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## MEA: Indians go missing in Russian Army

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

India on Friday announced that 16 Indians serving in the Russian Army have been categorised by Russian authorities as "missing" and their whereabouts are not known. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that the MEA is in touch with the families of these Indians.

He said that of the 126 Indians who had been recruited in the Russian Army, 96 have returned to India while 12 died in the (Russia-Ukraine) war while adding that of the 18 still found to be serving in the Russian Army.

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## Cabinet okays ₹11,440 cr for debt-hit VSP

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

In a significant development, the Centre on Friday announced a grand revival package for the crisis-ridden Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), which has a high emotional connect with the people of Andhra Pradesh.

As per the revival plan approved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ₹10,300 crore will be infused as equity capital and ₹1,140 crore working capital loan will be converted into cumulative preference share capital redeemable after 10 years.

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## ITE expresses its readiness to work with Young India

# Revanth's S'pore visit gets skill varsity deal

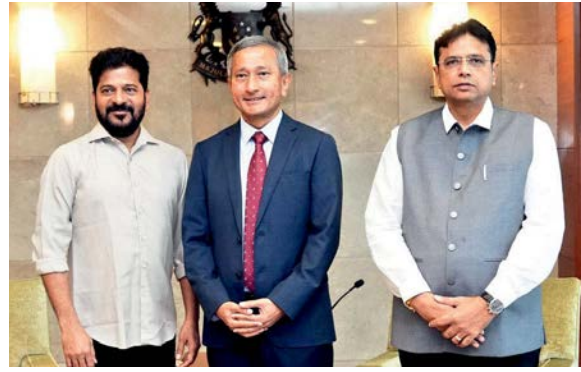
DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday invited Singapore Institute of Technical Education (ITE) to support the government's efforts to set up the Young India Skill University in Hyderabad's Fourth City.

On the first day of the Singapore tour, the Telangana Rising delegation led by the Chief Minister visited the Singapore ITE, and explored its skill development courses in 20 sectors.

Later, they held discussions with the top ITE officials. Revanth Reddy briefed officials on the state's Young India Skill University and requested the Singapore ITE to participate in skill development training.

The ITE delegation expressed its readiness to work together with Young India Skill University. Officials of ITE and Skill



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu with Singapore foreign minister Vivian Balakrishnan, on Friday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

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Page 3: Revanth focuses on long-term alliance

## Delhi: BJP vows ₹2.5K for women, LPG ₹500

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

The BJP on Friday released its "Sankalp Patra" (manifesto) promising ₹2,500 monthly aid for women, ₹21,000 for every pregnant woman, LPG cylinders at ₹500 and also ₹2,500 pension for senior citizens in a bid to undercut the AAP in the battle for Delhi's urban poor.

Releasing the BJP's first of three Sankalp Patras for the February 5 Delhi

Assembly polls, party president J.P. Nadda said that a BJP-led Delhi government will approve implementation of the "Ayushman Bharat" national public health insurance scheme in the city in its first Cabinet meeting.

He assured that all existing public welfare schemes in the national capital will continue if the party is voted to power.

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## AAP promises free bus rides for male students

AVINASH PRABHAKAR  
JHA | DC  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced free bus rides for male students if his party gets re-elected in the February 5 Assembly polls.

Addressing the media, the former chief minister said, "Women in Delhi are already enjoying free bus rides. Now, we will extend the same benefit to male

## Parl. Budget session likely from Jan. 31

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

The first part of Parliament's Budget Session is likely to be held between January 31 and February 13, with Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to table her eighth straight budget on February 1.

In line with the convention, the session will start with President Droupadi Murmu's address to a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on January 31, followed by the tabling of the economic survey.

Following the recess, sources said the second part of the session will be held between the second week of March and first week of April. The first part is marked by a debate in both Houses on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address and ends with the Prime Minister's reply.

# Future of mobility belongs to us: PM

## Says focusing on green tech development, EVs

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that India stands as an outstanding destination for every investor looking to shape their future in the mobility sector and assured government support.

Speaking after inaugurating the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, the Prime Minister said that India is focusing on the development of green technology, EVs, hydrogen fuel and bio-fuels, a complete ecosystem for auto manufacturing.

Modi stated that driven by the aspirations of the people and energy of the youth, India's automobile sector is witnessing an unprecedented transformation. He mentioned that in the past year, the Indian auto industry has grown by nearly 12 per cent.

The Prime Minister said that the sale of approximately 2.5 crore cars in a year demonstrates the continuously growing demand in India. He emphasised that this growth showcases why India is viewed with such high expectations when it comes to the future of mobility.

Modi said that the number of cars sold annually in India surpasses the population of many countries and attributed the rise in exports to the "Make in India and Make for the World" mantra.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, on Friday. — PTI

### MOBILITY MANTRA

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Highlighting that India is currently the world's fifth-largest economy and the third-largest passenger vehicle market, Modi said that as India ascends to become one of the top three economies globally, the country's auto market will witness unprecedented transformation and expansion.

Modi noted that several factors drive the future of mobility in India, including the country's large youth population, the expanding middle class, rapid urbanisation, modern infrastructure devel-

opment and affordable vehicles through the "Make in India" initiative. "These factors collectively push the growth of the auto sector in India," he said.

Stressing the significant role of the Make in India initiative in the growth potential of India's auto industry, Modi said that the PLI schemes had given new momentum to the campaign, aiding sales of over ₹2.25-lakh crore. He emphasised that this scheme has created more than 1.5 lakh direct jobs in the sector.

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EVENTS TODAY

- Shoban Babu jayanti celebrations**  
Time: 9 am  
Venue: Ravindra Bharathi
- Bayan-e-Ghalib: Ghalib's ghazals and graceful Kathak**  
Time: 9 am  
Venue: Shilparamam
- Book release by Krishna Mohan**  
Time: 6 pm  
Venue: Ravindra Bharathi
- Lecture-demonstration of Ikebana by Rekha Reddy**  
Time: 11.30 am  
Venue: YK Antiques Home Museum
- Workshop on mindful Mandala art**  
Time: 1 pm  
Venue: Hyatt Place
- Kundeti Kommu: Award-winning Telugu play**  
Time: 7 pm  
Venue: Our Sacred Space
- Kothapet Hyderabad Unlimited Book Fair**  
Time: 10 am  
Venue: Rajdhani Gardens
- P.C. Sorcar magic show**  
Time: 4 pm  
Venue: Hari Hara Kala Bhavan
- Eternal and Ethereal Himalayas: Art Exhibition**  
Time: 11.30 am  
Venue: Icon Art Gallery

# CSB to make children's online presence safer

Goel's initiative aims to educate parents on kids' digital safety

**PRIYA RATHNAM and MANVI VYAS I DC**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), which is leading the battle against digital fraudsters, is taking youth and child protection as a top priority.

In line with this, the bureau has set up a dedicated child protection unit (CPU) to address child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and related online offences.

This initiative aims to safeguard children from getting exploited online and strengthen efforts to combat cybercrimes that involve abuse, particularly those related to pornography content, said TGCSB director Shikha Goel.

DGP Goel, who heads the Women Safety Wing, said that the CPU would operate in close collaboration with Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), an association that is working to combat child exploitation and an MoU had been signed to combat child abuse on online platforms including the pornographic content.

The BBA, which has a wing dealing with harassment, will assist the bureau by providing resource persons and

**PARENTAL SETTINGS**

Parental controls that can be accessed by parents on different platforms:

**INSTAGRAM:** Privatised account, apply comment filters, go to family centre, enable location sharing. Family centre feature would direct users to the "Invite your teen" option. This would enable supervision via the app.

**X:** Turn on privacy and safety options, block words, and turn on restricted DMs.



"We know how difficult it is for parents to see their children experience untoward online situations like cyberbullying and coming across inappropriate content on social media platforms. — DGP Shikha Goel, TGCSB director

training officers in handling such sensitive cases, Goel said. Cases related to child sexual abuse material will be reported through petitions and complaints filed via the emergency helpline 1930 and the investigation will be taken up with TGCSB and BBA resources.

"This proactive approach aims to identify and eliminate harmful material before it can cause further damage," Goel added.

She said a holistic approach was being taken by the TGCSB.

"This initiative is not just about identifying perpetrators but also about creating a robust system that addresses prevention, detection, and justice," she stated. TGCSB has also taken up an initiative to educate parents in order to ensure digital safety of children.

"We know how difficult it is for parents to see their children experience untoward online situations like cyberbullying and coming across inappropriate content on social media platforms. But we believe that digi-

tal hygiene too starts from home and that a parent must know what rights these applications give them," said Goel. TGCSB has developed a handbook that aims to educate parents about the different parental control features social media apps provide. From understanding what these parental control features are to helping parents understand how they can help their children create healthy digital boundaries, the guide has it all. The handbook also consists of ways parents can teach their children fearless reporting of online crimes.

"We advise parents to have open conversations with their children. Make them believe they can reach out to you for support. Identifying behaviours is one thing a parent can do. Identify mood swings, behaviors of secrecy or withdrawal. Keeping records like screenshots of messages, comments act as crucial evidence while taking legal action against the bully," the TGCSB director said.

The bureau further urged parents to be aware of the laws that exist to protect their child from online abuse.

# Sehra procession takes centrestage

**SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Hazrat Ali's birth anniversary celebrations took centre stage on Friday, featuring a grand Sehra procession led by an elephant. The day falls on 13 Rajab as per the Islamic calendar, and festivities continue throughout the week.

On Friday, 16 Rajab, devotees gathered at ashoorkhana in Imlibun, where an elephant carrying the "Sandal" and "Sehra" led a procession that passed through Darulshifa and Noorkhan Bazaar. Thousands of participants thronged the streets to witness the



Celebrations mark Hazrat Ali's birth anniversary with Sehra procession led by an elephant on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

event. According to Syed Hamid Hussain Jafri, president of the TS Shia Youth Conference, prominent figures attended a religious meeting on the occasion, including Srinagar MP Aga Syed

Ruhullah Mehdi. On Thursday, the 'Juloos-e-Sehra Mubarak', was taken out after prayers at the Ashoorkhana Baitul Sharaf Sarkar Rizayul Millat and was led by Moulana Syed Waheed

Uddin Hyder Jaffery Qibla Akhbari.

The procession began in the afternoon, traversing Darulshifa, Purani Haveli, Mandi Mir Alam, and Etebar Chowk, eventually concluding at Panjeshia Vilayat.

Earlier, on Tuesday, a separate procession left Bargha Sakina, Alijahkotia, and reached Moulana Ali via Mir Alam Mandi, Darulshifa, Chaderghat, Barkatpura, Nallakunta, Tarnaka, and Lalapat.

Organiser Ali Raza said the occasion marked the 1,467th birth anniversary (Viladath) of Imam Ali Ibn-e Abu Talib (a.s.), who holds the distinction of being born inside the Holy Kaaba in Macca.

SHORT TAKE

## RAJANARSIMHA ASSURES STIPEND HIKE FOR JR DOCS

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Health minister Damodar Rajanarsimha assured junior doctors of the possibility of a hike in stipends and timely release of salaries, during a meeting with the Telangana Junior Doctors Association (TJUDA) on Friday.

The delegation highlighted the issue of stipends, scholarships and salary delays of assistant and associate professors. The association also submitted a representation requesting a stipend hike. He agreed to forward the representation to the health secretary. He also agreed to examine the possibility of exempting stipends from tax and explore possible solutions.

## JNTU-H BEGINS ASSISTANT PROF. INTERVIEWS

**Hyderabad:** JNTU-Hyderabad commenced the assistant professor (ratification) interviews for private affiliated colleges on Friday. The interviews will continue until January 20.

The process is being supervised by JNTU in-charge Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, rector Prof. K. Vijayakumar Reddy, and registrar Dr K. Venkateswara Rao.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Reddy, accompanied by key university officials including Dr S. Thara Kalyani, director of the affiliation audit cell, Prof. B. Ravindra Reddy, autonomous director, and Dr B. Swetha, deputy director, conducted a review of the ongoing interview process. Interacting with the candidates, Prof. Reddy stressed the importance of upholding academic standards in affiliated colleges, ensuring the recruitment of capable faculty members.

CITY SEGMENTS

## National merit scholarship deadline extended to Jan. 19

**Hyderabad:** The Board of Intermediate Education has announced an extension of the deadline to January 19 to submit fresh and renewal applications for the national merit scholarships under the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for college and varsity students.

This extension applies to students who have passed the Intermediate Public Examination (IPE) 2025 as well as those renewing their scholarship applications for 2024-25. The deadline for verification of applications by institute nodal officers (INO) has been set as January 23. Applicants are required to submit their forms online through the official portal at scholarships.gov.in. The list of top 20th percentile of provisionally selected candidates from IPE 2024, is available on the TGIE's official website. The ministry of education said that students who missed applying for renewal of their scholarships in previous years may apply for renewal if they meet eligibility criteria for 2024-25.

## Chakali Ilamma included in TG Universities Act

**Hyderabad:** The state government has amended the Telangana Universities Act of 1991 to include Veerani Chakali Ilamma Women's University, following Governor Jishnu Dev Varma's assent.

This development comes in the wake of an agitation by students of the institution, formerly known as Osmania University College for Women, Koti.

Elevated to the status of a state university in 2022 and initially renamed Telangana

Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, it was rechristened as Veerani Chakali Ilamma Women's University in September last to honour the legacy of the revolutionary who stood up against feudal lords in Visnur, Warangal.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) had not recognised the university. In November 2024, protests intensified as students demanded UGC accreditation, expressing fears that their degrees might be deemed invalid.

## TGBIE extends Inter exams fee deadline till Jan. 25

**Hyderabad:** The Board of Intermediate Education allowed students

time till January 25 to pay fee for the Intermediate Public Exams, to

be held in March, with a late fee of ₹2,500. This applies to 1st and 2nd

year regular and failed students from general, vocational streams.

## WINTER ILLNESS Fever during winter can cause serious complications if not treated

# Docs raise concern over scarlet fever cases

**SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC**  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17



**SCARLET FEVER IN CHILDREN**  
A BACTERIAL INFECTION AFFECTING CHILDREN AGED 5-15 YEARS.

Doctors are raising concern over cases of scarlet fever among children. It is a bacterial infection that usually affects children between the ages of five and 15 years.

The fever is common during winter months and can lead to serious complications if not checked early.

"The fever is caused by group A beta-hemolytic streptococcus, which releases a toxin that produces a rash on the skin and red-dish colour on the tongue," said Dr Satish Ghanta, senior

**TREATMENT**  
Easily treated with antibiotics; IV fluids for severe cases.

**COMMON SYMPTOMS**  
High fever, red & painful tonsils, strawberry tongue, sandpaper rash.

**POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS**  
Swollen throat, joint issues, kidney, liver, and heart risks.

paediatrician. Doctors said this fever leads to the tonsils in the throat being swollen, leading to the child's inability to eat. "If your child develops fever, red and painful tonsils with or without creamish

deposits, a diffuse red sandpaper like rash on day two and a strawberry-like tongue, consult a paediatrician without fail," said Dr Sivaranjani Santosh, paediatrician. "Besides high fever and rash, the patient

suffers a sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, severe body pain, pain while swallowing and weakness for a week. Children cannot eat anything during that period," said Dr Ghanta.

"The symptoms last for about five days, usually going up to seven days. Some even go up to ten days. The weakness and the eating issues linger on for a while," he added. Doctors suggested that parents remain cautious and follow the doctor's prescription for antibiotics. "It can be cured easily with basic antibiotics. Only if the child is facing issues with

eating food and swallowing medicine, they are treated with IV fluids," Dr Ghanta added.

"Start the antibiotic as prescribed, and complete the course, otherwise there is a chance for the kidneys and heart to get affected. Do not send the child to school till recovery is complete," Dr Sivaranjani urged.

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**EXAMINATION SECTION**  
Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) -2024  
Advertisement No. 98/2024

Common Recruitment Examination (CRE)-2024 for Recruitment to the various Group- B&C posts at Participating AIIMS and Central Government Hospitals under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Online applications are invited from eligible Indian Citizens for Recruitment to various Group-B&C posts on the behalf of all participating Institutes/Hospitals with following schedules.

Online Registration for applications	
Start Date	- 7th January, 2025
Close Date	- 31st January, 2025
Date of Recruitment Examination	
Date of issuing of Admit Card	- Three days before the examination
Intimation of exam city of examination centre	- One week before the examination
Date of Exam	- 26th to 28th February, 2025

**APPLICATION FEES:**  
A) General/OBC Candidates : Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)  
B) SC/ST Candidates/EWS : Rs. 2400/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Hundred only)  
C) Persons with Disabilities : Exempted

The candidate can pay the prescribed application fee through DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD/NETBANKING. Transaction / Processing fee, if any, as applicable, will be payable to the bank by the candidate.

