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Over the last 8 years, Telangana Government has set the finest examples in thoughtful and holistic development across both rural and urban landscapes. Guided by the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K Chandrasekhar Rao, the flourishing state, with each project, is transforming Hyderabad into VISHWANAGARAM - a truly global city.













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HYDERABAD THE FASTEST GROWING METRO IN THE COUNTRY

Roads - Pathways for Development



Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge taken up under SRDP

Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP):

Road Infrastructure in Urban Areas is taken up under Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP). 47 major road works are constructed at the cost of 5,930 Crs of which 34 works including 18 flyovers, 14 underpasses/ROBs/RUBs, 1 cable bridge at Durgam Cheruvu are completed. This has helped to decongest the traffic ensuring seamless connectivity within the city.



Comprehensive Road Maintenance Program

812 kms of major important roads used by almost 3/4th of Hyderabad population have been taken up for regular maintenance under PPP for a period of 5 years at the cost of Rs. 1839 Crs. This has had salutary effects on the upkeep even during peak rainy season

Missing Link Roads under HRDCL:

A total of 21 important missing link road structures are completed and another 11 are in progress, with the total outlay of 490 Crs. covering 44 kms. These missing roads have helped to cut down the commuting time and reduced traffic congestion.



Strategic Nala Development Program (SNDP):

In order to provide the natural flow of excess surface water during rainy season, 56 works - mainly important storm water drains and 'nalas' costing Rs. 985 Crs., have been taken up under Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP). Based on the Natural Micro Basin Gradient, this will help control urban flooding on a permanent basis.

Free Residential Water and 100% Sewerage Processing

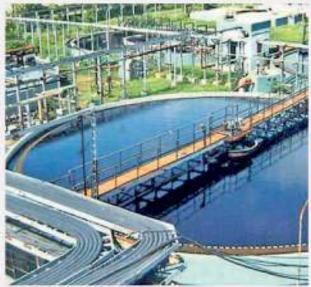
Water Security till 2050

- The number of Water supply reservoirs (OHSRs) were more than doubled since the formation of the state in June 2014. A total of 286 water reservoirs with a capacity of 486 ML were added since then to the existing 230 reservoirs and thus a total of 516 reservoirs with a capacity of 766 ML storage.
- Hyderabad had a total water supply availability of 18 TMC at the time of formation of the state on 2014. Since then, another 15.5 TMC has been added making it a total of 33.5 TMC presently.
- In addition, another 33 TMC from Sunkishala & 20 TMC from Kaleshwaram i.e a total of 53 TMC is being added for Hyderabad
- And this source augmentation will take care of water supply requirement upto 2050.



Set to be only city in India ensuring 100% Sewerage Treatment

An additional 1259 MLD sewerage is proposed to be processed with ongoing construction of 31 STPs and with this Hyderabad will be the only city in the country to achieve this status of 100% sewerage treated by March 2023



24/7 Assured Power Supply

Hyderabad islanding scheme is in place with installed capacity of 3700 MW to meet the requirement of Hyderabad and other critical loads. The islanding scheme operate at worst grid condition at frequency 47.9 Hz

Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) - 17 Nos of 400 KV substations, 55 Nos of 220 KV substations and 87 Nos of 132 KV substations have been constructed in Hyderabad city

In addition 153 Nos of 33/11 KV substations, automation of 228 Nos of 33/11 KV substations and are provided with SCADA/DMS

24/7 uninterrupted power supply





Safety and Security...

Command Control Centre

State of the art facility built at a total cost of Rs 600 crores. A data centre and a war room connected to lakhs of surveillance cameras with a live feed from across the city. The building also has a Helipad on top and a disaster and crisis management centre.

In all 10 Lakh CC cameras have been installed ensuring safety throughout



- A one-of-its-kind initiative offering safety and security to women
- Successfully dealing with eve-teasing in public places
- Completely confidential with online and offline complaint system
- Reforming errant with counselling and stricter measures

Dignity Housing for Poor



A total of 3 lakh urban 2-BHK dignity houses each with an area of 560 sq.ft. and cost ranging from 6 lakhs to 9 lakhs are being constructed in urban areas in Telangana. Out of this 1 lakh are ready in Hyderabad

Flourishing Industry - Thriving IT

PRO-INDUSTRY POLICIES

Introduced TS-IPASS system for time bound and single window clearance of industrial applications with minimum inspection and maximum facilitation, 24 X 7 Power Supply, Multiplicity of incentives to attract investment - 100% Stamp Duty Reimbursement; 25% Land Cost rebate up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs; 25% Land Conversion cost rebate up to Rs. 10.00 lakhs; Power cost reimbursement @ Rs. 1/- per unit for 5 years; 15% Investment Subsidy up to Rs. 20:00 Lakhs investment; 100% VAT reimbursement up to 5 years, Interest Subsidy, Seed Capital for 1st generation entrepreneurs etc.

T-HUB

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THE IMAGE TOWER-**Boosting Animation** Industry

Thrust for Animation and Gaming: A state-of-the art facility in 16,00,000 sq.ft., acting as a catalyst for the Animation, Visual effects, Gaming & Comics (AVGC) sector. It's a Telangana government initiative through PPP mode at an investment of Rs. 946 crore near HITEC City, the IT corridor of Hyderabad.

Favoured destination of global giants - Top 6 IT Companies



in Gachibowli

- Biggest technology development centre outside US 3 Million sq.ft building coming up



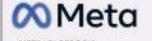
World's largest campus



Largest tech development centre outside US



Largest campus outside US Wireless Technology, 4G & 5G



Hyderabad - Largest and the only development centre in Asia



MICROSOFT Largest campus outside US Telangana: The Powerhouse



Telangana

A leader in urban initiatives



BASTHI DAWAKHANA

263 Basthi dawakhanas are functional, apart from regular OPD services 57 types of medical testing facilities provided. So far 1,96,53,217 people utilized the medical services.



TELANGANA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH (TIMS), GACHIBOWLI

The medical facility setup at the peak of Corona Pandemic by the earnest efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao is being transformed into a world-class multi-speciality hospital and research centre, adding to the fast-paced growth of medical infrastructure and institutions in the state.



ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

TS-bPASS

- Facilitating seamless and hassle free Building / Layout approvals through single window online system
- No Building Permission or Occupancy Certificate is required up to 75 Sq. Yards. Applicants can get instant registration by paying a token registration fee of Rs. 1/-
- Instant approval through self-certification for plot sizes from 75 to 600 Sq Yards
- Over 600 Sq Yards, approval within 21 days
- 1,63,307 applications processed under TS-bPASS so far

Unlimited FSI:

There is no restriction on FSI, which is encouraging more housing projects in private sector at affordable cost compared to other metro cities in the country

Liberal TDR:

The affected land owners are being given TDR @ 400% of the land affected, which facilitated the local corporation to take up formation of Major Link Roads, Road Widening / Nala Improvement etc. Land worth Rs.7,500 Crores is acquired by GHMC in last two years without any financial implications, to form / widen 174 roads



TS-iPASS

- A unique futuristic policy

 To bring administration to the doorstep of citizens new districts, new revenue divisions and new 37 to 74. Mandals from 464 to 611. ULBs from

- Self-certification & Automatic approvals
- Online application filing
- Time-bound clearance
- 15 days for approval of mega projects
- Zero tolerance to graft

CREATION OF NEW DISTRICTS

mandals have been created in the state. Districts 68 to 142 and GPs from 8690 to 12769



LAKES & URBAN PARKS

PARKS

Hyderabad under the personal initiative and drive of Hon'ble CM KCR has bagged the prestigious AIPH World Green City award. Only city in India to have achieved this feat. GHMC

developed 977 parks in the city and also

maintains them in partnership with RWAs, NGOs and Colony Associations.

increased from 10 to 33, Revenue Divisions from



SATISFYING HUNGER

a meal at Rs.5.

LAKES

More than 100 lakes have been adopted

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ANNAPURNA MEALS

by Corporates and are being taken up for rejuvenation, cleaning and greening

to create urban lung spaces.

MULTIPURPOSE FUNCTION

Construction of 25 Multipurpose Function Halls undertaken with an outlay of 95.69 Crs. Further GHMC is maintaining 1504 community halls for the requirements of local community.



SPORTS AND GYMS

GHMC has 521 playgrounds and 15 swimming pools. GHMC is providing Gym facilities at 135 places. Nearly 45,000 people use these facilities regularly.



MODEL GRAVEYARDS

Construction of 34 Model Grave yards undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 49.15 Crs. 30 completed and the remaining are in advance stage of completion. All required facilities are provided in a total of 560 graveyards



For the convenience of the citizens, GHMC constructed 1220 Bus Shelters in private partnership.



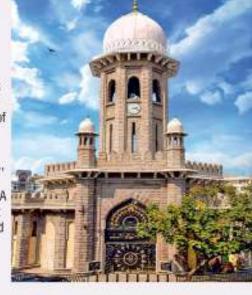
PUBLIC TOILETS

With an idea of one seat for every 1000 population, modern toilet facilities are created and maintained in hygienic conditions. 50% reserved for women.

HERITAGE

PROTECTING THE RICH HERITAGE

The state government has taken up initiatves to protect the heritage and historical legacy of the city. Step-wells, Mozamjahi Market, Qutb Shahi tombs etc., are restored to earn UNESCO recognition. A stepwell in Bansilalpet is already restored and made into a tourist spot.



