp 16101/11/0006/2021</p>

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BIG | RELIEF

Valuer to assess damages caused in order to calculate the compensation amount

Kangana bungalow demolition wrong: HC

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, NOV. 27

In a relief to actor Kangana Ranaut, the Bombay High Court on Friday quashed and set aside the September 9 order issued by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) directing demolition of alleged alterations carried out at her Bandra office in Mumbai. HC said the demolition action was bad in law and the demolition was carried out on wrongful grounds.

A bench of Justices S.J. Kathawalla and R.I. Chagla

was hearing a petition filed by Ranaut, seeking that the partial demolition of her Pali Hill bungalow carried out by the BMC be declared illegal.

Ranaut had sought ₹2 crore as compensation from the BMC. On the issue of compensation, the bench said it was appointing private firm M/S Shetgiri as the valuer to assess the damages caused in order to calculate the compensation amount due to Ranaut. It further said that the valuer would hear the petitioner and the BMC on monetary damages caused to her due

to the demolition and pass appropriate order before March 21. Court also made it clear that the fees of the valuer would be borne by Ranaut.

"The BMC order actuated by legal malice. There is material in pleadings that snacks of malafide and was done to cause substantial losses. We would be perfectly justified to order compensation against respondents," the bench said in its order.

The court also allowed Ranaut to take steps to make her property habitable in accordance with the

approved plan. If an application is made to BMC for approval, it will be decided within 4 weeks, the court order said.

The bench also asked Ranaut to show restraint in her social media posts and noted, "We do not accept allegations made by the petitioner in view of the alleged atmosphere in the state or film industry. The petitioner is suggested to maintain restraint on public platforms. Irresponsible statements made by the citizens are best ignored."

The BMC had denied the allegations of malafide

action against the actor and said that the actor had carried out illegal work at the bungalow and its officials had therefore acted in accordance with the law in carrying out the demolition work.

The bench, however, said that the photographs of the site, BMC's attempts at denying Ranaut's allegation, the comments made by Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut and the editorial in party mouthpiece *Saamana* following the demolition made it clear that the civic body had acted out of malice. On October 5, the court

had reserved its verdict on the plea after days of extensive arguments from all sides. It had also made Sanjay Raut a party to the case and disapproved his tweets and his interview to a TV news channel threatening to teach Ranaut a lesson for her tweets comparing law and order situation in Mumbai to PoK in a tweet. Welcoming the court's decision, Ms Ranaut tweeted, "When individual stands against the government and wins, it's not the victory of the individual but it's the victory of democracy."

IN BRIEF

**Ex-World Bank prez
Wolfensohn dies**

New York: James Wolfensohn, who served as the president of the World Bank for 10 years and was a guiding force for a couple of the most well-known cultural institutions in the US, has died. He was 86. Wolfensohn died Wednesday at his home in Manhattan according to the Institute for Advanced Study, where he had been a past chair of the board. His son and one of his two daughters also confirmed his death in media reports. Wolfensohn, born in Australia, worked on Wall Street for many years before taking over as the head of the World Bank, a loan-offering global development organisation, in 1995.

**U.S. OPENS PROBE
INTO TESLA OVER
SUSPENSION ISSUE**

Detroit, Nov. 27: The US government's road safety agency is investigating complaints that suspensions can fail on nearly 1.15,000 Tesla electric vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has 43 complaints that linkages near the ball joints can fail, allowing contact between the tire and wheel liner.

The probe announced Friday covers 2015 through 2017 Model S sedans and 2017 through 2017 Model X SUVs. The agency says 32 owners complained of failures at low speeds, but 11 said the links failed on roads while traveling above 10 mph including four at highway speeds.

It says the number of complaints is increasing as the vehicles age, with 32 in the last two years. Three of the highest complaints came in the last three months.

The agency says it will investigate how often the problem happens and the safety consequences.

Iran's top nuclear scientist assassinated

Tehran, Nov. 27: Top ranking Iranian nuclear physicist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, was "assassinated" in an ambush near Tehran, the Iranian state television reported on Friday.

Fakhrizadeh was shot and injured in his vehicle in Absard, in Damavand county, a suburb in eastern Tehran, and later succumbed to his injuries, Iran's foreign ministry said on Friday.