• Application fee, once remitted, shall not be refunded under any circumstances.  
• Applications without the prescribed fee would not be considered and summarily rejected.  
• Application Fees of SC/ST candidates who appear in the Examination will be refunded after the declaration of results in due course of time.

**Important:** For detailed information please visit the website [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in) or respective participating Institute/Hospital.

• Status of application and Admit cards of eligible candidates will only be uploaded on AIIMS website [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in). If any candidates feel difficulty during submission of application may raise a query by login with credentials on My Page (Dashboard).  
• All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will be uploaded in the website only.

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**Notice Inviting Tender**

**NIT No.: /R-01/PRJ/NRANVP/2025** **Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Dated: 17/01/2025**

Online Tenders are invited for "Allotment of Various plots for various Land-use at Nava Raipur Atal Nagar". Details of the projects are as below:

S. No.	Notice Inviting Tender No.	Location of Project	Plot Area (In Sq.mt.) approx.	Reserved Land Premium (INR/Sq.mt.)	EMD (INR Lakh)
1	597	Residential (Plotted), Plot - LI/S30/B6, Sector - 30	26,219.4157 (6.23 Acre)	7,500.00	190.00
2	598	Residential (Plotted), Plot - LI/S30/D4+D5, Sector - 30	26,153.8553 (6.46 Acre)	7,500.00	189.00
3	599	Residential (Flatted), Plot - LI/S30/D6, Sector - 30	27,173.7712 (6.71 Acre)	4,584.00	125.00
4	600	Commercial Plot, Plot - LI/S30/A1, Sector - 30	1,195.2641 (0.29 Acre)	9,467.00	12.00
5	601	Commercial Plot, Plot - LI/S30/C2, Sector - 30	1,337.7500 (0.33 Acre)	9,467.00	13.00
6	602	Development of IT Tower, Plot - I-14, Sector - 21	10,689.54 (2.64 Acre)	9,000.00	97.00
7	603	Development of Corporate Office, Plot - I-16b, Phase1, Sector - 21	1,596.37 (0.394 Acre)	9,467.00	16.00
8	604	Development of Corporate Office, Plot - B-03a, Sector - 21	3,736.45 (0.923 Acre)	9,467.00	36.00
9	605	Development of Corporate Office, Plot - B-03d, Sector - 21	3,536.98 (0.873 Acre)	9,467.00	34.00
10	606	Marina, Mixed-use and other Recreational Development, Plot - LI/S24/JLPL/U, Sector - 24	42,530.9455 (10.51 Acre)	7,706.00	328.00
11	607	Recreational Plot, Plot - LI/S24/JLPL/H4, Sector - 24	20,400.572 (5.04 Acre)	3,350.00	70.00
12	608	Recreational Plot, Plot - NB/L1, Sector - 19	825.7699 (0.20 Acre)	4,234.00	4.00
13	609	Recreational Plot, Plot - NB/L2, Sector - 19	512.2557 (0.12 Acre)	4,234.00	3.00
14	610	Recreational Plot, Plot - NB/L3, Sector - 19	422.2935 (0.10 Acre)	4,234.00	2.00
15	611	Recreational Plot, Plot - NB/L4, Sector - 19	1,054.8282 (0.26 Acre)	4,234.00	5.00
16	612	Commercial Wholesale, Pocket - E, Sector - 02	2,75,212.162 (68,006.4 Acre)	3,750.00	1,033.00
17	613	Commercial Wholesale, Sector - 40	2,43,800.00 (60,244 Acre)	3,750.00	915.00
18	614	Data Centre, Layer - II	20,348.2742 (5,028 Acre)	3,884.00	80.00
19	615	Electronic Manufacturing, Sector - 05	20,234.282 (4,999 Acre)	2,092.00	43.00
20	616	Recreational Plot on License basis, Plot - LI/S24/JLPL/J1, Sector - 24	31,973.2029 (7.90 Acre)	Total License Fee - INR 1,12,000.00 Per month	2.00
21	617	Operation and Management of Lakefront at Sindh Lake on License basis, Sector - 04	25,580.00 (6.320)	Total License Fee - INR 25,000.00 Per month	0.50

Tenderers shall download tender from e-Procurement website. The tender processing fee is INR. 5,900/- only (including GST) per tender.

- Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting - at 12:00 PM on 03 February 2025
- Last Date for Online submission of Tender - up to 03:00 PM on or before 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Last Date for Hard copy Submission of Technical Bid - up to 03:00 PM on or before 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Opening of Technical Bid after 03.30 PM on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The details of tender and terms & conditions are available on the e-Procurement website <https://proc.cgstate.gov.in>

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**NRANVP, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar**  
**S-42866/1**

## WEATHER

Max: 28.6°C  
Min: 18.6°C  
RH: 50%  
Rainfall: Nil  
Forecast: Cloudy sky.  
Fog/misty morning.  
Max/Min temp. 29/18°C

## ASTROGUIDE

**Krothi:** Uttarayana  
**Tithi:** Pushya Bahula Panchami full day  
**Star:** Pubba till 2.54 pm  
**Variyam:** 10.53 pm to 12.39 am (Sunday)  
**Durmuhurtam:** 6.53 am to 8.22 am  
**Rahukalam:** 9 am to 10.30 am  
**HJRI CALENDAR**  
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**MOONSET TODAY** 9.49 AM  
**MOONRISE TODAY** 10 PM

## COUNTER POINT



It must be a threat call from a gang!

## Aruna: Cong. will be drubbed in poll

Hyderabad: BJP vice-president D.K. Aruna alleged the Congress government had failed across all fronts in Telangana. She added that if the Congress leaders orchestrate the same tune, the voters would give a befitting reply in the ensuing local body elections.

# Uttam: BRS allowed AP to take big share of Krishna

## Criticises Harish's bid to claim credit for KCR for Congress' victory

**BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17**



**N. Uttam Kumar Reddy**

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday slammed the BRS and former irrigation minister T. Harish Rao for claiming that credit for Thursday's orders from the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-2 should go to then chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao.

In a statement, Uttam Kumar Reddy said it was the BRS government which for 10 years betrayed the state's interests on Krishna waters. Now that the Congress government had managed to achieve significant progress in the process in favour of Telangana, the BRS was rushing to claim credit.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said it was the Congress which from the beginning, fought for Telangana's rightful share from Krishna based on the extent of the river's basin in the state, and the ayacut.

"It was the BRS government which in 2015 entered into an agreement with residuary AP on sharing the 811 tmc ft of water given to unified

Andhra Pradesh by agreeing to take just 299 tmc ft and allowing AP to claim 512 tmc ft." "This sowed the seeds for the injustice to Telangana on using Krishna's waters and it was the BRS leaders who signed on this agreement," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. He said the Congress government had insisted on Telangana getting 70 per cent share of the water and that it was also the Congress that pressurised the Centre on the river water sharing issue which finally saw Section 3 of the Inter-State River Waters Disputes Act, 1956 come to the fore as part of the new terms of reference issued by the BJP-led government at the Centre just ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy

said the BRS government had failed to achieve conclusion to the river water sharing, despite the Centre extending the term of the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal (KWDT-II) several times. "Only after we came to power, we pressurised the Centre to move forward on the allocation," he said.

He said Chandrashekar Rao had remained a silent spectator while AP increased its capacity to take water from Srisailem reservoir through the Pothireddy padu project. "KCR also skipped the Apex Council meeting until AP completed the tender process for the Rayalaseema lift irrigation project. Was it also not KCR who declared that he will ensure that Godavari water will be taken to Rayalaseema region?" he asked.

"Instead of apologising to the people of Telangana for BRS' failures, Harish Rao is making false claims and he is also answerable on his own silence on all these issues as well as on AP's Polavaram project taking Godavari water to Krishna river," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

## Harish credits KCR for KWDT victory

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17**



**T. Harish Rao**

Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao said the orders issued by the KWDT-2 would protect Telangana's water rights, and were a testament to the then chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's decade-long efforts fight against injustice from the Central government.

Harish Rao expressed satisfaction with the interim orders issued by the Brijesh Kumar-led KWDT-2. According to the Tribunal order, the Krishna River water should be shared between Telangana and AP according to Section 3 of the 1956 Interstate River Water Disputes Act. Harish Rao criticised the Congress government for attempting to claim these achievements as its own, alleging that it was the Congress-led Centre that had initially introduced the

problematic Section 89 in the AP Reorganisation Act, which resulted in an ongoing tussle with Andhra Pradesh.

"The persistent arguments by KCR before the tribunal improved Telangana's prospects. Our government went to the Supreme Court in 2015 to ensure its share in Krishna waters and continued to press for an allocation of 575 tmc ft of water until the tribunal's verdict. The terms of reference given by the Central government to the tribunal in October 2023 under Section 3 was an outcome of these persistent demands," Harish Rao said.

## Govt to install solar panels at Secretariat

**NEERAJ KUMAR | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17**

To lead by example in adopting solar energy as part of Green Energy Mission, the state government plans to install solar power panels at the Secretariat to save on electricity bills. The panels will be

placed in open spaces, walkways and parking lots as a pilot project. This would help save around ₹10 crore power bills annually.

Subsequently, the government will take up solar electrification of district collectorates and major government officers in a phased manner,

an official from the non-conventional energy wing.

The government intends to instal more green energy projects in GHMC limits by inviting support under corporate social responsibility (CSR). The surroundings of Hussainsagar and open areas around

Sanjeevaiah Park are potential areas, he said.

The power sector is facing a debt of approximately ₹81,516 crore. The state's inability to clear these dues has led to significant operational challenges, including limitations on purchasing additional power during emergencies from pri-

private generators through the IEX (Indian Energy Exchange) platform.

Transitioning to solar energy will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuel consumption and align with the global efforts to combat climate change challenges, said the official.

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## Revanth focuses on long-term alliance

**FROM PAGE 1**

The MoU was signed by Skill University vice-chancellor V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao and Singapore deputy director of IT education services Fabian Chiang on behalf of the ITE.

Minister D. Sridhar Babu explained how various courses were being conducted in accordance with the market demand to provide employment to the youth in various sectors.

The Chief Minister also held wide-ranging discus-

sions with Singapore's foreign minister Vivian Balakrishnan, which focused on forging long-term partnerships covering infrastructure development, energy, sustainable green energy initiatives, water management, river rejuvenation, tourism, education and skills development, IT parks, and more.

Industries principal secretary Jayesh Ranjan, TGIIC MD Vishnuvardhan and Chief Minister's special secretary Ajith Reddy were part of the delegation.

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IN BRIEF

14 arrested on gambling charges

Hyderabad: Kukatpally police arrested 14 persons for allegedly gambling near Hanuman Chowk, Moosapet at 1 am on Friday. They were playing te banned three-card game, the police said. Around ₹1.71 lakh cash and 15 mobile phones were recovered from their possession.

5 motorists jailed for drunk driving

Nizamabad: Second Class Magistrate Noorjehan sent five motorists to prison for drunk driving and penalised 19 others a total sum of ₹43,500. They had been apprehended during a special drive by the traffic police on Friday. Traffic circle inspector P. Prasad counselled the motorists.

Boy tries to take kite from live wires, hurt

Nizamabad: Seven-year-old Sheik Jisan sustained serious injuries while trying to remove a kite from electrical wires on the roof of his house at Vinayaknagar on Friday afternoon. Family members rushed him to the Government General Hospital in Nizamabad for treatment from where he was shifted to Hyderabad for advanced medical care. IV Town police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

RTC bus rams into tractor, driver killed

Nalgonda: One K. Venkat Reddy, 35, who was driving a tractor was killed on National Highway 65 near Velminedu on Friday when a TSRTC bus from Khammam district allegedly hit the vehicle from behind. The impact caused the tractor to overturn, resulting in severe head and chest injuries to Venkat Reddy. Police suspect the bus driver's negligence led to the accident.

Woman asks to clear loan, stabbed

Adilabad: One Divya was attacked with a surgical blade by one Santosh in Sofinagar Colony, Nirmal, on Friday evening, when she questioned about clearing a debt of ₹25 lakh that he owed her family. Divya was immediately shifted to a government hospital, where her condition is reported to be stable. Divya's family alleged that Santosh had been avoiding repayment. In a separate incident in Kagaznagar, Macharla Suresh attacked Macharla Ashok of Asifabad with a knife. The altercation reportedly stemmed from a dispute related to their pig business.

DINDI REVENUE INSPECTOR LANDS IN ACB TRAP

DC CORRESPONDENT NALGONDA, JAN. 17

Dindi mandal revenue inspector Shyam Naik was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while accepting a ₹5,000 bribe. He had been previously arrested in another case of taking a bribe.

Naik had allegedly demanded the money from a man named Shanker for issuing a Kalyana Lakshmi scheme cheque. Acting on Shanker's complaint, ACB officials set a trap and caught Naik while he was accepting the bribe in his office. The ACB said Naik, while serving as revenue inspector of Pedda Adisherlapally, was caught by the ACB accepting a ₹10,000 bribe from a farmer.

● ACB OFFICIALS set a trap and caught Naik while he was accepting the bribe in his office.

Cops suspect shooting gang headed to Bihar

Gang was seen going towards Tank Bund in an auto

MOULI MAREEDU AND M.B. GIRISH I DC HYDERABAD/ BENGALURU, JAN. 17



Hyderabad police have formed over 10 teams and the task force are collecting evidence.

Hyderabad police suspect the duo who opened fire at a travel company manager here on Friday were from Bihar, and may be heading back to their home state.

The Karnataka government, meanwhile, said the gang was the same one that had shot a cash delivery agent in Bidar earlier in the day and made off with a chest of cash containing ₹93 lakh. Sources said the police were collecting CCTV footage from different places to trace the accused.

After a preliminary probe, the police said that the gang had travelled towards Tank Bund in an autorickshaw, from where they

disappeared. It is suspected that they were headed to Bihar.

The Hyderabad police said that they formed more than 10 teams and the task force are collecting evidence. The Clues teams collected samples and verified the fingerprints at the place. The police officials said they would get a clue about the accused and solve the case.

Speaking in Bengaluru, Karnataka home minister G. Parameshwara said the gang had been identified. Karnataka police teams had gone to Indore in Madhya Pradesh and other possible hideouts.

"Both of them have been identified. They are being followed," Parameshwara told reporters. According to him, the assailants fled to Hyderabad after the crime.

"Usually gunmen accompany the transport when such a huge amount of cash is transported. Unfortunately, yesterday there was no gunman in the vehicle," the minister said.

He suspected that the gang had studied the cash transportation process before executing the heist.

KOLORS ASKED TO REFUND ₹1.05L TO CUSTOMER

AISHWARYA GANDEED I DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

On Thursday, the Telangana State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (TSCDRC) dismissed an appeal filed by Kolors Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd and upheld an order by the Medak district commission that ordered the company to refund ₹1.05 lakh to a customer who was not satisfied with Kolors' weight loss treatment programme. State Commission in-charge president Meena Rama-nathan and member-judicial V.V. Seshubabu also ordered the company to pay ₹50,000 as compensation for mental agony and ₹5,000 for litigation costs to the complainant.

Besides, the commission directed health authorities, including the Hyderabad district medical and health officer and the director of Vaidya Vidhan Parishad, to verify whether or not Kolors held valid licences and employed qualified professionals for its weight loss treatments. The commission sought a report by March 17. A 27-year-old woman had sought treatment for overall body fat loss at the company's Miyapur branch. She claimed that the treatment for fat reduction did not result in major weight loss after eight months, and alleged rude behaviour from the staff. She moved the Medak district consumer disputes redressal commission at Sangareddy.

Road safety awareness drive



A police official offers flower to a biker urging him to follow traffic rules as part of Traffic Awareness Week at Moosaram Bagh in Hyderabad on Friday. Traffic police along with the RTO officials later organised a procession to create road safety awareness.

— P. SURENDRA

HC junks BRS leader's claim on city lake land

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

The Telangana High Court has dismissed the plea of BRS leader Aedla Sudhakar Reddy of Bagh Amberpet, who sought that the GHMC, HMDA, HYDRAA and revenue department be restrained from undertaking the renovation/rejuvenation of Bathukammakunta, a lake in Amberpet here. Sudhakar Reddy claimed that the tank land, measuring seven acres in Survey No.563/1 at Bagh Amberpet belonged to his family members based on an agreement of sale dated 16.01.1986 from one late Syed Azam. He said the vendor had purchased the land under a sale deed

from Pingali Venkatram Reddy and that it was dry land meant for the construction of residential houses. The land was never classified as a water body, Sudhakar Reddy contended.

