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Singhvi's RS seat yields ₹500 notes

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said that the security staff had recovered a wad of ₹500 notes from the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi, leading to an uproar in the House with ruling and Opposition benches trading allegations and angry words. "After adjournment of the House yesterday (Thursday), a wad of currency notes was apparently recovered by security officials from seat no 222 presently allotted to Abhishek Manu Singhvi, elected from the state of Telangana," he said.

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6 hurt as cops fire tear gas at farmers rally

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC
NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Hours after starting the "Delhi Chalo" protest, the farmers on Friday suspended the march for a day after several of them sustained injuries as the Haryana police resorted to teargas shelling to disperse protesters who tried to breach the multi-layered barricades erected at Shambhu on the Punjab and Haryana border. The farmers are protesting to press for various demands, including a legal guarantee for MSP.

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Revanth: Congress made police strong

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Marking the first anniversary of the Congress government in Telangana, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy emphasised his government's commitment to law and order, while speaking at the Praja Palana Vijayotsavalu, organised by the home department here on Friday.

He outlined the significant strides made in strengthening the state's police force and enhancing public safety.

The Chief Minister said that the Congress government has recruited 15,000 personnel into the police department within one year. This recruitment drive has seen a diverse range of qualified individuals, including those with postgraduate and doctoral



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy checks a rifle at a stall set up by the home ministry as part of the Praja Palana Vijayotsavalu celebrations on Friday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

degrees, joining the force. "Their inclusion reflects a growing commitment to ensuring peace and order in the state," he stated.

Reddy noted that the Congress government has ended political inter-

ference in police appointments, ensuring merit-based selections to uphold justice and professionalism.

■ Page 10: CM announces many welfare schemes



Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

BRS rule saw 2K acre land grab: Minister

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

In a startling revelation, revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy disclosed that preliminary investigation by the revenue department had found that over 2,000 acres of prime government land had been encroached upon during the BRS regime. The value of these land parcels is estimated at around ₹50,000 crore.

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Govt bridging Delhi, NE gap: Modi

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC
NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that his government is connecting the Northeast with the trinity of "Emotion, Economy and Ecology", while emphasising that in the last decade, the government worked tirelessly to reduce the distance between Delhi and the people of Northeast.

Inaugurating the "Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav" in the national capital to celebrate the vibrancy of Northeast, the Prime Minister said that the gov-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

ernment of Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the first to create a dedicated ministry for the region and also ear-

marked a 20 per cent budget of every ministry for its development. He said that during the last decade his

government tried to reduce the feeling among people about the gap of Delhi and 'Dil' with the Northeast. "Union ministers made 700 visits to the Northeast in the last decade and have spent a long time with the people there that has created an emotional connection between the government and the Northeast and its development," he said.

He said that the progress of the Northeast was not given much emphasis earlier due to fewer population and votes in the region.

■ Page 11: Many special schemes for NE, says PM

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EVENTS TODAY

- India's place in the emerging world order**
Time: 6 pm
Venue: Guruswamy Centre, Secunderabad
- Kalasagaram: Tamil drama 'Nidharsanam' by Kudanthalali**
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Keyes High School, Secunderabad
- Intuc state-level meeting by Minimum Wages Advisory Board**
Time: 1.30 pm
Venue: Ravindra Bharathi
- Hyderabad International Jazz Festival**
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Hyderabad Public School
- Success Unlimited: Speech by Swami Swaroopananda**
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
- Future Technology Show**
Time: 10 am
Venue: Hitex
- International conference on circadian rhythms**
Time: 10 am
Venue: IIT-Hyderabad
- Toranam: Presentation on architecture by Yeshwant Ramamurthy**
Time: 10 am
Venue: Crafts Council of Telangana (CCT) Spaces
- Book release by Patipaka Foundation**
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Ravindra Bharathi

SHORT TAKE

U.P. INVITES PEOPLE FOR MAHAKUMBH

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that the UP government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, was steadfast in its mission to make Mahakumbh 2025 a global emblem of India's cultural unity.

As part of this vision, Maurya conducted a roadshow here on Friday, inviting the people of Telangana to partake in the event at Prayagraj.

Maurya said that the upcoming event would surpass the grandeur of the 2019 Prayagraj Kumbh. Scheduled from January 13 to February 26, it expected to attract over 45 crore pilgrims, saints, ascetics, and tourists from around the globe.

"The Uttar Pradesh government is leaving no stone unturned to make this Mahakumbh a historic event," stated Maurya.



UP Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, at an event in Hyderabad. — DC

Revanth celebrates 1 yr of discipline, dedication

Revanth makes history with dissent-free Cabinet, party

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who will complete one year in office on Saturday, will have a unique feather in his cap: He is perhaps the only Congress Chief Minister who was spared of dissent within his Cabinet as well as in the party.

It is a feat that even party strongman Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy could not achieve due to constant and open opposition from the likes of senior party leaders P. Janardhan Reddy and D. Srinivas.

Considered a political lightweight at the time of assuming office, Revanth Reddy has seen bitter critics like roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy turn friends and openly pledge loyalty on several occasions. Revanth Reddy has also established a professional working relation with potential contender for the top post, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

The first success came with the smooth formation of the Cabinet and allocation of portfolios last year. "Every minister in the Cabinet was assured of one good portfolio. I believe in collective responsibility and also know the limitations in a party like the Congress," Revanth Reddy said, revealing the secret of his success in an informal chat with *Deccan Chronicle* recently.

This was in sharp contrast to acrimonious political battle witnessed on the day the Kiran Kumar Reddy Cabinet took oath in 2010. "Yet, the first session of the Assembly post the 2023 polls was shocking," a confidant of the Chief minister pointed out. "It was a one man show by Revanth and none came to his defence when the Opposition attacked him personally."

Things have changed, and the Lok Sabha polls, in which the arch rival BRS of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was reduced to zero, which helped Revanth Reddy turn the tables against the Opposition.

A good orator, Revanth Reddy immediately connects with party cadres at public meetings though he has been often criticised for using harsh language against his political rivals.

However, sources close to the Chief Minister point out that he singularly brought down the stature of Chandrashekar Rao by replying to him in the same harsh language that the BRS president was known to use. In a striking contrast to his predecessor Revanth Reddy has also been clearly distinguishing between politics and administration when it comes to dealing with



Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during the swearing-in ceremony of A. Revanth Reddy as CM on December 7 last year, in this file picture.

Many steps forward and not a mention of graft

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Mobilising a whopping ₹20,000 crore for the farm loan waiver, despite a financial crunch and implementing most of the poll promises including recruitment for more than 50,000 government jobs were major achievements of Revanth Reddy-led Congress government, which took power on December 7 last year.

The government was a mix of first-timers including the Chief Minister, and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Shanti Vikramarka and N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Damodar Rajanarsimha.

Together they pulled off the first year in power showing a greater degree of fiscal discipline as reflected in mobilising funds to meet poll promises without selling land or other assets or the government or imposing fresh tax burden on people.

Significantly, none of the ministers faced allegations of corruption in the past year. "Show me one instance where either I or my Cabinet colleagues violated norms and favoured private individuals or entities," said the Chief Minister in an informal

conversation with *Deccan Chronicle*.

He also referred to the government not compromising on the state interests in the case of land in what he said was a sharp contrast to the largescale irregularities by the BRS.

CM Revanth Reddy referred to the government not compromising on the state's interests in case of land in sharp contrast to the largescale irregularities by the BRS.

state-run welfare hostels has left a blot on the administration and even overshadowed the steep increase of 40 per cent in diet and cosmetic charges that the Chief Minister ordered.

Owners of private properties in which the gurukul colleges and hostels are being run locked their premises demanding arrears in rentals and uniformed men hit the roads demanding better working conditions.

The government has also allowed the Opposition BRS to build a narrative of "underperformance." The government as well as the Congress, according to its own leaders, failed to counter the aggressive campaign of the Opposition, in particular the BRS, despite the performance of the administration.

The most talked-about initiative of the government, HYDRAA, which was launched with the noble cause of protecting water bodies and government land by clearing encroachments, saw the government undertake mid-course corrections amid an Opposition outcry.

Revanth Reddy picked the grandiose plan of rejuvenating the Musi, which he will leave his mark on the city's history.

Centre and got the necessary approvals," Revanth Reddy pointed out.

On the political front, he was also quick to turn the tables against the BJP central leadership for allegedly protecting the BRS by delaying sanction to investigate former minister K.T. Rama Rao in the Formula E scam. With the honeymoon over and people, though in sporadic incidents, exhibiting their

anger, the real test for Revanth Reddy would begin in the New Year when the state goes for local body polls.

While the BRS supremo still prefers to be in political oblivion, the BJP central leadership upped the ante in the aftermath of Maharashtra polls with Modi giving a call to Telangana party workers to work with a sole objective of dislodging Congress.

Lands belonged to revenue, Waqf: Ponguleti Min.: 2K acres grabbed during BRS regime

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

In a startling revelation, revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy disclosed that preliminary investigation by the revenue department had found that over 2,000 acres of prime government land had been encroached upon during the BRS regime. The value of these land parcels is estimated at around ₹50,000 crore.

The encroached land parcels are spread across Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy districts. They originally belonged to revenue, endowments, Waqf and forest departments, he said. The minister wondered about the potential magnitude of the scam once investigations are completed across districts.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle* on Friday, the minister alleged that these properties were illegally transferred to "benamis" under the guise of Government Order 59 (GO 59), which was issued by the BRS government to regularise government land. He assured that the Congress government has initiated an extensive inquiry to expose the culprits and reclaim the encroached land.

Srinivas Reddy highlighted specific cases of misuse, including 380 acres in Siddipet and 8.5 acres in Hyderabad's upscale Raidurg area, where land costs range from ₹80 crore to ₹100 crore per acre.

In Raidurg, government land was divided into 999-square-yard plots and illegally transferred to private individuals.

In Sangareddy, large parcels were transferred to private parties, who later sold them to companies. The minister stated



BRS government's 2018 Revenue Act and the 2020 launch of the Dharani portal lacked transparency and facilitated illegal transactions of government properties from sub-registrar offices.

— PONGULETI SRINIVAS REDDY Revenue minister

that the Congress government is scrutinising land records from before the formation of Telangana in 2014 to identify illegal transfers and reclaim the properties.

Srinivas Reddy criticised the BRS government's 2018 Revenue Act and the 2020 launch of the Dharani portal, which digitised land records. He claimed that these initiatives lacked transparency and facilitated illegal transactions by removing the "prohibited list" of government properties from sub-registrar offices.

"Previously, manual land records (pahani) had 39 columns detailing ownership history and land classification. The BRS government reduced this to one column, leaving no trace of land origin or transaction history," he said. To address these issues, the Congress government will reinstate detailed land records with

12-14 columns. The minister announced that a new Revenue Act (RoR Act) would be introduced in the Legislative Assembly's Winter Session that begins on December 9. This Act aims to rectify flaws in the previous legislation, streamline the land mutation process, and reintroduce revenue tribunals to resolve disputes.

"Revenue tribunals will be restored, and village revenue officers (VROs) will return to the revenue department by Sankranti. This will enhance government oversight and prevent further encroachments," Srinivas Reddy said.

The minister revealed that the Congress government had terminated the private management of Dharani portal, handing its operation to the National Informatics Centre (NIC), a central government entity. He accused the BRS government of compromising the security of land records by outsourcing their management.

Addressing land ownership complaints, Reddy stated that out of 3.4 lakh applications pending during the BRS regime, the Congress government had resolved 2.35 lakh cases in a special drive earlier this year. The remaining cases are under review.

"We have examined Revenue Acts in 18 states and adopted their best practices to create a flawless Revenue Act for Telangana," he said, adding that the proposed Act will prioritise safeguarding land records and resolving disputes efficiently. The minister assured the public that these reforms would restore transparency, resolve long-pending land issues, and protect government land from future encroachments.

State to get 7 Navodaya schools after CM request

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved the establishment of 28 Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) and 86 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KV) across India. Telangana emerged as a significant beneficiary, securing seven Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in Jagtial, Nizamabad, Bhadrachalam, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Mahbubnagar, Sangareddy, and Suryapet districts.

This achievement is being hailed as a testa-

ment to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership and advocacy. On July 4 this year, Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi to submit a representation seeking the allocation of 24 NVs. Their efforts bore fruit with this significant allocation. However, no KVs were sanctioned for the state.

The milestone marked a stark contrast to the decade-long tenure of the previous BRS government under former chief minister K. Chandrashekar

Rao, which failed to secure even a single Navodaya Vidyalaya for Telangana, a statement said.

Revanth Reddy's success came within just his first year in office, highlighting his administrative acumen and commitment to advancing the state's education sector.

The addition of these seven JNVs is expected to provide a transformative boost to Telangana's rural education infrastructure, offering talented students from underserved areas access to quality residential schooling.

Telangana tourism policy to be modelled on Dubai

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to draft a tourism policy to make the state a global tourism hub. He noted that Telangana lacked a dedicated tourism policy for the past decade during the tenure of the BRS government.

He stressed the importance of studying successful tourism models in Dubai, Singapore, and China to integrate their best practices into the state's policy. "Hyderabad's favorable year-round weather is an advantage that we must leverage to boost the tourism sector," Revanth Reddy stated at a review meeting on Friday.

The CM mooted several proposals which include establishing shopping malls in Hyderabad akin to those in Dubai and Singapore, promote the automobile industry in the city following Tamil Nadu's example, connect temples to tiger reserve forest areas for promoting temple tourism, create an environment for relocating tigers from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra to Telangana, focus on innovative concept



Commandoes strike a pose during a police event with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy witnessed in Hyderabad on Friday. — DC

tourism instead of routine attractions, explore the establishment of a mega convention centre in the proposed Future City, ensuring accessibility within 20 minutes from the airport, identify and develop locations for destination weddings. The CM asked officials to sub-

mit a comprehensive report on tourism sites and leases and take strict action against lease violations and expedite the resolution of court cases. He suggested leasing out tourism sites to reputed companies for sustainable development.

To enhancing tourist experience, Revanth Reddy suggested transforming the old Osmania General Hospital heritage building into a tourist destination and boost tourism around Charminar with special initiatives. Revanth Reddy also highlighted Telangana's excellent connectivity, rural road networks, diverse cuisine, and robust law and order as key enablers for tourism growth. "Telangana offers immense opportunities for tourism, with any destination within the state reachable within three hours from Hyderabad's airport," he remarked.

The Chief Minister announced that the tourism policy would be introduced in the Assembly for a comprehensive discussion. He urged the tourism department to work diligently to make it self-sustaining and impactful.



(Left) IAF's Surya Kiran team left spectators in awe with dazzling display of aerobatic manoeuvres over the Hussainsagar, on Friday. (Right) Hundreds of people gather at the Hussainsagar to witness the air show. They were enthralled and cheering for more. — R. PAVAN



Thrilling stunts by IAF's Surya Kiran

V. SHIVANI REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

As part of the Congress government's celebrations to mark its one year in power, the Indian Air Force performed an air show at Hussainsagar on Friday.

The event featured the renowned Surya Kiran, which captivated the audience with a display of stunning aerial manoeuvres.

The 30-minute show demonstrated the skill of the Surya Kiran's 12 pilots, flying nine Hawk Mk 132 aircraft in intricate formations.

AERIAL SPECTACLE

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as the diamond, helical (DNA) structures and the 'Surya Kiran burst'. Spectators cheered for the pilots, recorded videos of the performances and enjoyed the patriotic

music played by the Air Force team.

A spectator, P. Sunil, described the show as a "a feast for the eyes." A stall set up by the Indian Air Force near the statue of Baktha Ramadasu was another attraction of the day.

Commuters at Tank Bund were seen stopping to watch the air show. K. Vishwak, who brought his children to the event, said he wanted them to learn about the Indian Air Force. Manish Rao, an aviation

enthusiast, attended the show to witness the aerobatic feats, while Bharathi, another spectator, stopped after hearing announcements about the air show to experience it. Despite challenges posed by the presence of birds in the area, the Air Force ensured the show continued seamlessly by deploying measures to clear the birds from the venue. The IAF team announced that the air show would be held again on December 8 at Hussainsagar between 3 and 5 pm.

WEATHER
 Max: 30.2° C
 Min: 22.2° C
 RH: 66%
 Rainfall: Nil
 Forecast: Cloudy, Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 31.0/21.9C

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 Tithi: Margasira Shuddha Shasti till 11.03 am
 Star: Dhanista till 4.47 pm
 Varjyam: 11.45 pm to 1.18 am (Sunday)
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 Zohar: 12.17 pm
 Asar: 4.05 pm
 Maghrib: 5.47 pm
 Isha: 7.00 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.34 AM
SUNSET TODAY 5.41 PM
MOONRISE 11.34 PM
MOONSET 11.21 AM

COUNTER POINT

No placards, no stickers, sir... they wrote slogans on their bodies!

Indira Canteen Inaugurated
 Hyderabad: An Indira Mahila Shakti Canteen was inaugurated at the GHMC's Secunderabad zonal office on Friday as part of the Prajapalana Vijayotsavalu. LED streetlights at Sangeet Junction and near YMCA, installed at a cost of ₹38.51 lakh, were also inaugurated.

Cong. revived TG economy: Bhatti

Says BRS burdened TG with ₹7L cr debt

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that the Congress government has made significant strides in reviving the state's economy and also the energy sector. Addressing a press conference here on Friday to mark Congress government's one year in office, Bhatti, who also holds the finance and energy portfolios, criticised the BRS government for leaving behind a massive debt due to its economic mismanagement.

He said the BRS government had burdened the state with a ₹7 lakh crore in debt, leading to severe financial instability, including delayed salary payments to government employees.

He contrasted this with the Congress government's achievements in paying salaries to 3.69 lakh regular employees and pensions to 2.88 lakh retired staff on the first of every month.

"We have not only rectified this but also paid ₹64,516 crore in debt and interest, incurred ₹52,118 crore in fresh borrowing, and managed ₹24,036 crore for capital expenditure," he said.

The administration also allocated significant funds for welfare initiatives, including ₹7,625 crore for the Rythu Bharosa scheme, ₹11,382 crore for Cheyutha, and ₹890 crore for Rajiv Aarogyasri, among others.

Bhatti accused the BRS government of neglecting the electricity sector, citing delays and inefficiencies in major projects such as Bhadradi and Yadadri thermal power plants.

ECONOMY REBOUND

DEBT REDUCTION & FINANCIAL STABILITY: Congress paid ₹64,516 crore in debt, with ₹52,118 crore in fresh borrowing, stabilising finances.