Local authorities confirmed Fakhrizadeh's death several hours earlier and also said that several attackers were killed in retaliation. The top scien-

tist and six others were killed in the attack.

The semi-official Fars news agency, believed to be close to Iran's Revolutionary Guard, said the attack happened in Absard, a small city just east of the capital, Tehran. It said witnesses heard the sound of an explosion and then machine gun fire. The attack targeted a car that Fakhrizadeh was in, the agency said.

Those wounded, including Fakhrizadeh's bodyguards, were later taken to a local hospital, the agency said. No group immediately claimed responsibility

for the attack.

"Terrorists murdered an eminent Iranian scientist today. This cowardice — with serious indications of Israeli role — shows desperate warmongering of perpetrators," Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on Twitter on Friday.

Fakhrizadeh led Iran's Amad (Hope) programme which Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation looking at the feasibility of building a nuclear weapon in Iran.

"If Iran ever chose to weaponise (enrichment), Fakhrizadeh would be known as the father of the

Iranian bomb," one Western diplomat told *Reuters* in 2014.

News of the killing comes amid fresh concern about the increased amount of enriched uranium that Iran is producing. Enriched uranium is a vital component for both civil nuclear power generation and military nuclear weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency had said that the Amad programme ended in the early 2000s and that its inspectors now monitor Iranian nuclear sites. Iran's state television on its website later

published a photograph of security forces blocking off the road. Photos and video shared online showed a sedan with bullet holes through windshield and blood pooled on the road.

Israel declined from immediately commenting on the killing. It had earlier alleged that Islamic Republic's military nuclear programme was led by Fakhrizadeh.

Fakhrizadeh's name was specifically mentioned in Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's presentation about Iran's nuclear programme in May 2018.

— Agencies



Photo released by the semi-official Fars News Agency shows the scene where Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was killed in Absard, a small city just east of the capital, Tehran, Iran, on Friday. (Inset) Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. — AP

UK asks regulator to approve AstraZeneca

Britain will be the first nation to get vaccine, if approved

London, Nov. 27: The UK government said on Friday that it has formally asked the country's independent medicines regulator to assess the suitability of Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine for temporary supply, as soon as the company submits the necessary safety, quality and efficacy data.

The UK will be one of the first countries in the world to receive the vaccine, if authorised, with pharmaceutical major AstraZeneca expecting to have up to 4 million doses ready for the country by the end of the year and 40 million by the end of March 2021, the government said.

The move to formally seek approval follows the vaccine team declaring its efficacy in trials earlier this week. However,



A physician wearing PPE kit takes a nasal swab for a Covid-19 test, as personnel of the Austrian Armed Forces (Bundesheer) are ready to process it, in Korneuburg, Austria, on Friday.

— AFP

there have been some concerns raised around the way the results were collated. "We have formally asked the regulator to

assess the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, to understand the data and determine whether it meets rigorous sa-

fety standards. This letter is an important step towards deploying a vaccine as quickly as safely possible," said UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock, in reference to a formal letter to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's (MHRA).

The MHRA is the UK's independent regulator and has already been tasked with reviewing data from Pfizer/BioNTech to determine whether its Covid-19 vaccine meets "robust" standards of quality, safety, and effectiveness.

On Monday, the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca published their interim efficacy results, which indicated the vaccine was at least 70 per cent effective in protecting individuals from Covid-19. — PTI

WILL LEAVE IF EC CONFIRMS JOE BIDEN'S WIN, SAYS TRUMP

Washington, Nov. 27: US President Donald Trump said for the first time that he will leave the White House if the Electoral College declares Joe Biden as the winner, but made clear he is not prepared to "concede" the election.

Trump, a Republican, has refused to accept defeat in the November 3 presidential election, and told reporters on Thursday that it would be "hard" to concede to Biden, a Democrat. "Certainly I will, and you know that," Trump said when asked by a reporter about leaving the White House if Biden is declared the winner on December 14. "I will and, you know that." "It's going to be a very hard thing to concede because we know there was massive fraud," Trump said, once again repeating the unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud. — PTI

'Make-or-break' time as Brexit talks head to UK

Brussels, Nov. 27: The EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier will return to London on Friday to pursue face-to-face trade talks, in what he described as the last chance for a deal.