Sudhakar Reddy had earlier filed a writ petition before a single judge bench, seeking a direction to the respondents not to interfere with his possession of the land. After Justice C.V. Bhaskar Reddy dismissed the petition, Sudhakar Reddy filed an appeal before the division bench, which dismissed it and upheld the findings of the single judge.

The single judge noted that Sudhakar Reddy failed to produce any title docu-

ment and was claiming the land ownership based solely on possession, supported by an unregistered sale agreement. The pahan for the year 1967-68 had the name of the account holder as B. Venkat Reddy and Pingali Venkatram Reddy's name was not there.

As per the pahan for 1972-73, the word 'errakunta' was noted in the column related to the nature of the land, which is tank land. The court considered whether or not it was a private tank or a public tank. This was not mentioned, and when a tank is described as 'private' in the register, that by itself will not establish that the land where the tank is situated is private land.

Right to property considered a human right, declares HC

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Justice Surepalli Nanda of the Telangana High Court declared that the right to property was considered not only as a constitutional or statutory right, but also a human right, though it is not a basic feature of the Constitution or a fundamental right. Human rights are considered to be in the realm of individual rights, such as the right to health, livelihood, shelter and employment. Now human rights are gaining an ever greater multifaceted dimension. The right to property is considered a part of such a new dimension. Justice Nanda made the declaration in a batch of writ pleas filed by Sadanandam and others, questioning the registration of the lease executed by APIC in favour of Emaar properties and the action of diversifica-



LEGAL STORIES

tion of acquired land in Nanakramguda. The case of the petitioner was that the land in the extent of about 14 acres was notified for acquisition for public purpose-developing into integrated projects by invoking the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. The very purpose of acquisition proceedings, which was intended initially for establishing and developing infrastructure projects, was not proceeded with in respect of the petitioner's subject land. As such, the petitioner made an application before the government to denoteify the land from acquisition under Section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act.

When there was no response, the petitioner filed a writ petition.

In the meanwhile, Transco started digging the petitioner's land that led to the civil suit after a conveyance deed was executed by the revenue department in favour of Transco. A related writ petition was filed by the agriculturalist complaining inter alia that he had not been paid compensation and no notice had been issued to the petitioner to deliver possession of the acquired land.

The specific case of the petitioner was that the land acquired for a specific purpose should be diversified in respect of any other purpose. In view of the fact that the original public purpose for which the petitioner's subject land had been notified has been diversified, it was contended by the petitioner that the petition-

ers were entitled for the relief as prayed for. In a 74-page judgment, Justice Nanda pointed out that forcible dispossession of petitioners of their private properties without following due process of law was tantamount to a violation of petitioners human rights and also their constitutional rights under Article 300-A of the Constitution of India.

The judge rejected the plea of the government that the notices were served, holding that the procedure was not followed. The judge observed that the Act is an expropriation legislation and also referred to the judgement in 'State of MP v Vishnu Prasad Sharma' wherein it was observed that in such a case the provisions of the statute should be strictly construed as it deprives a person of his land without consent. The judge accordingly allowed the writ petition.

₹1.5 lakh theft at Laxmaiah's house

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Unidentified persons broke into the residence of former minister Ponnala Laxmaiah and decamped with ₹1.5 lakh cash and gold ornaments from the almirah.

Ponnala Laxmaiah and his family were away at their native place for Sankranti festivity.

The theft was discovered when the family returned on Friday.

The Jubilee Hills police have registered a case on a

complaint lodged by Laxmaiah's wife Aruna Devi. Police collected details about the workers at the residence as part of their investigations.

The gang broke open the lock on the main door and entered the premises.

DRUGS SUPPLIED IN GAS REGULATOR CARTONS, 2 HELD

PRIYA RATHNAM I DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

After a patient watch, the Rachakonda police arrested two persons who were using cartons meant to carry gas stove regulators to transport drugs via bike taxis. The duo was arrested in Safilguda and police seized ₹23 lakh worth heroin weighing 193 grams from them.

Rachakonda police commissioner G. Sudheer Babu identified the duo as Mahesh Sarem, 28, and Mahipal, 19, natives of Rajasthan. They had been working as gas stove repair agents for five years.

Sudhir Babu said Mahesh procured heroin from one Samsuddin of Rajasthan and stored it at Mahipal's residence. Their peddling was entirely contact-less.

The duo was in the drug trade for a while, and three of their customers had been identified. "One of the consumers was frequently receiving these valves and he did not even have a gas stove," Sudheer Babu said.

TRUCK HITS BIKE, MOTHER, 3-YR-OLD DAUGHTER KILLED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

A three-year-old girl and her mother were killed on the Bandlaguda road in Mailaredevally at about 11.30 on Thursday, when a truck hit their two-wheeler. The victims were identified as Ruksana Begum, 27, and her daughter Shifa.

The others injured in the accident were Ruksana's four-year-old son, Muzamil, who is undergoing treatment and her husband Waseem Ahmed who was also injured is now in a stable condition. Mailaredevally inspector P. Narendar said the family was returning home in Chandrayangutta from Langar Houz. Locals caught the driver and called the police and an ambulance to take the victims to hospital. The lorry driver tried to overtake the bike from the left.

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## Hindenburg shutdown raises a lot of questions

Nowhere in the world could the shutting shop of a short-seller have hogged headlines as it did in India. When Nathan Anderson, the founder of the American short-seller Hindenburg Research, announced his decision to wind up the activities of his investigative company, it triggered a celebration marked with vindication among the supporters of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. On the other hand, the development led to bewilderment in the ranks of the Indian National Congress that, led by its MP Rahul Gandhi, used Hindenburg reports on some companies of the Adani Group to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the absence of its high-profile attack on the Adani Group and the Congress' decision to use this to attack Mr Modi, Hindenburg Research would have been just another short-seller that makes money by betting on a probable fall in the stock price of its target company.

Since it was established in 2017, Hindenburg has targeted 63 companies. Of them, nine companies have lost their entire market value. The net worth of 35 companies has halved after the publication of Hindenburg's reports. Of these, two were Indian — Bollywood movie production and distribution company Eros International, which was shut after the Hindenburg report, and the Adani Group, which made a smart recovery after an initial blip.

While Anderson attributed this move to shut his company to his intentions of focussing on his life beyond short-selling and his family, there is speculation that the incoming US administration led by President-elect Donald Trump could be investigating Hindenburg for selective targeting of companies, and his alleged links to China and another world-famous short-seller, the billionaire-philanthropist George Soros. Indian market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has also been under the scrutiny of Hindenburg as one of the beneficiaries of its report had invested in Adani stocks through Indian stock exchanges.

Though Hindenburg claims that its investigative reports are fair and exposes corporate irregularities, the practice of going short on its target companies based on exclusive information through funds of its own and its affiliates raises ethical questions. A fall in share price reduces the value of the company and its shareholders' wealth, and may put other stresses on the company, including bankruptcy in extreme cases, and resulting job losses.

However, the investigators argue that they are beneficial to the long-term interests of the market because they engage in uncovering fraudulent and/or unscrupulous activities. They expose the rot in publicly listed companies through forensic accounting and other methods. This kind of investigation entails a great amount of expenditure, and there are no agencies or institutions that proactively try to find out irregularities in the companies, which ordinary people believe in. The investigators justify financial benefit occurring from their research by shorting on their target companies.

On the other hand, businesspersons have to navigate by satisfying the interests of various stakeholders — which could at times fall in grey areas. Unless some external entity points this out, regulators cannot fix them.

## Safe at home? A wake-up call

The burglary attempt at Saif Ali Khan's duplex apartment in Mumbai and the events that followed as the actor bravely intervened to protect his son and household help may have sent a shiver down the spines of people. If the security of a luxury apartment complex in an upscale neighbourhood of Mumbai can be breached, imagine the state of fear among those who live in far less secure environments at night when the security detail is probably an untrained person just making a living.

The fact, however, is that cinema celebrities, who are perceived as rich people, may have greater reasons to secure their homes, both electronically and with personnel. Also, the incident may not have been a random walk-in so much as a targeted entry with an aim that only any suspects could reveal as the police interrogate them. Nothing has been ruled out yet, including a sinister gangland plot to target a well-known actor.

There cannot still be much to a predictable Opposition charge that this break-in reflects a breakdown of law and order in the state or in the Maximum City known for buzzing human activity well into the small hours when most people would only be resting after a daytime full of activity. The probe should reveal what the suspect had in mind when he accessed this actor's apartment after having said to have cased out the place earlier.

Any state or country can offer people a secure environment in which people have no need to stealthily walk in on people at night in their residences with an intention to rob them. Even the humblest people will have, besides belongings they may believe precious, also some amount of jewellery and gold at homes that can be an easy target for burglars.

It is only the politician, with his bloated image of importance, who can command full scale security with armed guards. Everyone else must fend for themselves, which the rich do on a bigger scale, but the rest can only bolt the door and hope to get their beauty sleep every night. The cinema celebrities are the ones who may have to worry more as they seem to have a way of attracting attention, some of it unwanted as in this break-in that led to serious physical harm to the celebrity.

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## Gaza ceasefire can let US focus on China & Russia



K.C. Singh

The ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip comes as a surprise as historically outgoing US Presidents lack the diplomatic muscle to achieve crisis breakthroughs. US President Bill Clinton's Camp David summit between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak failed in July 2000. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ignored the repeated American calls for a ceasefire since last May, when already the cost of civilian casualties had far exceeded tangible military gains. A number of factors coalesced for this outcome.

First, Israel has managed to optimise its security by decapitating the top leadership of both Hamas and Hezbollah, demoralising the latter's cadres through exploding pagers and thus creating a security vacuum in Syria that allowed a fringe Islamist Sunni group, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), to seize power by overthrowing the regime headed by Bashar al-Assad, that had ruled for decades. In direct military confrontation with Iran, involving mutual missile attacks, Israel destroyed Iranian air defences and missile production plants. Thus, Israel had regained regional military dominance, including restoration of deterrence against foes.

Prime Minister Netanyahu suspects that President Donald Trump, in his second term beginning Monday, may indulge Israel less than during his previous incarnation, when he unconditionally shifted the US embassy to Jerusalem, recognised Israeli occupation of the Golan Heights and cut aid to the Palestinians.

Mr Trump resented Mr Netanyahu immediately congratulating President Joe Biden following his 2020 election victory, while Mr Trump was busy questioning it and inciting mobs to raid the US Capitol complex.

Furthermore, the Trumps have cosy business and financial ties with Gulf rulers, especially the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Steve Witkoff, Mr Trump's designated Middle East envoy, had some of these sovereign funds bail him out of a tangled Park Lane hotel deal in New York.

Finally, Mr Trump sponsored the Abraham Accords, signed on September 15, 2020, which normalised relations between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain. The Saudis resisted joining and sensibly held back until Israel presented a solution to the Palestinian problem. Three years later, the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, followed by 15 months of Israeli massacre of civilians in Gaza, West Bank and Lebanon, have undermined those accords.

Mr Netanyahu knows that President Trump may resurrect them to emulate President Jimmy Carter's 1979 Camp David Accords. A Nobel Prize could somewhat wash away the stains of indictment by a New York court and the leaked report about Mr Trump's culpability for the January 6, 2021 insurrection to stymie the peaceful transfer of power.

As the saying goes, "success has many fathers". President-elect Trump claimed first that it was his success. In a tweet he called it a "voice for PEACE". President Joe Biden sarcastically asked, when questioned about others seeking the credit: "Is it a joke?". More generously he said the representatives of both leaders were "speaking as one team". Hamas called it the "achievement of our people". According to Al Jazeera, while Hamas in its attack on Israel killed 1,100 and took 240 captive, the Palestinians killed exceeded 46, 700, including 18,000 children. In Gaza, casualties amount to one out of every 50 people. Tragically, even as the ceasefire news broke, Israel conducted another 50 raids,

killing more Palestinians. The ceasefire deal has three phases. Hamas will release 33 hostages, out of the remaining 98, many perhaps dead. Israel will release multiple-times more Palestinian prisoners. The Israeli defence forces will retreat east of Gaza, allowing hugely scaled-up humanitarian assistance. It is still unclear if Israel will also vacate the Philadelphi Corridor, which separates Gaza from Egypt. Israeli sceptics allege this could enable Hamas to rearm and rotate fighters.

Interestingly, despite the bloodshed and huge civilian toll, Hamas, though greatly weakened, is neither routed nor eliminated, which was Mr Netanyahu's stated aim. In Gaza it is now led by Muhammad Sinwar, the younger brother of Yahya Sinwar, mastermind of the October 7 attack and leader of Hamas' fight-back. Clearly military pressure, however extreme, cannot kill a political movement as new recruits are generated in direct proportion to the violence against civilians.

The current deal constitutes a 42-day truce. The exchange of hostages for prisoners and entry of 600 trucks carrying humanitarian assistance must occur in that constrained time-frame. The Israeli Cabinet's delayed meeting reflects expected resistance from the governing coalition's far-right partners, especially finance minister Bezalel Smotrich and national security adviser Itamar Ben-Gvir, who called the deal a "surrender" to Hamas.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's image, which shattered after the October 7 Hamas attack, has recovered considerably after the Israeli success in decapitating the leadership of both Hamas and Hezbollah. The Assad

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regime's ouster in Syria and weakened Iranian influence and diminished support for Shia militias, across West Asia, has enhanced his political standing. Mr Netanyahu must decide whether to side with his far-right coalition allies and reject the ceasefire or ignore them and endanger his government, resulting possibly in a fresh election.

If the ceasefire holds and even gets extended, with more if not all hostages released or their bodies transferred, then a new dawn is possible. But it is still an arduous journey to normalcy and a two-nation solution. Gaza also needs massive relief, rehabilitation and rebuilding of infrastructure and houses. President Trump would expect others to pay, especially the Gulf rulers with trillion-dollar sovereign funds. But Israel also needs to check or even roll back its expansion of the settlements in the occupied territories. Mr Netanyahu has always resisted a two-nation solution.

Perhaps an Israeli election is necessary to gauge the public's opinion on these issues. These developments are important for India. The India-Middle East-Europe Corridor hinges on normalcy in West Asia. The nine-million strong Indian diaspora in the Gulf and Indian exports to the region as well as India's energy dependence on it makes peace and security in the Gulf and West Asia vital for India. After an initial pro-Israel stance, due to Hamas' terror attack, India reverted to its traditional stance demanding a ceasefire, talks and a two-nation solution to the Palestinian issue. Iran remains an unpredictable factor, unless Mr Trump engages it.

Russia and China would also monitor the US moves as the Gaza ceasefire relieves America from a major strategic distraction. Without that, the US can revert full attention to handling Russia in Ukraine and China in the Indo-Pacific. This indicates the high stakes in the success or failure of the move to end the Gaza war and resolve the Israel-Palestine standoff.

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## LETTERS KILL-JOY RIDE

I was shocked learn that a joy ride was stuck midway due to technical issues (Numaish ride gets stuck upside down, Jan. 17). All equipment should be checked to ensure the safety of visitors.

D. Manoj Kumar Secunderabad

## BCCI ACTION

I appreciate steps taken by the BCCI to ensure accountability (BCCI cracks the whip, sets tough rules for players, Jan. 17). I wonder why no action is taken against the coach. He should be accountable, especially when he was given privileges denied to his predecessors.

Dr Joseph Christadoss Secunderabad

## ISRO'S RARE FEAT

The docking of satellites in space is a testimony of the perseverance and ingenuity of our space scientists that have taken the nation in the front row of the comity of the developed nations (Isro completes waltz in space, Jan 17). Hats off to them.

Govind Kumar Hyderabad

## HERITAGE WATCH

I am grateful that heritage buildings along the Musi river will be protected now (Musi buildings on world monuments watch list, Jan. 17). Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is a visionary leader for taking efforts in their preservation.

Dr Md. Iqbal Jawed Hyderabad

## B'DAY PARTY AT HOSP.

The replacement of Dr Pratima Raj, superintendent of Nizamabad Government Hospital, because she celebrated her birthday in the hospital premises is unfair (CGH chief ousted after birthday party, Jan. 16). If there was a deficiency in her services, the move would have been justified. Government doctors are also human beings, and celebrating birthdays cannot be faulted.

Srikanth R. Rao Hyderabad

## WOMEN CRICKETERS

Kudos to Smriti Mandhana for scoring the fastest ODI century by an Indian woman and to Prathika Rawal too, on her maiden century (Smriti's record ton as Indians sweep series, Jan 16). Their partnership helped India win the 3rd ODI.