WELFARE INITIATIVES: ₹7,625 crore for Rythu Bharosa, ₹11,382 crore for Cheyutha, and ₹890 crore for Rajiv Aarogyasri.

RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS: Targeting 40,000 MW green energy by 2035; Women's groups involved in solar plant setups.

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE & EFFICIENCY: Yadadri thermal power plant expansion, 500 MWh battery storage, and grid enhancements.



POWER SECTOR REFORMS: 24-hour power supply, free electricity for farmers, Gruhajyoti scheme benefiting 49.7 lakh families.

He noted the Congress government's efforts to meet an anticipated peak demand of 22,488 MW by 2030. Bhatti lambasted the previous government for decisions leading to financial and operational losses, including ₹4,434 crore loss over the next 25 years due to the adoption of subcritical technology at the Bhadradi thermal power plant, ₹261.31 crore in penalties and legal disputes arising from mismanagement of power purchase agreements with Chhattisgarh.

He alleged inefficiencies in project cost estimation had added financial burdens on citizens. The Deputy CM pledged to continue reforms in the energy sector and job creation, aiming to make Telangana a leader in renewable energy production. Plans include introduction of rooftop solar systems for educational institutions and a 500 MWh battery energy storage system to enhance grid stability, he said.

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CONG. GOVT. PLANS TO UP FARMERS' INCOME: UTTAM

DC CORRESPONDENT NALGONDA, DEC. 6

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday said that the Congress government was focused on increasing farmers' per capita income through better policies, effective reforms and a pro-farmer approach.

Speaking to media after reviewing the works of Udaysamundram lift irrigation project at Brahmana Vellama reservoir, along with ministers Komatireddy Venkatreddy and Ponnambhakhar, he emphasised that the government aimed to maximise irrigation coverage with minimal expenditure by focusing on completing pending projects and initiating new ones.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said that pumping into the Brahmana Vellama reservoir would commence on Saturday by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. In Phase-I, 734 acres of acquisition would be completed in a month and 50,000 acres of new ayacut would be irrigated. He said that the SLBC tunnel works were now being taken up on a war-footing and once completed, three lakh acres of ayacut would be irrigated by Krishna water which would be supplied with gravity.

He reiterated the Congress government's commitment to completing all pending irrigation projects in the erstwhile Nalgonda district. He highlighted that ₹5 crore had been allocated to complete canal works linked to the Brahmana Vellemla Project which is 50 per cent done. These works will be expedited to ensure water supply to 50,000 acres within a week.

TG saw all-round growth under Cong., says Uttam

P. SRINIVAS I DC NALGONDA, DEC. 6

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday said that Telangana had witnessed development in all sectors in one year rule of the Congress. He said that the Congress government worked with four principles i.e. social justice, inclusive growth, welfare and development.

"It's administration is as per the aspirations of people," the minister said, adding that the government was committed to fulfilling all its promises to people. He said efforts are on to make Hyderabad a global city. At the same time, the state government has accorded equal priority to development infrastructure and amenities in rural areas also, he maintained.

Uttam Kumar Reddy was speaking to the media along with ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Ponnambhakhar after inspected the venue for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's events on Saturday at Brahmana Vellama Project and Government Medical College building at Nalgonda.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Chief Minister would present a progress card on one year rule of the Congress at the public meeting at Nalgonda. Venkat Reddy said the Congress government resumed work on irrigation projects which were taken up by the earlier Congress government but cold-shouldered by the BRS government.

As part of it, works of Srisaillam Left Bank Canal and Brahmana Vellemla Project were sped up.



Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Ponnambhakhar visited the Brahmana Vellama project in Nalgonda district to inspect the venue for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's program on Saturday.

The Chief Minister will launch the distributory channel of the Brahmana Vellama project on Saturday. Irrigation would be provided to 50,000 acres through the project within three months. Listing out the welfare schemes taken up by the state government, he reminded that 50 lakh families benefited from free electricity to domestic connections up to 200 units. It was also extending LPG gas refill at a cost of ₹500 per cylinder. Free bus travel facility in TGRTC buses was also provided to women, he added.

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SHORT TAKES

DAS MUNSHI'S DEFAMATION CASE ADJOURNED

AISHWARYA GANDEED | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The defamation case filed by Congress state unit in-charge Deepadas Munshi against BJP leader N.V.S.S. Prabhakar was adjourned to February 7 by the Nampally court.

Representing Deepa Das Munshi, her lawyer Thomas Lloyd and Prabhakar's lawyer Venu Gopal submitted petitions.

After reviewing the petitions, the court directed Munshi to submit her evidence before the next hearing.

The defamation case was filed by Munshi after Prabhakar accused her of receiving a high-end car from a Lok Sabha ticket aspirant. Prabhakar also claimed to have evidence regarding the alleged car donation.

Munshi has denied these allegations, stating that they were aimed at damaging her reputation and sought criminal action against Prabhakar for making false accusations against her. The court had earlier recorded Munshi's statement in the case.



TGPCB closes chemical plant for dirty dumping

Tanker released effluents in canal, carried no documents

MRITTIKA BANERJEE | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) has ordered the immediate closure of Ralpro Techno Crafts LLP in Sangareddy district after the company was found dumping untreated, highly alkaline industrial effluents into Nakka Vagu, near Ismailkhanpet Bridge in Sangareddy district.

Early on November 30, during patrolling, the TGPCB officials intercepted a tanker discharging industrial effluents into the canal. The tanker had no registration plates. The driver fled the scene, leaving behind his assistant Kethavath Devadas. The assistant revealed that the tanker belonged to Ralpro Techno Crafts.

The tanker was transporting untreated effluents from their anodizing facility located 6 km from the discharge site. Laboratory tests confirmed that the effluents had a pH



Tanker carrying untreated, toxic effluents with dangerously high pH levels from an anodizing facility, confirmed by lab tests.

level of 12, a dangerously high alkaline concentration. The effluents were highly toxic and the physical characteristics of the effluents matched those found at the factory. That strengthened the case against the factory.

The Sangareddy Rural police registered a case based on a complaint by

the TGPCB officials. The officials also noted that the tanker had no documents or invoices for the material it had carried.

The factory, engaged in aluminum anodizing and operating at a capacity of 200 tonnes per month, was found to be flouting several regulations. Officials determined that it had

violated consent conditions and government directives prohibiting the transport of industrial effluents between 6 pm and 6 am.

Due to these violations, the TGPCB issued a closure order to Ralpro Techno Crafts on December 5. The detained assistant remains in custody, and further investigations are underway to identify other individuals involved in the illegal dumping operation. Last month, a truck was caught dumping chemicals into the Musi near Babu Ghat through a custom-built pipe that took the chemicals to the confluence of Isa and Musi rivers. Locals alleged that this practice had been going on for a while as they pointed out the elaborate setup at the location as evidence.

Following this, the PCB ordered the closure of Rudra Technologies (formerly Srinivasa Labs), the pharmaceutical company which was responsible for the issue, on December 3.

K9 unit dazzles at Octopus show, CM launches SDRF

PRIYA RATHNAM AND AISHWARYA GANDEED | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The three-member K9 (canine) unit of the Octopus force stole the show when police personnel demonstrated their skills at the Prajapalana celebrations here on Friday.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and MLA Danam Nagender watched the home department's presentation. Going around the stalls at an exhibition, the Chief Minister interacted with the staff, who briefed him about the weapons and other products. Stalls were put up by TGNAB, woman safety wing, bomb squad, forensics, cyber security and IT departments.

DGP Dr Jitender expressed delight at the diligence of staff from narcotics, cybercrime and cyber security wings and the manner in which model policing has cemented its place. He commended that convictions in NDPS cases were few, but commended the achieve-

STUNNING K9 STUNTS

● Cybercrime and Narcotics Success: DGP highlights significant achievements in cybercrime, narcotics enforcement.



● Dignitaries Attend Event: CM A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and MLA Danam Nagender watch the police demonstration.

● Octopus Stunt Display: Team demonstrates tactical operations during attacks, including pistol threats, weapon disarming, and Maya's entertaining catwalk.

ments of the cybercrime unit. He said the Telangana police are being admired across the nation over the advanced technology it uses.

Later, Octopus teams displayed how they are trained to foil terror attacks. At the canine force show, the catwalk of Maya, part of the Chief Minister's security detail, was the cutest.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also launched the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), something he had wanted formed after the flood havoc earlier this year.

The SDRF has been modelled after the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). It has a 2,000-

strong workforce, comprising 1,000 personnel each from the fire department and the Special Police (SP). "The SDRF personnel will be trained by the NDRF," said Y. Nagi Reddy, Director General of Fire Services.

Revanth Reddy flagged off 81 vehicles, including those of the fire department. The event also saw the inauguration of SDRF boats, with teams demonstrating various formations on the water.

The state government has allocated ₹35 crore for the initiative, which will be used in providing disaster management equipment including fire vehicles, boats and in providing training.

US consular services today for applicants

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The US embassy in New Delhi and consulates in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Hyderabad will operate consular services on Saturday to accommodate in-person visa interview applicants. The 'Super Saturday' initiative aims to maximise resources and conduct the highest number of visa interviews in a single day.

This marks the fourth "Super Saturday" since the US Mission in India introduced the feature in January last as part of efforts to reduce wait times for first-time visa applicants. The programme is part of a broader strategy to meet the growing demand for travel between India and the United States. To address the surge in visa applications, the US

state department has implemented measures such as remote processing of interview waiver cases for applicants with prior US visas and increasing the number of consular officers permanently stationed at the embassy and consulates.

Mark McGovern, consul-general at the US embassy in New Delhi, said, "This year, we've already processed more than one million visas across India. Each visa represents a family reunified, a business deal completed, an educational journey begun, or a first-time tourist experience." The US Mission in India continues to prioritise legitimate travel, processing record numbers of student and employment visas. Interview wait times for all other visa categories have returned to pre-pandemic levels.



Ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha, D. Sridhar Babu and Jupally Krishna Rao inaugurate centralised-kitchen and breakfast programme in Kodangal.

Govt's breakfast scheme kicks off

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The nutritional breakfast scheme for government school children took-off in Kodangal, Vikarabad district. The centralised kitchen and the breakfast programme were inaugurated by ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha, D.



Sridhar Babu and Jupally Krishna Rao. The programme was presided over by Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhujii, president of the Hare Krishna Movement, and Michella Dominica, head of India CSR and administrative services, Viatrix.

This initiative will benefit approximately 28,000 students from 312 government schools across Kodangal, Bomraspet, Dudyal and Daulatabad mandals in Vikarabad district, as well as Gundumal, Kosgi, Kothapally, and Maddur

mandals in Narayanpet district. The government has allocated 22,000 sq. ft for setting up of a shed for the centralised community kitchen at the agricultural market yard at Kodangal. The kitchen is equipped with modern technology and advanced production practices.

It is a joint effort of the state government and various organisations as part of their CSR activity while T-SIG coordinated the project's funding. Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation has proposed an enriched menu every single day. The kitchen uses the bio-waste that is produced during the bio-gas making process. Water used for cooking is treated in a RO plant. In addition there is boiler plant, gas bank and an effluent treatment plant.

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BRS PLANS STRATEGY MEET TOMORROW

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The BRS on Thursday said party president K. Chandrashekar Rao, will hold a meeting with party MLAs, MLCs on Sunday at his farmhouse in Erravalli village in Siddipet district ahead of the Legislative Session set to begin on December 9.

The meeting is expected to discuss the party strategy for the sessions, and the issues to be taken up.

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He also reiterated the BRS' opposition to the government's plans to install the 'Telugu Talli' statue in the Secretariat, declaring that once the BRS returned to power it would make changes to the statue and restore it to its original spot opposite the Secretariat where a statue of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi was installed by the Congress government recently.

Earlier in the day, Rama Rao, and senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao said that BRS leaders were placed under house arrest to prevent them from protesting how the government was suppressing democracy.

"BRS leaders and workers are being arrested on flimsy charges and cases and the government on Thursday did not even allow us to go to the 125 feet tall Ambedkar statue to pay respects to that great leader on the occasion of his death anniversary," Rama Rao said.

FSSAI CLASSIFIES PACKAGED WATER AS HIGH-RISK FOOD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The Food Safety and Security Authority of India (FSSAI) has released a notification mentioning that all packaged drinking and mineral water would fall in the category of 'high-risk food' under its 'risk-based inspection scheduling policy.

Manufacturers or those processing high risk food category material will have to be mandatorily inspected before a license or registration is granted to them.

QQSUDA INVITES TENDERS FOR PROJECTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The Quli Qutub Shah Urban Development Authority (QQSUDA) has invited tenders for illumination project with architecture lighting from Nayapul to Charminar, Laad Bazar, Charkaman around the iconic Charminar.

The tenders have been invited for about ₹8.19 crore, which includes ₹5.8 crore for electrical works. Interested parties can download the bid document till December 20 at 3.30 pm. The authority will accept the bids till 4 pm on December 20. Price bid will open on December 27 at 4 pm. The project is being undertaken under corporate social responsibility of NTPC as part of the Centre's Swachh Iconic Places project.

Reverse charge will increase burden on some customers

Customers of firms ineligible for input tax credit will feel the pinch

G RAM MOHAN | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The reverse charge mechanism, which will plug loopholes in the administration of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and increase the government's revenue, is likely to increase the burden on taxpayers.

The businesses which will be affected by this move, will be those registered under the composition scheme, educational institutions, hospitals and similar establishments that are not eligible for input tax credit.

This, the government believes, will increase its

KEY IMPLICATIONS OF GST CHANGES

PETROL PUMPS will need to register for GST if they sell products like lubricants, on which GST applies.

THEY MAY face an additional GST liability on rent payments, with no ITC to offset the cost.

BUSINESSES that were not paying GST on rent in the past may now face a GST liability on rent.

GST registration for Petrol Pump



AFFECTED BUSINESSES WON'T BE ABLE TO CLAIM ITC, MAKING THE CHANGE MORE COSTLY FOR THEM.

revenue as the burden of paying 18 per cent GST on rent on commercial premises will be passed on to the consumers.

Explaining the issue, chartered accountant (CA) Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, chairman, GST and Customs Committee, FTCCI, said, "Earlier law allowed a property owner to do the tax planning thereby avoiding extra burden of GST on both the landlord and the tenant.

But with the introduction of a reverse charge mechanism any registered business in the premises would have the responsibility of paying 18 per cent GST on the rent. Businesses who are eligible for ITC will not be affected but those who are not eligible are bound to pass on this burden to the consumers."

Earlier the government did not have ready data on the rents exceeding ₹20 lakh but with the introduction of reverse charge mechanism, the data would be readily available for the government for the collection of GST. The changes will increase the revenue but they may pose an additional burden on small businesses who are in the composition scheme as they are not eligible for input tax credit, he added. Even petrol pumps, which are exempt

under GST, will have registration as they sell lubricants on which GST applies. Such businesses if they were not paying GST on rent will have to pay GST going forward without input tax credit.

Responding to the issue, Vaddiraju Rakesh, state president of Aarogyasri Network Hospitals Association, said, "Burdening hospitals with additional costs by whatever name with an eye on additional revenue will ultimately burden the patients. The actual cost to treat a long bone fracture is ₹1,09,000 but hospitals are doing it for ₹30,000 and ₹17,000 under Aarogyasri and Ayushman Bharat schemes respectively. To do this, doctors are giving services by cutting their own share in the costs. Burdening private entities which serve 75 per cent of the patients to garner revenue would make health care more unaffordable."



A section of DNR Gardens in Yaprul was demolished for encroaching on Yaprul Lake. — GANDHI

HYDRAA razes parts of Yaprul function hall

PRATHYUSH NALLELLA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Friday took action against unauthorised constructions at Yaprul, demolishing parts of Dokuri Narsimha Reddy Gardens, a function hall, after finding it encroaching on the government land and drainage channel lines.

HYDRAA officials, speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, said the function hall was built on three survey numbers: 14, 15 and 25. While Survey No. 15 and 25 were private patta land, parts of the hall were constructed on Survey No. 14, which is government property. Additionally, portions of the structure obstructed a drainage channel, leading to the demolition.

HYDRAA officials clarified that they had targeted only the encroachments on gov-



Portions of the structure obstructed a drainage channel, resulting in the demolition. —DC

ernment land and the drainage channel during the demolition drive. "We checked all the documents and demolished only the structures that were built on government land.

HYDRAA is working to reclaim public land and ensure proper drainage systems are not obstructed," an official stated.

Residents in the area welcomed the demoli-

tions at Dokuri Narsimha Reddy Gardens. K. Govardhan, a resident of the locality, said, "These encroachments have been here for nearly 10 years now. They had political backing and nobody in the last 10 years touched them. But now that the government finally demolished the encroachments, everything must be turned into how it was before."

HC grants custody of Narender Reddy

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The Kodangal court on Friday granted two-day police custody of BRS former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy for questioning in connection with the Lagcharla incident, where the Vikarabad collector and some revenue officials were attacked last month. Narender Reddy is a key accused in the case for allegedly hatching a plan to destabilise the government by creating law and order issues.

The Parigi police would take custody of Narender Reddy from the Cheralapally Central Prison, where he is currently lodged, on Saturday and shift him to Vikarabad for questioning.

The court directed the police to question the accused in the presence of his counsel.

Earlier, police alleged

NARENDR REDDY, a key accused in the case for allegedly plotting to destabilise the government by creating law and order issues, will be taken into custody by the Parigi police from Cheralapally Central Prison on Saturday. He will then be shifted to Vikarabad for questioning.

that Narender Reddy was influenced by political leaders including BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao to inflame tensions at Lagcharla to destabilise the government and its administration. The police seized his mobile phone but were unable to unlock the device. During the questioning, police are likely to open the mobile phone in the presence of Narender Reddy to get more leads in connection with the case.

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• Opening of Technical Bid after 03.30 PM on 27th December 2024.
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Any amendment/modification in the tender documents, will only be uploaded on the e-Procurement website and shall not be published in any newspaper.
Note: If the date of Hard copy submission falls on public holiday, then the next working day shall be considered.
(Approved by CEO)
Sd/- Manager (Estate) NRANVP, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar
S-42355/1

CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD.
(Government of Chhattisgarh Undertaking) CIN: U40108CT2003SGC015822
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (EITC)
Telephone: (0771)-2574123, Fax: (0771)-2574123 Website: www.spsdcl.com email: enitc@spcdcl.com
07-01/EITC/Network/Tr-396/1759 Raipur Dated - 05-Dec-2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
1. Sealed offers are invited from experienced bidder for -

Tender No.	Particulars	Tender Document Fee	EMD	Due Date & time of submission
Tr-396 & Rfx No. 8100040549	Deployment of Video Conferencing System	Rs. 5,000 (incl GST)	Rs. 1,05,000	23-Dec-2024 14:00 Hrs.