Explaining that he was no longer self-isolating after a Covid-19 case on his team, Barnier confirmed he was returning to meet his British counterpart David Frost for weekend talks.

The UK leaves Europe's trade and customs area in five weeks but talks on a follow-on agreement are still stalled over fishing rights and fair trade rules.

In a tweet, Barnier warned that the "same significant divergences persist" before he briefed a meeting of EU envoys carrying the same downbeat message.

"We are not far from

the take it or leave it moment," Barnier told ambassadors from member states, according to a European source familiar with the closed-door meeting. Without a change of heart from London, "reaching a deal will be all but impossible," another diplomat reported Barnier as saying.

In London, Frost — Prime Minister Boris Johnson's lead Brexit negotiator — was similarly cautious about chances for a breakthrough.

"Some people are asking me why we are still talking," he tweeted.

"My answer is that it's my job to do my utmost to see if the conditions for a deal exist. It is late but a deal is still possible, and I will continue to talk until it's clear that it isn't." — AFP

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Nifty 50	12,968.95 -0.14
S&P 500*	3,631.85 0.06
Dollar (₹)	74.03 -0.19
Pound Sterling (₹)	98.84 -0.12
Euro (₹)	88.14 -0.23
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	48,142.43 0.008
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	48.04 0.24
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.911 0.039
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.852 -0.026

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Hero MotoCorp appoints Clarke as COO, HR head

Hero MotoCorp said it has appointed global mobility expert Michael Clarke as chief operating officer, with the additional role of chief human resources officer. Clarke will join from January 1 and report to Pawan Munjal, chairman and CEO. "Mike brings considerable global experience and expertise in managing complex operations, international restructuring, organisational and cultural change," Munjal said.

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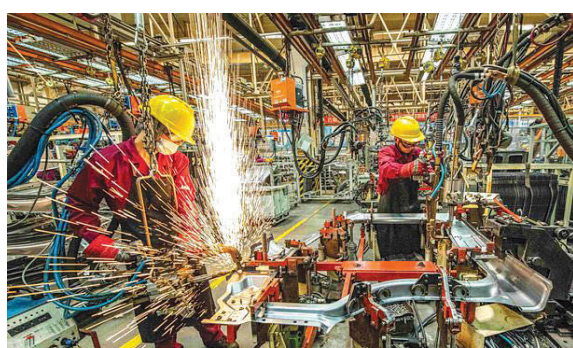
■ GDP contraction comes down to -7.5% Recovery beats projections in Q2

**MADHUSUDAN SAHOO
NEW DELHI, NOV. 27**

Amidst hopes of development of a corona vaccine, the Indian economy rebounded at a faster-than-expected pace in the July-September quarter, helped by a pick-up in manufacturing. The country's GDP contracted by 7.5 per cent during the quarter, lower than economists' projection of 8.5 per cent to 10.5 per cent contraction and signalling a sharp recovery from the record plunge of 23.9 per cent in the previous June quarter.

"India's real gross domestic product (GDP) fell to 7.5 per cent in the July-September quarter compared to a contraction of 23.9 per cent in the three months ended June. The GDP at constant (2011-12) prices in Q2 of 2020-21 is estimated at Rs 33.14 lakh crores, as against Rs 35.84 lakh crores in Q2 of 2019-20, showing a contraction of 7.5 per cent as compared to 4.4 per cent growth in Q2 of 2019-20," data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday showed.

Reacting to the latest GDP data, the government's chief economic adviser K. V. Subramanian said there is an 'upside potential' in the estimates about the economy during the current financial year as recovery is taking the faster pace than expected. "I would say that the given



what we have seen in Q1 and Q2 and with the optimism that is being seen in the estimates, I do see upside potential in that estimate given the good recovery that is happening," Subramanian said, adding that food inflation is expected to soften in the third quarter and it is something which has to be tracked closely.

Giving a further outlook of the economy in the future course, he added, "We should be cautiously optimistic and the caution is warranted because economic impact is primarily due to the pandemic. Given the uncertainty, it is difficult to predict if positive territory can be hit in the third or fourth quarter of this fiscal."