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## Of Musk, Trump & Zuckerberg... and why I flip-flopped on NY resolutions

I've never done New Year resolutions, because in my experience they are as brittle as eggs flung at politicians or their facilitators. This year I made an exception.

I read on my computer that Mark Zuckerberg, he of Facelift and Instagramma, has decided to remove all inhibition to lies from his platforms, a process bureaucratically named "fact-checking".

Suckerberg has, with this announcement, followed Elon Musk-rat, owner of and chief provocateur on the platform which was once Twitter, which he renamed X. My conjecture is/was that Musk-rat thought the word "Twitter" gives the impression of bird-song and carries the impression of equal insignificance, whereas "X" (Bold capitals please) can stand for assertiveness, for x-ing opposing views and sometimes to disguise letters in four-letter words to make them acceptable in print.

When he acquired Jitter he announced the free posts wouldn't be subject to fact-checking for truth or propriety. That in his book (book?? X-rs don't read, surely!) was censorship. He was the apostle of "free speech". Now Suckerberg has followed him. I can only imagine, to bum-suck Donald Trump. Both Musk-rat — a species which swallows anything — and Suckerberg have touted their moves to allow anything on their platforms. Do we all know where that could lead? The thought, gentle reader, was the trigger which sparked my non-resolution U-turn. I resolved never to write or read posts on X or Facelift or Instagramma.

I must admit, to avoid confusion, that I use Google and Safari and of course even contribute small amounts of money to Wikipedia, because these assist me in passing tedious hours in which I have in the past enquired of them whether hamburgers were invented in Hamburg and whether Frankfurters did in fact originate in Frankfurt. I didn't need to ask if "Bombay Alloo" was invented in Bombay because I knew the answer already.

I shan't give you, gentle reader, the info I got about hamburgers and frankfurters, but I can tell you that I once foxed and maybe confused Google by asking it (or must one call it "they" now?) what the connection between Sir Walter Raleigh and masala dosa was? Google was perplexed. (fd-One: AI-zero?)

The reason for my resolution should surely be evident. Musk-rat, twice daily at the least, posts a lot of

reactionary, provocative, lying, self-centred bullshit at great length on X. I believe a couple of million intellectually-challenged individuals around the world access his contentions that Britain and parts of Europe are on the brink of, or even in the throes of, civil war.

These same millions read Musk-rat's abuse of a conscientious, courageous and selfless British MP, Jess Phillips, calling her a "rape genocide apologist". Phillips has, throughout her political career, championed women's rights and assisted, as best can be done, the female victims of grooming gangs. No doubt some of Ratty's "followers" will mark the infantile abusive post with "like" — the word that American moronic teenagers use to punctuate their phrases — interruptions for "like" drawing "like" ominous "like" breaths?

Rich-ratty, not the sharpest tool in the kit, doesn't seem to have noted that his touted concern for female victims of grooming gangs is not quite consistent with allowing groomers, notorious for using the social media to achieve their criminal aims, onto his X platform unchecked — all in the cause of what he labels "free speech". Groomers, fraudsters, paedophiles, conspiracy theorists, hate provocateurs, deniers of life-saving science, maniacs who threaten the annexation to the US of Danish and Panamanian territory... all welcome to Muskovich X.

It should be quite clear to the world by now that platforms such as X allow thoughtless provocative

musings and, far from offering a voice to the voiceless, act as echo-chambers for maliciousness. Of course, not all of it. Most of what passes on these platforms is harmless rubbish about what one ate for breakfast or where one visited with "selfie" photographs as proof. All parts of our human tales, told by an idiot, signifying nothing. Or, as my friend V.S. used to say, "a form of idleness".

One exception to my resolution to avoid expressive platforms are indeed podcasts. I don't listen to many, believe me, but I am confident that they don't force themselves on people. One has to choose to listen and I choose to listen to the one called The Rest is History, presented by Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook. Fascinating, whatever they pick on...

I first encountered Tom Holland through his books on the Achaemenid and Sassanid empires of Persia. I admired him for correcting the Greek-led and European lying myths about the "heroism" of the suicidal Spartans at Thermopylae and charting the historical truth about Zoroastrian Persia.

Oh OK, perhaps another reason for my not banning podcasts is because I've been variously approached to read my English translations of Rumi and Hafiz as a podcast series and have even, perhaps incredibly, been invited to present episodes from my autobiography Fragments Against My Ruin as podcast episodes.

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# Bhatti: Use SC, ST funds as per rules

## Seeks details related to spending of sub-plans

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17



Malu Bhatti Vikramarka

Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday said that every department should spend funds in accordance with SC, ST sub-plan within the stipulated time. Bhatti instructed officials to disclose the details of department-wise expenditure as per the sub-plan Act once in a month. The available funds should be spent satisfactorily, he said.

The officials should formulate plans to ensure that the funds spent under the sub-plan would lead to a rise in income of the respective communities and creation of assets, he asserted.

He was speaking at a review meeting on implementation of the SC, ST sub-plan with senior officials of various departments at the Secretariat. The Deputy Chief Minister asked all officials

to come up with full details related to spending of the sub-plan funds and the benefits accrued to the communities ahead of the January 23 meeting. He wanted to know how officials proposed to spend the sub-plan funds that they could not utilise. Officials gave a presentation of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) report on the implementation of SC, ST sub-plan in various departments over the last eight years. He enquired about the issues observed by the CESS officials

and the outcomes achieved by the officials on those issues.

Bhatti laid emphasis on use of solar power pump sets in forest lands and directed the officers to design bamboo, avocado, palm oil projects and other inter crops along with them. The works, under the employment guarantee scheme, should be linked with these cultivations, he said. SC and ST women, who are being displaced under the Musi rejuvenation project, should be identified and enrolled in self-help groups to let them avail interest-free loans and help them become entrepreneurs.

Self-employment schemes should extensively be made accessible to SC and STs in urban areas. Towards this, vehicles and cleaning machines should be sanctioned to these communities in municipalities and under GHMC limits.

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## VEHICLES AT Vibrant Somajiguda

Volvo D5 S60, 96737 White, Magnite AMT XV Prr EZ-Shift, 2023, 11,000. Blue with Black, Magnite Turbo MT XV Premium (O) 2022 (3), 32,477. White, Magnite Turbo CVT XV Premium (O) 2023 (5), Brown, Magnite Turbo CVT XV Premium 2024, 4,785. Red, Contact: 9666919000, 9100098384. (S/2425/C02207)

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At Highline 2015, 1,60,949 White, Maruti Swift VXi MT 2019, 40,000. White, Swift Dzire VXi 2019, 1,10,000. White, Wagon R VXI 1.2, 2020, 40,016. Silver, Celerio ZXI AMT, 2016, 86,357. Silver, Kia Sonet GTX + NT CRDI 2021, 11,495. White, Contact: 9666919000, 9100098384. (S/2425/C02208)

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i20, Magna 2012, 55,862. Blue, 110. Grand Magna CRDI 2015, 69,879. Red, Ford Endeavour Titanium + 4x4 AT, 2020, 76,283. Red, Ford Escosport Titanium AT Petrol 2021, 48,244. Blue, Nissan Micra XL 2012, 35,000. Silver, Sunny XE 2005, 1,65,000. Contact: 9666919000, 9100098384. (S/2425/C02209)

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## PRIME PROPERTIES at Banjara Hills

Road No. 10, 550 Sq.Yds, two side road. Ideal for Boutique/ Jewellery shop. Bowenpally 773 Sq.Yds Main road. Ph: 9300359211, 9685000168. (S/2425/C00819)

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## THREE & MORE

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Duplex flat on 2nd floor with fully furnished, near City center top location. Contact: 9849165604. (S/2425/C02198)

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2000 sqft, ground floor, 3 bedrooms. Attached bathrooms, hall, drawing room and spacious modular kitchen with 2 car parking. H.no:3-4-864/4/1/F1, Masjid Lane, street no:11, near TCSRTC Bus Depot, Barkasapur. 9848788497 only whatsapp. (HYMM/2425/C05152)

## MADHAPUR, NEAR Rameswaram cafe east facing

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## THREE & MORE

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## G+2 INDEPENDENT villas for sale at

Kismatpuri on 118 sq yards & 127 sq yards at very affordable price. Contact: 6309546583. (HYHA/2425/C05278)

## KUKATPALLY HMT Satavahana

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## NARAYANAGUDA, NEAR PS,

Melkote Park, independent house 394 sq.yds G+1, 4500 sqft, east/ facing, plot 7702201700 (HYMM/2425/C05150)

## COTTAGE IN DhyanaPrastha senior

citizens township Majeedpur village Shameserpur, 1477 bldg on 204 sq yds plot. Contact: 9848048517 (HYMM/2425/C05123)

## INDUSTRIAL LAND

## INDUSTRIAL OPEN land available

for sale/lease and outtake in Medchal, Gajilapur, Vavilal, Kazipally, 50k sqft godown available in kalyani near Bowrampet 1 km from ORR. Ph: 910049671, 9704035184 (HYMM/2425/C05153)

## INDUSTRIAL SHEDS

## PRIME BALANAGAR plot sale

industrial RCG shed no. 8, IDA near Usha Factory. Contact: 9849870155. (HYHA/2425/C05348)

## LAND

## EAST FACING 675 sqyrd plot for

sale at Ameerpet near Niraj Public School. Contact: 9347302884/ 8121013769. (HYHA/2425/C05343)

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## NAGOLE: OPEN plots for sale in

Laxmi Narasima Swamy colony, 250 sq.yds north-east and 250 sq.yds north-west. Ph: 9100911119, 7013982480 (HYHA/2425/C05344)

## NANAKRAMGUDA- GOPANPALLY

Journalist colony 270 sq yds plot with building suitable for co-live, hostel, res. apt call 9885295643. (HYHA/2425/C05148)

## RENTALS

## COMMERCIAL

## BANJARA HILLS Taj Krishna Road,

above Emirates office Plug & Play 3950sqft. office space. Cabins, Conference Room, Workstations & Pantry. Contact: 9849075000 (W/2425/AT000833)

## BANJARA HILLS road no.11 plot no.89

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## AVAILABLE For rent/ lease:

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## SHED/ GODOWN 7x100, office

4 rooms, service factory, Godowns at land 2.0 acres, compound wall, 100HP power, 63 KV Kiroskar generator, near Aushapur Dargha, ORR, on Warangal highway. Contact: 970473344. 9889658386 (HYMM/2425/C05138)

## KAMALAPURI COLONY, Srinagar

office ground+duplex independent house. Adjusted to main road, with lappam finish & cupboards & also independent house in hall parking for commercial purpose. Ph: 9573489768 (HYHA/2425/C05226)

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## THREE & MORE

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IN BRIEF

2 Hyd firms sign deal at Japan Hub

Hyderabad: Two Hyderabad-based organisations signed agreements with Japanese counterparts at NaRa Japan Hub on Friday to collaborate on education and water management. SynTerra Trust, founded by B.V. Subba Rao, partnered with Japan Hub to tackle urban water challenges and enhance climate resilience. The collaboration will include capacity-building programs for urban planners, policymakers, and community leaders, alongside pilot projects using Japanese technologies for sustainable water management. Asa Bhanu and Elham Education Society joined hands to introduce Japanese educational methods in Indian schools for kindergarten, middle, and high school levels.



Founder of NaRa Japan Hub, Rama Bhadra, with SynTerra Trust's B.V. Subba Rao.

LITERARY FEST TO BE HELD FROM JAN. 24 TO 26

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

The 2025 edition of the Hyderabad Literary Festival (HLF) is set to be held at the Sattva Knowledge City and T-Hub from January 24 to 26. Entry is free for the event which will host speakers like Shabana Azmi, reflecting on her 50 years in cinema and Siddharth discussing acting and filmmaking.

Literary enthusiasts can hear from the likes of Anita Nair, Arundhati Subramaniam and Amol Palekar.

The festival will feature Adishakti's play *Urmila*, which explores the themes of autonomy and relationships through the lens of Ramayana's lesser-known characters, while bands like Advaita, and the Djembe Circle, will also perform.

There is something for art connoisseurs, with exhibitions like 'Water Music' by Lithuanian artist Egle Lipikeikaite and a collection of historical photographs from Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, celebrating its 700th anniversary. A special exhibition on rock conservation will include creative activities like painting and origami to connect with Hyderabad's geological heritage.

There will be a special tribute screening of Shyam Benegal's movies like *Susman*, shot in Telangana and focusing on the lives of rural handloom weavers. Movies and documentaries like *Sindhustan* will also be featured at the fest along with post-screening discussion with directors and creators. For the children, there are Nanna Nukkad and Youngstans Nukkad. The HLF is to host interactive sessions with hands-on activities and open mic events. Further, HLF's new streams, Indigenous and Endangered Languages and Science and the City will offer sessions that explore language, community and technology with talks by experts like Soumya Swaminathan and G.V. Prasad.



The six-lane flyover from ORR to Kondapur under construction. — R. PAVAN

Six-lane flyover to open in April

Facility to connect ORR and Kondapur

NABINDER BOMMALA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

The 1.2-km bi-directional six-lane flyover from Outer Ring Road (ORR) towards Kondapur is likely to be completed by April, having already missed its deadline of last April.

This facility will provide traffic relief at Gachibowli junction and also ensure better connectivity between Hitec city and financial district.

The commuters will enter this flyover from one of its ramps on the ORR and reach street number 2, Gachibowli, skipping the junction.

The flyover ends approximately 300 metres before the ZP school. Traffic going out of the city through Gachibowli can directly reach the ORR through another ramp of the flyover.

Speaking about the flyover, a GHMC official said that works are in their final stages. He

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT**

**6** lane flyover from ORR to Kondapur

**LENGTH OF THE FLYOVER** 1.2 km

**WIDTH:** 24 metres

**CARRIAGEWAY DETAILS** 6 LANE BIDIRECTIONAL

**TRAFFIC DATA** Gachibowli junction

Peak traffic in 2019: 9,806 PCU/hour

Projected peak traffic in 2036: 17,711 PCU/hour

\*PCU refers to passenger car units

**BENEFITS**

- Traffic relief at Gachibowli junction.
- Better connectivity between Hitec City and Financial District.

blamed TSSPDCL for the delay.

"Despite paying ₹2.78 crore to it, the utility shifting was delayed. Finally GHMC commissioner K. Ilambarathi had to intervene and get the issue resolved," said an official from the corporation.

When asked, power officials did not offer comment on the delay in shifting the cables.

According to GHMC records, the peak hour traffic at the Gachibowli junction was 9,806 passenger car units (PCU)/hour in 2019. The projected peak hour traffic in 2036 will be 17,711 PCU/hour.

Venkat Rao Infra Projects is the executing agency, while the estimated cost to build it is around ₹178 crore.

Edu institute catches fire, 3 people rescued

PRATHYUSH NALLELLA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

A fire broke out in a commercial building located on Dukes Avenue in Shaikpet early on Friday morning. The fire, which reportedly began at around 5.20 am, originated in the second-floor premises of a coaching institute.

While the fire spread across the second floor, thick smoke from the fire engulfed the entire building.

The building, which consists of two basements, a ground floor, and four upper floors, houses various businesses. A clothing store occupies the ground and first floors, the coaching centre operates on the second floor and a fertility centre is situated on the third floor. The top floors



Hydraa chief A.V. Ranganath inspects the Dukes Avenue building in Shaikpet on Friday. — DC

host two offices. Rangareddy district fire officer (DFO) Shaik Khaja Karimulla confirmed that three individuals, who were trapped on the second floor, were rescued by fire crews. Fortunately, no injuries or casualties were reported.

Fire department stated that the fire damaged furniture, electrical appliances, and

computers at the coaching centre. The DFO further said that it took three hours to douse off the flames.

Later in the day, HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath visited the site and inspected the damage. He said it was important for workers and occupants of commercial buildings to know about fire safety measures.

IIIT-H team aims to make tech greener

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

A team of researchers at IIIT Hyderabad, led by Dr Karthik Vaidhyathan, is breaking new ground in the fight against technology's growing environmental footprint, especially in the form of vastly increased electricity consumption. Their work on self-adaptive software systems aims to make modern technology greener, more efficient and better equipped to handle real-world challenges. The research, which focuses on AI-enabled systems and other everyday apps. For instance, the system can reroute requests to energy-efficient servers, even if it slightly increases response time to cut emissions significantly.

With studies showing that 64 per cent of system outages are due to misconfigurations and 91 per cent of AI models degrade over time, IIIT Hyderabad's solutions are timely.