1. For further details & downloading the Tender document, please visit at our web site www.spsdcl.co.in / tender / tender notices / central offices and e-bidding portal. 2. Any corrigendum or extension of due date of tender opening shall not be published in newspaper. It will be displayed only on the website and e-bidding portal.
SAVE ELECTRICITY S-42345/2 Executive Director (EITC)

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
e-Procurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(First Call)
System Tender No. 162103/ NIT No.: 03/SAC/24-25 Dated: 04.12.2024
Online Tenders are invited for the following work up to 26.12.2024 at 17.30 Hours.
Name of work - Construction of Pawada Anicut in Block Pharasgaon, District Kondagaon.
Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 473.67 Lakhs
(As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 22.08.2022)
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from **Date 11.12.2024, at 17.31 Hours (IST)** onwards.
NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.
Sd/- Executive Engineer Water Resources Division, Kondagaon For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)
G-242504367/2

कार्यालय आयुक्त आदिम जाति तथा अनुसूचित जाति विकास ब्लॉक 4 डी. नूतल, इंद्रावती भवन, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.)
Phone- 2263708 Fax- 2262558
website - tribal.cg.gov.in Email - prayas.ctd@gmail.com
क्रमांक/141-1/प्रयास/2024-25/9369 नवा रायपुर, दिनांक 03/12/2024
-- संक्षिप्त विज्ञापित --
मुख्यमंत्री बाल भविष्य सुरक्षा योजना अंतर्गत संचालित प्रयास आवासीय विद्यालयों में अत्यापन एवं कोचिंग हेतु "रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति" का ऑनलाइन प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित है।
(1) रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति का ऑनलाइन प्रदर्शन की तिथि 03/12/2024 सार्थ 5.00 बजे से
(ii) रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति के संबंध में PreBid Meeting 09/12/2024, अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे
(iii) निर्धारित प्रश्न में प्रस्ताव ऑनलाइन प्रेषित करने की अंतिम तिथि 17/12/2024, सार्थ 05.30 बजे
(iv) प्रस्ताव प्रस्ताव को समिति के समक्ष खोला जाना एवं तकनीकी मूल्यांकन 19/12/2024, सार्थ 03.00 बजे
(v) रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति संबंधी अन्य कार्यवाही / जानकारी की सूचना पृथक से दी जायेगी।
अन्य कार्यवाही एवं तिथियों में परिवर्तन की सूचना संबंधित प्रधिकारी / चयन समिति द्वारा पृथक से विभागीय वेबसाइट पर दी जायेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी तथा नियमावली हेतु विभागीय वेबसाइट www.tribal.cg.gov.in तथा ई-प्रोक्वायर्ड वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर उपरोक्तानुसार निविद क्रमांक 162270 से खोजित जानकारी / प्रश्न का अवलोकन / डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं।
(आयुक्त महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित) अपर संचालक आदिम जाति तथा अनुसूचित जाति विकास अटल नगर रायपुर, (छत्तीसगढ़)
G-242504339/4

SECTION I 2nd e-TENDER NOTICE
CHHATTISGARH BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, RAIPUR
No. D-543/2024 Raipur, Dated: 05.12.2024
On behalf of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) invites online tenders up to 12:00 PM of 05-12-2024 for Pre-Registration Work of Class IXth and Pre & Post Examination Processing of High School, Higher Secondary, Diploma in Elementary Education and Diploma in Physical Education Examination for academic year 2025 to 2027 for firms having similar experience of five years for at least 3 school boards and each year turnover of Rs. 8 Crores. **The firms/agency from state of Chhattisgarh and neighboring state sharing the borders of Chhattisgarh are not eligible to participate in the tender.**
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Schedule to the invitation of Tender

1. Time and Date of issue of Bid Document	03:00 PM of 05-12-2024
2. Time and Date of depositing Tender/Bid	12:00 PM of 24-12-2024
3. Time and date of Opening of Technical Bid	02:00 PM of 24-12-2024
4. Time and Date of opening of Financial Bid	Will be announced later on.

Terms and Conditions: -
1. Tender documents can be downloaded and bid submitted from 05-12-2024 3:00 PM to 24-12-2024 12:00 PM online from <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. To participate in the tender bidders, have to pay Rs. 10,000 online. (Bid Fee Extra as Applicable).
2. Bidders have to be registered on <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> to participate in the tender.
3. Since the online bidders are required to sign their bids online using Digital Certificates, bidders are advised to obtain the same at the earliest.
4. All Required Documents of bidders must be uploaded online and also have to submit manually in the Office of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, Pension Bada, Raipur (CG) up to 24-12-2024 12:00 PM. Only online uploaded documents will be considered while evaluating tender documents.
5. Bidders are suggested to refer guideline to bidder attached with tender document for online bid submission.
The bidders shall have to deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of Demand Draft along with the technical bid. The Tender document will not be issued by post / courier. Other terms and conditions will be as per Tender Document.
Sd/- Dy. Secretary CGBSE, Raipur
S-42351/1

CCMB genetic study links tribes of Nicobar, Htin Mal

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

A genetic study by researchers from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, has discovered a genetic link between the Nicobarese, about 25,000 people living in the Nicobar Islands, and the Htin Mal people, who are native to Laos and Thailand in southeast Asia.

The study, conducted by a group of nine institutions and co-led by Dr Kumarasamy Thangaraj from the CCMB and Prof. Gyaneshwer Chaubey of BHU, Varanasi, involved detailed genetic analysis of the populations. This study helped the researchers explore the

ancestry and genetic affinities of the Nicobarese with south and southeast Asian populations. The findings were published in the European Journal of Human Genetics. "Previous theories suggested that the ancestors of the Nicobarese settled in the Nicobar archipelago during the early Holocene, about 11,700 years ago.

Our new genetic research on Nicobarese, involving 1,559 individuals from south and southeast Asia, indicates a significant ancestral connection of Nicobarese shared with Austroasiatic populations. Our studies also suggest that the Nicobar islanders settled there approximately only 5,000 years ago," said

Dr Thangaraj. The study highlighted the common genetic affinity of the Htin Mal with Nicobarese. Htin Mal is a population in the mainland of southeast Asia and has preserved its ethnic distinctiveness from other groups over time. Hence, it represented a pronounced genetic drift from the Nicobarese. "Genomic regions shared across linguistic groups suggest an ancient distribution of Austroasiatic populations in SE Asia," noted Prof. Chaubey, the lead author. "Our findings compellingly argue that the Nicobarese and the Htin Mal represent valuable genetic proxies for understanding ancient Austroasiatic heritage," he said.





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and



Tribal Research and Development Centre, Rairangpur



Dandbose Airport, Rairangpur



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(Through Video Conferencing)

by

Smt. Droupadi Murmu Hon'ble President of India

07th December, 2024 | Bangriposi, Odisha

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Tribal Research & Development Centre

- To stimulate research studies, brainstorming and discussions into all aspects of 'tribal lifestyle, behaviour, lives and livelihoods, heritage and culture' etc.
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VIBRANT Somajiguda: Ford Endeavour 2L 2020 & 2.2L 2017, Ecosport AT 2021, Nissan: MT XV Prem 2022, 2023, AMT V Proton E2 Shift 2023, Turbo CVT XV 2023 & 24, Micra 2012, Magnite 2021, Hyundai: Grand i10 CRDI 2015, Maruthi: Swift VXi 2014, 2019, Tata: Nexon EV 2020, Ph: 900012697, 9966919000, 9100098384. (S/2425/C01944)

FOR SALE PROPERTY
AGRICULTURE
1.5 & 9 Acres agriculture land sale in Donthanelle (Vill) Shankarpalli (Man) near Neopolis, Rangareddy Dist. Go 111 Cell +91 912826289. (HYHA/2425/C04647)

COMMERCIAL
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY land for lease/ sale nala 9 guntas S.No: 126/A/A Bandamairam village 3000 sq.ft. Tstare 2 guntas. Ph:7416361248 (HYMM/2425/C04511)

COMMERCIAL NEW Building 3000 sq ft & Y-Junction Kukatpally Hyderabad Telangana. With MNC tenant for sale. Rent 15 lakhs. Clear Title. Ph:767597526 (HYHA/2425/C04639)

MADHAPUR JAIN Capital park leased property, 1st floor, 6003 Sft, 12043 St, east facing office for sale. Prior 17k per sft. Interested buyers contact: 9866100245. (A/2425/C00572)

COMMERCIAL PLOT for sale in Shankarpalli 300 sq ft to 15 acres present car showroom per square yard 1.35 Lakhs contact: 9347768712 (HYMM/2425/C04494)

FARM HOUSES-SITES
BB NAGAR Tollplaza near 1.5 km, 10 guntas to 20 guntas farm lands available 4500/- p.sq.yard urgently for sale. Ph:8977201511. (HYMM/2425/C04517)

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SHANKERPALLY to Chevella Road, Farmhouse plot 10 to 15 acres, Gated community, 60 to 90L. Whatsapp 8374621880, 9346580474. (W/2425/AT000742)

FLATS
DOUBLE BEDROOM
2 BHK flat, north facing, 1024 sq.ft., 2nd floor. Located on a 60th wide road, near Sundaraya park, Baghlanpally. Covered car parking included. Ph:9849906433 (HYMM/2425/C04521)

2 BHK Flat 1300 Stt at DD Colony for Sale. 100% Vastu. Brokers stay away. Contact: 9676446888 (S/2425/C01900)

AFFORDABLE 2 BHK Flats. Ready to occupy. Just Rs. 36 lakhs. Near India's largest bio-tech hub, genome valley. Perfect investment. Ph:8247528242. (HYMM/2425/C04499)

1246 SQ.FT built-up area, Two BHK under construction, possession by March 2025. Vijay RVs Sai Varanali gated community, 150 meters from Miyapur cross road, on main road. Call: 9154157500 for details. (W/2425/AT000733)

THREE & MORE
AMEERPET, MYTHRIVANAM: new 3 bhk, 2000- 2500 sft, ready 2 move flats for sale, near to Satyam theatre & Metrostation, 7900 sq.ft. Ph:9848134126 (HYHA/2425/C04653)

NO GST perfect vastu luxury bhk flats gopuram, Banjara hills, please contact: 8106287873/ 9963814987. (HYHA/2425/C04628)

FILMNAGAR JUBILEE Hills- Aditya hill top- well maintained west facing apartment, 2830 sqft 3 bhk, 4 bhk flats for sale, in the heart of Kondapur. Experience spacious living with sizes ranging from 2,100 to 3,200 sq.ft. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Call Now: 7675075533. (HYHA/2425/C04659)

WE ARE excited to offer a range of luxurious, semi-furnished 3 bhk & 4 bhk flats for sale in the heart of Kondapur. Experience spacious living with sizes ranging from 2,100 to 3,200 sq.ft. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Call Now: 7675075533. (HYHA/2425/C04659)

FLAT FOR sale- semi furnished flat 4 bhk for sale in Madhapur, near prime, 6th floor, west-facing, 3190 sq.ft. (3 car parkings) contact no: 9704123658. (HYHA/2425/C04631)

PERFECT VASTHU 2 & 3 bhk east, west facing @ NJR KLR Nagar Medical, please contact: 8106287873/ 9963814987. (HYHA/2425/C04627)

NARSINGI 5 mins to ORR 3 BHK luxury appts east/west facing GRCM approved 100% vastu 1425 sft/ 60 yds UDS loan avbl Ph:9618578269/ 9401231450 (HYMM/2425/C04510)

NEAR SAINIKPURI, Sec-bad. New elevated corridor JBS Shamirpet. Ready to occupy 1,715 & 1,945 sft flats. Just Rs. 1.2 crore, gated community, Clubhouse. Ph:9502300311. (HYMM/2425/C04500)

PREMIUM RESIDENTIAL flats @ Somajiguda Hyderabad. Very prime location, 3 bhk, 2200 sft, 95 Sq.yds UDS, east facing, hall, gym, children play, 2 car parkings, ready to move, 2 minutes to 5 MMTS trains. Ph:7411589999. (HYHA/2425/C04637)

NO GST perfect vastu 3 bhk flats (east/ facing) ready to occupy @ Somajiguda for details please contact: 8106287873, 9963814987. (HYHA/2425/C04628)

SHANTHANAGAR, KOWKOOR Road, Yaprak, 3 bhk flats for sale, 1431, 1453, 1459 sfts, 6 months to occupy, loans available, 9570609999, 9888252223, 9888262223. (HYHA/2425/C04599)

MULTIPLE FLATS
APARTMENTS for sale in Banjara Hills, Windsor Park. Apts, road no.10 (lane beside cafe coffee day). Centrally located. Can be sold individually or as a block (suitable for jewellery showrooms, service apartments, software offices, etc.). Contact: 9542111149. (HYHA/2425/C04623)

INDEPENDENT HOUSE
THREE & MORE
ARAMGHAR MAMIDIAPALLY Prime location & Res: 160 units, 4-5 BHK premium high profile ultra luxury Triplex Villas, Plot sizes 300 to 550 Sq.Yds, 4450 to 7555 Sft 2 acres Coir Turf 400 sq yds, swimming pool, premium amenities Rate 5.38 Cr (HYHA/2425/C04501)

143 SQ.YARDS duplex house for sale north/ east corner, behind Uppal bus depot Boduppal, near Balaji Jewellery Showrooms, 9703988111 (HYMM/2425/C04522)

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2 BHK in Begumpet rent. Rs.20,000 p.m, north facing, 1200 Sft, 2nd floor, family only, beside KIMS hospital, near ORR- Hyderabad. Contact: 9154229367/ 9281062867. (HYMM/2425/C04525)

THREE & MORE
BANJARA HILLS, Road no-13, independent house, 5 bedrooms, east facing, big lawn, four car parking, 2 servant room, 3 bathrooms, 1000 sq.ft. Trendset, 4 BHK 2 Lakhs. Ph:737421169. (A/2425/C00578)

3BHK, 100% Vastu, 3000 sqft) 2nd floor, No Lift, Gated community independent house, 24hr water, 2 balconies, modular kitchen, bathroom, latest fittings, 16000/p.m. SatyaSai Enclave, Bowenpally, Secunderabad, Phone: 9860012672. (S/2425/C01934)

SECUNDERABAD, YAPRAL Shaili Garden Commercial 3BHK Duplex House for sale, North Facing 250 sq.yds, 3400 sft, 100 feet Road. Ph:7207133444, 7207233444 (HYHA/2425/C04513)

INDUSTRIAL LAND
INDUSTRIAL OPEN land available for sale/lease and outrate in Medchal, Gagajipura, Vavilala, Kazipally, 50k sft godown available in Kazipally near Bowampet 1 km from ORR. Ph:9100496671, 9704035184 (HYMM/2425/C04519)

LAND
MUCHERLA, KANDAKUR Mandal, Srisailem Highway, very next to main road, prime location land measuring acre 3.31 guntas along with fencing, borewell, guest house and plantation. Price 2.25 crore per acre. Only serious buyers call 8977727776 (HYHA/2425/C04650)

82 SQ yds sale Sitaphalmadi, beside Pragathi School, suitable for 650 sq yd shop and two floors with 1200 sq ft flat on top. Railway NOC obtained. Contact: 91 9701222770 Vinod Achanta. (HYMM/2425/C04508)

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JUBILEE HILLS road no 10, near Jubilee Hills 1558 Sq. Yards double with boundary wall 9963181545, 9346687377. (HYHA/2425/C04609)

KOMPALLY OPEN plot for sale 500 sqyds north facing on 50 feet road gated community 1 km from national highway ph:9849325173. (HYHA/2425/C04508)

FOR URGENT SALE 165 Sq.Yds in Silver Castle Shatabdi Township Banjara Village, Kothur township. Owner first allottee Contact: 7416960281, 9885129911. (A/2425/C00583)

EAST FACING plot 444 sq.yds for Sale Dhana Laxmi Colony, Mahendra Hills, Secunderabad. Contact 998533547 between 10:00AM to 9:00PM. (S/2425/C01938)

PLOT FOR Sale/Lease at Dabipur, Medchal, 2300 Sq.Yds, East facing, located 3 minutes from NH-44, near Aparna Urvi. Suitable for Residential/ Commercial/ Industrial/ Agricultural/ Growing neighborhood ready for immediate development. Negotiable. Contact: 9676206368, 9989257738. (A/2425/C00529)

GATED COMMUNITY Farmland Rs: 2499/- per sq.yd. 5 & 10 guntas very prime location, Hyderabad to Vijayawada NH @ Narketpally, 7 km away from NH and 2nd bit proposed 4 lane road. Cottage, swimming pool, around compound wall. Red sandal & fruit plantation, etc. Ph:9515438614 (HYMM/2425/C04496)

PATANCHERU AT Rudraram HANDEE approved villa & open plots available for sale in the heart of Gitam University & Mumbai highway. Bank loan available. Spot registration. Ph:9849602786 (HYMM/2425/C04411)

FOR SALE 250 Sq.Yds at Happy Tomorrow Layout Raikail Village, Secunderabad, clear title first allottee NRI Property. Contact: 7416960281, 9885129911. (A/2425/C00582)

SAWERA TOWNSHIPS Pvt Ltd, open plots, nr Shamshabad, 5,500/-, 9,000/- & 17,000/- per yd, 1.1 km from ORR, nr Vardhaman Eng. Coll & Metro station. Ph: 9618106655 (HYHA/2425/C04638)

RENTALS
LUXURY RETAIL in Banjara Hills, Rd no-4, 1500 sft shop-in-shop inside a popular cafe. High visibility, high traffic, excellent sit-out affordable rent. Ready to move! Call: +91 9573212344. (HYHA/2425/C04645)

BOWENPALLY -BALANAGAR road, beside Nexa showroom: cellar+ G+1 floor building with parking. Available for sale. Call: 9805556888 /9800777079 (HYMM/2425/C04529)

PANJAGUTTA - First Floor for Office 1350 Sq.Ft. Furnished with Working Tables and A.C at Durganagar Colony Panjagutta. Ph:9490317601 M.Bhasker (A/2425/C00580)

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING for rent (non pharma) a leap industrial area pragathi Nagar 1st floor 3000 sft with 25 hp power. Contact: 9949867111 (HYHA/2425/C04411)

PENT HOUSE @ Jahinid Nagar colony Shankpet 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, dining area, 1900 sqft area, available for rent residential/ office use. whatsapp: 6281162645 (HYHA/2425/C04636)

FOR LEASE office in West Marredpally/ second floor plug & play with furniture on to main road 600' sq.ft for 6 to 8 people. Ph:9849308966 (HYMM/2425/C04401)

PAYING GUEST
Paying Guest accommodation for men with hot & cold water, washing clothes etc available at swimming club in Secunderabad. Ring 7673941234. (HYMM/2425/C04477)

FLATS
THREE & MORE
RENTAL FLAT, road no-14, Banjara Hills prime location near KBR park, 3 BHK semi furnished with swimming pool gym 3000 sft +front facing block 3rd floor looking only for on LT/ compound. Contact: 9394525282. (HYMM/2425/C04516)

RENTAL (only for family) 3 BHK flat about 150 sft, 3rd floor MUR godown enclave near YSR station and near Narayana Colleges Ayyappa society Madhapur. Ph:9849740365, 9868547693. (HYMM/2425/C04518)

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IN BRIEF

TGBIE announces opening for CIO

Hyderabad: The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) on Friday announced an opening for the post of chief information officer (CIO) to spearhead its information and communication technology (ICT) initiatives. Candidates must hold a post-graduate degree in any field, with computer science as a subject at the diploma or graduation level. Additional qualifications in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and machine learning from recognised national or international institutions are preferred.