The data further showed that some sectors like manufacturing, agriculture, trade and service segments have shown some encouraging improvement due to removal of lockdown restrictions in a phased manner. "Manufacturing clocked a surprise 0.6 per cent growth in July-

September after it had shrunk by a massive 39 per cent in the preceding quarter... Continuing its good showing, the agriculture sector grew by 3.4 per cent, while the trade and services sector showed lower-than-expected contraction at 15.6 per cent," the government release said.

At this rate of recovery from the depths plumbed it earlier, economists said the economy will gradually exit its contraction mode in the current quarter or so.

"Consumer demand has been observed to be showing signs of revival in recent months. Supply chains, snapped off by Covid curbs, have been restored to a large extent. High-frequency indicators, such as fuel and electricity consumption, apart from rail freight and mobility, have looked up," economists said, adding that festive season sales were buoyant, though much of the shopping could be attributed to a spring back of pent-up demand.

Burger King sets IPO price band at ₹59-60

**RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, NOV. 27**

US-based Burger King's Indian subsidiary announced an initial public offering (IPO) to raise Rs 810 crore.

The public issue, opening on December 2, has been priced in the band of Rs 59-60 per equity share of face value of Rs 10 each.

The public offer from the fast food company closes on December 4.

The IPO comprises fresh issue of shares worth Rs 450 crore and an offer for sale of 60 million shares by promoter QSR Asia Pte. Ltd.

"The size of the fresh issue of up to Rs 600 crore has been reduced by Rs 150 crore pursuant to the pre-IPO placement, and accordingly, the fresh issue size is up to Rs 450 crore," the company said while announcing the IPO.

"The net proceeds from the fresh issue are proposed to be utilised for setting up of new company-owned Burger King Restaurants and for general corporate purposes," the company said.

In the IPO, 75 per cent of the offer is reserved for the qualified institutional investors, 15 per cent for the non-institutional investors or high net worth individuals and 10 per cent for the retail individual investors.

Mid-caps, small-caps seen outperforming near-term

**RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, NOV. 27**

After a bull run in large-cap stocks, analysts estimate a catch-up rally in the broader markets consisting of mid-caps and the small-cap stocks.

On Friday, while the benchmark indices closed in the red with Sensex down 110 points, or 0.25 per cent, the BSE Mid-cap Index gained 1.91 per cent and the BSE Small-cap Index gained 2.40 per cent, thus, outperforming the large-cap stocks.

The situation in the domestic market is panning out just like for the US broader market benchmark Russel 2000 and European Stoxx 600 that have given a break-out after record bull run in the benchmark indices Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 and Nasdaq indices, analysts said.



The BSE Mid-cap Index has rallied over 74 per cent from its March low of 9711.44 to 16,914.65 but is still far below its all-time high of 18,321.37, touched on January 9, 2018.

The BSE Small-cap Index at 16,875.15 is also up over 90 per cent from the March low of 8,872.83 but far short of the all-time-high of 20,183.45 it touched on January 15, 2018.

"In line with our prog-

nosis, mid-cap and small-cap indices have extended their up move after a higher base formation in September and October. We expect both indices to witness acceleration in upward momentum and outperform the Nifty in coming months," said brokerage ICICI Securities.

"Globally, Russell 2000 and Stoxx 600 have also registered multi-year range breakouts. Historical, positive correlation of domestic indices with global peers makes us further confident in our positive stance," it added.

"In the coming month, we maintain our overall constructive stance, with incremental shift to broader markets as the Nifty is expected to undergo consolidation amid positive bias in the range of 12800-13200 after a sharp 14 per cent rally in November," ICICI Securities said.

Credit guarantee extended to health sector

New Delhi, Nov. 27: The government on Thursday said it has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to the health sector and 26 other sectors identified by the Kamath Committee.

The National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) has issued the operational guidelines for implementation of ECLGS 2.0 scheme, the finance ministry said in a statement.

The scheme was announced by the government earlier this month as part of the Rs 2.65-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package.

"Under ECLGS 2.0 entities with outstanding credit above Rs 50 crore and not exceeding Rs 500 crore as on February 29, 2020, which were less than or equal to 30 days past due as on February 29, 2020 are eligible," the statement said.