URBAN TELANGANA •• INITIATIVES

INTEGRATED VEG AND NON-VEG & MODEL MARKETS

Furthering economic growth and creating facilities for public the government is set to build separate Veg and Non-Veg, Model markets at a cost of Rs.500 cr. Lands for the facilities have been allocated. Construction of 7 Market Bhavans are completed, works for 125 more facilities are in progress.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES



- Awarded the prestigious "World Green City Award 2022" by AIPH
- Hyderabad was awarded as the "Tree City" of the world consecutively for 2020 and 2021 by the Arbor Day Foundation and FAO of the United Nations
- Hyderabad was recognized as UNESCO Creative city in Gastronomy category in 2021
- Telangana state won 26 awards in Swachha Sarvekshan Awards and Indian Swachhta League, instituted by MOHUA, GOI; the second highest as a state in the country in the year 2022

- UNESCO Honour for restoration of stepwells at QutbShahi Tombs (2022)
- And number of other awards by HUDCO, HSMI & other institutions for urban initiatives ...

Congress will be TRS' alternative in Telangana PNS HYDERABAD two in Medak, two in Nizamabad, three in Adilabad, four in Karimpagar three in

The BJP may be claiming that it is the alternative to the ruling TRS in Telangana, but the people of the state are ready to ensure the victory of the Congress in around 30 Assembly constituencies mak-

ing it the alternative.
The Swatantra Telugu news channel survey says the Congress is going to win 31 seats in the Assembly elections in 2023, and the BJP only 16 seats. The Congress is going to show its strength in Khammam once again by winning seven seats and in Nalgonda by bagging five seats. The Congress will win four seats in Mahbubnagar,

four in Karimnagar, three in Warangal and one in Rangareddy district.

However, the survey says that the Congress will not be able to open its account in the Hyderabad district.

It may be recalled that any party needs to win 60 sets to come to power. However, the Congress is far away from this magic figure. However, it is a happy news that the Congress is going to become the alternative to the ruling TRS.

In fact, according to the survey, even the ruling TRS is unable to reach the magic figure of 60 as it is going to win only 59 seats.

TS endorses dynastic politics

The people of Telangana seem to have endorsed family politics although the BJP is using dynastic politics as a weapon against the TRS. The most important thing is that the BJP has been trumpeting all over Telangana that family rule is going on in the state.

Through its 'Telangana Voter Pulse, Swantantra TV tried to find out whether this criticism is limited to political parties or if the people also hold that opinion. So a question asked duriu=in the survey was, "Do you think there is family rule in Telangana?"

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The Andhra Pradesh govern-

ment on Thursday filed an

application before the Krishna

Water Disputes Tribunal – II,

demanding a stay on the gov-

ernment order issued by

Telangana claiming allocation

90 tmcft water for the

Palamuru-Rangareddy pro-

before the Tribunal seeking a

stay on GO No: 246 on the

Palamuru Rangareddy LIS. Telangana raised preliminary

objections regarding the main-

AP filed an application

As per the survey's results, 71% of the people said, "Yes there is family rule in Telangana" while the remaining 29% said "no family rule." The results show that criticism against family rule is nothing new and that most people are of the opinion that it is true. However, it is very interesting to note that their vote is still for

question. No matter which constituency you look at, no matter where the voters, the majority clearly admits and agrees that family rule is going

PALAMURU-RANGAREDDY LIS

AP questions TS claims

Tribunal to hear this applica-

tion in view of Section 84 of

the AP Reorganisation Act,

2014. Telangana objected to

AP's application stating that

the Apex Council is the appro-

priate forum before which to

raise such grievances and that

Telangana had refrained from

filing similar applications

before this Tribunal as it has

objections to several projects

raising the same grievance in multiple for a like NGT, HC and

the Supreme Court through

writ petitions and also the

Southern Zonal Council etc in

Telangana said that AP was

undertaken by AP.

Rise of opposition in TS districts As per the survey, 50% voters are with the TRS leading to the pink

In Hyderabad, the TRS is winning three seats, the AIMIM seven and the BJP five. The rise of the opposition is clear in districts as per the Telangana Pulse Survey conducted by Swatantra TV.

In Hyderabad, with 33% votes, the TRS will get 3 seats, and with 25% of the votes, the BJP will win 5 seats. The measly 15% votes of the

Congress will bring it no seats.
In erstwhile Khammam District with 10 constituencies, it is a contest between the TRS



around 27% votes will fetch the MIM seven seats, but the winning 2 seats, and the Khammam, but due to defec-Congress winning seven seats. There is a tough fight between the TRS and the Congress for

Pinapaka. In elections held earlier, the

voting is going to be high. tions, now it has eight seats while the Congress had only

It is anticipated that the influence of the Left who allied

with the TRS will be seen in Khammam. There might be issues during the allocation of seats here. Here 41% of voters are with the TRS which will lead to a clear majority of two

party winning 8 seats, while the

voters are inclined towards the

BJP. Since KCR and Harish Rao

contest here the percentage of

. Congress wins 2 seat's with 32% of

voters preferring it and 18% of the

The Congress will get 53% of votes and 7 seats while the BJP's vote share is 6% which is not enough to translate into seats.

In erstwhile Nalgonda District with 12 constituencies, it is a contest between the TRS and the Congress with the TRS winning seven seats, while the Congress wins five seats. Currently, all the 12 seats are with the TRS after the pink party won the Huzurnagar and Munugode by-poll. With 48% votes, the TRS is winning seven seats, with 42% votes the Congress is gaining five seats and the BJP is going to get 10% votes but no seats.

In erstwhile Mahbubnagar district with 14 constituencies, following a defection in Kollapur currently all seats are with the TRS. But winds of change are clearly reflected in Mahbubnagar with 44% votes **People unhappy with Govt assistance**

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Even though the Telangana government and the Central Government are attacking each other on freebies and welfare schemes, people are unhappy with government assistance. Through the Telangana Voter Pulse programme, Swantantra TV tried to measure the reachability of government schemes. So a question asked was "Did you get any help from the government." Around 57% of people

said they didn't get any help from the government. Another 43% said that they

the TRS is winning 7 seats, with 36% votes the Congress is gaining four seats and the BJP is going to get 20% votes and 3 seats. In erstwhile Medak district with 10 constituencies, currently eight seats are with

BJP and the Congress. As per the survey, 50% voters are with the TRS leading to the pink party winning 8 seats, while the Congress wins 2 seats with 32% of voters preferring it and 18% of the voters are inclined towards the BJP. Since KCR and Harish Rao contest here the percentage of voting is going to be high.

the TRS and one each with the

In erstwhile Nizamabad District with nine constituencies, the TRS is winning six seats with

did get help from the gov-ernment. TRS has always said that its welfare schemes are responsible for its success. However, it seems like people got used to taking pensions and other assistance that they no longer believe that they got help from the government.

Interestingly, the BJP on the other hand keeps saying that it will continue all welfare schemes if voted to power. TRS claims that if KCR doesn't come the schemes will disappear. However, most voters do not feel that they got help from government parties.

48% votes, while the Congress wins two seats with 30% of the votes and the BJP is gaining one seat with 22% of the vote. TRS is likely to lose a seat here. In erstwhile Adilabad District with 10 constituencies, the TRS has lost all the 10 seats it had in its kitty currently. As per the survey with 57% votes the TRS is winning seven seats, while the congress with 38% votes is winning just 3 seats. The BJP is getting 8% votes here. In erstwhile Karimnagar district with 13 constituencies, it is a contest between the TRS and the Congress for two seats. The TRS is winning four seats with 39% votes, the Congress oon 4 seats with 36% while the BJP gained a 25% vote

share translating into 3 seats.

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This is a strange situation that calls democracy itself into on in Telangana.

BJP to give the jitters to TRS in 22 seats by coming second

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The BJP may not win in Telangana but the BJP is going to give the jitters to the ruling TRS in the 2023 Assembly elections.

The Swatantra Telugu news channel says the BJP is going to win 16 seats and will be second in 29 constituencies. The BJP is going to come second in 22 constituencies against the TRS and in four against the Congress and in three against the AIMIM.

The BJP is going to win 16 constituencies and they are 3

It was also emphasized that in

the first Apex Council meeting

(2016) the Palamuru Rangareddy LIS project was

considered and the project was

not directed to be stopped.

The Tribunal issued a notice in

the application after broadly

recording the preliminary

objection raised by senior advo-

cate CS Vaidyanathan, and

granted Telangana four weeks

to file its reply raising both pre-

liminary objections as also

objections on merits. The

Tribunal granted AP two weeks

thereafter to file their rejoinder

to the reply, if any and has post-

ed the application for arguments on January 24, 2023.

Mahbubnagar district, 1 in Nizamabad district, 3 in Karimnagar district, 2 in Warangal district, 5 in Hyderabad district and 2 in Rångareddy district.

The BJP will come second in 4 places in Adilabad, 2 in Karimnagar, 4 in Warangal, 1 in Mahabubnagar, 7 in Rangareddy, 1 in Medak, 1 in Nizamabad and 2 in Hyderabad. The BJP is going to come second in Adilabad, Both, Asifabad, Nirmal, Mudhole, Karimnagar, Manakondur, Vemulawada,

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The court granted bail to

Ramachandra Bharati in a

case registered at the

Banjara Hills police station.

The court ordered two

sureties of Rs 10,000 each.

However, the same court

ordered 14 days judicial

custody for Nandakumar.

After this, the police took

Earlier, Ramchandra

Bharati and Nandakumar,

accused in the Moinabad

farmhouse TRS MLAs

poaching case, were released

Nandakumar

Chanchalguda Jail.