Balakista JNTUH in-charge VC

Hyderabad: The Telangana government on Friday appointed Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, chairman of the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), as in-charge Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) until further orders. The appointment comes at a time when JNTUH has been navigating academic and administrative transitions. Prof. Reddy is expected to focus on advancing the university's academic standards, research, and enhancing student-centric initiatives.

UoH launches anti-drug drive

Hyderabad: University of Hyderabad Vice Chancellor Prof. B.J. Rao on Friday called for collective action to combat the drug menace, while unveiling posters of the TG Anti-Narcotics Bureau. He stressed the alarming consequences of drug abuse, linking it to a rise in social atrocities. Dr. Devesh Nigam, UoH registrar, spoke about the need for widespread awareness programmes to educate students and the public about the dangers of substance abuse. "Awareness is the first step towards prevention," he said.

SC dismisses petition against Grp-1 hiring

Court says interference will delay recruitment process

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The Supreme Court has dismissed petitions challenging the Telangana Group-1 recruitment process, allowing the government to move forward with the long-delayed selection of candidates. The court's decision comes as a significant relief to aspirants and the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC), which faced multiple hurdles over the past two years. The legal dispute arose after the Congress government issued a fresh notification in February 2024, increasing the number of posts to 563 from the 503 advertised under the previous BRS government in 2022. The new notification attracted criticism from some candidates, who argued it was illegal to override the 2022 notification. They further alleged discrepancies in the 2024 Prelims, citing

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST RECRUITMENT PROCESS



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14 errors in the exam key, and demanded the postponement of the Mains. When their plea was dismissed by the Telangana High Court, the petitioners approached the Supreme Court. However, Justice P.S. Narasimha of the Supreme Court ruled against the petitioners, noting that none of them had qualified for the Mains. The court emphasised that judicial interference would only cause unnecessary delays in the recruitment process. The TSPSC conducted the Group-1 Mains examinations between October 21 and 27. Officials have confirmed that the evaluation of answer sheets is underway, with results expected by February. After the results, a merit list will be prepared, and two candidates per post will be shortlisted for certificate verification. This timeline aims to conclude the recruitment process efficiently, despite earlier delays caused by a paper leak and administrative errors.

Snooping accused seeks bail

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Dugyala Praneeth Kumar, alias Praneeth Rao, former deputy superintendent of police and second accused in the phone-tapping case, has filed a writ petition before the High Court, seeking a direction to set aside the orders of the Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad, rejecting his bail application and requesting bail. Incidentally, barring the first accused, retired IPS officer T. Prabhakar Rao, all

the other five accused have filed petitions in the High Court seeking bail.



Praneeth Rao

The criminal petition filed by Mekala Tirupatanna was dismissed by the High Court and the same is being challenged before the Supreme Court.

On Friday, the High Court reserved orders in the bail petition filed by former task force DCP Radhakishan Rao, accused number five. Praneeth Rao is seeking bail on the ground that the

investigating team had filed the final report on June 10 without completing investigation and re-submitted the same on June 18, 25 and July 11 to impede the mandatory bail accrued to the petitioner. The petitioner contended that he was remanded to judicial custody on March 13 and had completed 90 days in judicial custody as of June 11 and is eligible to be released as the chargesheet was not filed before the court within 90 days.

5 bikes gutted at Malakpet metro

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

At least five two-wheelers parked at the Malakpet Metro Rail station premises were gutted after unidentified persons reportedly set them ablaze by pouring petrol on them. The police suspect that the miscreants deliberately committed an offence. Chandrayanagutta inspector M. Raju said they received a call from a



The premises of Malakpet metro station after the fire.

passerby from the station saying that some bikes parked at the Metro Rail parking lot caught fire. Immediately, police arrived at the place and

verified the premises. They found empty bottles, which could have been used to carry the petrol. The inspector said they collected CCTV footage at the premises, had it verified and a team was formed to probe the incident. Following the incident, the traffic movement on the stretch of Malakpet Metro Rail came to a standstill for two hours. Later, the traffic police cleared the traffic snarl.

BITS plans research on renewable energy

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Birla Institute of Science and Technology (BITS), Pilani, said it had signed an agreement with Premier Energies Ltd to collaborate on solar energy research and development.



Premier Energies, one of India's leading manufacturers of solar cells and modules, has an annual production capacity of 2 GW for solar cells and 4 GW for solar modules. The company plans to expand to 5 GW. The agreement with BITS Pilani aims to develop innovative technologies and address critical gaps in the renewable energy landscape.

nificance of such collaborations, stating, "When academia and industry work together, we can drive meaningful innovation and create solutions that benefit society and the economy."

The Centre for Research Excellence in Semiconductor Technologies (CREST) at BITS Pilani has been instrumental in facilitating this agreement. Surrender Pal Singh Saluja, chairman of Premier Energies, said: "For students and researchers, it's a chance to solve real-world problems and gain industry-relevant skills. For us, the academic input will improve our processes and help us develop more efficient products"

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Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Vice Chancellor of BITS Pilani, emphasised the sig-

Conclave sheds light on overseas studies

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

The second edition of ShiftED 2024 conclave, held in here on Friday, showcased how advanced technologies can bridge critical gaps in trust, transparency, and accessibility within the global education ecosystem.

● STUDENTS AND parents explored these solutions in depth, receiving guidance on funding structures, repayment options, and sustainable financial planning.

The event brought together over 4,000 students, representatives of 24 universities, and eight financial partners to foster meaningful conversations about addressing these deficits. Representatives of Washington University in St. Louis, Brandeis University, and the University of San Diego engaged with students through masterclasses and breakout sessions, covering challenges like visa restrictions, cultural adaptation and funding options.

the University of San Diego, said, "India is the central hub of education globally. We are fortunate to have GradRight as a partner. Platforms like these demonstrate how technology can enhance transparency and build trust."

Prof. Chell Roberts, dean of the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering at

Their use of AI-driven tools to match students with universities and financial solutions helped over 2 lakh Indian students and processed over \$3 billion in loan requests in five years, a statement said. At the event, students and parents explored these solutions in depth, receiving guidance on funding structures, repayment options, and sustainable financial planning.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (DRDO) CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SYSTEMS (CAS) YADGARPALLY (V), KEESAR (M), HYDERABAD-501301
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ADV NO.CAS/ADMIN/JRF-ADVT/01/2024 Date: 19th Nov. 2024
Applications are invited for the following fellowship (JRF) initially for a period of two years (extendable as per rules) from young and motivated candidates.

S. No.	Discipline	No of Fellowships	Lab/ Estt	Educational Qualifications/ Specializations
01	Electronics & Communications/ Instrumentation	01	CAS	BE/B.Tech in ECE/Instrumentation Engineering from a recognized university in first division with valid a NET/GATE score. OR ME/M.Tech in ECE/Instrumentation Engineering from a recognized university in first division at both B.E/B.Tech and M.E/M.Tech Level.

- Junior Research fellowship (JRF): Stipend of Rs.37,000/- p.m Plus (HRA and Medical facilities shall be admissible as per Govt rules).
- Age Limit: 28 years as on last date of receipt of application. The upper age limit shall be relaxable by Five years for SC/ST and Three years for OBC candidates as per Govt. of India orders.

- IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Typewritten application with complete bio-data along with self-attested copies of mark sheets, degree certificates and other testimonials should reach Director, CAS, Yadgarpally (V), Keesara (M), Hyderabad-501301 within 21 days from the date of publication of the advertisement. Affix a recent passport size photograph on the right top corner of the first page of the application. Please send a crossed Indian Postal Order of Rs.10/- drawn in favor of Director, CAS Yadgarpally (V), Keesara (M), Hyderabad along with the application. (Candidates belonging to SC/ST and OBC are exempted from this payment) Candidates working in Govt/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies should apply through proper Channel.
 - Candidates need to produce their original documents for proof of educational qualifications, caste, age, and No Objection certificate (where applicable), along with passport size Photograph, before the Interview Board. They may bring project Report/Technical work demo in front of their Candidate.
 - NO TA/DA will be admissible for the interview: the candidate have to make their own boarding/ lodging and transport arrangements.
 - It may please be noted that offer of Fellowship does not confer Fellows any right of absorption in DRDO (for any query may please contact at 040-23474115/23474118).
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 - Incomplete application are liable to be rejected. Please quote the advertisement No. on the envelope subscribing the name of the post applied for.

Sd/- (SUREKHA) Sr. Admin. Officer-II for Director, CAS

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- Email ID:
- Whether SC/ST/OBC:
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Qualification	Institution/University	Year of Passing	Subjects	Marks Percentage

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Dated: 04.09.2024

VACANCY NOTICE

Subject:- Filling up of posts on deputation basis in Safdarjung Hospital-reg.

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up the post of Assistant Director (OL) on deputation basis in VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

2. Details of vacancies/pay level etc. are as under :-

Sl. No.	Post and Pay Scale	Total Vacancies	Mode of Recruitment
1.	Assistant Director (OL) Level 10 in the pay matrix (Rs. 56100-Rs. 177500)	01	Composite Method: Deputation (including short term contract) plus Promotion

3. For detailed advertisement, Instructions, eligibility requirements, age limit, application forms, annexures etc. please visit the website of Safdarjung Hospital (www.vmmc-sjh.nic.in)/DGHS (<https://dghs.gov.in>)

4. The applications along with all the necessary documents as detailed in the notice of advertisement available on the website of Safdarjung Hospital are to be submitted in the prescribed application. The applications will be received in **Diary Section, Near Gate No.2 of VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi within 30 days from the date of issue of the advertisement in Employment News on any working days ie. Monday to Friday from 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM and on Saturday 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM.** (However, if the last date for submission of applications falls on national holiday, Sunday or any other holiday declared by the Government of India, the next working day will be assumed as closing date)

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IN BRIEF

Musi riverfront project launched

Hyderabad: Municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) principal secretary M. Dana Kishore said the Musi Riverfront Development Project aimed to bring back the past glory of the river. He said people should co-operate to transform the river in such a manner that they should be able to drink water from it. He quoted the 16th century French traveller Jean-Baptiste Tavernier, who compared the Musi in Hyderabad to the Seine in Paris.

Min. vows action against torture

Visakhapatnam: Police have booked a case on Basava Venkata Ramana, founder of Indian Army Calling (IAC), a private training institute in Srikakulam, abusing and beating an Army aspirant with a belt. The incident took place in December last year and came to light only a few days back after a video of the incident went viral. Minister Nara Lokesh said such acts of aggression are unwarranted.

Praja Palana leads to traffic chaos

Hyderabad: The Praja Palana - Praja Vijayotsavulu that was organised at HMDA grounds near the Ambedkar statue led to heavy traffic congestion around Tank Bund, NTR Marg and Necklace Road (PVNR Marg) here on Friday. This also impacted movement of traffic till Lakdikapal and Khairatabad from the afternoon to late evening. Hyderabad traffic police failed to issue any prior advisory cautioning the public about the events. During the air show from 3 pm to 5 pm, commuters slowed down their vehicles to witness the event, stopping their vehicles on the roads surrounding Hussainisagar. The traffic movement was particularly slow from the steel bridge exit towards Ramakrishna Math and from Tank Bund to HMDA grounds and the Telugu Talli flyover.

US jazz quartet to blend cultures at Hyd festival

Band set to enthrall Hyderabad audience today at HPS

MRITTIKA BANERJEE | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

If one was looking for jazz in Hyderabad, it's not the kind of city where you'd instinctively look for the genre. But perhaps that's why it makes sense because Hyderabad has a way of creating a space for everything that speaks to the heart.

If jazz is anything, it's music born from the heart. That is the heart that one found with the Native Jazz Quartet, an American jazz band set to perform at the International Jazz Festival from 5 pm to 7 pm on December 7 at the Hyderabad Public School.

"One comes from Kolkata, a city that carried the weight of colonial history in its streets, and it carried the music that defied it. Jazz often slips into conversations at coffee houses and in discussions about resistance. This time, my conversation didn't start with music, not directly. It started with changes in the band and Ed Littlefield, the band's drummer and a Tlingit



Bassist Michael Glenn, drummer Ed Littlefield, pianist Ruel Lubag, Delbert Anderson on the trumpet, of the Native Jazz Quartet that will perform at the Hyderabad Public School for the International Jazz Festival on Saturday.

Alaskan Native, explained, "Fabian, our bass player, has moved on to other projects. He was a co-founder too. Michael Glenn is our new bassist. Rue and I are the founding members now," he shared. The "Native" in the Native Jazz Quartet was striking. Asked about it, Ed leaned back and said, "It started with my Tlingit songs, which are native to Alaska. I wanted a way to share them. At first, we

thought, "Why not do native melodies?" It's a vehicle for stories, some hundreds of years old. But it's always changing and evolving. That's jazz too, isn't it?" Jumping in almost immediately, Ruel Lubag, the pianist, added "Ed brought Tlingit music, and then he asked all of us to contribute something personal. I added Filipino songs, Christian brought Swedish influences, Jason brought his New Orleans

upbringing. It forced us to dig deep, to create something new out of these melodies that didn't follow the conventional patterns of jazz. It wasn't easy, but it was rewarding." Ed started his musical journey with violin as a child in Alaska, but a jazz record in sixth grade changed his life.

"I hated it at first," he laughed, "But after a few weeks of playing it on repeat, something clicked. I didn't understand it, but I felt it. It just clicked." Jazz demands a certain openness. It is rarely something one appreciates as a child, but it's also one of those genres that grows richer as you understand music better. "I wouldn't say jazz is above all kinds of music, but yes it is complicated and difficult. But all forms of music are valid and beautiful," Michael Glenn, the band's bassist, joined the conversation as he objected to the eulogising of jazz. For him, interestingly, jazz wasn't something he stumbled upon later. "In Seattle, where I grew up, jazz is part of the school curriculum," he said.

CM announces many welfare schemes

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On the occasion of Home Guards Rising Day on December 6, the Chief Minister announced several welfare initiatives, including an increase in daily allowance from ₹921 to ₹1,000, weekly parade allowance from ₹100 to ₹200 per month, ex gratia payment of ₹5 lakh. These changes are set to take effect from January. Revanth Reddy high-

lighted the pressing need to address cybercrime and drug trafficking, two growing challenges. He said special roles will be created for BTech and MTech graduates to assist in data analysis within the cybercrime department. Comprehensive training programmes will be launched to equip police personnel to counter cybercrime more effectively, he said. He stressed the state government's

zero-tolerance approach to drug-related offences, urging police to work diligently to eradicate drugs and ganja smuggling in Hyderabad. He directed educational institutions to proactively monitor and address drug-related activities while collaborating with the police to raise awareness about anti-drug measures. The CM said families of IPS officers who lose their lives in terrorist attacks

will receive ₹2 crore as compensation. He announced the establishment of fast-track courts to expedite criminal cases and ensure swift justice. He asked officials to take steps to mitigate traffic congestion and pollution in Hyderabad. In a move to ensure inclusivity, Revanth Reddy announced that transgender individuals would be appointed for traffic management roles.

HC quashes Manuu action against staffer

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court quashed disciplinary actions initiated by Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) against a computer operator accused of sexual harassment, on the ground of procedural irregularities and violation of principles of natural justice. The judge dealt with a writ plea filed by Mohammed Shamsuddin Adil, appointed in 2011 and terminated in 2013 following allegations of sexual harassment. The termination was done without conducting an inquiry or issuing a chargesheet. The petitioner challenged this decision. Following representations, the termination was withdrawn but the petitioner was placed under suspension. Subsequently, the university's internal complaints committee, Padash, found the petitioner guilty of misconduct. The university imposed certain penalties and placed the petitioner on fresh probation. The petitioner argued that these actions were procedurally flawed as no chargesheet was issued, and no proper inquiry conducted. The university stated that the penalties were based on the committee's findings and ratified by the executive council. The judge ruled that procedural compliance was indispensable, even in cases of serious allega-



LEGAL STORIES

DEATH SENTENCE OF RAPIST COMMUTED

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court, comprising Justice K. Surender and Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti, commuted the death sentence of a 62-year-old convict in a child rape and murder case handed down by a fast-track special court in a Pocco case. The panel reduced the punishment to life imprisonment, with a stipulation that the convict shall serve at least 30 years behind bars, including 15 years without parole. The panel ruled that while the crime was heinous and demanded severe punishment, it did not qualify as a "rarest of rare" case warranting the death penalty. The incident occurred on October 16, 2023, when the convict, Gafar Ali, abducted the child from a construction site, lured her with a drink spiked with ethyl alcohol, and sexually assaulted her in a nearby cotton field. To silence her cries, he covered her mouth and nose, leading to her death. The victim's

body was recovered based on the convict's confession.

STUDENTS ALLEGES IRREGULARITIES

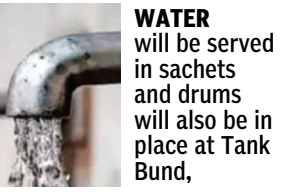
Justice T. Vinod Kumar admitted a writ plea challenging the actions of the state and that of the TSCHS over alleged irregularities in the allocation of engineering seats. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Makkena Sreenivasa Rao, seeking reallocation of seats on the ground of lack of transparency in the counselling rules and seat matrix. The petitioner, who secured a rank of 11,000, argued that the reservation policy lacked clarity, particularly regarding the percentage of seats reserved for various categories. Additionally, the plea raised concerns about the fairness of the open category system, asserting that it should purely be merit-based and accessible to all candidates, irrespective of caste or community. The petitioner, who had initially secured admission in Sreenidhi Institute during the first round of counselling, was eligible under both local and non-local open categories. During the hearing, the judge clarified that the open category seats are awarded solely based on merit and are available to candidates from all categories.