The loans provided under ECLGS 2.0 will have

a five-year tenor, with a 12-month moratorium on repayment of principal, the statement said.

"These entities or borrower accounts will be eligible for additional funding up to 20 per cent (which could be fund based or non-fund based or both) of their total outstanding credit (fund based only) as a collateral free Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL), which would be fully guaranteed by NCGTC," it added. — PTI

SHORT TAKES

Bagan beat Bengal in derby

Vasco, Goa: Fijian striker Roy Krishna continued his prolific goal-scoring form as he helped ATK Mohun Bagan prevail over SC East Bengal 2-0 in the first ever Indian Super League derby here on Friday.

Krishna, who had scored ATKMB's lone goal against Kerala Blasters in their campaign opener, struck in the 49th minute before Manvir Singh killed the contest in the 85th minute with a solo effort. With two wins on the trot, ATK Mohun Bagan led the table with six points, followed by Northeast United FC.

It was a typical Antonio Lopez Habas' style of play that panned out on the field as ATKMB were slow to get off the blocks before taking control of the game.

Their defence, helmed by Tiri, put up a disciplined show to return with a clean slate for their second successive match in the league. — *PTI*

Belgium on top in FIFA rankings

Zurich: With Belgium still at No. 1, FIFA released its final rankings list for 2020 on Friday and set the seedings for the European portion of the World Cup qualifying draw. Defending World Cup champion France is in second place, with Brazil third and England fourth. European champion Portugal rounds out the top five, with Spain in sixth. FIFA will host the European draw on December 7. The 10 top-seeded teams include Italy, which was seeded second four years ago and failed to qualify for the 2018 tournament in Russia after ending up in a group with Spain. The Netherlands, ranked 14th, took the last top-seeded place, dropping No. 16 Switzerland into pot 2. — *AP*

Badminton League off due to Covid-19

New Delhi: The sixth edition of the Premier Badminton League (PBL) was on Friday postponed to next year, keeping in mind the health and safety of the players amid the raging Covid-19 pandemic.

The league, which is one of the highest prize money badminton tournaments in the world, was initially scheduled to take place in the last week of December in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune.

However, SportzLive, the official license holder of the league under the aegis of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), decided to postpone the event due to the prevailing conditions. PBL is a sought-after global badminton leagues having six-franchise-based teams, who compete in a home and away format. — *PTI*

CCOB emerge cricket champs

Hyderabad: City College Old Boys Cricket Association (CCOB CA) beat Emerging Cricketers Developmental Group (ECDG) by 33 runs to win the 4th edition of Teen Premier League Junior Cricket Championship organised by the School Sports & Games Federation (SSGF) at RKS Grounds in Boduppal here. Batting first in the final, CCOB were all out for 174 in 26 overs. Ansh was the top scorer with 41. In reply ECDG were out for 141 in 24.3 overs.

Brief scores: CCOB Cricket Association 174 in 26 overs (Dharmik 35, Ansh 41, Furkhan 3/24, S. Akash 4/15) bt ECDG 141 in 24.3 overs (Manikanda 36, Sathwik 37, Ansh 3/11, Pruthvi 3/4, Adnan 2/6).

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SMITH HEREENS

Finch, Smith centuries blow India away in opener

Sydney, Nov. 27: Hardik Pandya's career-best effort wasn't good enough to compensate for a forgettable bowling effort as India slumped to a 66-run defeat against Australia in the first ODI, making a rather unimpressive start to the tour, here on Friday.

Virat Kohli's men started exactly on a note they wouldn't have liked, giving away 374 runs in 50 overs with rival captain Aaron Finch (114 off 124 balls) and his illustrious predecessor Steve Smith (105 off 66 balls) hitting contrasting hundreds.

A pitch that looked docile during the first half suddenly came to life in the second as Josh Hazlewood (3/55) bounced out the Indian top-order, including Kohli and a frightened Shreyas Iyer, who got himself into a tangle.

Pandya's 76-ball 90 and a 128-run stand with senior opener Shikhar Dhawan (74 off 86 balls) delayed the inevitable but it was always a catch-up game after the team was reduced to 101 for 4 inside 14 overs.