Bharathi gets bail, 14-day

judicial custody for Nandakumar

Manthani, Warangal East, Warangal West, Parakala, Wardhannapet, Munugode, Mahabubnagar, Thandur, Chevella, Rajendernagar, Serilingampally, Uppal, Malkajgiri, Dubbaka, Khairathabad, Jubilee Hills, Nampally, Karwan and Charminar. The BJP may win more

seats if things work in favour of the BJP in at least half of the 29 constituencies where the BJP comes second. Swatantra says the BJP is not going to open its account in the four districts of Khammam, Nalgonda, Medak and Adilabad although it may come second in some con-

Banjara Hills police detained the two outside

the jail immediately after

their release. Based on com-

plaints registered at the

Banjara Hills police station,

Ramachandra Bharati was

arrested in the fake Aadhaar

and driving license case and

Nandakumar in a cheating

case by the Hyderabad Task

Force Police after they were

Chanchalguda jail on Thursday morning. Medical

examinations were conduct-

ed for the two at the Shaukat

Government

they were re-arrested.

released

Nagar

from Chanchalguda Jail on Hospital. Later, the police Thursday morning. The produced the two in court.

HC holds hearing on SIT's revision plea in MLAs' poaching case

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A hearing was held on Thursday in the High Court on the SIT's criminal revision petition in the Moinabad farmhouse attempt to purchase TRS MLAs' case.

The SIT approached the High Court after the ACB court rejected the memo filed by SIT adding BL Santosh as A4, Tushar as A5, Jaggu Swamy as A6 and Srinivas as A7 in the FIR.

Advocate General BS Prasad argued that the ACB court acted beyond its jurisdiction. He said that they came to the High Court after the ACB court had struck down the memo and urged the High Court to consider it. The Advocate General

explained to the High Court that they had come to the High Court based on the judgement of the ACB court and that there was no need to hear the arguments of the proposed accused.

As their clients are partners in the case registered by the SIT, the advocates of the accused said their arguments must be heard as well, senior counsel Ramchandra Rao and L. Ravichander appealed to the High Court.
On behalf of the SIT, the

Advocate General read out copies of the judgement given by the ACB court. AG Prasad told the court that the copy of the rejection memo is like a judgement copy of the quash

Ramchandra argued on behalf of Srinivas, whose name was mentioned in the farmhouse case. he brought to the attention of the High Court that Srinivas had already attended the SIT inquiry for two days as per the Section 41A Cr.PC notice issued by SIT. But the SIT was harassing Srinivas and had illegally included him in the list of the

Historic win for BJP...

tainability of the application and the jurisdiction of the an abuse of the process of law.

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"If the masses of Gujarat have elected the BJP, then we will have live up to their expectations," said Patel, who is expected to continue as CM, secured a second straight win from Ghatlodia in Ahmedabad with a margin of more than 1.9 lakh. The BJP has not lost an

election in Gujarat since 1995. Thursday's big win will be a huge morale boost for the party, said Sanjay Kumar at the New Delhi-based Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. "It will enthuse BJP's rank and file, and reinforce the impression that the party will win the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," Kumar said.

Although the Modi government is struggling with rising inflation, slowing growth and joblessness, the economic troubles appeared to have had no impact on BJP's popularity in Gujarat.
That said, the results of the

two-phase elections, held earlier this month, were watched more for the performance of the Congress and the Aam

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Without Skin

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HYDERABAD

RETAIL PRICE

VISAKHAPATNAM 525

RATES ₹/KG

Aadmi Party (AAP), both locked in a battle to grab the status of the main opposition party in the state.

While the Congress was not expected to replicate its creditable performance of the last assembly elections in 2017, the trends showed the party's electoral prospects in the state had been hurt by the AAP more than was feared.

The party's silent campaign seems to have failed to cut ice with the electorate. The party focused mostly on door-to-door canvassing for votes as its leader Rahul Gandhi, who had aggressively campaigned in the 2017 elections, chose to stay away to focus on the Bharat Jodo Yatra -- so did other senior

leaders of the party.

On the other hand, it remains to be seen if the AAP's performance in these elections would help its leader Arvind Kejriwal cement his place as a key challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in parliamentary elections due

Congress wrests Himachal... Continued from page 5

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hailed the people of Himachal Pradesh and his party leaders as the Congress secured a muchneeded win, riding on antiincumbency and a slew of poll promises including bringing back the old pension scheme and providing jobs to the youth and Rs 1500 to every woman.

Party leader Rahul Gandhi assured the people that every promise made by the Congress will be fulfilled.

The Congress has convened a meeting of all its newly-elect-ed MLAs in Himachal Pradesh in Shimla on Friday and the meet is likely to pass a resolu-tion authorising the Congress president to elect the CLP

The Congress' vote share was 43.9 per cent and the BJP's was 43 per cent - a gap of less than one per cent which was highlighted by both. Prime highlighted by both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief J P Nadda in their address to party workers in

The BJP had given the slogan of "Raj nahin, riwaz badlega", which translates to "the convention will change, not the government", but failed to buck the trend. Himachal Pradesh has not voted any incumbent government to power since 1985.

Nadda thanked the BJP workers for their hard work in his home state Himachal Pradesh and asserted "raj may have changed, but 'riwaz' also changed as there was a gap of less than 1 per cent in vote share of the top two parties". The BJP and the Congress

contested on all 68 constituen-

AAP, whose campaign had tapered after the initial phase, bagged 1.10 percent of votes. The CPI (M), which fought on eleven seats, also did not win any seat and its sitting MLA from Theog lost. It got 0.66 percent of votes, Independents and others got 10.39 percent while 0.59 percent of votes went to NOTA.

Outgoing Chief Minister

seats the victory margin was narrow. He said on nearly eleven to twelve seats, the winning margin was below

> The lowest margin of 60 votes was registered by Suresh Kumar of Congress from Bhoranj seat.

Thakur defeated his nearest Congress rival Chet Ram by 38,183 votes from the former's Seraj seat in Mandi district. It was the highest victory margin in these elections.

"If you also see vote share, the difference (between Congress and BJP) is just about one percent. Despite that, Congress registered a win on many seats... But we respect the mandate," Thakur

said before resigning. "We will give constructive support rising above partisan politics but where we feel interests of the state are not being protected, we will raise the issues before people," he said and expressed the hope that the new Congress government will fulfil its election

KCR poised...

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The survey found that 48% of Telangana is with the TRS, 28% with the Congress, 18% with the BJP and six per cent with the AIMIM and other parties. Competition is tough in Khammam, Karimnagar, and Rangareddy districts, says the survey. In Pinapaka, Korutla and Jagityal, there is a tough fight between the TRS and the Congress. In Medchal, Uppal and Serilingampalli, there is a tough fight between the TRS and the BJP. The Congress, which had got 19 seats in 2018, lost Huzurnagar and Munugode as well as 12 of its MLAs to the TRS later. However, the survey says the Congress is likely to win 31 seats. The BJP, which won only one seat in 2018 and later won two seats in by-polls, is likely to win 16 seats. The BJP has strength ened its presence in Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Mahbubnagar, Rangareddy and Warangal districts.

Brand Modi towers above all else, leads BJP to record tally in Gujarat

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The enduring sway Prime Minister Narendra Modi has on the Gujarati consciousness has led the BJP to the best-ever tally for any party in the state assembly polls, reducing to insignificance people's perceived discontent with issues like inflation and local leadership.

In his barnstorming campaign across the state in which he addressed 31 rallies and led three road shows, Modi travelled through various regions of his home state, urging voters to make "Bhupendra break the records of Narendra", an exhortation for a higher tally for the Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel-led government than what he had got while helming the state for nearly 13 years.

And it is evident that voters

have listened to him. BJP has bagged 150 plus

assembly seats out of 182, surpassing its previous best showing of 127 seats in 2002 when Modi was the chief minister.

The Election Commission's data has put the BJP's vote share at around 53 per cent, a historic first for the party. Helped by a split in the Opposition's votes due to the emergence of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the BJP broke the record of 149 seats won by the Congress under Madhavsinh Solanki in

For those travelling through the western state, it was clear thrust and, above all, their faith in Modi.

"PM Modi has emerged as a rare leader whose popularity is unaffected by factors like antiincumbency or the long duration of stay in power.

"In fact, his popularity has risen with time. He was a 'janjan ke neta' (a leader of masses) and is now 'jan-man ke neta' (a leader of masses and their hearts)," Shiwanand Dwivedi, who has written and edited four books on the BJP and its leaders, said. People may have issues with the BJP, its MLAs and its governments but their trust in Modi overrides everything else, added Dwivedi, who is associated with BIP-linked think tank Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

While Modi's campaign extensively covered all four regions of the state, there was a special thrust on tribal regions and parts of Saurashtra where the BJP had suffered a drop in tally in 2017 for a variety of issues, including the Patidar agitation.

His road shows traversed though most constituencies in cities like Surat, Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. While BJP leaders

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Ramakrishna Reddy recalled that on the day of bifurcation, the Congress party did injustice to the State while the BJP was in opposition. Even the TDP did an injustice by cooperating with Congress. As the Congress is in Opposition, it is the responsibility of the BJP to honour the bifurcation promises and the YSRC government is fighting for it. Sajjala said, "I think Undavalli was referring to

a case against the Bifurcation Act 2014. It is said that a case has been filed on the issue of bifurcation. I don't understand why Undavalli reacted to it on Wednesday. However, if there is a chance, we all want to come together and be a united state. But practically after coming this far, there is a need to fight on pending issues. Some of Undavalli's words were inappropriate and it seemed that he is critical of Jagan Mohan Reddy," he said.