Full reports in deccanchronicle.com

HMWS&SB SETS UP 40 WATER CAMPS FOR VIJAYOTSAVALU

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) will set up 40 drinking water camps where events and celebrations are being held as a

part of Prajapalana Vijayotsavulu on December 7, 8 and 9. Water will be served in sachets and drums will also be in place at Tank Bund, People's Plaza PVNR Marg and other places.



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SHORT TAKE

PANEL MOVES SC OVER PLEAS AGAINST PLACES

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

The Gyanvapi mosque management committee has moved an intervention application in the SC against pending petitions that challenge the constitutional validity of Pla-ces of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991.

The 1991 law prohibits the conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947.

The law, however, made only one exception — the dispute over the Ram Jannab-hoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

The SC is already seized of six petitions, including the PILs filed by lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay and ex-RS MP Subramanian Swamy, against certain provisions of the law.

Cabinet allots ₹5K-cr to 85 new KV schools

CCEA also approved setting up of 28 Navodaya Vidyalayas

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

The Centre on Friday approved opening of 85 new Kendriya and 28 new Navodaya Vidyalayas. The government also approved expansion of one existing Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV).

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the opening of 85 new KVs under the civil and defence sector across the country and expansion of one existing KV in Shivamogga in Karnataka.

The new KVs will facilitate an increased number of Central government employees by adding two additional sections in all the classes under the Kendriya Vidyalaya



Ashwini Vaishnaw

Scheme (Central sector scheme).

The total estimated requirement of funds for establishment of the 85 new KVs and expansion of one existing nearby KV is ₹5872.08 crore (approx) spread over a period of eight years from 2025-26. This includes a capital expenditure component of ₹2862.71 crore and opera-

tional expenditure of ₹3009.37 crore.

Till date, there are 1256 functional KVs, including three abroad i.e. Moscow, Kathmandu and Tehran, and a total number of 13.56 lakh (approx.) students are studying in these KVs.

Vaishnaw also said that the CCEA has also approved setting up of 28 Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) in the uncovered districts of the country.

The total estimated requirement of funds for establishment of the 28 NVs is ₹2359.82 crore spread over a period of five years from 2024-25 to 2028-29. This includes a capital expenditure component of ₹1944.19 crore and operational expenditure of ₹415.63 crore.

The administrative structure for implementing the project will

require creation of posts at par with the norms fixed by the Samiti for running one full fledged NV with a capacity of 560 students.

The NVs are fully residential, co-educational schools providing good quality modern education from Class VI to XII to the talented children, predominantly from the rural areas without regard to their family's socio-economic condition. Admissions to these schools are done on the basis of a selection test. Approx 49,640 students are admitted in NVs to class VI every year.

As on date, there are 661 sanctioned NVs across the country including 2nd NVs in 20 districts having large concentrations of SC/ST population and 3 special NVs. Out of these, 653 NVs are functional.

Manipur Oppn parties urge Modi to visit crisis-hit state

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders on Friday once again urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit violence-hit Manipur as soon as possible, asserting that his direct involvement and proactive engagement with the people of Manipur can only bring peace and normalcy there.

Kshetrimayum Shanta, convenor of the 10 political parties belonging to the I.N.D.I.A. bloc in Manipur, said they came from over 3,000 km away to demand peace and restoration of normalcy but were denied permission for the sit-in protest.

"It is very unfortunate that we can't practise our right to protest against unprecedented turmoil. Our movement will not stop. We will continue to protest in different forms," said Manipur Congress president Keisham Meghachandra Singh, who was part of the delegation. He said they have submitted a memorandum to



Security personnel during a search operation and area domination in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts of Manipur.

the Prime Minister's Office with their demands.

"Manipur is also a part of India. Why has there been so much negligence by the Central government over the last 18 months? More than 60,000 people are in relief camps, and hundreds have lost their lives. How much longer do we have to suffer?" Mr Meghachandra asked. The people of Manipur are asking and demanding

that the Prime Minister bring and restore peace to the state, the MLA in the Manipur Assembly said.

"The Manipur state government is being directly controlled by the Central government, with the chief minister acting as nothing more than a paper tiger. It feels like an undeclared President's Rule. The Union home minister is directly controlling the situation in the state," he alleged.

YEAR-END REPORT Cricket fever in India did not fail to surprise, with 7 billion views

Anant-Radhika wedding top YT trend

New Delhi, Dec. 6: The big fat Indian wedding of Radhika-Anant Ambani, cricket lovers' festival IPL, gamer Ajju bhai — whose amusing commentary entertained audiences — and 'moye moye', a catchy melody by a Serbian artist that internet users widely used to take a funny take on adversities, grabbed spots in the chart of most-trending topics on YouTube in 2024.

Indian creators and fans on YouTube didn't just break the internet, but rebuilt it with their unique voice and brand of creativity. YouTube said in its India blog on Thursday, which revealed the top trending takeaways of the year.

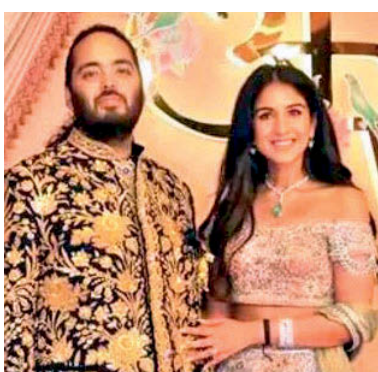
Videos featuring "Ambani" and "wedding" in their titles amassed over 6.5 billion views in India, as fans analysed every aspect of the event, including interna-

tional performances, stunning outfits, and a guest list filled with celebrities, according to the blog.

"From armchair fashion critics to wedding planners offering their hot takes, this year, the after-party was online, and everyone had a VIP pass," YouTube wrote.

Ajju bhai, known as Total Gaming, who commands an impressive subscriber count of 43.9 million, also grabbed a spot on the charts. The song "moye moye," which quickly gained popularity for its entertaining tone and catchy melody, has been featured in numerous videos, garnering over 4.5 billion views, it said.

The cricket fever in India did not fail to surprise, with 7 billion views generated by content related to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup and the 2024 Indian Premier League.



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"Creators stepped up to the crease, delivering expert analysis, hilarious commentary, and mind-blowing recreations. Fans, on the other hand, didn't just jump into the conversation — they dissected every play, celebrated every victory, and turned those nail-biting javelin throws into YouTube gold.

"And, forget the nosebleed seats! Connected TVs gave viewers front-row access to the action, turning living rooms into fan-access zones," the blog read. Another well-known name on the list was singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh, who has taken over social media feeds with his concert clips and electrifying per-

formances. The 2024 Lok Sabha elections, veteran industrialist Ratan Tata who breathed his last on October 9, multi-starrer mythology movie Kalki 2898 AD also featured in the list.

"Gulabi Sadi", "Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya", "Aaj ki Raat", and Vicky Kaushal's 'Tauba Tauba' emerged as the top songs on YouTube Shorts. "As pop culture continues to become more personalised, fan-driven, and participatory, YouTube serves as a launchpad for new kinds of breakthrough entertainment and a place where viewers are coming to take part in larger cultural moments in new ways.

"With 2025 just around the corner, we can't wait to see what new adventures await us on YouTube!" the blog said. — PTT

32nd anniv. of Babri demolition



Police personnel patrol in a sensitive area in view of Jummah prayers and the Babri Masjid demolition anniversary, in Kanpur on Friday. The holy city of Ayodhya was turned into a virtual fortress on the 32nd anniversary of the Babri mosque demolition on Friday with police deploying drones for surveillance, patrolling the Saryu River in boats, and conducting multiple flag marches. This year's anniversary was particularly significant as it was first after the consecration of the Ram temple earlier this year. — PTT

SHORT TAKES

U.S. PROCESSES OVER 1M VISAS THIS YEAR

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

The United States has processed more than one million visas so far for Indians this year at its diplomatic missions in India.

The US also announced on Friday that its embassy in New Delhi and consulates in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Hyderabad would open consular operations this Saturday to accommodate applicants requiring in-person visa interviews and to "employ the maximum resources to conduct the most visa interviews" on what it has described as "Super Saturday".

Additionally, the US department of state is also increasing the number of consular officers permanently assigned to the embassy and consulates.

In a statement, the US embassy said, "The US mission in India launched a series of special Saturday interview days in January earlier this year as part of a larger effort to reduce wait times for first-time visa applicants. This fourth 'Super Saturday' is an innovative way to keep pace with the growing demand for travel between the United States and India. These additional interview days are just one component of a multi-pronged initiative to address the burgeoning demand in India for travel to the United States. The department of state has implemented remote processing of interview waiver cases for applicants with previous US visas."

REJIG IN SAI'S CABINET, MINS TO FACE AXE

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC RAIPUR, DEC. 6

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai is most likely to reshuffle and expand his ministry in the near future.

His meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi a couple of days ago has fueled speculation in the ruling BJP circle that he will soon reshuffle and expand his ministry.

Sources in the chief minister's office (CMO) said that Sai also discussed various issues relating to the state with Shah. "The issue of the ministry reshuffle has figured prominently in the meeting," sources disclosed to this newspaper on Friday.

Sources said that Sai may drop at least three ministers in his Cabinet and induct at least five new faces in his ministry.

Sources said that a former minister is likely to be inducted in the state Cabinet.

Two Cabinet berths were vacant after Mr Sai formed his ministry.

The number of vacant berths increased to three when Brij Mohan Agrawal, who was a member of the Sai Cabinet, resigned from the House after being elected to the Lok Sabha in the last polls.

"The proposed reshuffle and expansion of the Sai ministry may take into consideration the factors of regional balance and caste," sources said.

FOREIGN SECY MISRI TO VISIT BANGLADESH

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Amid bilateral tensions between New Delhi and Dhaka, foreign secretary Vikram Misri will visit Bangladesh early next week on Monday for Foreign Office Consultations (FOC), it was officially announced. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday evening at his weekly briefing: "The foreign secretary is scheduled to visit Bangladesh on December 9, 2024. This is part of our structured interactions with the Bangladesh side." The MEA spokesperson said the foreign secretary will meet his Bangladeshi counterpart and also hold other meetings during his visit.

Asked about the situation in Bangladesh and the recent arrest of some members of the Hindu community, including a seer, he further said: "We have spoken on this issue earlier. We would like to reiterate our expectation that relevant legal processes underway in Bangladesh are executed in a fair, just and transparent manner, ensuring full respect for the legal rights of concerned individuals."

Maha: BJP continues to play hardball with allies

Sena demands 14 berths in cabinet, NCP asks for 12 berths

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC MUMBAI, DEC. 6

Although the BJP led Mahayuti has formed the government in Maharashtra, the full fledged cabinet will not be formed in the coming days to prevent infighting. A small cabinet expansion will take place next week. However, the central leadership of BJP will not heed to any demands raised by Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar easily and it will keep on negotiating with them until there is no space left for them to accept BJP's term.

According to highly placed sources in the BJP, Shiv Sena has been demanding 14 berths in the cabinet, while NCP is demanding 12 berths. But the BJP is offering 12 berths to Shiv Sena and 10 berths to NCP. An insider in the BJP led Mahayuti told this newspaper that 30 to 35 MLAs will be given an oath of office and secrecy before winter session and after the oath of the MLAs next week. Remaining cabinet berths will be kept vacant in order to keep the hopes of aspirants alive.

After getting a resounding victory in Maharashtra Assembly election, the BJP-led Mahayuti has so far not reached the agreement on power sharing formula and key portfolios including home, finance, revenue and urban departments.

A senior BJP leader said that they will first decide about the number of cabinet seats for all three partners. Subsequently, they would take a decision on portfolios. "We should ideally offer 11 seats to Shiv Sena and nine seats to NCP. But we are considering allocating 12 and 10 berths to Shiv Sena and NCP respectively. That leaves us with the share of around 21 ministries including junior ministers," he said.

The maximum size of the state cabinet can be 43,



Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar during a ceremony organised to mark B.R. Ambedkar's death anniversary, in Mumbai on Friday.

Hindutva played key role: Fadnavis

Mumbai, Dec. 6: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that Hindutva played an important role in the recent state assembly elections, and counter-polarisation helped the Mahayuti alliance score a big win.

Fadnavis, who took oath as Maharashtra chief minister for the third time on Thursday, said in an interview to ABP news channel that Hindutva and development are two sides of the same coin and described BJP's Hindutva as a way of life.

He also alleged that opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance had an agreement with people like (Islamic scholar) Sajjad Nomani, where in it was agreed to withdraw cases of riots filed

against Muslims since 2012.

During the election campaign, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had raised the "batenge toh katenge" (divided we are destroyed) slogan, which was followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "ek hain toh safe hain" (united we are safe) call. While campaigning, Fadnavis had countered the purported appeal by Nomani for a "vote-jihad" against the Mahayuti government by making a pitch for "dharma-yudh of votes".

In the interview, Fadnavis said, "The voter turnout increased because Congress tried to suppress Hindus. When you try to suppress someone, they rise strong!"

including the chief minister. Out of 43 ministers, 33 can be cabinet ministers and the remaining 10 can be ministers of state.

According to sources, Eknath Shinde has demanded the home department, which the BJP has declined.

Subsequently, he demanded the finance department in case he was not going to get the home department. However, NCP chief Ajit Pawar, who was the finance minister in the previous government, is also pushing for the finance department.

8-TIME BJP MLA NAMED MAHA'S PRO-TEM SPEAKER

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC MUMBAI, DEC. 6

Eight-time MLA Kalidas Kolambkar of the BJP on Friday was appointed as the Pro-tem Speaker of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha who would administer oath of office to the newly-elected MLAs. Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office to Kolambkar in a brief oath taking ceremony at Raj Bhavan.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chairperson of Maharashtra Vidhan Parishad Dr Neelam Gorhe and Chief Secretary Sujata Saunik were present.

A three-day special session of the 15th Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha will be held from December 7 to 9. As pro-tem speaker, Kolambkar will administer the oath of office to 288 newly-elected MLAs and also oversee the assembly speaker's election.

The speaker's election will be held on December 9 followed by a trust vote of the Devendra Fadnavis-led Mahayuti government.

Kolambkar, who currently represents the Wadala assembly constituency in Mumbai, is the senior-most member of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha. He has never lost an election and has won the assembly polls eight successive times. He first represented the Naigaon constituency four times in a row in 1990, 1995, 1999 and 2004 as a Shiv Sena candidate. He then won the Wadala constituency in 2009 and 2014 as a Congress candidate.

Kolambkar retained the Wadala constituency in 2019 and 2024 as a BJP candidate.



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former president Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge during a ceremony to pay tribute to B.R. Ambedkar on his death anniversary at Prerna Sthal on the Parliament House premises, in New Delhi, on Friday.

Currency note bundle at Singhvi's seat rocks RS

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said that the security staff had recovered a wad of ₹500 notes from the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi, leading to an uproar in the House with ruling and Opposition benches trading allegations and angry words. "After adjournment of the House yesterday (Thursday), a wad of currency notes was apparently recovered by security officials from seat no 222 presently allotted to Abhishek Manu Singhvi, elected from the state of Telangana," he said.

"It was my duty and I am obliged to inform the House. This is a routine anti-sabotage check which

takes place," he said. Dhankhar added that he was expecting someone would claim the currency notes, but no one has so far. "Does it reflect the state of the economy that people can afford to forget it," he said.

The Chairman also said that the wad has ₹500 notes and there appear to be ₹100 notes. An investigation has been ordered in accordance with practice, Dhankhar said, adding that it was not clear if the currency notes were real or fake.

Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi, however, termed the recovery of cash from his seat as "bizarre" and demanded a probe into the matter. He clarified that he carries only one ₹500 note when he goes to the Rajya Sabha. "I reached inside house at

12:57 pm yesterday (Thursday) and House rose at 1 pm; then I sat in canteen till 1:30 pm with Sh Aayodhya Rami Reddy then I left Parliament!" he said.

While Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said the Chairman should not have named the member without an investigation being completed, Leader of the House J.P. Nadda accused the Opposition of showing eagerness on "some issues" while wanting to cover up other issues.

As ruckus broke out, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju asked, "Why should there be an objection to the name being taken? Chairman has pointed out the seat number and the member who occupies that. What is the problem with that?"

MANY SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR NE, SAYS MODI

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"In the last decade, we have seen a wonderful journey of the development of the Northeast but it was not easy. We have taken every possible step to connect the Northeastern states with India's growth story. For a long time, we have seen how development was weighed against votes. Northeastern states had less votes and low seats so previous governments did not pay attention to the development of the region," the Prime Minister said.

Noting that the government had started many special schemes for the Northeast like PM-DevINE, Special Infrastructure Development Scheme and North East Venture Fund, Modi said that these schemes had created many new employment opportunities.

He noted that the government had also started the 'Unnati Scheme' to promote the industrial potential of the Northeast and said that when a better environment is created for new industries, new jobs would also be created.

Pointing out that the semiconductor sector was new for India, the Prime Minister said that the government chose Assam to give impetus to this new sector. He added that when such new industries are set up in the Northeast, investors from the country and the world would explore new possibilities there.

"We are connecting the Northeast with the trinity of Emotion, Economy and Ecology", Modi said.



Tear gas being used by security personnel to disperse the farmers moving towards barricades during their foot march to Delhi, at Shambhu border in Patiala district, Punjab on Friday.

Cops fire tear gas to stop farmers

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Hours after starting the "Delhi Chalo" protest, the farmers on Friday suspended the march for a day after several of them sustained injuries as the Haryana police resorted to teargas shelling to disperse protesters who tried to breach the multi-layered barricades erected at Shambhu on the Punjab and Haryana border. The farmers are protesting to press for various demands, including a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP).

As around half-a-dozen farmers sustained injuries, farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher announced the suspension of the march for the day and said the injured farmers were taken to a hospital. "We have called back the 'jatha' for a day. Further, two forums of the farmers' bodies, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha

(Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, will decide the next course of action after a meeting," said Pandher. Meanwhile, SKM leader Jagjit Singh Dullewal continued his fast-unto-death at the Khanauri along the Punjab and Haryana border.