MLS system uses AI to dynamically switch between simpler and more complex models depending on the task, reducing energy use by up to 80 per cent without compromising accuracy. "Our work goes beyond reducing costs or emissions—it's about building adaptable systems that thrive in a changing world," said Dr Vaidhyathan.

Their research extends beyond AI, applying self-adaptive techniques to serverless functions and microservices that power everyday apps. For instance, the system can reroute requests to energy-efficient servers, even if it slightly increases response time to cut emissions significantly.

**SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF T.G LIMITED**

**E-Procurement/Open Tender Paper Notification**

RRZ - 12/2024-25

Tenders are invited from eligible contractors for tenders with Specification No. 29A/2024-25 for Bifurcation of 11KV JVG feeder of Cybercity Circle of GE/OPRR Zone.

For further details regarding detailed notification, specification and digital certificate please visit [www.tender.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in)

Sd/- Chief Engineer Operation, Ranga Reddy Zone, KPHB Colony, Hyderabad.

DIPR R.O.No.: 9209-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2024-25

**VIJAYAWADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

**'E' Procurement Notice No.41/VMC/CDB/2024-25, Dt.17-01-2025**

Roads, Pipe lines, Toilets, Drain, Culvert, Compound wall, Water supply repairs, Street light control system boxes, laptops (Total 29 works)-Est. Amount Rs. 600.66 Lakhs.

All rights are reserved to the Commissioner to Cancel or Reject the tenders without assigning any reasons there of. Further details and any corrigendum can be seen at [www.tender.approcurement.gov.in](http://www.tender.approcurement.gov.in).

Sd/- For COMMISSIONER

**NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE NO-21 DT. 17.01.2025**

**Invitation of tender through e-Procurement System**

Principal Chief Material Manager, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur-273012 and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items. Complete description of the item and other condition are available on [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in)

Item No.	Tender Number	Due On	Brief Description of Stores	Reserved to be procured from
1	22241293	14/02/25	Bogie centre pivot bottom for bogie wago etc	RDSO
2	22242228	10/02/25	SPHEROLASTIC RUBBER BEARING AS PER FRONT etc	-----
3	22231047A	06/02/25	Coupler yoke for upgraded high tensile e etc	RDSO
4	22231045A	06/02/25	Modified Elastomeric Pad to RDSO Drg.	RDSO
5	30240462D	04/02/25	VALVE REGULATED LEADACID BATTERY 1100Aetc	ICF
6	22231415B	03/02/25	Bogie centre pivot top for casub bogie etc	RDSO
7	22231794	03/02/25	POHKitNo-2 for Mark-50 High Capacity Detc	-----
8	22231545A	03/02/25	Kit for constant polyurethane side beare etc	RDSO
9	22231140B	31/01/25	Coupler Body & Shank Wear Plate for etc	RDSO

CPRO/S-85 Principal Chief Materials Manager, Gorakhpur

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Director	1	Level 14	53 Years
Additional Director	3	Level 13A	
Joint Director	6	Level 13	

The interested candidates may refer to CPRI website <https://cpri.res.in> career page for the detailed advertisement for further details regarding eligibility criteria, educational qualification, reservation, experience, application format, important instructions etc.

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GST No. 20AADJ4293L2ZJ

Bid Ref. No. JMC/NIT-25/DRUGS/03 Date: 16-01-2025

**TENDER FOR RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICINES**

The Managing Director, (JMHDPCL), Ranchi hereby invites separate Technical Bid and Financial Bid (two envelope system) through e-procurement from eligible manufacturer **Rate Contract for Supply of Medicines.**

The Bid documents with detailed conditions can be viewed and downloaded through website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. The eligible Bidder(s) willing to participate must be registered in e-procurement portal.

Particulars	Date & Time
Name of Work	Rate Contract for Supply for Medicine supply
Time of Completion	Within 60 days after issue of work order
Date of Publication of Bid	18-01-2025
Pre-bid Meeting	24-01-2025 03:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	31-01-2025
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time	06-02-2025 05:00 PM
Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposal	07-02-2025 05:00 PM
Date of Opening of Financial Proposal	To be notified later
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	5900/- with GST(Online Payment gateway)
Earnest Money Deposit	100000/(Online Payment gateway)
Contact/ Helpline No. of E-Procurement Cell	+91-8709368893

**Note:** The above dates may change due to declaration of holidays. In the event of any of the dates being declared as a holiday for the office of the JMHDPCL, the Bids will be opened on the next working day at the appointed time.

JMHDPCL reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Bid document including quantity/ number of Medicines to be supplied or to reject any or all Bids without giving any notice or assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director, JMHDPCL in this regard shall be final. Detailed Bid document can be seen, downloaded, and applied through website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> only. Sd/- Managing Director Infrastructure Dev & Procurement Corp Ltd (24-25)\_D JMHDPCL

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE**

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

**E-Tender No.:** JHS-ENGG-N-2025-05 **Approx Cost :** 85029208.45

**Description of work:** Birlanagar- Udi Mor Jn.-Cess Repair.

**Earnest Money :** 575200.00 **Date of closing Tender :** 12.02.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

**Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter :** 10 Months.

\* Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 12.02.2025. \* For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) 96/25 (C)

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Regd. Office : PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala (Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC03813)

Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in), Contact No. 0164-2756146

**Tender Enquiry No. 383/GHTP/C&I/V&A/270 Dated 12/01/2025**

Dy. Chief Engineer/ C&I Circle, O&M, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-Tender for the work of 'Routine, Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance work of motorized & pneumatically operated Valves & Gear Boxes along with associated Electrical/Pneumatic actuators & manually operated instrument root valves situated in TG area, Boiler area, LDO/HFO & CW Pump House, DM Plant and Ash Water Recovery System etc. at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat Stage-1 (2x210 MW) & Stage-2 (2x250 MW), District Bathinda (Punjab) as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year.' For details NIT & tender specifications, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10/01/2025 17:00 PM onwards.

**Note:** Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

RO.No.PR-AdvT.No.: 76155/12/3822/2023/40890 GHTP-05/25

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Phone No.-0771-4212203/15/12/24

Website <https://agriportal.cg.nic.in/beejnigam/BeejHI/>

**NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER (Third Publication)**

S.No./HO./BKVN/Tender-/2024-25/ Date -

Online Tender are invited for supply of following items for the year 2024-25 onwards as per terms & condition mentioned in Tender document.

S.No.	Name of Items	Opening date	Last date	E.M.D. (online)
1	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र राजनगंवाम	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	19800.00
2	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र धरपुरा	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	10700.00
3	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र नरीद	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	11920.00
4	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र लखनपुर	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	13200.00
5	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र कुकुरी	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	13000.00
6	प्रक्रिया केन्द्र छेकापुर	17.01.2025	26.01.2025	34690.00

Tender documents and other details can be seen and downloaded from Website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/> and should be submitted online before the due date as per scheduled time mentioned in Tender document. Received offers will be opened on scheduled date in the presence of officers or their representative who wishes to be present. The document Price is Rs. 7080.00 and Earnest Money is to be Deposited online on or before due date as mentioned in Tender documents.

**Note:-** For any assistance please contact our service provider- M-Junction Services Limited

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (2nd Call) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)**

No. 25/CSIDC/E.E./Division-IV/2024-25/ Raipur, dated 16/01/2025

Online tenders are invited in Form-B Item rate basis, from "A" class electrical license contractor registered in Class-D & Above in New Unified Registration System (E-Registration) website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> at appropriate class, for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Work	Registered Contractor in CPWD or in appropriate class in other dept	Time allowed including rainy season	Estim ated Cost (INR Lacs)	EMD (INR Rs.)	Cost of Tender Doc.(INR) including GST 18%
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Octagonal Pole and Solar L. E.D. Street Light Fitting 60 Watt for Street Lighting at Industrial area Teknar Distt. Dantewada (C.G.)	D & Above	02 Months	70.51 Lacs	53,000/-	3540/-

The tender document and other details can be downloaded from the web portal (website) <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 16/01/2025 and shall be submitted online only. Amendment in tender, if any, will only be uploaded on the website and shall not be published in any newspaper.

**NOTE:** 1) The interested tenderers for online submission of tender may contact CG e-Proc Helpdesk. Operated by Mjunction Services Limited, they may reach Helpdesk using 18002582502 (from 9 AM to 11 PM) (therein press 2 for CG e-Proc) or you can email them at [Helpdesk@cgswan.gov.in](mailto:Helpdesk@cgswan.gov.in)

2) Tenderer may contact to E.E., Div-I, CSIDC, Udyog Bhawan in working hours to clear their any doubt if any before online submission of the tender.

S-42850/2 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Division-IV

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

No. S/Sale/611/E-AP/5270/24-25 Date: 15.01.2025

**E-AUCTION PROGRAMME, NOTICE NO.11 MONTH February-2025**

It is intimated that scrap materials available in all Divisions and Depots of North Central Railway will be sold through e-auction and all organizers will conduct the auction of their area. **Scrap Items:** P. Way Scrap, Scrap Rail, Cast Iron Scrap, Condemned rolling Stock, Non ferrous and Non metallic Scrap, Turning & Boring, Condemned Oil/Paints Drums, Condemned Machinery & plants, Condemned Vehicles, Condemned office equipments, Foundry Slag, Released overhead MS/GI tanks, Released ferrous scrap of train lighting fans, Released MS/GI pipe line, foundry skull, Workshop MS scrap and other MS scrap.

SN	e-auction Date & Day	Depot/Division	Organizer of Auction	Through website
1.	06.02.2025 Thursday	General Stores Depot/ Jhansi	Deputy Chief Material Manager/ System/ Jhansi	<a href="http://www.reps.gov.in">www.reps.gov.in</a>
2.	13.02.2025 Thursday			
3.	18.02.2025 Tuesday			
4.	24.02.2025 Monday			
5.	28.02.2025 Friday	Prayagraj Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager/North Central Railway/Prayagraj.	<a href="http://www.reps.gov.in">www.reps.gov.in</a>
6.	11.02.2025 Tuesday			
7.	25.02.2025 Tuesday			
8.	04.02.2025 Tuesday			
9.	11.02.2025 Tuesday			
10.	18.02.2025 Tuesday			
11.	25.02.2025 Tuesday			
12.	05.02.2025 Wednesday			
13.	12.02.2025 Wednesday			
14.	19.02.2025 Wednesday			
15.	26.02.2025 Wednesday	Jhansi Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager/North Central Railway/Jhansi.	<a href="http://www.reps.gov.in">www.reps.gov.in</a>
16.	06.02.2025 Thursday			
17.	13.02.2025 Thursday			
18.	20.02.2025 Thursday			
19.	27.02.2025 Thursday	Agra Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager/North Central Railway/Agra.	<a href="http://www.reps.gov.in">www.reps.gov.in</a>
20.	06.02.2025 Thursday			

**Special Conditions:** 1. All type of scraps will be through e-auction mode [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) website. In the event of auction not being completed on the same calendar day, auction may be continued on the next calendar days also. 2. The unsold lots of e-auction will also be included in next e-auction of respective depot. 3. The Intending purchaser may inspect the lot of scrap material before the auctions during working hours. 4. To purchase material above Rs. 5 Lacs, the purchaser must be registered with GST. 5. For further details on auctions (like catalogues, last sold rates in auctions & other details), Please visit North Central Railway's website [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 6. For further detail regarding e-auction, please visit [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) website. 9325(DG)

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OLD CUSTOMS More youth actively take part in annual pilgrimage

Mesram clan strives on tradition

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC HASTINAMADUGU (MANCHERIAL), JAN. 17

In a display of devotion and personal discipline, members of the Adivasi Mesram clan undertook their annual on-foot pilgrimage (padayatra) to the Godavari River, covering nearly 150 km from the Nagoba Temple. Early on Friday morning, they reached Hastinamadugu in Mancherial district and collected sacred Gangajal in a Kalasham.

Unlike previous years, more youth participated in this year's pilgrimage, which began on January 10. On arrival at the Godavari, the clan ensured they were the first to touch the water, taking a holy dip and performing traditional rituals. They then prepared a special meal before setting out on their return journey to the Kelpaur



Mesram clan Adivasis collect sacred Gangajal at Hathinamadugu in the Godavari River, Mancherial district, before embarking on their return journey to the Nagoba temple in Keslapur, Indravelli, Adilabad district, on Friday.

Temple with the sacred water.

Mesram clan elders have been actively involving younger members — such as Shanker and Arun, who are pursuing degrees, and Gopal, studying for his SSC — to pass on their customs and way of life to the

next generation. Meram Tirupathi explained, "We are strictly following the traditions and rituals our forefathers observed. If the new generation does not continue these practices, the Adivasi identity will lose its traditional base."

The Mesram community has always allowed students to join the padayatra during holidays, ensuring their academics are not disrupted. "We do not disturb the studies of our youth," noted Koserao. "They are only permitted to join when they have breaks like Sankranti, which coincided with our journey this year."

For many participants, the pilgrimage is a source of spiritual and personal growth. "It's our responsibility to preserve our unique culture by taking part in community events like the Godavari padayatra without neglecting our studies," said Shankar, a degree final-year MPC student in Utnoor. "I feel energised and more confident after the padayatra."

Gopal, who is taking part for the third time, added that the journey strengthens his resolve to uphold Mesram clan traditions.

SHORT TAKES

SC STAYS ORDER ON AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME

New Delhi, Jan. 17: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed an order asking the Delhi government to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Union health ministry by January 5 to implement the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

A bench of Justices B. R. Gavai and Augustine George Masih issued notices to the Centre and others seeking their responses on a plea filed by the Delhi government against the December 24 2024 direction of the Delhi High Court.

U.S. CONSULATE INAUGURATED IN BENGALURU

M.B. GIRISH | DC BENGALURU, JAN. 17

The US inaugurated a consulate office in Bengaluru on Friday, 25 years after the proposal was first tabled by state politicians. The American consulate will function temporarily at JW Marriott Hotel on Vittal Mallya Road with limited staff until a permanent facility is established.

The consulate will not be offering visa services for the time being.

The inaugural function was attended by external affairs minister Dr S. Jaishankar, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and US ambassador Eric Garcetti.

Recalling the efforts to open the consulate office, Shivakumar said the process began when S.M. Krishna was the chief minister (1999-2004).

U'KHAND BETS BIG ON GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

PRITHVIRAJ SINGH | DC DEHRADUN, JAN. 17

The Uttarakhand government has handed over 40 identified geothermal hot spring sites in the Himalayas to Iceland to explore, develop, and harness geothermal energy for the state. The Pushkar Singh Dhami government on Friday signed a pact with Iceland-based firm Verkis Consulting Engineers to tap into geothermal power and generate electricity.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in the virtual presence of Dhami and Iceland ambassador Doctor Benedict Huskulson.

Dhami described the MoU as a milestone in the fields of energy security and sustainable development for both Uttarakhand and the country.

The CM informed that the state had already received permissions from the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change.

BJP vows ₹2,500 for women, elderly

Releases 'Sankalp Patra' to cut the AAP in the battle for Delhi's urban poor

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

The BJP on Friday released its "Sankalp Patra" (manifesto) promising ₹2,500 monthly aid for women, ₹21,000 for every pregnant woman, LPG cylinders at ₹500 and also ₹2,500 pension for senior citizens in a bid to undercut the AAP in the battle for Delhi's urban poor.

Criticising the BJP manifesto over announcement of several "revis" (freebies), the AAP claimed that the Opposition party is copying it and the Prime Minister will not approve the doles.

Releasing the BJP's first of three Sankalp Patras for the February 5 Delhi Assembly polls, party president J.P. Nadda said that a BJP-led Delhi government will approve



BJP national president J.P. Nadda with party leaders addresses the media during the launch of BJP Sankalp Patra part-1 for Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi on Friday.

implementation of the "Ayushman Bharat" national public health insurance scheme in the city in its first Cabinet meeting. The BJP president assured that all existing public welfare schemes in the national capital will continue if the party is voted to power. He said

that the BJP government will strengthen and eliminate corruption in these schemes on which the "aapda" party (AAP) thrives. Stressing that the party's manifesto will serve as the foundation for a "developed Delhi", Nadda said,

Kejriwal writes to Modi, seeks discount for students in Metro

AVINASH PRABHAKAR JHA | DC NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced free bus rides for male students if his party gets re-elected in the February 5 Assembly polls.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he also demanded a 50 per cent rebate for students in Delhi Metro fares, the party said, hours before the BJP released its manifesto for the polls.

He said the discount should be borne equally by the Centre and the

Delhi government as they are partners in Delhi metro.

Addressing the media, the former chief minister said, "Women in Delhi are already enjoying free bus rides. Now, we will extend the same benefit to male students to ease their financial burden and promote education accessibility." He assured that the scheme would be a priority.