Big-hearted leg-spinner Adam Zampa (4/54 in 10 overs) dismissed Shikhar Dhawan and Hardik Pandya in quick succession as India surrendered to scoreboard pressure finishing at 308/8 after 50 overs.

India's eternal nemesis Steven Smith seems ready to torment them a lot in next two months if his 11 fours and four sixes were any indication on Friday.

Not for once was he troubled by the Indian bowlers, who were already under the pump after a 156-run opening stand between Finch and David Warner (69).

As far as Indian innings is concerned, a high percentage of dot balls (148) in the Indian innings also showed how the mighty Australian team dominated the proceedings.

INDIANS JOIN AUSSIES IN ANTI-RACISM MOVE

The Indian cricketers on Friday joined their Australian counterparts in forming a barefoot circle on the ground to support the anti-racism movement and acknowledge the culture of indigenous people of the host country.

The barefoot circle ceremony was held before the start of the opening One-Day International between the two teams here.

— *PTI*

SCORECARD

Australia: D. Warner c Rahul b Shami 69, A. Finch c Rahul b Bumrah 114, S. Smith b Shami 105, M. Stoinis c Rahul b Chahal 0, G. Maxwell c Jadeja b Shami 45, M. Labuschagne c Dhawan b Saini 2, A. Carey not out 17, P. Cummins not out 1, Extras (B-1, LB-6, NB-2, W-12) 21. **Total (for six wickets in 50 overs) 374.**
ForW: 1-156, 2-264, 3-271, 4-328, 5-331, 6-372.

Bowling: Shami 10-0-59-3, Bumrah 10-0-73-1, Saini 10-0-83-1, Chahal 10-0-89-1, Jadeja 10-0-63-0.
India: S. Dhawan c Starc b Zampa 74, M. Agarwal c Maxwell b Hazlewood 22, V. Kohli c Finch b Hazlewood 21, S. Iyer c Carey b Hazlewood 2, K.L. Rahul c Smith b Zampa 12, H. Pandya c Starc b Zampa 90, R. Jadeja c Starc b Zampa 25, N. Saini not out 29, M. Shami b Starc 13, J. Bumrah not out 0. Extras (LB-2, NB-3, W-15) 20. **Total (for eight wickets in 50 overs) 308.**
ForW: 1-53, 2-78, 3-80, 4-101, 5-229, 6-247, 7-281, 8-308.

Bowling: Starc 9-0-65-1, Hazlewood 10-0-55-3, Cummins 8-0-52-0, Zampa 10-0-54-4, Stoinis 6-2-0-25-0, Maxwell 6-4-0-55-0.



Australia's captain Aaron Finch hits a six as India's wicketkeeper K. L. Rahul watches during their One-Day International cricket match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday.

— *AFP*



Steve Smith of Australia celebrates after scoring a century against India in their ODI match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday.

— *AP*

NUMBERS GAME

● Australia recorded their highest total against India by making 374 for 6 in 50 overs. Their previous best was 359, recorded four times. Overall, it is the third-highest total by any team against India in One-Day Internationals.

● Steven Smith recorded third fastest hundred for Australia by completing 100 runs off 62 balls during his 105-run knock. The quicker ones are Glenn Maxwell's 51-ball century against Sri Lanka at the 2015 World Cup, also at Sydney and James Faulkner's century in 57 balls against India in Bangalore in 2013.

● All five Indian bowlers except Mohammed Shami, conceded 60-plus runs, only the second such instance for India. The first such instance was against West Indies at Guwahati in 2018.