Amid the chaos at the Shambhu border, the Congress extended support to the protesting farmers. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi condemned the police action and urged the Centre to immediately accept the farmers' demands. In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "Firing tear gas shells on them (farmers) and trying to stop them in various ways is condemnable. The government should listen to their demands and problems seriously. The suffering of the farmers can be gauged from the fact that today in the country, one farmer is forced to commit suicide every hour".

LS washout: Cong.-Soros link leads to Oppn uproar

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Lok Sabha proceedings were on Friday adjourned for the day amid protests by opposition members over BJP's attempts to link the Congress party to US-based billionaire investor George Soros.

BJP member Nishikant Dubey raised the issue during Zero Hour, plunging the House into chaos with Congress members trooping to the Well of the House. S a m a j w a d i Party member Dharmendra Yadav and Trinamool member Saugata Roy were also up on their feet, apparently in support of the Congress.

Dubey had also raised the issue on Thursday, prompting the Congress members to rise in protests against BJP's attempts to link Soros with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi.

On Friday, the Lok Sabha was adjourned till noon within a minute of assembling at 11 am as Congress members

DISRUPTIONS

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Gaurav Gogoi and K. C. Venugopal tried to counter the allegations levelled by Dubey.

When the House re-assembled at noon, BJP member Dilip Saikia, who was in the chair, allowed laying of parliamentary papers on the table of the House, before calling Dubey to speak on the issue he could not complete on Thursday.

Congress members trooped to the Well of the House raising slogans against the BJP and the government. Saikia then adjourned the proceedings for the day.

At 11 am, opposition members mostly from the

ADVANCED TECH

Tushil has been constructed in Russia as part of an over \$2.5-billion deal

Indian Navy set to commission INS Tushil

PAWAN BALI | DC NEW DELHI, DEC 6

The Indian Navy will commission its latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate INS Tushil at Russia's coastal city of Kaliningrad on Monday in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Upon commissioning, INS Tushil will join the Western Fleet of the Indian Navy and will rank amongst the most technologically advanced frigates in the world, officials said. INS Tushil, built by

Russia is an upgraded Krivak III class frigates of which, six are already in service - three Talwar class ships, built at Baltisky shipyard, St Petersburg, and three follow-on Teg class ships, built at Yantar shipyard, Kaliningrad. INS Tushil, the seventh in the series, is the first of the two upgraded additional follow-on ships the contract for which was signed in October 2016 between JSC Rosoboronexport, Indian Navy and the Government of India. The ships con-

struction was closely monitored by an Indian team of specialists from the Special Overseering Team stationed at Kaliningrad.



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capability in the Indian Ocean, a region that has witnessed increasing forays by China's PLA Navy in the last few years. Under the deal, two ships were to be built in Russia, while the other two were to be manufactured in India.

The 3,900-tonne ship with a length of 125 metres packs a lethal punch and is an impressive blend of Russian and Indian cutting-edge technologies and best practices in warship construction, they said.

India-Russia partnership, they said. INS Tushil is expected to significantly bolster the Indian Navy's operational

It will not only be a symbol of the Indian Navy's growing capabilities but also the resilient collaborative strength of the

Israeli forces storm into Gaza hosp, expel staff

Israel says Hamas using hospitals for cover in Gaza war

Cairo, Dec. 6: Israeli forces stormed into Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya in north Gaza on Friday and expelled some staff and displaced people before withdrawing, and bodies of people killed by airstrikes littered the streets outside, its director said.



Mourners take part in the funeral procession of Mustafa Mishi, killed during an early morning Israeli military raid in the occupied West Bank, in Balatah on Friday.

The attack had begun with a series of airstrikes on the western and northern sides of Kamal Adwan Hospital accompanied by intensive shooting, hospital director Hussam Abu Safiya said, speaking via an online chatroom monitored by Reuters. He said troops who swept into the hospital ordered all staff, patients and displaced people into its courtyard before allowing them hours later to return inside, though some staff including its Indonesian emergency surgery team and some displaced were ordered to leave the premises for good. Israel's military did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It has accused Hamas militants of using civilian buildings including hospitals and schools for operational cover throughout the 14-month Gaza war. Hamas has denied this,

accusing Israel of indiscriminate bombings and assaults. Kamal Adwan Hospital has been caught in renewed Israeli military operations in north Gaza against regrouping militants. "This morning, we were shocked to see hundreds of bodies and wounded individuals in the streets surrounding the hospital," Abu Safiya said in another statement posted online. "The situation inside the hospital and in its vicinity is catastrophic. There are a large number of (dead

martyrs and wounded individuals, and no surgeries are left," he said. Reuters could not independently authenticate his account, given a lack of media access to the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip. Gaza's health ministry said the three main hospitals on the northern end of the enclave are barely functioning and have been under repeated attack since Israel sent tanks into Beit Lahiya and nearby Beit Hanoun and Jabalia in October. Later on Friday, an

Israeli air strike on a house in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip killed at least 10 people, including three children and two women, and wounded many others, medics said. They added that Israeli military strikes across the enclave killed at least 45 Palestinians, most of them in northern Gaza on Friday. In a distress call on Friday, the ministry accused the Israeli military of committing a "war crime" in Kamal Adwan Hospital by perpetrating "all forms of killing and violence inside and around it." It added: "The injured who remained inside are in critical condition and need immediate medical care." The ministry said only half of the 37 hospitals and clinics in the war-devastated territory remained operational but lacked essential equipment, manpower, and medical and fuel supplies. The World Health Organisation said on Friday Israeli forces had bombed Kamal Adwan Hospital early on Thursday apparently without warning its staff in advance. — Reuters

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Sao Paulo cops brutality cases raise pressure

Sao Paulo, Dec. 6: Hundreds protested against a series of police brutality cases in Brazil's Sao Paulo state on Thursday, ratcheting up pressure on its governor, who is seen as a possible presidential candidate in 2026. Governor Tarcisio de Freitas — an ally of far-right former president Jair Bolsonaro — has been under increased criticism since a video of a police officer throwing an arrested man off a bridge went viral online. The suspect survived and the officer was himself arrested and faces being kicked off the force. The incident was one of a number of acts of police violence in recent weeks that have stirred public indignation in the state, Brazil's most populous, and also nationally. In downtown Sao Paulo on Thursday, hundreds of protesters demonstrated against the brutality, some holding a banner reading: "Who polices the police?" Earlier in the day, De Freitas acknowledged that something needed to be done, after having earlier minimised the issue and defended his government's record on crime. "This is a moment for humility and to say: right, something is not working," he said. He added that he was "completely wrong" to oppose the compulsory use of body cams by officers and to back a measure that would have allowed them to switch them off when they wanted. — AFP

Iran launches space payload into orbit

Tehran, Dec. 6: Iran successfully launched on Friday its heaviest space payload, which includes a satellite and a space tug, using a domestically developed satellite carrier, official media reported. Weighing 300 kilograms (660 pounds), the payload consisted of the Fakhr-1 telecommunications satellite and the Saman-1 space tug, according to state television. The Saman-1 is an "orbital transmission system" designed to transport satellites from lower orbits to higher ones, as described by the Iran Space Research Center when it was unveiled in 2017. The launch marks an "operational step" toward transferring satellites into higher orbits, the TV report said. The system was first introduced in February 2017 at a ceremony attended by Iran's then-president, Hassan Rouhani, and was test-launched in 2022. The payloads were launched using the homegrown Simorgh satellite carrier from the Imam Khomeini launch base in Semnan province. — AFP

FEDERAL PLEAS COURT UPHOLDS SALE, BAN OF TIKTOK LAW IN U.S.

New York, Dec. 6: A federal appeals court panel on Friday unanimously upheld a law that could lead to a ban on TikTok in a few short months, handing a resounding defeat to the popular social media platform as it fights for its survival in the US. The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied TikTok's petition to overturn the law — which requires TikTok to break ties with its China-based parent company ByteDance or be banned by mid-January — and rebuffed the company's challenge of the statute, which it argued had ran afoul of the First Amendment. "The First Amendment exists to protect free speech in the US," said the court's opinion. — AP

SHORT TAKES

FREIGHT TRAIN TO LINK PAK, RUSSIA TRIAL RUN SOON

Islamabad, Dec. 6: Russia and Pakistan are set to be linked by freight train line that will pass through Iran and Azerbaijan with the first trial run likely to take place in March next year, a Pakistan minister has said in an interview to Russia Today.

The development comes after Islamabad and Moscow signed eight memorandums of understanding (MoUs) covering various sectors, including health, trade, industrial cooperation, and education on Wednesday.

These agreements were reached during the meeting of the 9th Inter-Governmental Commission.

13 CHILDREN DIE IN MEXICO OVER INFECTED IV BAGS

Mexico City, Dec. 6: Thirteen children under 14 have died in central Mexico and authorities said Thursday they suspect contaminated IV feeding bags as the culprit.

The federal health department ordered doctors across the country not to use IV nutrition bags made by the company Productos Hospitalarios SA de CV, though the exact source of the infections is still under investigation.

MELBOURNE SYNAGOGUE SET ON FIRE BY ARSONISTS

Melbourne, Dec. 6: Mask-wearing arsonists set a synagogue ablaze before dawn on Friday in the Australian city of Melbourne, police said, as the attack was widely condemned.

The fire broke out at 4:10 am (17:10 GMT Thursday) in the Adass Israel Synagogue when some congregants were already inside, police said, gutting much of the building in the southeast Melbourne suburb of Ripponlea. No serious injuries were reported.

A witness entering the synagogue for morning prayers saw "two individuals wearing masks", according to police.

WOMAN INJURED AFTER POWER BOX EXPLODES IN PERU

Peru, Dec. 6: An electrical box explosion in Lima injured a woman, who was hit by debris and fell partially into the box. Authorities suspected cable maintenance issues, while the energy company denied responsibility. The victim is in stable condition.

The explosion was captured on CCTV. The footage showed the metal cover hitting the woman, who partially fell into the box before being rescued by a military officer patrolling the area.

ICELAND CLEARS WHALE HUNTING UNTIL 2029

Reykjavik, Dec. 6: Iceland, one of only three countries still allowing whale hunting, issued permits to two whaling companies for the next five years, until 2029, the outgoing government announced.

Decision was denounced by animal rights activists and environmental groups, who criticised the fact that it had been taken by the government.

Impeachment looms ever closer for S. Korea's Yoon

Oppn MPs hole up in Parl fearing any final attempts by Prez

Seoul, Dec. 6: South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Friday looked increasingly likely to be unseated after the head of his ruling party demanded he be stripped of office for briefly imposing martial law.

If Yoon remains, "there is a significant risk that extreme actions similar to the martial law declaration could be repeated, which could put the Republic of Korea and its citizens in great danger," said Han Dong-hoon, the head of Yoon's People Power Party (PPP).

Opposition MPs were holed up in parliament until a vote on Yoon's impeachment scheduled for Saturday evening, fearing the embattled President might launch one desperate final attempt to remain in power.

"With the impeachment vote set for tomorrow, the hours leading up to it are extremely precarious," opposition leader Lee Jae-myung told said.

"Tonight will be the most critical period," he said at the National Assembly, where according to an aide buses have been strategically parked to stop helicopters from landing. Yoon declared martial law late Tuesday and sent soldiers and choppers to the parliament in a doomed bid to stop MPs from voting down his suspension of civilian government.

The opposition on Wednesday put forward the impeachment motion — now scheduled for a vote around 5:00 pm (0800 GMT) Saturday, after it was brought forward two hours — but Han initially

HUNTER BIDEN'S PARDON SPARKS CLEMENCY ROW

Washington, Dec. 6: After President Joe Biden pardoned his son Hunter, he needs to extend the same grace to thousands of people wronged by the US judicial system, a growing chorus of civil rights activists and lawmakers said.

Defense attorneys and civil rights groups are ramping up efforts to highlight compelling cases, working in conjunction with state legislators to draft letters to the White House and launching digital campaigns urging action to commute sentences or issue pardons for Americans they believe are wrongly convicted or serving excessive terms for nonviolent offenses.

The White House is discussing the idea of broader pardons after Hunter, including those convicted of non-violent drug offenses and people civil rights groups have identified as unjustly incarcerated, sources say.

A senior administration official said there will be a number of pardons for people who have served long sentences and are non-violent. — Reuters



People take part in a protest calling for the ouster of South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol outside the National Assembly in Seoul Friday. — AFP

Ruling party wants Yoon to step down

Seoul, Dec. 6: South Korea's ruling party chief demanded Friday that President Yoon Suk Yeol be stripped of office, warning there was a "significant risk" he could try to impose martial law again.

"Considering the newly emerging facts, I believe that a swift suspension of President Yoon Suk Yeol's duties is necessary to safeguard the Republic of Korea and its people," said Han Dong-hoon, the head of Yoon's PPP, who only a day earlier had said he opposed Yoon's impeachment.

Han said that "credible evidence" suggested that Yoon had ordered the arrest of "key politicians" and for them to be placed in a holding facility.

Yoon "does not acknowledge that this illegal martial law is wrong" and has failed to act against the military officials who "illegally intervened", Han added. — AFP

Organisers are hoping 200,000 people will take to the streets.

The Opposition bloc holds 192 seats in the 300-strong parliament, while the PPP has 108. A successful vote would suspend Yoon from office pending a ruling by the Constitutional Court. — AFP

Putin signs treaty offering security vows to ally Belarus

Moscow, Dec. 6: Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Belarus on Friday to sign a treaty offering security guarantees for Moscow's closest ally, including the possible use of Russian nuclear weapons to help repel an aggression. The signing of the document follows the publication of a revised version of Russia's Nuclear doctrine, which for the first time placed Belarus under the Russian nuclear umbrella amid the tensions between Moscow and the West over the Ukrainian conflict.

Speaking alongside Belarus' President Alexander Lukashenko, Putin emphasised that the new document includes the potential use of Russian tactical nuclear weapons deployed to Belarus in response to an aggression. "I am sure that the treaty will ensure the security of Russia and Belarus," Putin said in televised remarks.

After the two leaders signed the security pact, Lukashenko asked Putin to deploy more advanced weapons in Belarus, including the Oreshnik intermediate range ballistic missile that Russia used for the first time last month against Ukraine. — AP



From left: Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko talk while posing for a photo prior to a meeting on Friday. — AP

Lavrov says Russia ready to defend itself

Washington, Dec. 6: Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said he hoped Ukraine's allies took "seriously" Moscow's recent use of a hypersonic missile in the conflict there, and warned that Russia was ready to use "any means" to defend itself.

The United States and its allies "must understand that we would be ready to use any means not to allow them to succeed in what they call strategic defeat of Russia," Lavrov said in an interview with US media personality Tucker Carlson.

Two weeks ago, Russia fired its new Oreshnik hypersonic missile on the Ukrainian city of Dnipro in an escalation of the almost three-year war. Russian President Vladimir Putin has since threatened to use the weapon on Kyiv in response to Ukraine's strikes on Russia's territory. — AFP

STRONGMAN MILITARY RULE REMEMBERED

Seoul, Dec. 6: When President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law, for the first time in South Korea since 1980, 70-year-old Lee Chul-Woo was reminded of his youth, much of it spent protesting right-wing military strongman rule.

The swift rejection and failure of Yoon's move partly stems from that painful history, which millions of South Koreans can still vividly recall. There have been more than a dozen instances of martial law being declared since South Korea was established as a republic in 1948.

Lee, a supporter of main opposition party leader Lee Jae-myung who has been going to protests calling for Yoon's impeachment in the past few days, said he participated in pro-democracy student protests in the 1980s and was beaten and arrested by soldiers, an experience that still gives him cold sweats and nightmares.

"When (Yoon's) martial law failed, I was somewhat relieved, whenever I hear 'martial law' I do think of the old days, the oppression of human rights," Lee said.

Hundreds of people are estimated to have died or gone missing when the South Korean military violently put down an uprising in Gwangju in May 1980, which began in response to General Chun Doo-hwan establishing a military dictatorship. — Reuters

Trump names Perdue as US envoy to China

Washington, Dec. 6: President-elect Donald Trump has selected former Senator David Perdue of Georgia to be the US ambassador to China, leaning on a former business executive turned politician to serve as the administration's envoy to America's most potent economic and military adversary.



David Perdue

Trump said in a social media post on Thursday that Perdue brings valuable expertise to help build our relationship with China.

Perdue lost his Senate seat to Democrat Jon Ossoff four years ago and ran unsuccessfully in a 2022 primary against Georgia governor Brian Kemp. Perdue pushed Trump's debunked lies

about electoral fraud during his failed bid for Georgia governor.

During his time in the Senate, Perdue was labeled as anti-China in a 2019 Chinese think tank report. The former Georgia lawmaker advocated for a more robust naval force to cope with threats, including from China.

Before launching his political career, Perdue held a string of top executive positions, including

at Sara Lee, Reebok and Dollar General.

Economic tensions will be a big part of the US-China picture for the new administration. Trump has threatened to impose sweeping new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China as soon as he takes office as part of his effort to crack down on illegal immigration and drugs. He said he would impose a 25 per cent tax on all products entering the country from Canada and Mexico, and an additional 10 per cent tariff on goods from China, as one of his first executive orders.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington cautioned earlier this week that there will be losers on all sides if there is a trade war. — AP

Macron vows to stay in office till end of his term

Paris, Dec. 6: French President Emmanuel Macron vowed to stay in office until the end of his term, due in 2027, and announced that he will name a new prime minister within days in efforts to overcome the political deadlock following the resignation of ousted prime minister Michel Barnier.



Emmanuel Macron

On Thursday evening, Macron came out fighting a day after a historic no-confidence vote prompted by budget disputes at the National Assembly left France without a functioning government.

He laid blame at the door of his opponents on the far right for bringing down Barnier's government. They chose disorder, he said. The President said the far right and the far

left had united in what he called an anti-Republican front and stressed: "I won't shoulder other peoples' irresponsibility".

Earlier in the day, Macron took note of Barnier's resignation after just three months in office the shorest tenure of any prime minister in modern French history.

He said he'd name a new prime minister within days but gave no hints as to who that might be.

On Friday, Macron started holding talks with politicians from the left and the right, including Socialist leaders perceived as moderate who now appear as key in efforts to form a more stable government.

While critical of his political opponents, Macron also acknowledged what he described as his own responsibility in the chaos now shaking French politics and alarming financial markets.

He revisited his decision in June to dissolve parliament. That precipitated the crisis, leading to legislative elections that produced the now hung parliament, divided between three minority blocs that do not have enough seats to govern alone. — AP

KHAN WARNS DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT

Islamabad, Dec. 6: Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan has called on his supporters to hold a rally next week and threatened to start a civil disobedience movement days after his party led a deadly protest march in Islamabad.