"The Metro fares are expensive for students. I have requested Modi to introduce this scheme, and we are ready to bear half the cost," Kejriwal said at the press conference, adding that the initiative could be rolled out after the elections.

Later in the evening, after BJP released its manifesto, Kejriwal claimed the BJP has "copied" the AAP and announced several 'revis' in its Delhi poll manifesto though PM Modi won't approve of the "freebies" promised by his party.

"The BJP has repeatedly said that Kejriwal gives away free handouts, but today the BJP's national president announced that they too will provide free handouts to the people of Delhi," he said.

HURRIYAT DIALOGUE ON THE CARDS

YUSUF JAMEEL SRINAGAR, JAN. 17

As the back-channel contacts between the two sides have led to some melting of the ice, there is every likelihood of the Centre resuming peace dialogue with the Kashmiri separatists soon. The engagement was being weighed down by anxiety about the outcomes given the BJP's pro-active strategies vis-a-vis Jammu and Kashmir.

Now, however, the Centre is reportedly willing to "enlarge the constituency of peace" by re-engaging the Hurriyat Conference led by Kashmir's key religious and political leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq in a sustained and meaningful dialogue, reliable sources said.

MEA says 16 Indians serving with Russian military 'missing'

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

India on Friday announced that 16 Indians serving in the Russian Army have been categorised by Russian authorities as "missing" and their whereabouts are not known. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that the MEA is in touch with the families of these Indians.

He said that of the 126 Indians who had been recruited in the Russian Army, 96 have returned to India so far while 12

back the mortal remains at the earliest. Another Indian — identified by media as J. Kurien — has been injured and is receiving treatment in Moscow, the spokesperson said, adding that he hopes the injured Indian will also be able to return soon to India.

It may be recalled that PM Narendra Modi had taken up the matter of Indians being duped into working in the Russian Army with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Moscow in July last year.

On the recent incident of an Indian from Kerala Binil Babu being killed in the battlefield, the spokesperson said New Delhi is working to bring

AJIT, SHARAD SHARE STAGE, AVOID TALKS

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, JAN. 17

Amidst talks of NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar and Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar coming together, there seems to be no sign of an end to discord in the Pawar family.

NCP (SP) Supriya Sule on Friday revealed that her cousin Ajit Pawar refuses to talk to her. Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar too shared a stage in an event in Baramati, but avoided talking to each other.

Forces batter Maoists' areas

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC RAIPUR, JAN. 17

The twelve Naxals, including five women, killed in Thursday's encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's south Bastar were the members of the battalion 1 of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) and Central Regional Committee (CRC)'s military company 2, both considered elite armed squads of the Maoists, police said.

Bodies of the 12 Maoists were recovered from the Pujari Kanker area of Bijapur district on Friday. "A decisive battle was fought by

security forces against the PLGA's battalion 1 and the CRC's military company 2," Bastar range inspector general of police P. Sunderraj said, describing Pujari Kanker a core area of the Maoists.

It is suspected Hidma, a central committee member of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), and Barsa Deva, a commander of battalion 1 of Maoists, along with other Naxals managed to escape, police said.

Security forces recovered one rocket launcher, developed by the technical committee of PLGA, three barrel grenade launchers and some rifles and guns.

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
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**PROFORMA 10-01 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY that the 25000Volt, 50 Hz., ac overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
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**PROFORMA 10-02 INTRODUCTION OF ac 25kv Traction "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"**

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Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

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Kuki-Zo apex body seeks separate UT

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

A four-member team of the apex body and political platform for all Kuki-Zo people in Manipur on Friday met with officials of the central government and placed its demand for a separate administration for the community and the initiation of a political dialogue to resolve its issues.

The demands were

placed by a delegation, led by Henlianthang Thanglet, chairman, Kuki-Zo Council, before a two-member team of the Centre's representatives, led by interlocutor A. K. Mishra.

"We placed our demand for a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo people of Manipur and the initiation of a political dialogue," Kuki-Zo Council spokesperson Ginza Vualzong said.

Odisha signs seven MoUs with S'pore

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, JAN. 17

The Odisha government signed seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Singapore on Friday in a significant move to foster economic growth and collaboration. The agreements, aimed at strengthening ties across several sectors, were signed in the presence of Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union education minister Dhar-

mendra Pradhan. The first two MoUs focus on industrial growth and sustainability. Odisha industrial infrastructure development corporation has partnered with Sembcorp, a leading energy and infrastructure company from Singapore, to establish industrial parks in the state. Another key agreement was made with Surbana Jurong, Singapore's leading urban and infrastructure consultancy, for the development of a petrochemical and petroleum investment region in Odisha.

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# RG Kar doc's rape case verdict today

GOUTAMI SENGUPTA | DC HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Five months and nine days after a female doctor was raped and murdered in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, Sealдах criminal court Judge Anirban Das will pronounce the verdict in the case on Saturday.

A total of 50 people have recorded their statements in the lower court.

The list includes the deceased doctor's father, the CBI investigating officer, Kolkata Police's investigating officer, a forensic expert, and a few classmates of the deceased.

Initially, Kolkata Police arrested a civic volunteer within 24 hours of investigating the incident. They also collected several pieces of 'biological' and 'digital' evidence from the scene. Later,

on the orders of the Calcutta High Court, the investigation was handed over to the CBI.

The CBI, after conducting the investigation, listed the arrested civic volunteer as the 'sole accused' and submitted a chargesheet to the court. Based on that, the trial began on November 11.

The CBI had also arrested the college's former principal Sandip Ghosh and the then OC of Tala Police Station, Abhijit Mondal, on charges of destroying evidence in the rape-murder case. However, the central investigation agency could not submit a chargesheet against them due to lack of evidence.

As a result, both Sandip and Abhijit got bail. Although Abhijit was released from jail, Sandip is still in jail (in custody) in the RG Kar corruption case.

# DEATH PENALTY IN 55 DAYS FOR RAPE CONVICT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

The Pocco court of Chinsurah in West Bengal on Friday handed the death penalty to a man from Hooghly for raping and murdering his neighbour's five-year-old daughter on November 24 last year.

The victim's mother cried after the court verdict. "Today it is her birthday. She wanted to eat cake on her birthday. I couldn't feed her. I left everything to the police. We are happy with the court's order," she said. On November 24, the child went missing from the front of her house. The father saw her playing while going to the market. When the father returned, he did not find his daughter and started searching.

# Karnataka HC stays defamation case proceedings against Rahul

M.B. GIRISH | DC BENGALURU, JAN. 17

The Karnataka High Court on Friday stayed interim proceedings against Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in a defamation case filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Keshav Prasad alleging

"false" and "malicious" advertisements placed in newspapers by the Congress ahead of Assembly elections in 2023. The High Court posted the next hearing in the case to February 20 this year.

It may be recalled here that Rahul Gandhi appeared before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru as per the

court's order on July 1, 2024. BJP leader Keshav Prasad alleged the Congress party, then opposition party, placed advertisements accusing the BJP, then ruling the state government, of indulging in 40 per cent commissions in appointments to various government posts as well as transfers for cash in government departments.

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SHORT TAKES

PAK LAUNCHES 1ST HOME-MADE OBSERVATION SAT

Karachi, Jan. 17: Pakistan launched its first home-made observation satellite on Friday from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northern China, Pakistan's space agency said. The PRSC-E01 satellite will boost Pakistan's ability to monitor and manage natural resources, respond to disasters, and improve urban planning and agricultural development, the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission said. This type of satellite uses electro-optical sensors to collect data and images of the Earth's surface.

INVESTIGATORS FOR COURT WARRANT TO NAB SK PRESIDENT

Seoul, Jan. 17: Law enforcement authorities on Friday requested a court warrant to formally arrest South Korea's impeached President, Yoon Suk Yeol, who was in his third day at a detention centre after his lawyers failed in a last-minute effort to secure his release. Yoon, who was apprehended on Wednesday in a massive law enforcement operation at his residence, faces potential rebellion charges linked to his declaration of martial law on December 3, which set off the country's most serious political crisis since its democratisation in the late 1980s.

RUSSIAN COURT JAILS 3 LAWYERS OF NAVALNY

Petushki (Russia), Jan. 17: Three lawyers who once represented the late Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny were convicted by a court on Friday as part of the Kremlin's crackdown on dissent that has reached levels unseen since Soviet times.

Vadim Kobzev, Igor Sergunin and Alexei Liptser were already in custody and were given sentences from 3 1/2 to five years by a court in the town of Petushki, about 100 km east of Moscow. They were arrested in October 2023 on charges of involvement with extremist groups, as Navalny's networks were deemed by authorities.

The case was widely seen as a way to increase pressure on the opposition to discourage defence lawyers from taking political cases. At the time, Navalny was serving a prison term. He died in a Russian prison camp in February 2023. Independent Russian newspaper *Novaya Gazeta* reported that Kobzev said in his final statement in court on January 10 that "we are being tried for transmitting Navalny's thoughts".

Trump moves inauguration indoors due to biting cold

Musk, top leaders to be in attendance for Trump's triumphant return

Washington, Jan. 17: Donald Trump will complete an extraordinary comeback on Monday when he is inaugurated for a second term as US president, apparently stronger and more unpredictable than ever.

The 78-year-old Republican will be sworn in in Washington amid high pomp and ceremony before making a triumphant return to the White House that he left in disgrace four years earlier.

Trump said he would move his swearing-in ceremony and inaugural address indoors due to extreme cold forecast in Washington for Monday.

"There is an Arctic blast sweeping the Country," Trump said in a social media post. "I don't want to see people hurt, or injured, in any way. It is dangerous conditions for the tens of thousands of Law Enforcement, First Responders, Police K9s and even horses, and hundreds of thousands of supporters that will be outside for many hours on the 20th."

The day before he will host a star-studded "Make America Great Victory Rally," reportedly featuring the world's richest man Elon Musk, and a performance by the Village People, the band behind his signature song "Y.M.C.A." For billionaire Trump, it will cap a remarkable journey that saw him defy two assassination attempts and a historic criminal conviction to seize back the presidency from Joe Biden.

Trump's official photo as the 47th US President — and the first to be a felon — even bears a striking resemblance to a viral 2023 mugshot taken in another criminal case.

America and the world will be watching his inaugural speech where he will set the tone for a presidency that many expect to be even more volatile than his first. Since the election that tone has veered between promises of a "golden age" and vows of vengeance against his enemies — coupled with outlandish territorial threats against Greenland and Panama and promises of sweeping tariffs. He is also expected to quickly issue executive orders on key topics, including migration, and to pardon some of the pro-Trump rioters.

INAUGURATION DAY: WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

THE OATH

THE US Constitution mandates that each new President's term begin at noon on January 20 (or the day after if it falls on a Sunday).

THE OATH is most often administered by the Supreme Court chief justice, and Monday would mark John Roberts's second time officiating for Trump.

THE NEW President also delivers an inaugural address. Incoming V-P J.D. Vance will also be sworn in.

THE CROWD

2,20,000 tickets are being distributed to the public via lawmakers' offices.

THOSE UNABLE to snag an official ticket can still watch the ceremony on large video screens.



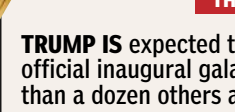
File pic of Donald Trump delivering his inaugural address after being sworn in as the 45th president of the US in Washington D.C., on January 20, 2017. — AP



Mukesh, Nita Ambani will also attend.



FAMED COUNTRY singer Carrie Underwood will sing "America the Beautiful".



ALSO PERFORMING will be country singer Lee Greenwood.

THE GUESTS

BILLIONAIRES ELON MUSK, Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg will attend as will Shou Chew, the head of Chinese social media giant TikTok.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT Joe Biden will attend the ceremony.

ALL LIVING former presidents — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama — will attend.

TRUMP HAS invited prime ministers of Italy and Hungary, Giorgia Meloni and Viktor Orban, as well as Argentine President Javier Milei and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

TRUMP IS expected to attend all three of his official inaugural galas on Monday night. More than a dozen others are also planned.

Gaza hostages' release likely to begin tomorrow

Jerusalem, Jan. 17: The release of hostages held in Gaza since Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack on Israel is expected to begin on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said on Friday.

During the initial 42-day phase of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas, 33 hostages are to be freed in exchange of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that French-Israeli citizens Ofer Kalderon and Ohad Yahalom are in the first group of hostages to be freed by Hamas following a ceasefire with Israel. Two sources close to Hamas told AFP that the first group of hostages to be released consists of three Israeli women soldiers. However, since the Palestinian Islamist movement considers any Israeli of military age who has completed mandatory service as a soldier, the reference could also apply to civilians abducted during the attack.

ISRAELI SECURITY CABINET OKAYS CEASEFIRE DEAL

Jerusalem, Cairo, Jan. 17: The Israeli security Cabinet approved a ceasefire deal on Friday, paving the way for the return of the first hostages from Gaza as early as Sunday and bringing a halt to 15 months of conflict that have devastated the coastal strip. The accord is still conditional on the approval of the full Cabinet.

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China's population falls for third year

Taipei, Jan. 17: China's population fell last year for the third straight year, its government said on Friday, pointing to further demographic challenges for the world's second most populous nation, which is now facing both an ageing population and an emerging shortage of working age people.

China's population stood at 1.408 billion at the end of 2024, a decline of 1.39 million from the previous year.

The figures announced by the government in Beijing follow trends worldwide, but especially in East Asia, where Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and other nations have seen their birth rates plummet.

Countries such as China that allow very little immigration are especially at risk.

BIDEN GRANTS CLEMENCY TO 2,500

Washington, Jan. 17: President Joe Biden on Friday commuted the sentences of nearly 2,500 people convicted of non-violent drug offences in what the White House called the largest single-day act of clemency.

"Those whose sentences were commuted were serving 'disproportionately long sentences' compared to what they would receive today," Biden said. He called the move "an

LAW BANNING TIKTOK UPHELD BY SC

Washington, Jan. 17: The US Supreme Court refused to rescure TikTok on Friday from a law that required the popular short-video app to be sold by its Chinese parent company ByteDance or banned on Sunday in the United States on national security grounds — thereby dealing a major blow to a platform that is used by nearly half of all Americans.

The justices unanimously ruled that the law, passed by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress last year and signed by Democratic President Joe Biden, did not violate the United States Constitution's First Amendment protection against government abridgment of free speech.

SCHOLZ: MUSK BACKING FAR RIGHT IS DANGEROUS

Berlin, Paris, Jan. 17: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Friday said US tech billionaire Elon Musk is threatening democracy in Europe with his attacks on the continent's leaders and support for the far right. "He supports the far right across Europe — in the UK, Germany and many other countries. This is something that is completely unacceptable, that endangers

the democratic development of Europe," Scholz said. French satirical weekly *Charlie Hebdo* said it would not follow other media outlets by quitting X, publishing instead a series of caricatures mocking the platform's owner Elon Musk.

The billionaire tech tycoon is accused of promoting disinformation on the network formerly known as *Twitter*. "Elon Musk prides himself on defending freedom of speech. *Charlie Hebdo* has decided to make full use of it by publishing cartoons of its famous boss on X," the magazine said.

SpaceX craft lost after booster catch

Texas, Jan. 17: SpaceX launched its Starship rocket on its latest test flight on Thursday, but the spacecraft was destroyed following a thrilling booster catch back at the pad.



Debris from the SpaceX Starship is seen near Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, on Thursday. — AFP

Elon Musk's company said Starship broke apart — what it called a "rapid unscheduled disassembly." The spacecraft's six engines appeared to shut down one by one during ascent, with contact lost just 8 1/2 minutes into the flight.

The spacecraft — a new and upgraded model making its debut — was supposed to soar across the Gulf of Mexico from Texas on a near loop around the world similar to previous test flights.

CARBON CONCERN

Methane pushed temperatures to unprecedented highs

CO2 levels rose fastest in '24: UK weather

Paris, Jan. 17: The UK weather service said Friday that carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere in 2024 grew at the fastest annual rate on record, exceeding their own projections by some margin.



The sharp rise in planet-warming CO2 was driven by fossil fuel burning, devastating wildfires and a weakening of Earth's natural carbon stores, the Met Office said. Scientists said at such rates, the world cannot hope to hold global warming to the 1.5°C limit that

nations have agreed would avert the worst consequences of climate change. Last year the atmospheric CO2 level at the Mauna Loa observatory in Hawaii, which has been taking such measurements for more than 60 years, spiked

Imran sentenced to 14 years' jail in graft case

Islamabad, Jan. 17: A Pakistani court sentenced former Prime Minister Imran Khan to 14 years imprisonment on Friday in a land corruption case, a setback to nascent talks between his party and the government aimed at cooling political instability in the south Asian nation.