HIGHEST TOTALS AGAINST INDIA IN ODIs

Score	Opponent	Venue	Date	Result
438-4	South Africa	Mumbai	25-10-2015	India lost
411-8	Sri Lanka	Rajkot	15-12-2009	India won
374-6	Australia	Sydney	27-12-2020	India lost
366-8	England	Cuttack	19-01-2017	India won
365-2	South Africa	Ahmedabad	27-02-2010	India lost

FASTEST HUNDREDS FOR AUSTRALIA IN ODIs

Balls (score)	Batsman	Opponent	Venue	Date
51 (102)	Glenn Maxwell	Sri Lanka	Sydney	08-03-2015
57 (116)	James Faulkner	India	Bangalore	02-11-2013
62 (105)	Steven Smith	India	Sydney	27-12-2020
66 (101)	Matthew Hayden	S. Africa	St Kitts	24-03-2007
67 (122)	Adam Gilchrist	Sri Lanka	Brisbane	14-02-2006

FASTEST HUNDREDS AGAINST INDIA IN ODIs

Balls (score)	Batsman	Team	Venue	Date
45 (102)	Shahid Afridi	Pakistan	Kanpur	15-04-2005
57 (116)	James Faulkner	Australia	Bangalore	02-11-2013
57 (119)	AB de Villiers	S. Africa	Mumbai	25-10-2015
58 (102)	AB de Villiers	S. Africa	Ahmedabad	27-02-2010
62 (105)	Steven Smith	Australia	Sydney	27-12-2020

— *S. PERVEZ QAISER*

Kohli rues first defeat

Sydney, Nov. 27: India skipper Virat Kohli on Friday questioned his team's body language after the opening ODI loss to Australia and said Hardik Pandya not being fit to bowl is affecting the side's balance as he doesn't have enough all-rounders at his disposal.

India made a dismal start to their tour of Australia, losing the first ODI by 66 runs here, chasing a mammoth 375-run target after Aaron Finch and Steve Smith smashed hundreds for the hosts.

"Everyone needs to show the intent in the entire 50 overs. Probably, we played 50 overs after a long time that could have an affect...but having said that we have played so much ODI cricket that it is not something we don't know how to do," Kohli said in the post-match presentation.

"I think the body language in the field wasn't great after around 25 overs. It was a disappointing part. If you don't take your chances against a top-quality opposition they'll hurt you and that is what happened today," Kohli said.

INJURED ISHANT OUT AS ROHIT WAITS TILL DEC. 11

Sydney, Nov. 27: India's senior-most fast bowler Ishant Sharma has been ruled out of the upcoming Test matches against Australia as he will not be match-fit in time while Rohit Sharma's hamstring will be assessed finally on December 11, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Thursday.

BCCI issued a short injury update of the two senior players after a fiery online media interaction by Virat Kohli, who made his displeasure clear about lack of communication and clarity on the whole issue. While Kohli had raised a question as to why Rohit didn't do his rehabilitation in Australia along with Wriddhiman Saha, Shah in his press note clarified that Rohit had come back to country to attend his ailing father after which he reported to the NCA.

"Rohit Sharma had to come back to Mumbai after the IPL to attend to his ailing father. His father is now recuperating well and that has allowed him to travel to the NCA and start his rehabilitation," Shah said.

— *PTI*

The Indian skipper added, Kohli said his bowlers couldn't pick wickets regularly and it allowed the Australians to post a big total in the end.

— *PTI*

NATARAJAN IN INDIA ODI SIDE AS SAINI COVER

Sydney, Nov. 27: The BCCI on Thursday dded left-arm seamer T. Natarajan to India's ODI squad as half-fit paceman Navdeep Saini's cover.

According to BCCI press release that landed close to midnight, Saini had complained of back spasms which led to the 29-year-old yorker specialist from Tamil Nadu's inclusion in the 50-over format.

Natarajan, who has played 15 List 'A' matches so far, was initially a net bowler accompanying the Indian team and then made it to the T20 squad after Varun Chakravarthy pulled out and now is a part of ODI squad. Natarajan put up a splendid performance with the ball for SRH in the recently concluded IPL that led to his selection.

— *PTI*

Brazil mourns Diego's demise

Sao Paulo, Nov. 27: Brazil and Argentina are long rivals for football supremacy in South America, and Brazilians naturally think of their own Pele as the best footballer in history. But they are putting aside the argument to mourn the death of Argentine superstar Diego Maradona.

Ex-presidents, author Paulo Coelho and former competitors were among Brazilians paying tribute to Maradona for his influence on the game and charisma off the field. Brazilian newspapers that only put sports in their top headline when the national team wins a World Cup had Maradona's death in that position Thursday.