In a post on X, Khan asked supporters to converge on December 13 in the northwestern city of Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province which is ruled by his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

He demanded a judicial probe into the crackdown on the November 25 protest march which he said killed at least 12 of his supporters and violence on May 9 last year which killed 8. All arrested political workers should also be released, he said.

"If these two demands are not met, a civil disobedience movement will start from December 14, and the government will be held responsible for any consequences," Khan said. — Reuters



People cross through the destroyed crossing border point between Lebanon and Syria which hit by an Israeli airstrike, in Arida on Friday. — AP

Damascus caught in rebel crosshair

Beirut, Amman, Dubai, Dec. 6: Iran will send missiles, drones and more advisers to Syria, a senior Iranian official said on Friday as rebel forces advanced on the central city of Homs and Kurds seized the biggest city in the east, jolting President Bashar al-Assad's grip on power.

If Islamist insurgents captured Homs in their lightning new offensive, it would cut off the capital Damascus from the coast, a longtime redoubt of Assad's minority Alawite sect and where his Russian allies have a naval base and air base. In a further setback for

Assad, a US-backed alliance led by Syrian Kurdish fighters has taken Deri el-Zor, the government's main foothold in the vast desert east of the country, three Syrian sources told Reuters on Friday.

It was the third major city, after Aleppo and Hama in the northwest and centre, to fall out of Assad's control in a week. Piling on the pressure, an Iraqi security source said the Syrian Kurds were also advancing in the direction of the town of Albukamal on Syria's far eastern border with Iraq and could take it within the next 24 hours. — Reuters

SPACE | GOAL Artemis was unveiled in 2017 as Nasa's ambitious programme

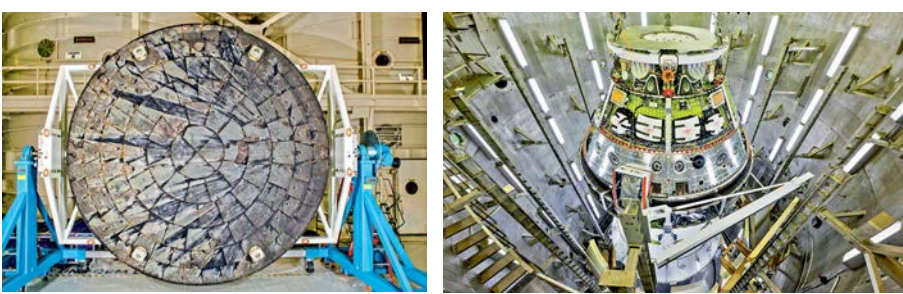
Nasa delays crewed lunar landing to '27

Washington, Dec. 6: The United States is delaying its planned return to the Moon from 2026 to "mid-2027," citing heat shield issues and other problems plaguing its Orion crew capsule, Nasa officials said.

The announcement comes as President-elect Donald Trump prepares to take office in January and could significantly reshape the direction of the US space agency.

Artemis, named after Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology, was unveiled in 2017 as Nasa's ambitious programme to establish a long-term presence on the Moon and apply those lessons to eventual Mars missions.

Its first mission, Artemis 1, was an uncrewed test



Left: The Orion spacecraft heat shield. Right: The Artemis II Orion spacecraft lifted from the Final Assembly and Testing (FAST) Cell and placed in the west altitude chamber inside the Operations and Checkout Building at Nasa. — AP

flight to the Moon and back in 2022 after multiple delays. But teams reviewing the data later learned that Orion's heat shield eroded in unexpected ways, and there were also issues with its electrical and life support systems.

"We were able to recreate the problem here on Earth, and now we know the root cause, and this has allowed us to devise a path forward," Nasa administrator Bill Nelson told reporters during a press conference. The

problems have pushed back the entire Artemis timeline. Artemis 2, a crewed lunar flyby, has been delayed from September 2025 to April 2026. Artemis 3, intended to see the first woman and first person of color set foot on the Moon's ice-rich

south pole, is now slated for "mid-2027." "That will be well ahead of the Chinese government's announced intention that they have already publicly stated of 2030," added Nelson.

"The safety of our astronauts is always first in our decisions. It is our North Star. We do not fly until we are ready." Nasa deputy administrator Pam Melroy elaborated on the heat shield issue, explaining that during atmospheric reentry, gases built up inside the shield, creating internal pressure that caused cracking and pieces to fall away.

In addition to Orion's troubles, Nasa is awaiting a modified version of SpaceX's Starship rocket to serve as a lunar lander. — AFP

KAZAKHSTAN, FRANCE TALK 1ST NUCLEAR PLANT

Almaty, Kazakhstan, Dec. 6: Kazakhstan on Friday said that its energy minister had held talks with French officials and companies in the running to build the Central Asian country's first nuclear power station.

The Uranium-rich nation, which suffers from chronic energy shortages, approved plans to build a nuclear power plant in a referendum earlier this year, despite lingering resentment over massive radia-

tion exposure from Soviet-era nuclear tests. China, Russia, South Korea and France are all in the running to construct the new facility on the shores of the massive Lake Balkhash in the country's southeast.

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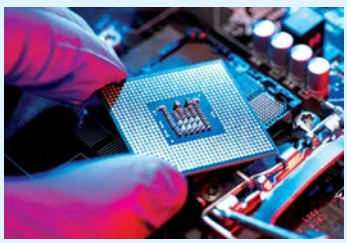
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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	81,709.12 -0.07
Nifty 50	24,677.80 -0.12
S&P 500*	6,090.35 0.25
Dollar (₹)	84.69 0.05
Pound Sterling (₹)	108.06 0.24
Euro (₹)	89.58 0.41
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	76,423.53 -0.07
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	71.40 -0.96
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.740 0.059
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.275 -0.009

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Sebi revamps investor charter for transparency

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday unveiled an updated investor charter aimed to enhance investor protection, market transparency, and trust and confidence among investors. The updated charter has emphasised on ensuring confidentiality of investor information and providing the right to exit at fair terms. "Further, Sebi has strengthened the grievance redressal mechanism and dispute resolution mechanism," Sebi said.



Semiconductor chip import rose by 18.5% in FY24

The semiconductor imports in India rose 18.5 per cent to ₹1.71 lakh crore in 2023-24, Parliament was informed on Friday. According to data shared by the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Jitin Prasada, India imported 14.43 billion semiconductor chips in FY24. Citing official data, he said that in 2022-23, 14.64 billion chips were imported into the country at a valuation of ₹1.297 lakh crore.

Suraksha shares make muted market debut

Shares of Suraksha Diagnostic Ltd ended with a discount of over 5 per cent against the issue price of ₹441 on Friday. The stock made its debut at ₹437, registering a decline of 0.90 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. During the day, it dropped 5.94 per cent to ₹414.80. The stock finally ended at ₹417.95, down 5.22 per cent. At the NSE, its shares were listed with a discount of 0.68 per cent at ₹438.

GMR Hyd ties up with US Customs for cargo safety

GMR Hyderabad Air Cargo on Friday announced that it has secured the prestigious Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) certification. CTPAT, a voluntary program led by US Customs and Border Protection, is designed to strengthen the security of international trade. GMR said this achievement underscores GMR Hyderabad Air Cargo's commitment to highest standards of security.

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RBI keeps repo rate at 6.5%, eases liquidity by ₹1.16 L-cr

Lower CRR will enhance banks' lending capacity, make more credit accessible

FALAKNAAZ SYED
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday slashed the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points (bps) to 4 per cent from 4.5 per cent in a bid to boost liquidity in the financial system while maintaining a status quo in the repo rate and monetary policy stance.

The cut in the CRR, the percentage of a bank's total deposits that it is required to maintain in liquid cash with the RBI as a reserve, will infuse ₹1.16 lakh crore into the banking system. Reducing CRR will enhance banks' lending capacity and make credit accessible to more borrowers.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained a status quo on the repo rate for the 11th time at 6.5 per cent (by a 4:2 majority) as retail inflation surged to 6.21 per cent in October, surpassing RBI's target range.

RBI continued with its neutral monetary policy stance. It would stay focused on alignment of inflation with the target.

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das flagged weather disruptions, financial volatility, and geopolitical tensions as factors that could push inflation up.

"High inflation reduces the disposable income and dents private consumption, which negatively impacts the real GDP growth," Das said.

"The MPC believes that only with durable price stability can strong foundations be secured for high growth," he said. Later at the press conference, Das evaded a question on getting an extension. "I'm not giving you any headline today," he said. His term as governor ends on Dec. 10.

"Domestic inflation will be a key factor," said DK Joshi, chief economist at Crisil.

KEY ACTIONS IN THE DECEMBER MONETARY POLICY

MAINTAINS STATUS QUO ON REPO RATE FOR THE 11TH TIME AT 6.5%.
The MPC voted 4-2 to keep the policy rates unchanged.



RETAIL INFLATION surges to 6.21% in October, surpassing RBI's target range.

LIMITS FOR collateral-free agricultural loans revised up

GDP growth forecast revised down for this fiscal by 60 bps to 6.6%.



RBI BOOSTS LIQUIDITY IN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

RBI GOVERNOR flags risks including weather disruptions, financial volatility, and geopolitical tensions.

Food inflation pressures are likely to linger in December quarter and start easing only from the fourth quarter, backed by seasonal correction in vegetables prices, kharif harvest arrivals, likely good rabi output and adequate cereal buffer stocks.

— SHAKTIKANTA DAS, RBI governor

RBI unveils AI tool to tackle financial frauds

FALAKNAAZ SYED
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday asked banks to collaborate with MuleHunter.AI initiative to weed out mule accounts used in financial frauds.

MuleHunter.AI has been developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub to help banks deal with mule bank accounts expeditiously and reduce digital frauds. The initiative is being piloted with two public sector banks.

"Financial frauds involving mule accounts have become a significant challenge for the banking industry and the Indian economy, with some large banks reporting fraudulent transactions of ₹400-

500 crore every month. These accounts, often used to launder proceeds of cybercrimes, undermine trust in the financial system," said Jaya Vaidhyathan, chief executive officer, BCT Digital.

"The centre froze around 4.5 lakh mule bank accounts in the past year, showcasing the scale and urgency of the issue." Das said that the RBI is running a hackathon on 'zero financial frauds'. It also aims to develop innovative solutions to contain the use of mule accounts. Meanwhile, the central bank proposed to constitute a committee to devel-

op a framework for responsible and ethical enablement of AI (Free-AI) in the financial sector

The RBI remarked that technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, tokenisation, cloud computing hold huge potential as they can handle enormous volumes of data, automate processes, enhance decision-making, and bring in efficiencies.

"While the benefits are many, the attendant risks like algorithmic bias, explainability of decisions, data privacy, etc, are also high. To harness the benefits, it is critical to address the attendant risks early in the adoption cycle," said the RBI.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SAVINGS TO FETCH HIGHER INTEREST

FC BANKING BUREAU
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the interest rate cap on Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) (FCNRB) deposits. The FCNRB is a window that allows NRIs to park their foreign currency savings in Indian banks.

Banks can now offer rates up to 400 basis points above the Overnight Alternative Reference Rate (ARR) for deposits with maturities between 1 year and less than 3 years. This is a significant increase from the earlier limit of 200 basis points over the ARR.

The RBI expects higher interest rates may help banks attract more foreign currency flows.

The central bank also proposed to launch 'Connect 2 Regulate' to provide an opportunity to the stakeholders to share their ideas and inputs. It will also launch a podcast series to communicate with the public.

RBI ALLOWS SFBs TO OFFER CREDIT THROUGH UPI

FC BANKING BUREAU
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed small finance banks (SFBs) to offer pre-sanctioned credit lines through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

Till now, only scheduled commercial banks were allowed to offer pre-sanctioned credit lines on the flagship payments platform.

"Credit line on UPI has the potential to make available low-ticket, low-tenor products to 'new-to-credit' customers. SFBs can play an enabling role in expanding the reach of credit on UPI," the RBI said.

It also made announcements on development of the Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR) benchmark.

The central bank also enhanced the limit for collateral-free agriculture loan from ₹1.6 lakh to ₹2 lakh. This will enhance coverage of small and marginal farmers in the formal credit system. The circular to this effect will be issued shortly, said the Reserve Bank.

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— Nirmala Sitharaman

Q2 slow growth not systemic: FM

FC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, DEC. 6

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said that the gross domestic product slowdown in the September quarter was not 'systemic' and the economic activity in the third quarter, with better public expenditure, is likely to compensate for the moderation. The minister's statement comes after the Reserve Bank of India sharply slashed its growth projection to 6.6 per cent for the current fiscal from 7.2 per cent earlier.

India recorded a 7-quarter low GDP growth of 5.4 per cent in July-September FY25. In the first quarter, the growth was 6.7 per cent. "It is not a systemic slowdown. It is more of absence of activity on public expenditure, capital expenditure and so on. I expect Q3 to make up for all these," Sitharaman said at an event here.

The growth momentum was low in the first quarter due to general election and reduction in capital expenditure. This has had a bearing on the second quarter as well. "We need

to push up on many other factors," she said, adding that India would continue to be the fastest-growing economy next year and thereafter.

In the first half, the government spent only 37.3 per cent of its capital expenditure target of Rs 11.11 lakh crore for FY25. "Other factors affecting growth include plateauing global demand that affected export growth," Sitharaman said, adding that purchasing power of Indians is improving, but within India, you also have concerns of wages saturating.

The finance ministry, in its Economic Survey for FY24, had estimated a GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent for the current fiscal year. "We have a Prime Minister who looks at opportunities in each of the challenges. During Covid-19, the challenge was seen as an opportunity for bringing in reforms. Five mini budgets were presented at that time, each of them giving relief, support and handholding on one hand and on the other making sure small and overlooked reforms were taken," she said.

MSMEs' loan dues at ₹28 L cr; 4.5% NPAs

SANGEETHA G.
CHENNAI, DEC. 6

Out of 3.13 crore micro, small and medium enterprises registered with the government between FY20 and FY24, 68,800 MSMEs have shut their operations. MSMEs have a total loan outstanding of ₹28 lakh crore with a gross NPA share of 4.46 per cent.

As per data on Udyam Registration Portal, 3.13 crore enterprises have registered on the URP between FY20 and FY24. The registration on URP has increased from 1.52 crore as on April 2023 to

3.13 crore on November 30, 2024.

Of the total registered MSMEs of 3.13 crore, about 0.22 per cent MSMEs have been deregistered due to closure. As per this data, 68,800 MSMEs shut shop since FY20, the government informed Lok Sabha.

At the end of FY24, MSMEs have a total loan outstanding of ₹28 lakh crore. Of this, Rs 1.25 lakh crore of 4.46 per cent is gross NPA. Gross NPA share in the MSME sector has been 11 per cent in FY20 and has been coming down in the past four years.

Oil, gas PSUs achieve 83% of capex target in 2024-25

SANGEETHA G.
CHENNAI, DEC. 6

In the past ten years, 379 projects with a total cost of ₹4.86 lakh crore have been completed in the oil and gas sector. Having completed over ₹97,000 crore valued projects, the oil and gas public sector enterprises have achieved 83 per cent capex target in the current financial year.

Since 2014, 379 projects with an investment of ₹100 crore and above have been completed. Of the total cost of 4.86 lakh crore, 225 projects costing ₹2.52 lakh crore are green-

field projects and 154 projects costing ₹2.34 lakh crore are brownfield projects, the government informed Lok Sabha.

Further, around 145 projects with an approved project cost of ₹5.65 lakh crore are under implementation. In the current year, oil and gas projects with an investment of ₹97,667 crore have been completed and this is 83 per cent of the total target for the year of ₹1,18,499 crore. In FY24, the sector had invested ₹1,36,821 crore, which was 129 per cent of the target of ₹1,06,401.

CRR cut halts market momentum

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

Market participants maintained a positive outlook on interest future rate cut as market closed flat after RBI's 50 basis points cut in credit reserve ratio (CRR)

The Sensex closed at 81,709.12 down by 56.74 points while Nifty-50 closed down by 30.6 points at 24,677. Broader market welcomed RBI policy with BSE Mid-cap index up 0.36 per cent and BSE Small-cap index up 0.60 per cent.

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MARKET REACTION
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The rate sensitive sectors closed with gains-BSE auto (0.92%), bankex (0.09%), capital goods (0.28%), consumer durables (1.16%) while realty closed

flat. BSE Metal index also gained 1.17 per cent.

Meanwhile, foreign portfolio investors were net sellers of equities worth ₹1830.31 crore while domestic institutions were net buyers by ₹1659.06 crore. "FPIs have started Dec.

LG Electronics India files papers for IPO

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, DEC. 6

Primary market saw some major announcements on Friday as LG Electronics India filed draft red herring prospectus for ₹15,237 crore initial public offering. LG Electronics India IPO is completely an offer for sale of over 10.18 crore equity shares, each of ₹10 face value by promoters

LG Electronics Inc. Edelweiss subsidiary Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors (EAAA), now renamed as EAAA India Alternatives, also has filed a draft red herring prospectus for an IPO of up to ₹1,500 crore. EAAA India Alternatives IPO is also purely an offer for sale by promoters Edelweiss Securities and Investments.

Vishal Mega Mart, Sai Life Sciences and One Mobikwik announced their initial public offerings all opening on December 11 and close on Same day- December 13, 2024. These three IPOs together aim to raise ₹11,614 crore.

Hyderabad based Sai Life Sciences IPO aims to raise ₹3042.62 crore through a mix of fresh

issue of ₹950 crore and an offer for sale of equity shares worth ₹2092.62 crore in the price band of ₹522 to ₹549 per equity share of ₹1 face value.

"As India's secondary market soars to new heights with benchmark indices hitting record levels, the primary markets are equally eclectic," Pantomath Capital Advisors said.

CLIMATE | CHANGE Deals on environment-friendly tech worth \$2.4 billion completed in India in Q3

India outpaces China in green investments

New Delhi, Dec. 6: India has outpaced China as a destination for clean technology funding in recent months, as efforts to boost domestic green manufacturing help attract investors. Deals worth about \$2.4 billion were completed in the third quarter, more than four times the value of those in China and the second-highest total globally behind the US, data compiled by BloombergNEF show.

The momentum is being driven by India's push to build out local clean energy capacity to limit reliance on China, and the prospects of becoming an exporter of the technologies, said Raj Pai, founding partner of GEF Capital Partners, a climate-focused private equity fund.

"The attractiveness of the climate sector for both public and private capital is very high," he said.