SHARMILA CONDEMNS SAJJALA'S COMMENTS

YSRTP president YS Sharmila condemned the comments of Andhra Pradesh government advisor Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy. Sharmila tweeted on Sajjala comments, "I condemn Sajjala comments strongly. Sajjala's comments are meaningless. Telangana is a reality today. Telangana state was created after the suicides and sacrifices of many people.

Continued from page 5 TRS MLAs. This means, KCR

The people said that the

Only KCR's charisma...

performance of 32% of the MLAs was good while 38% are dissatisfied with their performance. About 30% said the MLAs' conduct is satisfactory. The highest percentage of satisfaction is in constituencies represented by AIMIM MLAs. KCR got more marks as chief minister even though there was a lot of dissatisfaction with sitting

will be the reason for voters to forgive their MLAs and vote for the TRS. KCR got more marks as chief minister and there was a lot of satisfaction with the sitting MLA. People's satisfaction on development at the constituency level is also normal. Even though people were satisfied with the performance of MLAs of opposition parties, they said that development was not up to the mark.

that voters may have certain issues with the BJP, in power in the state since 1998, regarding its local leadership and certain aspects of its administration but, for most, it did not count before the party's larger gover-nance architecture, ideological

were fulsome in lauding Modi for the unprecedented Gujarat win, even Congress leaders from the state privately conceded that his intensive campaign was instrumental in the BJP's mammoth victory besides a division in the Opposition's votes. The Congress hit rock bottom in Gujarat, winning only 17 seats in the 182-member state assembly Former BJP president and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "The biggest credit for this victory goes to the public's trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his popularity and credibility.

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BJP to give the jitters to TRS in 22 seats by

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Regardless of the headwinds, TRS supremo K. Chandrasekhar Rao is poised to pull off a hat-trick for the TRS in the next Assembly elec-

The TRS can win 59 Assembly seats out of a total of 119, should elections be held now, says a state-wide opinion poll conducted by

The results of the survey titled 'Telangana Naadi' (Pulse of Telangana), which was conducted in November covering 119 constituencies in 33 districts with a sample size of

The survey found that 48% of Telangana is with the TRS, 28% with the Congress. 18% with the BJP and six per cent with the AIMIM and other parties.

around 1 lakh, were telecast on Swatantra TV on Thursday.

The survey says that the Congress will win 31 seats, the BJP 16 seats, and the AIMIM seven seats. There is a tough contest for six seats among the

TRS, the BJP and the Congress. The survey reveals that people definitely want Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, though they are somewhat upset with his MLAs. Voters have sent clear signals that they want changes in party has been functioning with regard to welfare schemes, approaches of MLAs, and development in constituencies.

PERFORMANCE **OF MLAS**

MIM

Good - 32% Bad-38% Satisfactory- 30

Other Participants 23.7

CONSTITUENCY **DEVELOPMENT Good - 35%**

Bad - 29% Satisfactory- 36%

■ How is the performance of your MLA? Good / Satisfactory / Bad

Has there been development in your village? Yes/ No/ Satisfactory

TRS : 7

Cong:5

Tough: 1

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- Is Chandrasekhar Rao doing well as Chief Minister? Yes/ No/ Satisfactory
- Did you get help from government? Yes / No
- Do you think that family rule is going on in Telangana? Yes / No
- Which do you like in TRS, Congress, BJP? TRS / Congress / BJP

Now it its Bharat Rashtra Samithi Election Commission accepts name change of TRS

RS Supremo Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao received an official letter from the Election Commission of India approving the move to change the name of Telangana Rashtra Samiti to Bharat Rashtra Samiti BRS President KCR decided to organise a formation programme of the Bharat Rashtra Samiti at the auspicious time of 1.20 pm on December 9 and commence party programmes. KCR will sign the official reply to the EC letter at 1.20 pm and send it to the Election Commission. Later, KCR will hoist the BRS flag. There will also be an inaugural ceremony. The Chief Minister has asked state Executive Committee Members, district Presidents, Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs to attend the programme at the Telangana Bhavan. KCR said that Zilla Parishad Chairmen, Corporation Chairmen, DCCB Presidents, and DCMS

OTH 4

Total seats

182

Presidents should reach the Telangana Bhavan before noon.

Only KCR's charisma can save TRS MLAs

ven though the people are still voting for the TRS, most voters are dissatisfied with the performance of their MLAs. Swatantra TV tried to assess the performance of MLAs through the Telangana Voter Pulse programme. One of the questions was "How is the performance of your MLA?" People are more dissatisfied with TRS MLAs. They don't expect much when an opposition MLA is elected, but voters have more hopes on an incumbent MLA. The survey also revealed that people are angry with more than half of the MLAs.

Sajjala hails any move to reunite Andhra, Telangana

VIJAYAWADA: Triggering an intense political debate in both Telugu sibling states, Advisor to the Government of AP (Public Affairs), Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, has said that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) welcomes any initiative for the reunification of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. "Our policy is to keep Andhra Pradesh together, if possible," he added. He was reacting to the comments made by former MP Undavalli Arun Kumar at a press conference here on Thursday on the reunification of AP and Telangana States. Undavalli's comments went viral in both the sibling states. Sajjala said that the Jagan Mohan Reddy government continues to fight for the implementation of bifurcation commitments given to AP State

Historic win for BJP in Gujarat

Congress posts worst performance as AAP plays spoilsport

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday posted a historic victory in Gujarat, winning 150 seats and leading in another 6 in the 182member state assem-

The Congress party finished second, winning 17 seats, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) that made its debut with a high-decibel campaign won 5 seats.

Independents won three

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seats and the Samajwadi Party picked up one.

The BJP improved its vote share to 53 per cent from 49 per cent last time, while the Congress party's vote share fell sharply from 42 per cent to 27 per cent, as a good chunk of its voters appeared to have switched to AAP, which secured 13 per cent of

The BJP not only beat its best showing till date - 127 seats in 2002, but also surpassed the record set by the Congress party in 1985, when it won 149

the votes counted.

seats under the leadership of late Madhavsinh

In winning a seventh term, the BJP also matched the Left Front's feat in West Bengal.

Commenting on the results, Modi said: "Gujarat's love for BJP despite it being in power for 25 years is unprecedented, they have broken all records, written history.

Crediting Modi with the party's stupendous performance, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said the people of Gujarat had reposed their faith in him.

Congress wrests Himachal from BJP

Wins 40 of 68 seats, BJP gets 25



PNS SHIMLA

The Congress on Thursday wrested Himachal Pradesh from the BJP winning 40 seats in the 68-member Assembly in the hill state which maintained its tradition of not voting any incumbent government to power since 1985. According to the results declared by the Election Commission, the BJP won 25 seats, while eight state ministers including Suresh Bhardwaj, Ram Lal Markanda and Surveen Chaudhary lost. The Independents won from three constituencies and the Aam Aadmi Party, which had contested from 67 seats, failed to open its account.

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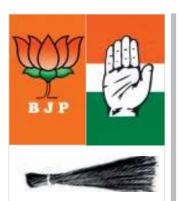
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Win-win-win

BJP, Cong and AAP have reasons to rejoice but they can't afford to ignore certain issues

esults of Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh and the MCD poll have pleased every party — at least, that's what leaders of the BJP, Congress and AAP are saying. The BJP is happy that it won Gujarat with an unprecedented landslide. Evidently, the Morbi cable bridge collapse, which was a case of monumental incompetence and corruption, had little impact on the poll. Also forgotten was the mismanagement during the deadly Delta wave of Covid-19. In the 2017 Assembly election, the saffron party had just managed to form Government with 99 seats, with the Congress not much behind with 77; this must have caused jitters in the BJP's State unit. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, along with other top party leaders, spared no effort to register a handsome victory. In the MCD election, too, where the saffron party was estimated to



win around 50 wards, it crossed the three-digit mark. This was again impressive, given 15 years of incumbency and its sub-optimal performance in local governance. While in both States, the BJP did better than what the exit polls had predicted, it was not so in Himachal. But again, given the magnitude of rebellion, the party did better than expected. For the Congress, the Himalayan State was the only bright spot as it shrunk in Gujarat and Delhi. But the win should come as a big morale booster for the party which has become accustomed to losing elections. Anti-incumbency and BJP rebels did help the Congress cause.

This is also Priyanka Vadra's first success in electoral politics; this may occasion an increase in her role. AAP also has reasons to be pleased with the overall results. Of course, it didn't get a landslide in MCD, but it won comfortably. Party boss Arvind Kejriwal had made tall claims about success in Gujarat but it didn't reach the double-digit mark. Still, it was able to dislodge the BJP from the local bodies in Delhi against a spirited campaign by the saffron party. Satyendra Jain's video clips, the charges against Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and AAP's alleged involvement in Liquorgate did little to harm the party's electoral prospects. Besides, AAP, by winning a few seats in Gujarat, has now graduated to becoming a national party. The three parties, however, should not lose sight of the challenges they will face. The grand old party can celebrate its victory in Himachal, but it should also be cognisant of the fact that its decline in several States is quite steep. In Gujarat, for instance, it got just about one-tenth of the seats that its arch-rival BJP got. The BJP must beware of the problem of rebellion, which seems to have been exacerbated because of the centralisation of powers in the party. And AAP has to look beyond freebies, which didn't find many takers in Gujarat and Himachal.