Imran Khan

The verdict in the case was delivered by an anti-graft court in a prison in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, where Khan has been jailed since August 2023. Khan's wife Bushra Bibi was also found guilty and sentenced to seven years in prison. She was out on bail but was taken into custody after the judgment was pronounced, *Geo*

*News* reported. Khan's party confirmed that Bibi was moved to a prison cell at the same jail as Khan, after a medical checkup. "The accused Imran Ahmad Khan Niazi is hereby held guilty for commission of offence of corruption and corrupt practices," read the detailed court order. — Reuters

40 PAKISTANIS DROWN OFF AFRICAN COAST

Islamabad, Jan. 17: More than 40 Pakistanis are feared to have drowned in the capsizing of a boat off West Africa's Atlantic coastline, which has emerged as a primary point of departure for migrants aiming to reach Europe.

A Spain-based migrant rights group, Walking Borders, said 50 people had died on their way to the Canary Islands and that 44 of them were Pakistanis. — AP

ONBOARD CARBON CAPTURE SYSTEM ON NORWAY SHIP

Oslo, Jan. 17: Norwegian shipping company has announced that it has modified one of its vessels to install the "world's first" onboard carbon capture and storage system to reduce emissions. The Clipper Eris should see its greenhouse gas emissions reduced by up to 70 per cent. — AFP

**राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा एजेंसी National Testing Agency**  
(An Autonomous Organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INVITING ONLINE APPLICATION FOR ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAM (AISSEE-2025)**

National Testing Agency is going to conduct AISSEE-2025 on behalf of Sainik Schools Society (Under Ministry of defence, Govt. of India) for admission to Class VI and Class IX in Sainik School/ New Sainik Schools across the country, for the academic year 2025-26.

Submission of online Application Form	24.12.2024 to 23.01.2025	
Date of exam	Will be announced on the NTA website later	
Mode of exam	Pen Paper mode (OMR)	
Paper pattern	Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)	
Exam fee	Category	Fee Payable
	General/Wards of Defence personnel and ex-servicemen/OBC (NCL) as per central list	Rs. 800/-
	Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes	Rs. 650/-

Information Brochure with all other necessary details with regard to the registration for examination will be made available on the Official Website(s) of the National Testing Agency on [www.nta.ac.in](http://www.nta.ac.in); <https://exams.nta.ac.in/AISSEE/>.

Interested candidates are advised to apply before the last date and regularly visit above Official websites for latest updates.

In case any candidate faces difficulty in applying for AISSEE 2025, she/he may contact on 011 - 40759000 / 011 - 69227700 or e-mail at [aissee@nta.ac.in](mailto:aissee@nta.ac.in)

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**Announcement for Inviting Online Application for National Council for Hotel Management (NCHM JEE)-2025**

National Testing Agency is going to conduct NCHM JEE 2025 on behalf of National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (Under Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India) for admission in Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Hotel Administration in the NCHMCT affiliated Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs).

Date of submission of online application form	16.12.2024 to 15.02.2025 Upto (05:00 P.M)	
Date of exam	27.04.2025 (Sunday)	

Information Brochure with all other necessary details with regard to the registration for examination will be made available on the Official Website(s) of the National Testing Agency on <https://exams.nta.ac.in/NCHM/and/or/NCHMCT> website on <https://nchm.gov.in/>

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## quick BITES

INDICATORS	%
Sensex	76,619.33 -0.55
Nifty 50	23,203.20 -0.47
S&P 500*	5,989.45 0.88
Dollar (₹)	86.61 0.05
Pound Sterling (₹)	105.63 0.06
Euro (₹)	89.18 0.16
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	78,950*276 -0.35
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	81.12 -0.21
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.774 0.02
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.584 -0.022

\* As of 8:30 PM IST

## 7 Indian startups picked up for US space initiative

Seven Indian start-ups have been chosen for India-U.S. space and defence collaboration programme, potentially unlocking a lucrative and strategic market for Indian firms, an investor who co-launched the project said. Indian investor Indusbridge Ventures and U.S.-based FedTech, which established the programme in 2024, selected seven Indian companies and talks are underway about specific projects.

## Coal India aims for 810 mn tonne production target

Coal India Ltd (CIL) has acknowledged that the realistic production target for the current fiscal will be 806-810 million tonnes (MT), down from 838 MT, company chairman PM Prasad said on Friday. CIL production grew 2.2 per cent to 543 MT till December in FY25. But aiming to ramp up production in the remaining days of the fiscal, efforts are on to achieve a growth of around 4 to 5 per cent, he said.



## Tech Mahindra posts 89% jump in Q3 net profit

Tech Mahindra on Friday reported an 89 per cent jump in the December quarter net profit at ₹989 crore. The Mahindra group company's performance was impacted in the year-ago period, and it had reported a net profit of ₹524 crore in year-ago period. For the reporting quarter, its revenue from operations increased by 1.4 per cent to ₹13,286 crore, while the cost of services were down by 5.1 per cent at ₹9,456 crore.

## Vikram Solar gets order to supply 1 GW modules

Vikram Solar has secured an order to supply 1GW of solar modules. It will supply its advanced Hypersol N-Type Topcon glass-to-glass modules (580Wp and above) to fulfill the order. The modules are designed to deliver enhanced efficiency, ideal for large-scale solar installations. The modules will be deployed in Karnataka, Gujarat and Rajasthan as part of JSW Neo Energy's renewable energy initiative.

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# New EVs electrify auto expo

## Companies bet big on electric mobility; launch 40 new electric vehicles

MICHAEL GONSALVES  
PUNE, JAN. 17

It was an EV wave on the first day of the five-day Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 in New Delhi, the largest mobility expo in India, with major automakers launching and showcasing their electric prowess.

In fact, a total of over 40 new product launches, including electric vehicles (EVs), are lined up to woo buyers.

Tata Motors showcased the all-new Tata Sierra, the Harrier.ev, the most powerful and technologically advanced SUV, the Avinya X concept, the future of luxury mobility.

Hyundai Motor launched Creta Electric priced at ₹17.99 lakh. The company plans to set up 600 public fast charging stations to bolster EV adoption.

BMW India on Friday launched its first locally-produced electric vehicle the BMW X1 Long Wheelbase priced at ₹49 lakh at pan India showroom.

Mercedes-Benz also launched the electric luxury EQS Maybach SUV 680 'Night Series' priced at ₹2.63 crore at pan India showroom.

It also introduced a new variant of the Mercedes-Maybach GLS 600 Night series, priced at ₹3.71 crore onwards, bolstering its top-end vehicles portfolio. It also showcased the Concept CLA Class, the forerunner for an entirely new electric segment from Mercedes-Benz developed from scratch.

With the launch of Maybach SUV 680 'Night Series', it expects this to further strengthen its BEV offering for the discerning Indian customer.

JSW MG Motor India announced its foray into the 'accessible luxury' electric car segment with MG Cyberster, and the MG M9.



Maruti Suzuki India's first electric SUV eVitara unveiled at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo, in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

## Maruti unveils first e-SUV eVitara, eyes pole position

MICHAEL GONSALVES  
PUNE, JAN. 17

Maruti Suzuki, the India's biggest car maker, has unveiled its first electric SUV e-Vitara at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 in New Delhi on Friday.

The automaker will introduce a range of six electric vehicle models by 2030, the company said.

Maruti Suzuki Friday said it aims to be the largest producer of electric vehicles (EVs) in the country and make India the export hub over the next one year.

Suzuki Motor Corporation representative director and president Toshihiro Suzuki

said the made-in-India for the world e-Vitara would be exported to more than 100 countries, including Europe and Japan.

Suzuki Motor Corporation, which has around 58 per cent stake in Maruti Suzuki India, plans to make India a global production hub for the model, he said. "We plan to begin production of the e-Vitara in coming few months" at Maruti Suzuki's Gujarat plant, Suzuki said.

He disclosed that the e-Vitara is Suzuki's first global strategic battery EV, which has been long-awaited in India and many parts of the world.

Suzuki noted that the company has been studying customer require-

ments for BEV in detail all over the world, particularly in its key business regions - India, Japan and Europe.

He said the company had chosen India as the global manufacturing base due to its quality products and scale merit.

Maruti Suzuki India managing director and CEO Hisashi Takeuchi said the company had "invested more than ₹2,100 crore for manufacturing e-Vitara in India, which includes a dedicated EV production line.

The e-Vitara will feature two battery options - 49kWh and 61kWh, with a driving range of around 500 kms on a single charge.

## GOYAL: INDIA'S SHARE IN VALUE CHAIN RISES

FC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said that India's share in the global mobility supply chains is increasing due to the sector's cost-competitiveness and focus on product quality.

Speaking at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 here, he said by next year this expo will become the biggest auto show in the world and will emerge as the one-stop destination for the automobile sector for the world.

"The expo will serve as a call to action for global partnerships, inviting international investors to tap into India's growing consumer base and business-friendly ecosystem," Goyal said.

The minister further said that electric vehicles (EVs) are shaping the mobility sector and India holds a great advantage in this area. "Innovation and sustainability have become the focus of the mobility sector and India's share in the mobility global supply chains is also increasing. India's mobility sector is cost-competitive and is also focussing on product quality," he said.

The Union minister further noted that the country is witnessing a more number of first-time automobile buyers and nudging them towards buying electric vehicles will hugely benefit the entire EV ecosystem leading to a reduction in pollution levels and also stemming the inflow of foreign exchange.

## Markets fall on profit-booking

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD  
MUMBAI, JAN. 17

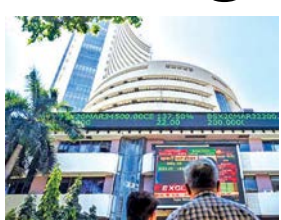
Continuing heavy profit taking by foreign investors and weak earnings performance by IT companies, Axis Bank dragged the market lower after three consecutive sessions of moderate gains.

Infosys shares were down 5.75 per cent while Axis Bank fell 4.43 per cent at market close after their earnings were released after market hours on Thursday while Reliance Industries closed with a gain of 2.57 per cent.

The Sensex fell 0.55 per cent or 423 points to 76,619.33 while Nifty-50 fell 0.47 per cent or 108 points to 23,203.20 as benchmark indices fell for the second consecutive week.

Broader market of mid-cap and small-cap companies outperformed with the Nifty mid-cap 100 and small-cap 100 indices closing with gains of 0.20 per cent and 0.16 per cent respectively.

"Domestic market ended on a weak note as large cap IT and banking stocks saw higher underperformance due to a cautious outlook on discretionary



spending for the former and subdued deposit and credit growth, as well as tighter liquidity conditions for the latter. In contrast, public sector banks performed well during the week. Investors are adopting a risk-averse stance due to strengthening of the dollar," said Vinod Nair, head - Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) were net sellers of equities worth ₹3,318.06 crore on Friday while domestic institutions were net buyers by ₹2,572.88 crore.

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## Mobile services to get more spectrum: Centre

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 17

Union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday said that the Union cabinet on Thursday approved reforming of 687 Mhz spectrum for mobile services and more would be done based on the study by a committee of secretaries. Scindia also said the government would ensure that the requirement of the telecom industry is met.

"The mobile services need 2,000 Mhz of spectrum by 2030 and the cabinet decision takes the total quantum of radio waves to 1,587 Mhz," he

said, while speaking at the launch of Sanchar Saathi mobile app that aims to make it easier to report any suspected fraud communications by allowing public to flag such incidents directly from their mobile phone call logs.

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- Sanchar Saathi mobile app makes easier for users to report any suspected fraud communications directly from their mobile phone call logs.
- DOT launches vision for national broadband mission 2.0, and intra circle roaming.

Government would ensure the requirement of telecom industry is met and there are no hurdles in digital telecom landscape of the country.

— JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA, Union telecom minister.

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"The government have approved reforming of 687 Mhz, which means this takes us from 900 Mhz to 1,587 Mhz. 320 (MHz) will be released immediately - some by next year and some by end of 2028-29," Scindia said.

## Indian economic growth to soften

SANGEETHA G  
CHENNAI, JAN. 17

The World Bank has projected that the Indian economy will soften its growth in FY25 to 6.5 per cent, while it has retained the growth for next fiscal at 6.7 per cent.

The growth in FY27 as

per the January forecast will be 6.7 per cent, lower by 0.1 per cent from the earlier prediction in June.

In India, growth is expected to decelerate to 6.5 per cent in FY25 from 8.2 per cent in FY24, reflecting a slowdown in investment

and weak manufacturing growth.

In its June update, the World Bank had predicted India to grow at 6.6 per cent.

However, services activity has been steady, while growth in the agricultural sector has

## VSP's ₹11,440-cr bailout package gets Centre's nod

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

In a significant development, the Centre on Friday announced a grand revival package for the crisis-ridden Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), which has a high emotional connect with the people of Andhra Pradesh.

As per the revival plan approved by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on economic affairs for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), which operates the VSP, ₹10,300 crore would be infused as equity capital and the ₹1,140 crore working capital loan would be converted into cumulative preference share capital redeemable after 10 years.

The immediate impact of the package, according to financial experts, could be a clean slate in terms of working capital loan, enabling the RINL to raise fresh working capital and starting blast furnace operations.

"The revival plan envisages that RINL will start full production with two blast furnaces in January 2025 and with three blast furnaces August 2025," said the Centre in an official press release.

On the political front, keeping their electoral promise, the National Democratic Alliance leaders, including Prime Minister Modi and Andhra Pradesh chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, did their best in showing a path for 25,000-odd employees to turn-around the steel maker.

The TD has every reason to celebrate, as Naidu played a decisive role in getting the revival pack-



age.

"It is an emotional and proud moment for the people of Andhra Pradesh, as the Union government, in response to our consistent efforts since the formation of NDA government, has approved financial support of ₹11,440 crore to revive the Vizag Steel Plant," Naidu announced at a press conference in Vijayawada. "Today marks a historic moment for Andhra etched in steel," he added.

With the opposition YSRC seeing in the package a conspiracy to privatise the steel plant, Union heavy industries minister H.D. Kumaraswamy reiterated that the Centre had no plans of privatising the VSP which he said had been put on revival path.

Discussing the economics of the Centre's move, employees organisations and trade unions, while welcomed the package, maintained that viability could be achieved only through other strong measures like allocating captive ore mines and merging the entity with the Steel Authority of India Limited.

While the unions expressed doubts that the freshly-induced equity may be spent on settling dues to various vendors and employees, official sources said the RINL would be given leverage to stagger the repayment of dues and most of the amount would be used for the revival of steel plant.

## 1,000 cos float IPOs in 2 years

New Delhi, Jan. 17: A total of 1,000 companies are expected to float initial public offerings (IPOs) in the next two financial years, the Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI) said on Friday.

This remarkable number of IPOs would be driven by economic growth, favourable market conditions and improvements in regulatory framework.

Additionally, the total amount of fundraising through IPOs and qualified institutional placements (QIPs) is anticipated to be more than ₹3 lakh crore in next fiscal (FY26), the apex body for investment bankers said.

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In the last six fiscal years till date, 851 companies - 281 main-board, 570 SMEs - floated their IPOs raising collectively ₹4.58 lakh crore.

In FY24, a total of ₹67,955 crore was mobilised through IPOs. This includes ₹61,860 crore via main-board and ₹6,095 crore through small and medium enterprise (SMEs). Moreover, 61 QIPs raised around ₹68,972 crore.

"Fund mobilisation through IPO has been on the rise for the last two financial years and will continue to rise in 2026 as well," Mahavir Lunawat, chairman of AIBI, said. — PTI



## WIPRO REGISTERS 24% GROWTH IN Q3 NET PROFIT

New Delhi, Jan. 17: IT services company Wipro on Friday reported a 24.4 per cent year-on-year rise in its consolidated net profit for the just-ended December quarter at about ₹3,354 crore.

The tech major saw its revenue from operations inch up by 0.5 per cent to about ₹22,319 crore.

Srini Pallia, CEO and managing director, said strong in quarter execution helped the company deliver above the top end of revenue guidance in a seasonally weak quarter.

"We also achieved our highest margins in the past three years while continuing to invest in our people," Pallia said.

Wipro closed 17 large deals with a total value of \$1 billion. — PTI

## MONEY | FLOWS RBI study defends forex interventions for countering volatility in capital flows

# India's forex kitty dips \$80 bn from peak \$704 bn

Mumbai, Jan. 17: India's forex reserves declined by nearly \$80 billion to \$625.871 billion on Friday, the RBI said on Friday.