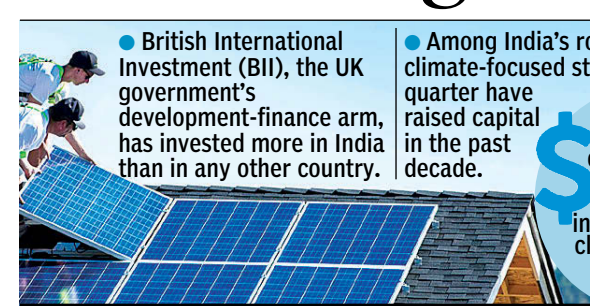
A series of policy initiatives from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's govern-

ment is boosting the clean energy sector in particular, and India is likely to see the fastest rate of

expansion of renewables among major economies through the rest of the decade, according to the

International Energy Agency. More than a dozen renewables and electric

vehicle firms have publicly listed this year, including solar panel producer Waaree Energies Ltd. and scooter manufacturer Ola Electric Mobility Ltd. Shares in clean power firm NTPC Green Energy Ltd. have advanced more than 30 per cent since they began trading last month. "Climate is the hottest topic for venture capital right now" in India, said Abhinav Sinha from British International Investment. — Bloomberg



British International Investment (BII), the UK government's development-finance arm, has invested more in India than in any other country.

Among India's roughly 800 climate-focused startups, only a quarter have raised capital in the past decade.

The total of about \$3.6 billion is far below the more than \$19 billion attracted by fintech firms over the same period.

BII has committed to deploy at least \$1 billion in the nation on climate-related projects by 2026.

SHORT TAKES

Brook smashes century vs Kiwis

Wellington: Harry Brook smashed a century and England then took five New Zealand wickets in the final session to put the visitors on top after the first day of the second Test on Friday.

The Black Caps were 86/5 in response to England's 280, with Brydon Carse capturing the key wicket of Kane Williamson soon before stumps to cap an enthralling day.

At close Tom Blundell was on 7 and nightwatchman Will O'Rourke yet to score. It was a fast-moving opening day, in a similar vein to the first Test in Christchurch, which England won by eight wickets in three and a half days.

Brook set the tone with his brilliant 123 off 115 balls, following on from his match-winning 171 at Hagley Oval.

He again rescued England, who had crumbled in the first hour to 43/4 after being sent in on a green Basin Reserve pitch.

Brook described it as the "favourite" of his eight centuries in 23 Tests. — AFP

Shammi Silva is ACC president

Dubai: Sri Lanka's Shammi Silva has taken over as the president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), succeeding India's Jay Shah, who recently became the chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Shah had vacated the position after three terms as ACC President.

It won't be Silva's maiden role with the ACC, having previously functioned as the chairman of the organisation's Finance & Marketing Committee.

"It is a great honour to lead the Asian Cricket Council. Cricket is the heartbeat of Asia, and I look forward to working closely with all member nations to elevate the game, provide opportunities for emerging talent, and strengthen the bonds that unite us through this beautiful sport," said Silva in a statement.

Anmol, Sathish in Masters semis

Guwahati: Indian shuttlers Anmol Kharb and Sathish Kumar Karunakaran progressed to the semifinals of the Guwahati Masters Super 100 badminton tournament here on Friday.

Anmol packed off defending champion Lalinarat Chaiwan of Thailand 21-13, 22-24, 22-20 in the women's quarterfinal. The 17-year-old will now face Mansi Singh, who defeated Thailand's Yataweemin Kateklieng 22-20, 21-18.

The men's singles third seed Sathish defeated Saran Jamsri of Thailand 21-19, 21-13.

Among other Indians, fifth seeds Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto got the better of K. Sathwik Reddy and Vaishnavi Khadkekar 21-16, 21-14 to make it to the mixed doubles semifinals.

Top seeds and defending champions Ashwini Ponnappa and Crasto were the only Indian pair left in the fray in women's doubles after beating China's fifth seeds Huang Ke Xin and Tang Rui Zhi 21-18, 21-13 in the quarterfinals.

However, it was end of road for Tharun Manneppalli, Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma. — PTI

Racer Max set to become father

Abu Dhabi: Formula 1 champion Max Verstappen is set to become a father for the first time with his girlfriend Kelly Piquet, he said Friday.

There's racing heritage on both sides of the family. Verstappen secured his fourth F1 title in Las Vegas last month, and Kelly's father Nelson Piquet was a three-time champion in the 1980s.

Mini Verstappen-Piquet on the way, the Dutch driver wrote on Instagram. We couldn't be happier with our little miracle.

Verstappen's father Jos drove in F1 in the 1990s and early 2000s. Kelly Piquet's brother Nelson Piquet, Jr. was a driver for Renault in the 2000s and was champion in the first season of the Formula 'E' series for electric cars in 2014-15.

STARCLIGHT

Mitchell sends India for a six even as Nitish stands up

Adelaide, Dec. 6: Seasoned pacer Mitchell Starc made the most of a moving pink ball for a career-best six-wicket haul as India flattered to deceive to let Australia hold all the aces on day one of the day/night Test here on Friday.

Opting to bat, India had it under control at 69 for 1 before they lost their way to settle for 180 all out at stroke of dinner.

A fearless Nitish Reddy (42 off 54) was the sole man responsible for taking his team past the 150-run mark, adding valuable runs with the lower-order.

Australia did well to reach 86 for 1 at stumps with Marnus Labuschagne (20 batting off 67) and Nathan McSweeney (38 batting off 97) finding welcome runs.

The conditions remained challenging for the batters through the day but the pitch had enough runs for the taking.

The hosts would be backing themselves to surpass India's total on day two, considering the easier batting conditions in daylight.

Labuschagne, fighting for his place in the side, once again took a long time, 19 balls to be specific, to get off the mark but then found ways to score runs.

McSweeney was dropped by Rishabh Pant early in his innings and he rode that luck to frustrate the opposition.

Birthday boy Jasprit Bumrah was once again the best Indian bowler on show and picked up the only wicket to fall in Australia's innings, having Usman Khawaja caught at first slip with a beauty.

The Indian pace spearhead will need more support from the fellow fast bowlers on Saturday.

In the second session, Starc made the pink ball talk to take his maiden five-wicket haul against India.

Having reduced the visitors to 82 for 4 at tea, Australia took the remaining six wickets at the cost of 98 runs before dinner break was taken.

Starc sizzled with his trademark inswingers to remove R. Ashwin and Harshit Rana while Cummins used the short ball effectively.

Rohit Sharma (3 off 23), batting in the middle order after six years, was trapped in front by Boland with a ball that jagged back from length. — PTI



Australia's Mitchell Starc bowls to Indian batsman Nitish Kumar Reddy on the first day of the second Test at the Adelaide Oval in Adelaide on Friday. — AFP

STARC SOAKS IN A GOOD DAY AT GROUND

Adelaide, Dec. 6: Australian pacer Mitchell Starc acknowledged on Friday that things couldn't have gone better for the hosts on the opening day of the Pink-ball Test, saying it was a great way to start the day and an even better way to conclude it.

Starc was the standout performer on a lively Adelaide pitch, returning excellent figures of 6/48 to dismiss India for a mere 180 runs. The Australian top order then scored 86/1 in the final session, leaving the visitors in a spot of bother.

"Yeah, a very good first day for us with the ball, I think. After that first hour, I think we were pretty bang on. So, yeah, nice way to start the Test, but a nice day one for us. It's a good way to finish the day, or good day all up," said Starc during the press-conference.

Starc, 34, struck the first blow by dismissing young India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal off the first ball of the match.

He said it was satisfying to dismiss Jaiswal for a first-ball duck after the Indian had scored a century in the opening Test in Perth.

However, Starc cautioned that Australia would need to remain on their guard in the second innings. — PTI

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings: Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Mitchell Starc 0, K. L. Rahul c Nathan McSweeney b Mitchell Starc 37, Shubman Gill lbw b Scott Boland 31, Virat Kohli c Steve Smith b Mitchell Starc 7, Rishabh Pant c Marnus Labuschagne b Pat Cummins 21, Rohit Sharma lbw b Scott Boland 3, Nitish Kumar Reddy c Travis Head b Mitchell Starc 42, Ravichandran Ashwin lbw b Mitchell Starc 22, Harshit Rana b Mitchell Starc 0, Jasprit Bumrah c Khawaja b Pat Cummins 0, Mohammed Siraj not out 4. Extras (lb-5, nb-7, w-1) 13. Total (all out in 44.1 overs) 180. Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-69, 3-77, 4-81, 5-87, 6-109, 7-141, 8-141, 9-176.

Bowling: Mitchell Starc 14.1-2-48-6, Pat Cummins 12-4-41-2, Scott Boland 13-0-54-2, Nathan Lyon 1-0-6-0, Mitchell Marsh 4-0-26-0.

Australia 1st Innings: Usman Khawaja c Rohit Sharma b Jasprit Bumrah 13, Nathan McSweeney batting 38, Marnus Labuschagne batting 20. Extras (fb-13, lb-1, nb-1) 15. Total (for 1 wicket in 33 overs) 86. Fall of wicket: 1-24.

Bowling: Jasprit Bumrah 11-4-13-1, Mohammed Siraj 10-3-29-0, Harshit Rana 8-2-18-0, Nitish Kumar Reddy 3-1-12-0, Ravichandran Ashwin 1-1-0-0.

GOLDEN DUCKS!

Following Yashasvi Jaiswal's dismissal on Friday, here's a List of Indians out on the first ball of Tests.

BATTER	BOWLER	VENUE	SEASON
Sunil Gavaskar	Geoff Arnold (England)	Birmingham	1974
Sudhir Naik	Andy Roberts (West Indies)	Kolkata	1975-76
Sunil Gavaskar	Malcolm Marshall (WI)	Kolkata	1983-84
SM Gavaskar	Imran Khan (Pakistan)	Jaipur	1986-87
Woorkeri Raman	Richard Hadlee (New Zealand)	Napier	1989-90
Shiv Sunder Das	Mervyn Dillon (West Indies)	Bridgetown	2001-02
Wasim Jaffer	Mashrafe Mortaza (Bangladesh)	Chittagong	2006-07
K. L. Rahul	Suranga Lakmal (Sri Lanka)	Kolkata	2017-18
Yashasvi Jaiswal	Mitchell Starc (Australia)	Adelaide	2024-25

— S. PERVEZ QAISER

Gaurav ton wins 'A' title for MP Colts

Dev takes five-wicket haul in U-16 state match; Satyam, Rafeeqe, Vamshhi, Pradyum, Shashank, Rishanth, Rayudu, Rehan, Abhivant, Balaji, Saswat shine in 'C' division ties

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 6

Hyderabad opener Aaron George hit a half-century against Chhattisgarh on Day One of their Under-19 Cooch Behar Trophy match being played at NexGen Cricket Ground in Hyderabad.

Electing to bat, the hosts were all out for 317 in 100.5 overs. Aaron scored 87 and got good support from Siddharth Rao C (45), K. Sriniketh (37 not out), V. Yashveer (32) and B. Ahwinan Ram (32). Chhattisgarh's Vikalp Tiwari took 5 wickets while conceding 71 runs.

In the U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy match, Dev Mehta was star for Hyderabad on first day of their match against Kerala being played at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow.

Mehta took 5 wickets while conceding 37 runs which put Kerala at 121 for 6 at close. Earlier, Hyderabad collapsed to 83 all out in 48.4 overs.

Back home, Marredpally Colts rode on P. Gaurav Reddy's century to win the Hyderabad Cricket Association 'A' Division



WOMEN'S ONE-DAY TROPHY
Round-2, at Ahmedabad: Arunachal Pradesh 95 in 35 overs (Gouher Sultana 4/18, Yashasri 3/17) lost to Hyderabad 101/1 in 22.1 overs (Anuradha Nayak 42 n.o.).

COOCH BEHAR TROPHY (U-19)
Round-5, Day-1, at Hyderabad: Hyderabad 317 in 100.5 overs (Aaron George 87, Siddharth Rao C 45, K. Sriniketh 37 not out, V. Yashveer 32, B. Ahwinan Ram 32, Vikalp Tiwari 5/71 — 29-5-71-5) vs Chhattisgarh.

VIJAY MERCHANT TROPHY (U-16)
Round-1, Day-1, at Lucknow: Hyderabad 83 in 48.4 overs (Muhammed Ralhan 3/18, Devagiri 3/18, Nandan 4/12) vs Kerala 121/6 in 32 overs (Eshaan Kunal 63batting, Dev Mehta 5/37 — 11-1-37-5).

'A' DIVISION ONE-DAY TOURNEY
Final: Gemini Friends 289/9 in 50 overs (Syed Ghazi Abbas 71, Abhyudaya Pratap Singh 38, Ali Kachchi 51, Rishiket Sisodia 33, Rajamani Prasad 3/33) lost to MP Colts 292/5 in 48.1 overs (P. Gaurav Reddy 111 — 106b, 8x4, 6x6, MSR Chauri 49, S. Vaishnav Reddy 70 n.o., Abdul Ela Quraishi 3/51).

'C' DIVISION ONE-DAY TOURNEY
Saint Sai 322/7 in 50 overs (Ritesh Kumar Goud 44, Divyanshu Singh 68, Satyam Sagar 100 n.o. — 80b, 10x4, Pradeep 45, Dhruv K 3/35) bt Swastik Union 62 in 20.1 overs (Sai Smaran K 35, CH Anirudh 4/25, Satyam Sagar 6/18 — 9-1-0-18-6).

Kishorens 323 in 42.1 overs (Mohd Rafeeqe 112 — 74b, 15x4, Rraam Gupta 86, Abdul Muqtadeer 42) bt Acrylic 139 in 39.1 overs (Puneeth Puram 60, Mohd Rafeeqe 5/35 — 9-1-0-35-5).

Greenlands 74 in 25.3 overs (M. Sathwik 32, M. Sai Pradyum Reddy 7/20 — 10-0-20-7) lost to Hyderabad Panthers 76/5 in 14 overs (P. Avinash 55, P. Akshith Reddy 4/40).

AB Colony 381 in 50 overs (P. Rishanth Reddy 106 — 48b, 16x4, 4x6, Rayudu Nayak 111 — 82b, 11x4, 4x6, Syed Rehan 31) bt HPS-R 194 in 47.2 overs (Yashvasin 83, Syed Rehan 6/43 — 10-0-43-6).

Adnan CC 258/9 in 50 overs (G. Subramanyam 52, Harsh Gandra 87, Akshay Sai Goud 34, Kritesh Soni 5/43 — 9-0-43-5) lost to ML Jaisimha 261/8 in 37 overs (Saswat Mohapatra 122 — 64b, 13x4, 10x6, P Venkata Rao 3/49, A Sai Ganesh 3/21).

Manikumar 372/4 in 45 overs (Srinath Reddy 37, Swargam Suraj 35, S. Vamshli Kumar 172 — 99b, 14x4, 12x6, Preet Patel 88) bt Azad CC 60/10 in 31 overs (K Pavan 4/23, S Vamshli Kumar 4/16).

Roshanara 71 in 22.3 overs (Shashank Shrivastava 5/22 — 9-0-22-5, Adithya H 4/14) lost to Mahadev CC 72/3 in 11 overs (N. Tarun Raj 35).

Tirumala 112 in 25.5 overs (V. Abhiram 72, Abhivant 5/20 — 4.5-0-20-5) lost to Secunderabad Union

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Suryavanshi takes India to title clash

Sharjah, Dec. 6: Vaibhav Suryavanshi was the star of the show again with a second successive half-century as India stormed into the U-19 Asia Cup ODI final with a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Sri Lanka here on Friday.

The 13-year-old, who became the youngest cricketer ever to be bought at an IPL auction last month, smashed five sixes and six fours for his 36-ball 67 as India chased down a target of 174 with as many as 170 balls to spare.

India will face Bangladesh in the final at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday.

Bangladesh defeated Pakistan by seven wickets, completing a modest chase of 117 in 22.1 overs in the first semifinal.

Opting to bat, Sri Lanka could only manage 173 in 46.2 overs despite a valiant effort from Lakvin Abeysinghe (69 off 110) and Sharujan Shanmuganathan (42 off 78).

Their innings struggled to gain momentum as Indian bowlers were in full control with Chetan Sharma (3/34), Kiran Chormale (2/32), and Ayush Mhatre (2/37) wreaking havoc in the middle overs.

— PTI
Brief Scores: Sri Lanka 173 in 46.2 overs (Lakvin Abeysinghe 69, Sharujan Shanmuganathan 42, Chetan Sharma 3/34, Kiran Chormale 2/32, Ayush Mhatre 2/37) lost to India 175/3 in 21.4 overs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 67, Mhatre 34, Mohamed Amaan 25 not out).



ICC chairman Jay Shah (left) is greeted by V. Chamundeswara Nath, cricketers' representative on the IPL Governing Council, former Andhra Ranji Trophy captain and BCCI Junior Selection Committee chairman after Shah took over the ICC top post in Dubai.

CITY CLIPS



Jharkhand players are jubilant after winning the 14th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship on Friday. Jharkhand beat Madhya Pradesh 1-0 in the final at RRC Astro Turf ground.

Jharkhand girls are hockey champs

Jharkhand emerged winners of the 14th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women's National Championship at the RRC Astro Turf ground. They eked out a hard-fought 1-0 win over Madhya Pradesh in Friday's final.

In the 60 minutes of play, the defenders of both sides held the upper hand. There were several raids, but the attackers were unable to breach the rival citadel. Jharkhand took the lead after 15 minutes of struggle as Leoni Hemrom sounded the board. That was the only goal scored in the entire game and separated the winners from the runners-up.

The Madhya Pradesh teenagers, who scored heavily right through the tournament, seemed to have lost their scoring touch. They were completely overshadowed by the Jharkhand defenders.

Lokesh jumps high to grab a gold

Manthra Lokesh of Andhra Pradesh won a gold medal at the World Ability Sport Youth Games being held in Hong Kong on Friday. In the finals at the King'80 Stadium, the boy from Palasa in Srikakulam district jumped 157 centimetres in the T42/46 category to bag the top spot on the podium.



Lokesh

Another Indian, Abhishek, won silver with a jump of 154 cm in the same section.

Swimmer Karthik bags two medals

Fourteen-year-old swimmer Kolli Karthik Agneya of Telangana bagged a gold and silver in different categories at the Sivus India Open Swimming Nationals for children with intellectual impairment held in Chennai.



Karthik

Karthik clocked 14 minutes and 47.99 seconds to take the top spot in the Boys 800 metres Freestyle event. He then took silver in the 200 metres Individual Medley with a timing of 4:42.11.

By virtue of winning these medals, Karthik qualified for the Virtus trials to represent Telangana & India at international swimming events in 2025.

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