Devotees cover the Yamuna with sarees during the Chunari Manorath festival, in Mathura

Pak army chief

Gen Asim Munir, who is the new Army chief of Pakistan, has to battle its falling credibility

new army chief has taken over from General Qamar Javed Bajwa. The new army chief is General Asim Munir. In Pakistan popularity of army Generals is as important as the popularity of politicians in their careers. General Qamar Javed Bajwa, had become quite unpopular during his last months in office. The reason of course is the role he played in the ouster of the former prime minister of Pakistan Imran Khan, Imran had fallen off from the General and criticized him for orchestrating his ouster through a no-confidence vote in April on the behest of foreign powers. After the assassination bid on Imran Khan People turned rather sympathetic to the former Pakistan captain and little skeptic of General Bajwa who had overshot his tenure several times and continued in the office for the power he wielded in the army and the political circles of the country. However, it going to be quite

a challenging job for General Munir. One of the biggest challenges he faces is the credibility of the army and his position.

After the ouster of Imran Khan, the Pakistan army is being seen as bad boys who dance to the tunes of Uncle Sam for all the monetary support they get from him. Besides, Imran has played his victim card rather well and painted the army as the culprit for his ouster. His scathing remarks have damaged the reputation of the army in a big way.Genberal Munir must restore credibility to the army which has taken major popularity hit from Khan's large and growing support base. Another major task he has at hand is to bring some sem-

blance of political order to the country. The present government in place right now is courtesy Pakistan army but it faces a huge trust deficit. General Munir would have to opt for early elections before he is also branded as an anti-democratic person happy to have a proxy army rule. But before that, he will have to devise a formula that both the government and Imran Khan can agree upon. This is not going to be easy as Imran Khan has emerged stronger and is in no mood to give concessions to the present government. Besides what makes his task even more daunting is that he doesn't have a good rapport with Khan who fired Munir as Pakistan's spy chief. The given scenario leaves not many choices for the new General and how he maneuvers would decide the future of Pakistan.

Every problem has a solution



Our attempts to resolve any number of socio-economic and political problems have to focus on behavioural changes and social engineering

ny effective reform in the electoral process has to take into account many factors including legal and legislative ones. The steps are discussed so as to bring a holistic change with an inclusive approach. Any change in the behavioural aspect of people solicits an endeavour for awareness building. Art 324 (1) of the constitution India vests the power of superintendence, direction and control of elections in the Election Commission of India. As such ECI is the most important constitutional body having Superintendence, direction and control over the election process. This vesting of such large power also generates responsibility for ECI for smooth conduct of free and fair elections.

As a first step, ECI should also try to create awareness among people delineating the role/(voting) power of citizens to choose their representatives. Frequent publicity over print and visual media about dos and don'ts for the voters would create some awareness Collectors as the agents of ECI also may be directed to carry and convey the voice and messages of the Commission in the nook and corner of the districts and also in the interior pockets.

The vulnerable groups (tribals etc.) should be guarded heavily against exploitation and intimidation. Frequent visits to these areas, especially the day/night before the election would foil the prank of the unethical elements to win by the force of money. Any violation of code of conduct in case of the candidates or followers should warrant disqualification. District and police administration's alertness, swiftness and sincerity can nip the criminal activities in the bud. The erring and non-performing district administration officials should be taken to task by the ECI. A strong ECI, effective district administration and strong police force can make the process smooth

of the population lives below the poverty line, makes the voters vulnerable and prone to the influence of money for unethical voting. mize would go a long way to



the government should be eradication of poverty. But it is not plausible to eradicate poverty overnight. But if abject poverty conditions are addressed properly, a major task would be accomplished. The distribution of freebies with taxpayers money (in my opinion) be stopped forthwith and the party indulging in such activities may be severely dealt with. In any democratic set up

criminality has no role to play as being anathematic. Hon'ble Apex Court has taken a very laudable step in regard to criminalization of politics - disqualifying a candidate on conviction. Revealing criminal antecedents at the time of filing nomination and disqualification on conviction have set the ball rolling. A strict vigil and strong implementation of stringent law would silence criminality.

Cleavage based politics politics utilizing the divisive factors like caste, religion, language, gender and tradition, etc. should be discouraged strongly. Though it is easier The fact that about one third said and done and the society is divided on many diverse points yet any beginning and approach to mini-



AS A FIRST STEP, ECI SHOULD ALSO TRY TO CREATE **AWARENESS** AMONG PEOPLE DELINEATING THE **VOTING POWER** OF CITIZENS TO CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES purify the process. Other spatial points should be cogitated and analyzed by ECI to introduce fairness into the process.

Do we need legislation for bringing up laws to ensure free and fair elections? Generally deterrent law has three major components such as severity (severe degree of punishment), Certainty (punishment follows as a certainty wherever there is occurrence of a criminal act) and Celerity (swiftness is essential). Crime would be deterred if punishment is awarded quickly and rapidly. In the opinion of Hobbes, people are driven due to their self interest and fur-ther he stressed the importance of deterrence to make the people law abiding Cesare Beccaria stated that crime and punishment should both have a proportional deterring and deterrence value.

These three components not only attract people's faith and confidence in the system but are also most effective in electoral process and dynamics. As any strong prophylactic or curative medicine has side effects, any harsh law runs the risk of abuse. The most terrifying factor for a politician is disqualification and ban on contesting elections. If the

deterrent law would address this entailing disqualification then the success rate would still be higher and so it would deter other candidates from venturing into abuse of money

power and criminality. Strict implementation and prompt investigation and certainty of the punishment for the unscrupulous elements can bring back everything on a fair path. Electoral malpractices (Abuse of money power, intimidation of voters, post poll violence, offer of freebies, criminal use of caste card etc) should be associated with disqualification, fines and other penal provisions and that would go a long way for introducing fresh air into the system.

The role of bureaucracy is very important here. Impartiality, effectiveness, sincerity and honesty should be maintained at any cost under strict vigil of Election Commission of India. As stated previously, it is a herculean task. But search for solution for every difficult task should start at the earliest and sincerity and it can achieve the most complicated task.

> (The author is a superannuated senior *IÁS* officer. The views *expressed* are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOWNSIDE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Sir — Ever since the outbreak of the Coronavirus three years ago, while the hygiene measures remained the same as for previous pandemics, the social distancing norms, in particular, made the human experience unique. Notwithstanding the pandemic, social distancing presents the dangers of increasing social desertion, growing impersonality and individualism. and the loss of a sense of society as a whole. It prevents people from effectively socializing, which is a fundamental human need. When the pandemic was at its peak, social distancing measures had created a negative and psychological fear in one's mind to suspect that others were potential carriers of the deadly virus.

It made us worry that this cognitive effect could potentially remain in our society even after the disintegration of the virus. Whether at workplaces, in restaurants, or public spaces, our society has long been characterized by physical interactions between people. As we navigate through tribute by planting trees, developing and life, much of what fulfills us are the bonds we create with people, and more often than not, those bonds materialize through physical interactions. The Covid-19 pandemic is not intensely active these days, and if we still do not find ways to maintain physical and emotional connections in any kind of a situation, sadly it will make it more difficult for us to build and strengthen social bonds, and such an atmosphere apprehensively may lead to an induced land degradation. unfortunate future for our society.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

LET US CONSERVE OUR SOIL

Sir — Soil erosion can have irreparable effects on both human and ecosystem health. India has taken several initiatives in this direction which need to be sustained and improved upon sustainably to ensure healthy soil and ultimately a healthy planet. The communication link between all the stakeholders for the and seasonal foods. Soil erosion can have management and restoration of degraded soils should be strengthened. Timely ecosystem health. India has taken severdissemination of evidence-based information is also essential. Citizens can con-need to be sustained and improved upon

The raging border dispute



n the open war of border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka, activists of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction on Tuesday sprayed black and orange paints on Karnataka state transport buses in the Swargate area of Pune city and wrote "Jai Maharashtra" on these buses. A local leader of the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) faction confirmed they painted the buses. Workers of the Shiv Sena, Uddhav Thackeray faction sprayed at least twoCorporation (KSRTC) with black paint.

The border issue dates back to 1957 after the reorganization of states on linguistic lines. Maharashtra laid claim to Belagavi, which was part of the erstwhile Bombay Presidency as it has a sizable Marathi-speaking population. It also laid claim to 814 Marathi-speaking villages which are currently part of Karnataka. Belagavi district administration in Karnataka on Monday issued orders barring entry of the two Maharashtra ministers and leaders to the city Prohibitory orders were issued under section 144 of CrPC, barring their entry, besides that of an MP, who is a member of the Maharashtra High Power Committee on the Border Dispute. With this, the ruling party of Maharashtra is silent on this issue and not taking very strong action

Bhagwan Thadani I Mumbai

maintaining kitchen gardens, and consuming seasonal and locally sourced food. Soil erosion is taking place in 145 million hectares in India, it is estimated that 96.40 million hectares (about 30 percent of the total geographical area) are affected by land degradation. Globally, the biophysical status of 5,670 million hectares of land is declining, of which 1,660 million hectares (29 percent) are due to human-

World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5 December. The theme of World Soil Day 2022 is 'Soil: Where Food Begins'. Healthy soil helps in the growth of healthy plants. and increases both nutrition and water percolation to maintain groundwater levels. As consumers and citizens, we can contribute to protecting topsoil by planting trees, developing and maintaining home/kitchen gardens, and consuming primarily locally sourced irreparable effects on both human and al initiatives in this direction which

sustainably to ensure healthy soil and ultimately a healthy planet.