A mural of Maradona was even painted on a wall in the Vila Cruzeiro favela in Rio de Janeiro, an honor that proud and soccer-crazy Brazilians rarely, if ever, give to foreigners.

"He was an example of persistence and perseverance because he grew in life as a human being," said graffiti artist Angelo Campos, who painted an energetic Maradona in a blue shirt under an inscription with his nickname, "El Pibe de Oro" (the Golden Kid).

The Neo Quimica Arena in Sao Paulo displayed a triumphant Maradona image on a giant screen by its main entrance. That is the same stadium where most Brazilian fans cheered against Argentina in the 2014 World Cup semifinal against Holland.

Argentina won on penalties but lost final to Germany 1-0. All top-tier Brazilian clubs paid tributes, including Santos, where Pele played nearly all of his career.

— *AFP*

POLICE CLASH WITH FANS IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Nov. 27: Riot police fired rubber bullets and tear gas in clashes Thursday with football fans near the wake for Argentine football legend Diego Maradona in Buenos Aires.

Officials earlier ordered Maradona's coffin to be moved to another room inside the presidential palace after fans took over an inner courtyard and disrupted his lying in state.

The government had early announced a three-hour extension to the wake to allow time for fans to pay their respects.

Tens of thousands of people had queued from early morning to file past the star's coffin, draped in the Argentine flag and the player's No.10 jersey, at the presidential palace. Many of the mourners were in tears, and some wore replicas of the World Cup winner's jersey as they gathered at the Casa Rosada palace to see his coffin.

But as the day wore on, fans queueing outside the palace grew increasingly impatient and some took over a courtyard inside the palace, where they chanted slogans.

At the same time, riot police clashed with stone throwing fans on streets around the palace, and several people were arrested.

— *AFP*



Players of Napoli (in blue) and Rijeka observe a minute's silence in homage to Maradona prior to their Europa League match at the San Paolo stadium in Naples on Thursday as a screen displays a photo of late Argentinian legend, who had played for Napoli in the 1980s.

— *AFP*

Napoli dedicate win to Maradona

Paris, Nov. 27: Napoli honoured the memory of Diego Maradona with a 2-0 win over Rijeka which allowed them to go top of Europa League Group 'F' in the first match since the death of their Argentine icon.

Gennaro Gattuso's side entered the field all wearing the number 10 jersey of Maradona, who won Napoli's only Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990 as well as the 1989 UEFA Cup.

"Diego is a legend and will never die," Gattuso said after the match. "Since yesterday you could see that the city breathed a different atmosphere. We hope to dedicate something important to him and win a trophy," he added.

Napoli are now two points ahead of AZ Alkmaar and Real

Sociedad following their goalless draw in the Netherlands.

Roma made their way into the last 32 with a 2-0 win at Romanian side Cluj, while Hoffenheim joined them after ensuring their respective passages into the next round from L.

Earlier Jame Vardy's last-gasp leveller in a thrilling 3-3 at Roma sent Leicester City through to the knock-out rounds, where they were also joined by Arsenal thanks to their 3-0 win at Molde.

Leicester looked dead and buried when Fransergio put the hosts 3-2 ahead in the first minute of added time, but Vardy stole in at the back post shortly after to tap in the goal that put the Premier League side into the Last 32.

— *AFP*

STADIUM NEAR BARASAT NAMED AFTER MARADONA

Kolkata, Nov. 27: A stadium near Barasat, where Diego Maradona was last seen in action in India (December 12, 2017), was on Friday named after the football legend.

During his last visit to Kolkata three years ago, Maradona had conducted a football clinic with school children at the Aditya School of Sports in Kadambgachi on the outskirts of Barasat, about 35 kilometres from Kolkata. "The stadium has now been converted into a full-fledged cricket stadium in the size of Eden Gardens and we have named it 'Diego Maradona Aditya School of Sports Cricket Stadium'," chairman of Aditya Group Anirban Aditya said.

"This is the first ever cricket stadium in the Argentine football legend's name. We also have special Maradona memorabilia in the changing room. The seat and the cloth hanger that Maradona used would now be kept reserved with his autographed No.10 jersey," Aditya added.

Anirban Aditya said they had built the stadium in just four months and Maradona was the first sportsperson to step on to it.

— *PTI*