Earlier, the overall kitty dropped by \$5.693 billion to \$634.585 billion in the week ended January 3, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The reserves have been

on a declining trend for the last few weeks, and the drop has been attributed to revaluation along with forex market interventions by RBI to help reduce volatilities in the rupee.

For the week ended January 10, foreign currency assets decreased by \$9.469 billion to \$536.011 billion, the data released on Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and

## CASH EXCHANGE

- The size of the forex market has increased substantially over the years.
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capital flows volatility - the main source of exchange rate volatility in India.

The study titled 'Foreign Exchange Intervention: Efficacy and Trade-offs in

the Indian Experience', investigates the effectiveness of forex interventions undertaken by RBI.

The study finds that the volatility of portfolio flows, induced by global spillovers, is the main source of exchange rate volatility in India.

"Foreign exchange interventions, both spot and forward, effectively counter capital flows volatility, with symmetric effects of purchases and sales," the study said.

stantially over the years.

The study finds that the RBI's intervention in foreign exchange market has been two-sided, driven by the objectives of smoothing excessive volatility, irrespective of its source.

"It is observed that demand and supply conditions witness abrupt swings because of sudden movements in foreign portfolio investment (FPI). This is corroborated by a strong co-movement between FPI flows and the RBI's interventions," the article said.

— PTI

## SHORT TAKES

### India beat Pak to reach CT final

**New Delhi:** India sealed their spot in the final with a fantastic five-wicket win over Pakistan in the Physically Disabled (PD) Champions Trophy in Katunayake, Sri Lanka. With four consecutive victories, India have consolidated their position on the top of the points table. Pakistan posted a competitive 138/5 in 20 overs after opting to bat on Thursday. Jithendra V. N. was the stand-out performer with the ball, taking 3 wickets for 25 runs in his 4 overs, while Narendra Mangore and Sunny provided valuable support, claiming one wicket each. Saif Ullah anchored Pakistan's innings with a solid knock of 58 runs off 51 balls. India's chase was steady and calculated, with Rajesh Kannur leading the way. He played a brilliant unbeaten innings of 74 runs off 52 balls, hitting 10 boundaries and one six while steering India to 141/5 in just 18 overs. — PTI

### Diallo trick wins it for Man United

**Manchester:** Amad Diallo scored a sensational 12-minute hat-trick to save Manchester United's blushes in a 3-1 win against Premier League basement club Southampton on Thursday. Ruben Amorim's side looked set for a fourth straight league defeat at home before the forward turned the match on his head at a raucous Old Trafford. He levelled in the 82nd minute before putting United ahead eight minutes later, rounding off in style with a third goal deep into stoppage time. It was cruel luck on a Saints side battling to avoid finishing the season as the worst side in Premier League history. Ivan Juric's team had deservedly taken the lead through a Manuel Ugarte own goal towards the end of the first half and had numerous chances to extend their lead. Manchester United had secured a morale-boosting FA Cup victory away over Arsenal on Sunday. — AFP



In this combination image, President Droupadi Murmu confers the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024 on (from left) Olympic-medallist shooter Manu Bhaker, Paralympic medallist para-athlete Praveen Kumar, Olympic-medallist hockey player Harmanpreet Singh and chess world champion D. Gukesh during the National Sports and Adventure Awards 2024 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday. — PTI

## Top award for Manu, Gukesh

**New Delhi, Jan. 17:** Manu Bhaker and D. Gukesh provided a sprinkling of stardust but it was India's perseverant para-athletes who walked away with the most boisterous applause when President Droupadi Murmu bestowed the National Sports Awards in a regal ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Friday.

Double Olympic-medallist Bhaker, 18-year-old chess world champion Gukesh, men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh and Paralympic gold-winning high jumper Praveen Kumar were presented the country's highest sporting honour — the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna.

The 22-year-old Bhaker became independent India's first athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics with her bronze-winning show in the 10m air pistol individual and 10m air pistol mixed team events in August last year. Harmanpreet was a part of the national sides that won bronze medals in the Tokyo as well as Paris Olympics. Praveen, on the other hand, upgraded his silver at the Japanese capital to a gold in Paris. He was born with a short left leg. The 18-year-old Gukesh



Telangana para sprinter Deepthi Jeevanji (left) receives the Arjuna Award from President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Friday.

### CHIEF MINISTER LAUDS DEEPTHI ON HER ARJUNA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JAN. 17

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday congratulated Paralympian athlete Deepthi Jeevanji for receiving the Arjuna award from President Droupadi Murmu at the National Sports Awards ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday.

Deepthi, a native of Kallela in Warangal district, won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris in the 400 metres T20 event. She set a world record of 55.06 seconds in the event at the 2024 World Championships.

Her parents, Jeevanji and Dhanalaxmi, used to work as daily wage agricultural labourers.

The Chief Minister reminded that the Congress government was moving forward with a better sports policy so that more athletes from Telangana can excel in national and international competitions.

### THE WINNERS

- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:** D. Gukesh (Chess), Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey), Praveen Kumar (Para-Athletics), Manu Bhaker (Shooting).
- Arjuna Awards:** Jyothi Yarraji (Athletics), Annu Rani (Athletics), Nitu (Boxing), Saweety (Boxing), Vantika Agrawal (Chess), Salima Tete (Hockey), Abhishek (Hockey), Sanjay (Hockey), Jarmnpreet Singh (Hockey), Sukhjeet Singh (Hockey), Rakesh Kumar (Para-Archery), Preeti Pal (Para-Athletics), Jeevanji Deepthi (Para-Athletics), Ajeet Singh (Para-Athletics), Sachin Sarjaro Khilari (Para-Athletics), Dharambir (Para-Athletics), Pranav Soorma (Para-Athletics), H. Hokato Sema (Para-Athletics), Simran (Para-Athletics), Navdeep (Para-Athletics), Nitesh Kumar (Para-Badminton), Thulasiathi Murugesan (Para-Badminton), Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan (Para-Badminton), Manisha Ramadass (Para-Badminton), Kapil Parmar (Para-Judo), Mona Agarwal (Para-Shooting), Rubina Francis (Para-Shooting), Swapnil Suresh Kusale (Shooting), Sarabjot Singh (Shooting), Abhay Singh (Squash), Sajjan Prakash (Swimming), Aman (Wrestling).
- Arjuna Awards (Lifetime):** Sucha Singh (Athletics), Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Para-Swimming).
- Dronacharya Award:** Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting), Deepali Deshpande (Shooting), Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey), S. Muralidharan (Badminton), Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football).

was crowned the youngest ever chess world champion after he beat China's Ding Liren last month. He is only the second Indian after the great Viswanathan Anand to achieve this prestigious title. He was also a crucial factor in India winning the men's gold in the Chess Olympiad in September last. — PTI



Inspector General of Police (IGP) M. Ramesh plays a shot to launch the 20th Hyderabad Open Tennis Tournament at Secunderabad Club on Friday.

### Sekhar, Sreedhar rout opponents

Chandra Sekhar Reddy and Sreedhar Lagadapati trounced their respective opponents in the 50+ singles category as the 20th Hyderabad Open Tennis Tournament got going at the Secunderabad Club on Friday. Chandra Sekhar blanked Y. Konda Reddy 8-0 while Sreedhar beat Raja Ram Mohan Rao with a similar scoreline in his match at the ₹2 lakh prize money tournament. In another match, Nandyala Narasimha Reddy beat Muni Krishna Reddy 8-5.

### THE RESULTS

**Men's 50+ Singles:** Chandra Sekhar Reddy bt Y Konda Reddy 8-0, Sreedhar Lagadapati bt Raja Ram Mohan Rao 8-0, Nandyala Narasimha Reddy bt Muni Krishna Reddy 8-5.

### Shuttler Srikanth ties with Hundred

Global performance-focussed sports brand Hundred has partnered former world No. 1 badminton player Srikanth Kidambi in a bid to strengthen its presence in the badminton arena. The partnership will make its official debut at the upcoming Indonesia Masters tournament.

Speaking about the association, Srikanth said: "I am thrilled to partner with Hundred, a brand that resonates with my passion for performance and pushing boundaries. Together, we aim to inspire the next generation of badminton players."

### MERAB GEARS UP FOR UMAR

**Inglewood (California, USA), Jan. 17:** Ultimate Fighting Championship's bantamweight champion Merab Dvalishvili is planning to go full throttle against second ranked Umar Nurmagomedov when the two face-off in UFC 311 on Sunday.

"Umar is a great fighter. He has all the skills but as long as I do my best and show my fight, I know I will be winning," Dvalishvili said, adding, "I think the biggest challenge with facing Umar is that he is good everywhere and there are no holes to beat him. I will just have to find a way to beat him."

Speaking about his past, Dvalishvili said: "I was a judo wrestler... won a few fights in MMA and fell in love with it. It changed my life, so I'm grateful."

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## SHORT TAKES

### Kohli named in Delhi Ranji squad

**New Delhi:** Star batter Virat Kohli has been named in Delhi's 22-member provisional squad for their next Ranji Trophy game against Saurashtra in Rajkot but doubts remain about his participation after it came to light that he is nursing a niggle. It is learnt that Kohli has intimated the Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) top brass that he has a neck niggle that he sustained in Sydney during the final Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test against Australia. He was treated by the physio there and as of now, there is no clarity on availability for the Ranji match starting January 23.

Whether he will play or just fly down to Rajkot for a couple of days' training will be clear only after he details his position to DDCA president Rohan Jaitley. Kohli had last played a red-ball game for Delhi back in 2012 against Uttar Pradesh in Ghaziabad. The legendary Sachin Tendulkar played his last Ranji Trophy match against Haryana at Lahli. — PTI

### Rohit begins to train for Champs

**Mumbai:** India captain Rohit Sharma has been honing his white-ball skills in preparation for the upcoming ODI series against England and the Champions Trophy. In a video on Instagram, the 37-year-old was seen playing his signature shots, including flicks, drives, lofted hits, and pulls against the white ball during a training session. Following a disappointing tour of Australia, during which he even dropped himself from the final Test in Sydney, Rohit has been training with Mumbai's Ranji squad. Mumbai face J&K on January 23, but Rohit's participation in the match remains in doubt. India's Champions Trophy campaign begins on February 20. The past few weeks have been tumultuous for Rohit. He managed just 31 runs across three Tests during his time Down Under and was forced to drop himself from the series-deciding last Test in Sydney due to his poor form. — PTI

# DJOKER ROLLS

## Hotshot turns heat on rivals with scorching win

**Melbourne, Jan. 17:** A "hot-headed" Novak Djokovic sent an Australian Open warning to join Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev in the Last 16 on Friday, but Naomi Osaka's bid for a third Melbourne crown is over with injury.

Also on Day Six, women's defending champion Aryna Sabalenka "pushed to the limit" to set up an intriguing showdown with teenage talent Mirra Andreeva. Djokovic, who is chasing a record-extending 11th Melbourne title and historic 25th Grand Slam crown, is on a collision course with Alcaraz in the quarterfinals.

Both kept that tantalising prospect alive with ruthless victories. Djokovic brushed aside Czech 26th seed Tomas Machac 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 and let out a roar at the end.

Djokovic also pointed to his ear and then someone in the Rod Laver Arena crowd. "I am very hot-headed right now," said the fiery Serb. Spain's Alcaraz suffered a wobble in the third set against Portugal's unseeded Nuno Borges but regained his focus to ease through 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-2.

The 21-year-old knows how he plans to celebrate if he wins the tournament for the first time. Alcaraz, who is sporting a new buzz cut in Melbourne, vowed to get a kangaroo tattoo if he goes all the way. "It's a kangaroo, that's for sure. That's my idea," he said.

Germany's second seed Zverev also booked his place in the second week with a methodical 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over Britain's Jacob Fearnley.

On the women's side, top-ranked Sabalenka was



Olga Danilovic of Serbia plays a forehand return to Jessica Pegula of the USA during their third round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne on Friday. Danilovic won 7-6 (7/3), 6-1. — AP

made to work hard behind a faltering serve before beating Denmark's Clara Tauson 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 after more than two hours of attritional tennis.

But the former world number one needed treatment on her stomach from the trainer during the first set against Belinda Bencic and called it quits after losing the opener on a tiebreak.

Osaka, who retired from the final in Auckland with an abdominal injury in the lead-up to Melbourne, was in the third round of a Slam for the first time since the birth of her daughter in 2023.

"If I could have served, then I could have potentially won and I could have

maybe gone far in the tournament," she said, adding: "It sucks."

### BOPANNA-ZHANG IN MIXED DOUBLES ROUND-2

Indian ace Rohan Bopanna and his Chinese partner Shuai Zhang advanced to the second round of the Australian Open mixed doubles with a commanding 6-4, 6-4 victory over Ivan Dodig and Kristina Mladenovic here on Friday.

Aiming to recover from an early exit in the men's doubles, the former world No. 1 Indian showed his mettle alongside Zhang, delivering a clinical performance to close out the match in one hour and 12 minutes. — AFP, PTI

## Satwik-Chirag in, Sindhu bows out

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Former world No. 1 pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were the only Indians left in the India Open Super 750 badminton tournament after home favourite P. V. Sindhu and Kiran George were knocked out in their respective quarterfinal matches on Friday.

Last year's finalists Satwik and Chirag kept their hopes alive to bag the title again at home with a dominant 21-10, 21-17 win over South Korea's Yong Jin and Kang Min Hyuk to seal their semifinal berth in just 39 minutes. They had won the title in 2022 and finished runners-up in 2024.

However, it was a heart-break for Sindhu as she went down fighting 9-12, 21-19, 17-21 against fourth seed Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the Last Eight encounter while Weng Hong Yang of China demolished Kiran 21-13, 21-19 in a men's singles quarterfinal.

After a dominant show in the second round against Manami Suizu of Japan, the quarterfinal

performance of Sindhu was a complete contrast.

World No. 5 Tunjung toyed with Sindhu in the opening game and took a 12-7 lead within no time. Sindhu was looking out of sorts as unforced errors galore and her erratic backhands made things worse. The lead never changed hands as Sindhu even failed to tie the score.

The 25-year-old Tunjung scored four straight points to go 20-9 up before clinching the game in just 12 minutes with a big smash.

In the second game 29-year-old Sindhu regrouped herself and put up a fight against technically superior Paris Olympics bronze medallist Tunjung.

Sindhu managed to tie the score 9-9 and gradually upped her ante before the game slipped from her hand. Relying on her speedy smashes and capitalising on her opponent's error she opened a 14-10 lead. They were engaged in long rallies as Tunjung tried her best to make a comeback but Sindhu was determined to stretch the match to the decider.

### THE RESULTS

■ **Men's singles third round (numbers in brackets denotes seeding):** Novak Djokovic (SRB x7) bt Tomas Machac (CZE x26) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; Jiri Lehecka (CZE x24) bt Benjamin Bonzi (FRA) 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; Carlos Alcaraz (ESP x3) bt Nuno Borges (POR) 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-2; Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (ESP) bt Jakub Mensik (CZE) 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-4, 6-2; Tommy Paul (USA x12) bt Roberto Carballes Baena (ESP) 7-6 (7/0), 6-2, 6-0; Ugo Humbert (FRA x14) bt Arthur Fils (FRA x20) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 1-0 ret; Alexander Zverev (GER x2) bt Jacob Fearnley (GBR) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

■ **Women's singles third round (numbers in brackets denotes seeding):** Olga Danilovic (SRB) bt Jessica Pegula (USA x7) 7-6 (7/3), 6-1; Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x1) bt Clara Tauson (DEN) 7-6 (7/5), 6-4; Mirra Andreeva (RUS x14) bt Magdalena Frech (POL x23) 6-2, 1-6, 6-2; Donna Vekic (CRO x18) bt Diana Shnaider (RUS x12) 7-6 (7/4), 6-7 (3/7), 7-5; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS x27) bt Laura Siegemund (GER) 6-1, 6-2; Coco Gauff (USA x3) bt Leylah Fernandez (CAN x30) 6-4, 6-2; Belinda Bencic (SUI) bt Naomi Osaka (JPN) 7-6 (7/3), 0-0 ret; Paula Badosa (ESP x11) bt Marta Kostyuk (UKR x17) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

### SHRIVER TROPHIES STOLEN IN LA FIRE

Los Angeles (USA), Jan. 17: United States of America's tennis great Pam Shriver revealed on Thursday that a horde of major trophies from her Hall of Fame career were stolen along with her car after she evacuated following the Los Angeles wildfire disaster, ESPN reported.

Shriver told the network that her car containing the silverware was discovered missing early on Thursday after it was parked outside a hotel in Marina del Rey.

Shriver, 62, said five US Open trophies, five French Open plates, five Wimbledon trophies and one Australian Open trophy were inside the stolen vehicle. — AFP

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