Priyanka Saurabh | Hisar

THE MAKING OF MODI

Sir — In today's international world, some people can be called smart for their actions. PM Modi is a very well-known example of this quality. Our PM works day and night hard to make our country stand out in the world, whether it is about motivating our soldiers, doing rallies, or meeting foreign delegates. PM Modi never abstains from doing menial tasks. No one knows who is the smartest, but what we should consider is that smartness is a way of achieving goals and not an end goal in itself. Politicians in themselves are very smart, who are smarter than others can only be known by the actions and the result of the action taker. There lies real success and simplicity plays a significant role in molding a man to greater heights.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

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People like Poonawala will be born in every city if there is no strong leader like Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



- Himanta Biswa Sarma



and the US will ensure the global price of energy and the security of our national supply can

never again be manipulated by the whims of a failing regime. **UK Prime Minister** — Rishi Sunak

You're (Malaika) the Chaiyya Chaiyya girl. But luckily for you, some five heroines had refused to

climb on the train. Malaika was nowhere on the rada

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We are very very confident. This is not the first time we have lost the first game in the series. It's quite normal. We know

how to bounce back from these

Cricketer

I condemn the allegation that we are ignoring Christmas, There will be a holiday on December 24 & 25.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister

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COMMONALITIES IN G20 PRESIDENCY

Indian PM Narendra Modi has taken a whole-of-Government approach



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

he first round of meeting among G20 members got off to a rather colourful start earlier this week with traditional Rajasthani turbans, scarves and jackets gifted to visiting delegates in the western Indian city of Udaipur. The event kicked off several official dialogues, networking opportunities for the G20 nation sherpas, 14 participating international organisations and nine guest countries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a whole-of-government approach to what it has dubbed as one of a kind event in the history of independent India. The narrative is of India finding its rightful place on global agenda setting tables, now being the fifth largest economy, moving quickly to be the third in a few years' time.

The current government has a lot at stake in getting the messages right to a global decision making group who are likely to be part of the 200 plus plenary discussions in the run up to the leaders' summit in New Delhi in September 2023. However, an equal stakeholder in the G20 presidency is the domestic audience, who in turn, will be gearing up for one of the largest exercises in the largest democracy of the world political map, the general elections of 2024.

Prime Minister, therefore, wasted no time after casting his vote in Gujarat assembly elections to rush back to Delhi for an all-party meet on India's G20 presidency. He has urged all key parties to be a stakeholder in India's presidency and showcase the strengths of India. A careful selection of venues dotted across the Indian subcon-



tinent from northeast, right into the islands of Andaman has been planned to ensure a full experience of India for the visiting delegates.

The central government offices, state government and every public institution has been requested to start displaying some branding related to India's G 20 presidency and carefully plan regional events, aligning them with proposed plenary meetings. Plenaries have been planned keeping in mind important religious, cultural or social events in the states across India. The message is that the delegates of today are tourists of tomorrow.

One will expect a large amount of G20 branded content in cities /districts hosting these meetings, subtly pushing the message of India taking its "rightful" place on the geopolitical map. The political dividends, at least domestically, have not been overlooked and Modi

ensured he held a meeting with key post bearers of the ruling party. India has been the voice of the global South (an informal alliance of developing nations primarily in Asia and Africa, who may not be aligned with West or Russia, China worldview). This may have looked like India revisiting the cold war non-aligned movement ideology.

However, it may be worth noting that the days of Non-aligned Movement kind of grouping may be over and India, as it champions about reformed multilateralism, could bring a new interpretation to agile diplomacy while it negotiates and finds commonalities with the developed western countries and put across the pressing needs of the developing world. India has highlighted key themes of its presidency earlier this week, including technological transformation, green development and lifestyle for environment, climate financing and associated reform for multilateral finance institutions.

India would highlight its indigenously developed digital public goods stack to the global audience in the coming days. On the domestic front, India has moved the needle to designing the legal framework for the digital ecosystem (a key showcase during its presidency). As of now it is going to be a busy season for all major airports across the country.

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Development turns an emotive issue



The economic gains registered in Gujarat have translated into a number of improvements in social indicators, including the infant mortality rate

he Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) can be credited for bringing a tectonic shift in Indian politics. The Gujarat verdict has shown that development is now an emotive issue. The people in Gujarat cannot compromise on development. They rejected anyone who came to Gujarat to challenge the development model of the state. The people in Gujarat have given tight slaps on the faces of Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for questioning the development of Gujarat. The Gujarat verdict may prove to be a touch-stone for Indian politics in decades to

Indian politics for the past few decades has seen religion and caste identities as emotive issues. The people have voted on caste lines. The people have in the past voted on religious lines. Caste and religious factors also dominated Gujarat politics for decades. Gujarati society was divided on caste and religious lines until the BJP arrived on the political horizon. Since then it has been 27 years of uninterrupted rule of the BJP in Gujarat. The people have again asked the BJP that there is no full stop in the development journey. The people, by giving an unprecedented verdict in favour of the BJP, have said that the development issue is too close to their hearts for them to consider even

the moons that Congress and the AAP offered through freebies.

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Gujarat through backdoors.

In terms of the GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product), Gujarat was the fifth largest state in FY2017. At present the GSDP rank of Gujarat has improved to MAINTAINED THIS while the national average stands at 8.2 per cent. The state governfourth position. Also, the GSDP grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10 per cent to Rs 19.44 lakh crores in FY2022 from Rs 13.29 lakh crore in FY2018, witnessing a growth of 46.47 per cent. The people of Gujarat are well versed with the power of compounding. They know that it creates a powerful force, which multiplies the gains over a time frame. This has yielded unprecedented social and economic gains to the people. This explains why the people in Gujarat showed no interest in the politics of freebies of Congress and the AAP.

The BJP government in Gujarat has kept its fiscal deficit at 1.51 per cent of the GSDP, which is way below the Finance



the National Pension Scheme THE (NPS) from Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to reduce financial burden UNEMPLOYMENT on state exchequer. The financial RATE IN GUJARAT

STANDS AT 2.5

PER CENT WHILE

discipline of Gujarat has been for the benefit of the people only, which Congress and the AAP sought to destroy by promising to revive the Old Pension Scheme RATE IN GUJARAT THE NATIONAL and frittering away the gains with freebies. AVERAGE STANDS

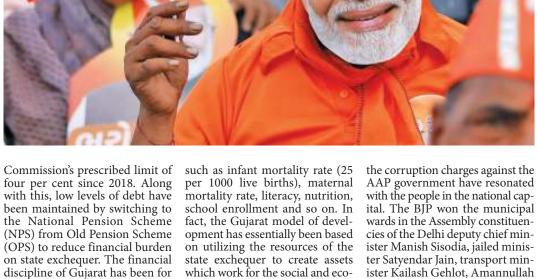
The Congress and AAP definitely didn't do their homework. If AT 8.2 PER CENT. they had been honest about home-THE STATE the issue of unemployment in the GOVERNMENT OF GOVERNMENT OF The control of the contro GUJARAT HAS Gujarat stands at 2.5 per cent, RATE AT A LOW ment of Gujarat has maintained this rate at a low level for nearly the LEVEL FOR past 10 years. Meanwhile, other NEARLY THE states have recorded an unemployment rate in double digits. The PAST 10 YEARS unemployment rate in Gujarat mirrors the levels seen in advanced economies such as the US and the UK. Yet, Congress and the AAP tried to fool the people of Gujarat

> eyes of the people in the state. Economic gains of Gujarat have also translated into improvements in the social indicators

by raising the issue of unemploy-

ment, which portrayed them as

non-serious political entities in the



long term asset creations, which the people reward also in elections. It must now be accepted that the development model of Gujarat is all inclusive, which has made the past narrative of identity politics irrelevant. This was reflected in the BJP victory from Dariapur Assembly seat in Gujarat, which is here, and he must overwhelming-

nomic empowerment of the peo-

ple. Works done in ensuring avail-

ability of water in Gujarat stand out as examples for other states to

mobilise their resources for the

ly have got the Muslim votes. The BJP has also served a warning message to the AAP in the national capital. Even while the BJP lost the MCD elections after 15 years of rule, the party improved its vote share to over 39 per cent. The AAP vote share has come down from 53 per cent two years ago to 42 per cent now. The BJP is now raring to go for the next Assembly elections to overthrow the AAP by building the development plank of the party against the politics of freebies.

What is more important is that

ital. The BJP won the municipal wards in the Assembly constituencies of the Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, jailed minister Satyendar Jain, transport minister Kailash Gehlot, Amannullah Khan, who is accused of taking money for party tickets, Akhilesh Tripathi, who also allegedly sold the AAP tickets.

This augurs well for Delhi politics, as the people in the national capital have given the message to the BJP to work hard to throw the anarchists out of power in the next Assembly elections, which would be held in 2025. At the same time, the people blessed the BJP with 104 wards in the MCD to keep a check on the dominated by Muslims. The BJP AAP in the MCD and the party candidate Kaushik Jain won from would not allow the anarchist politicians to fritter away all the gains made by the MCD in the last 15 years. Unlike Delhi Assembly, the AAP will not be able to throw the BJP members from the MCD meetings, and that has been ensured by the people.

The BJP faced reversal in the

Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections on account of the rebel factor. But the BJP's vote share was almost at par with Congress. The BJP may have turned the tide and changed the tradition of Himachal Pradesh of voting out the incumbent government if the candidate selection had been better.

THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE A STAND AFTER ASSESSING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE **BORDER AREAS. THE SITUATION** THERE IS WORRISOME.

— NCP LEADER **SHARAD PAWAR**

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I WILL ASK MAHARASHTRA CM EKNATH SHINDE NOT TO SEND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES TO BELAGAVI AS THEIR VISIT MAY DISRUPT THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN THE BORDER DISTRICT.

— KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER **BASAVARAJ BOMMAI**

Volunteerism through Vidyanjali for education

Experiments of volunteers coming out to help in imparting education have been immensely beneficial in strengthening school infra

Tational Education Policy 2020 recom-mends enhancing learning outcomes of students by involving community and volunteer efforts for one-on-one tutoring, holding extra help classes, teaching support and guidance. These objectives recommended by the NEP were conceived through the program called 'Vidyanjali' - a school volunteer initiative wherein volunteering was proposed to be done in non-monetary form directly to the schools through a tech-based com-

mon platform. The initiative is aimed at strengthening school infrastructure and enhancing the quality of education by seeking community support in different domains of school





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social cause has been an integral part of Indian culture, the uniqueness of the Vidyanjali initiative is that it provides a tech-enabled smooth platform which connects the schools with the volunteers located in any part of the country. Very often, a common citizen is left wondering how to volunteer for a social cause and schools

on the other hand look out for

assistance to meet the diverse

education. The volunteers

could be local individuals,

civil societies or corporates,

people from the Indian dias-

pora and NRIs. Vidyanjali

seeks community involve-

ment in the efficient func-

tioning of the schools in the

neighbourhood, especially

government and government

Though volunteering for a

aided schools.

yet small needs of the school which does not get covered in through their annual budget allocations. Many a time, shortage of

teachers leaves students deprived of education. Vidyanjali provides an opportunity to address these gaps. Launched in September 2021, with active volunteers participation, the programme is gradually gaining traction among citizens. It has proven its strength by successfully managing to attract a good number of volunteers and onboarded schools on the portal. As on date, there are over 3.87 lakh government and government-aided schools on board and over 102683 volunteers have registered on the Vidyanjali portal. The volunteers under Vidyanjali have shown great deal of enthusiasm by contributing to the schools in terms of assets as well as services. For instance, there are cases where volunteers have donated about 52122 ceiling fans/water purifiers/drinking water facility and other services to schools

Similarly, in Delhi we have volunteers providing subject assistance, mentoring, teaching art & craft and music to the students. Moreover, school girls are getting self-defense training, while volunteers are providing assistance in developing basic civil infrastructure and other classroom needs, including ICT-based learning material and devices such as tablets, mobile phone, LCD, stationary, books, laptop, and flip white board, etc., to the

schools across the country. Almost 9.27 lakh children have benefitted from this volunteering programme. The next step is to rope in bulk contributions from corporations, civil societies to schools

across the State to strengthen them. The success of the programme rests on the effort put in by the states/UTs in getting the program on board through regular training sessions rendered to district/block level functionaries, as well as heads of schools to onboard the schools on the portal and place their request. The volunteers can contribute only if the schools are registered on the portal and place their request.

Volunteers could even be common citizens like us. We all have the urge to contribute back to the schools that we

ing expertise in sports can impart sports training to the children, doctors can organize medical camps and conduct tures/workshops.

health/mental wellbeing lec-Companies/groups/organizations can assist schools in building additional classrooms/toilets for girls/ ramps for children with special needs/ICT labs/Smart classroom /residentials hostels for students/electricity/water and internet connections etc. As alumni, self-employed or salaried professionals all of us can support our alma-mater in various ways. The exhaustive list on which volunteers can contribute is available on the

Vidvaniali portal. Beneficially, the pro-

passed out from. People hav- the responsibilities of the Government rather it supplements/complements and strengthens the efforts of the Governments taken for the betterment of the whole education continuum in the country. The people volunteering under Vidyanjali do it selflessly. They cannot claim their services as full-time experience, while the schools cannot treat them as full-time teachers/staff of the school. The programme is fully based on the true spirit of volunteerism and with a very clear intention to tap the resources available with the community for catalyzing the needs of schools and volunteers connected through extensive use of technology and community outreach programs on a gramme does not minimize single platform.

KCR wants international features for airport Metro

Chief Minister Chandrasekhar has envisioned an international look for the airport metro rail. Studies were conducted in Hong Kong, New York and London to provide York and London to provide better facilities on the metro route to RGIA, said NVS Reddy, the Managing Director of Hyderabad Metro Rail. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will also lay the foundation stone of

lay the foundation stone of Hyderabad Metro's new corridor to RGI Airport on December 9.

The 31-km long Airport Express Metro Corridor will cost around Rs 6,250 crore. This will connect the Mindspace Junction and Raidurg in the city to RGIA.

The airport metro will have facilities like automatic fare collection, shopping facilities, food courts, information desks, and security screening. City check-ins, early check-ins and baggage handling facilities will



be provided at the Raidurg sta-

Flight Information Display (FID) boards will also be installed at all Airport Metro Stations. Single smart tickets integrated with the city Metro and other transport modes will also be introduced.

The airport metro will have half-height platform screen doors to ensure passenger safe-

ty. Initially, the Airport Express Metro will have only threecoach trains. Later, it will be upgraded to six-coach ones. Coaches will be made of lightweight stainless steel and Aluminum and will have a better aerodynamic design to facilitate high speed. All trains will be air-conditioned and coaches will have LCD screens

with route map indicators.

Sophisticated technologies like Communication-Based Train Control (CBTC) systems will be used to ensure

After all Airport Express Metro stations are built the frequency of trains will be every eight minutes initially during peak hours and in non-peak hours it will be once every 20 minutes.Once usage increases

will be increased to one every 2.25 minutes and in non-peak hours it will be one every five

"L&T Metro Rail has 15 acres. May be that can be used but the exact area required has not been decided. The metro not been decided. The metro will pass via Raidurg, Bio-Diversity Junction, left of Khajaguda Lake to Nanakramguda, Narsingi, TS Police Academy and Rajendranagar. After that, it will touch RGIA. Around 2.5 km of the stretch will be underkm of the stretch will be underground, 27.5 km of the total 31 km is going to be elevated and 2.5 km in the airport area will be underground. So between the elevated and underground sections around a km will be at road level," NVS Reddy added.

Lightweight aerodynamic coaches and the latest technologies will be used in corridor four. The airport metro will have more seats like an AC chair car of the Railways with better features.

City police chief warns of dangers of illegal weapons

City Police Commissioner CV Anand, at an interactive meeting on Tuesday, emphasise the need to recognise the serious threat of illicit weapons and their use by some private secu-

rity organisations,

The representatives of banks, private security agencies, cash management companies, and RBI officials, who deal with huge volumes of cash and other valuables, were informed about the standards that they should look into while hiring security guards through private security agencies with regard to physical security, transportation arrangements, staff deployment etc.
The City Police chief

addressed the stakeholders on the dangerous implications of illicit weapons on society and urged them to function within the framework of the law. He said, "Security guards, preferably ex-servicemen and amp; armed forces, who are entrusted with the arms and ammunition for guarding the premises or property of the company should be enrolled as



Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C V Anand holding a review meeting in Hyderabad on Thursday

retainers in the arms license applied by the banks, cashlogistics industry and cautioned that they should not hire armed security guards through any third party agency." This has opened the floor for discussion which brought many issues to the fore including payroll, training and expertise in handling weapons

He urged companies to apply for arms licenses. "The city police will issue licenses and carry out antecedent verification of the proposed armed guards in the shortest

Possible," he added. The city police have fixed a twomonth timeline and instructed all the stakeholders to expedite the formal process. To ease the application process for the arms license, the city police also shared the list of documents to be submitted along with the application and provided application copies at the

meeting venue. Additional CP (L&O), Vikram Singh Mann; Joint Commissioner of Police (Admin) M Ramesh and others were present.

The awards are likely

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BioAsia 2023 to open on Feb 24

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The annual BioAsia conference, Asia's largest life sciences and health tech forum will be held between February 24 and 26 next year in Hyderabad. It is the annual flagship event of the Telangana government.

The BioAsia conference has served as a catalyst for 20 years in bringing together prominent dignitaries and delegates, leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals from the life science and healthcare sector from around the world year on

The partnership with the Department of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is expected to boost the growth of MSME organisations that play a significant role in strengthening their position in India in the global life sciences industry.

Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan said, "Over the past two decades we have seen many global and domestic players in the healthcare and life science industry being part of BioAsia. MSMEs have been an integral part of BioAsia over the years and we are delighted to continue our partnership with the Department of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). I also hope the collaboration helps improve tech-

ture, and shared resources." MSME-DI Additional Development Commissioner

nical know-how, infrastruc-

D Chandra Sekhar said, "The 20th celebratory edition of BioAsia 2023, with the theme Advancing for one: Shaping the next generation of humanised healthcare, is also expected to advance the growth opportunities for MSME units in India and benefit from its driving investments and global opportunities into the life sciences. With this collaboration and participation in BioAsia 2023, we trust the MSME players will be immensely benefitted from its gained significant stature in healthcare industries across

Two persons injured in cylinder blast

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Two persons were injured when a cylinder exploded in an auto garage at Yousuf Nagar colony on Thursday.

The injured were identified as Mansoor (30) and Sher Ali (40). The loud explosion created panic in the area. Four stationary auto-rickshaws in the garage were also damaged in the incident.

Fire tenders were deployed within a short time and the fire service personnel put out the fire. The injured were shifted to Osmania General Hospital.

The doctors said that the was critically injured.Police are investigat-

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Kacheguda Rly Station bags first prize

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Kacheguda Railway Station bags first prize at the National Energy Conservation Awards. The South Central Railway

(SCR) received seven national Energy Conservation Awards. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, gave the awards. These awards are for the energy conservation measures adopted during the year 2022. The awards are likely to be presented on 'National Energy Conservation Day' on December 14 by President, Droupadi Murmu, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.National **Energy Conservation Awards** are announced every year to recognise the exemplary efforts of various industrial units/establishments/organisa-



Rajahmundry Railway, Station and Tenali Railway Station. Apart from them, in the Government Building Sector: Railway Hospital, Ğuntakal andElectric Traction Training Centre (ETTC), Vijayawada

South Central Railway has been consistently receiving the National EnergyConservation were instrument this distinction.

. General Manager, South Central Railway complimented Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, SCR, Divisional Railway Managers, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal and officers and amp; staff of the Electrical department who were instrumental in achieving

Osmania University to launch online courses

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Osmania University is planning to launch online courses as part of its digital expansion, said Vice-Chancellor D Ravinder on Thursday.

Launching the new studio facility at the Centre for Education Technology on Thursday, Prof Ravinder said, "In addition to telecast through T-SAT and posting lecture videos on YouTube, we are working on creating online courses, especially for international students."The new facilities at CDET would come in handy in producing e-content for the online courses, he added. The OU Registrar, Prof Laxminarayana, said technological upgrade would do wonders for the University and its students. OU Officer on Special Duty Prof B Redya Naik said digital technologies were revolutionalising every field and expressed hope that the new facility at CDET would take education to the

IIITH selects seven startups for social impact projects

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AIC-IIITH has selected 7 startups for the EPAM Social Impact Innovation Program from the cleantech, environment tech and waste management space who are using innovation and entrepreneurship to solve sustainably pressing social challenges.

As part of EPAM Systems' ESG commitment to make a sustainable social impact in communities worldwide, the program will provide an equity-free grant of up to Rs 5,00,000 and other non-financial support to the selected startups. The IIITH's social incubator, AIC-IIITH to date has supported 38 plus startups, created 300 jobs and facilitat-

ed Rs 2cr of funding. Popular consensus is that building a green recovery stimulus, which includes green public investment and the adoption of clean technology or cleantech is needed to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth and help India achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN

SDGs). Significantly, green start-ups also have been included in the sunrise industry landscape.

In keeping with this, AIC-IIITH Foundation and EPAM Systems, a leading digital transformation services and product engineering company, have selected seven startups for the EPAM Social Impact Innovation Program, which aims to support these green startups with an equity-free grant of up to Rs 5,00,000 and Incubation Support.

The selected startups are working to help India combat various environmental challenges through tech innovations and entrepreneurial risktaking. These startups are MedCuore Medical Solutions Pvt. Ltd is developing a patent-pending green-indoor air purifier (completely recyclable) integrated with a smart monitor controlled by an AI-IOT app to give specific data that are much more relevant. Green Research Development Pvt. Ltd is helping reduce CO2 emissions and

gasses by recycling steel waste.

'Ensure speedy completion of Mana Ooru-Manan Badi works'

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Minister for Education Sabitha Indra Reddy has conducted a high-level meeting on the Mana Ooru-Mana Badi programme.

The Minister directed the officials to speed up the works undertaken in the first phase of the programme. The State government introduced it with the aim of strengthening government schools.

In a video conference with the officials, she asked the District Collectors to submit reports by the end of

December. She said that the work under the programme should be completed at least in two schools in each mandal. The Minister mentioned that Rs 7,289 crore was allocated for the Mana Ooru-Mana Badi programme and Rs 3,497 crore for the construction of 12 types of infrastructure for 9,123 schools as part of the first phase.She said that special meetings should be held with the agencies supervising the



Minister for Education Sabitha Indra Reddy holding a review meeting through video conferencing with District Collectors and officials in Hyderabad on Thursday

work and the school management committees to speed up the work. By the end of this month, it had been mentioned that the work should be completed in 1,210 schools across

the State. The officials were directed to provide dual desks to these immediately. Among these, libraries and playgrounds should be prepared, she said. The Minister advised the Collectors that new guidelines were issued for utilising the school grant and sports grant released to the schools and

ernment has been offering low

pay scales. Dr Mahesh Kumar

"Most of the MLHPs (mid-

president of HRDA, said,

they should take steps to manage them properly.

The higher officials of the Education Department were directed to immediately hand over the dining hall furniture to the high schools. The authorities were directed to install solar panels in schools with more than 200 students.

Government Secretary Vakati Karuna, Director of School Education Devasena, TSE WIDC Chairman Sridhar Reddy and others participated in this meeting.

New international arrival hall opens at GMR airport

Hyderabad International Airport on Thursday opened its new international arrival hall.

Spread across a 12,715 sqm area, the new arrival hall is designed to give passengers a soothing experience with its beautiful indoor landscape, water bodies, and captivating designed feature walls. To enable seamless passenger flow, the hall is equipped with two sets of elevators, escalators and staircases leading from the existing immigration zone to the new baggage reclaim

with the existing and new buildings. The newly built baggage reclaim hall houses five bag-

gage reclaim belts with dual feeds and 10 in-line screening machines to improve the baggage delivery time. For the guests of passen-

gers, a new meter-greeter space, spread across 3,500 sqm outside the arrival hall has also been added. A new walk-through Duty-

Free space with leading global brands and products will further enrich the passenger experience like never before.



Talasani stresses need to celebrate Christmas on grand scale

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unreached.

To gear up for the upcoming Christmas season, Minister for Animal Husbandry Talasani Srinivas Yadav, along with Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali, held a review meeting on Christmas celebrations with MLAs, MLCs and officials of the city at his office on Thursday. He instructed officials to organise Christmas cel-

ebrations on a grand scale. The Minister said, "Since Chief Minister Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar became the Chief Minister, all festivals are being celebrated with traditional fervour in Telangana. at the event. The MLAs and



Likewise, the government will make all the arrangements for Christmas as well and provide gifts to the poor people to

bring smiles to their faces." The Minister said, "Christmas feast will be organised at LB Stadium and the Chief Minister will be present

MLCs are advised to send invitations to all the churches in their respective constituencies. Similar dinner programmes will be organised in eight other constituencies and constituency MLAs will coordinate with Church committee representatives in distributing dinner and gift packs.

PALLE DAWAKHANAS

MBBS doctors demand higher pay scale

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ment sanctioned 1,490 posts for the Palle Dawakhanas, the members of the Healthcare Reforms Doctors Association (HRDA) on Thursday expressed concern over the government's proposal to hire BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) doctors. They also voiced their unhappiness over the unfair pay offered to MBBS doctors. The government issued the notification to fill the posts. The MBBS doctors are offered RS 40,000 and BAMS with RS 33,000, BSc Nursing, GNM Rs 29,000. The MBBS doctors felt that the gov-

After the Telangana govern-



are offered RS 40,000 and BAMS with RS 33,000, BSc Nursing, GNM Rs 29,000. The MBBS doctors felt that the government has been offering low pay scales.

The MBBS doctors

Another doctor added, "Prescribing allopathic medicine by Ayush doctors and prescribing medicine by nursing staff is purely illegal and against the NMC act.. "Dr Naresh, Assistant Professor, KMC, Warangal, said, "During the previous recruitment of MLHPs, most of the vacancies were filled by the non-MBBS doctors. Government should respect MBBS doctors with reasonable pay.

So it was better not to call MLHPs doctors which may be

misleading to the common

public because of the high pos-

sibility of quackery by BAMS

violating guidelines of MLHPs."

level health providers) are not very less pay. It is clear that the Allopathic doctors as MBBS government was reluctant to doctors refused to join though recruit qualified Allopathic first preference given because of Doctors in Health and Wellness

Kavitha's political future hinges on outcome of questioning

SNCN ACHARYULU ■ HYDERABAD

What will happen after December 11? This question is exercising the minds of TRS

CBI officials are going to question TRS MLC Kavitha, the daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, in connection with the Delhi liquor

The CBI is going to question Kavitha as a witness in the scam. But after questioning Kavitha what the CBI is going to do is creating interest.

In the past, the CBI has questioned many people as witnesses and later they were arrested. In this case, Kavitha can come out by giving satisfactory answers to the CBI or she will fall into the CBI's

Kavitha is confident that she will come out like a washed pearl in the Delhi liquor scam. The CBI is going to question Kavitha as a witness in the scam. But after questioning Kavitha what the CBI is going to do is creating interest.

Her confidence increased after going through the FIR of the case in which her name did not figure. But experts in investigation agencies use this as a strategy to collect evidence from those who are likely to be involved. If the CBI gets any evidence against any person during the enquiry it will add their names in the FIR. Officials said that it is not an easy thing to face the CBI's questioning as they can choke suspects with various questions.BJP leaders were alleging from the very beginning that MLC Kavitha is involved in the Delhi liquor scam. In fact, since a long time, there are

speculations that the CBI will

issue a notice to Kavitha in connection with the Delhi liquor scam.

BJP leaders went ahead a step and said that Kavitha's arrest in the Delhi liquor scam is imminent and that she cannot escape. Kavitha also charged the BJP to prove her involvement in the Delhi liquor scam. She also said that she is ready to go behind the bars.

Political circles said that Everyone is eagerly awaiting Kavitha is planning to wrest developments to know the political future of Kavitha who political mileage out of the CBI's attitude towards her in wants to contest in the next the Delhi liquor scam. Interestingly, while the BJP-led general elections from Nizamabad where she was defeated in the 2019 general Central Government is trying to damage the political future elections by the Dharmapuri Aravind. of Kavitha using the Delhi

Komatireddy Venkat to decide on party change a month before polls

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TPCC Star Campaigner Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said that he will take a decision on which party to work for a month before the next elections.

Speaking to the media at Tirumala after having darshan of Lord Venkateshwara on Thursday, Komatireddy Venkat said that he is keeping away from politics now.

However, Venkat said that he is the MP who brought the maximum funds for developing his constituency

He made it clear that he will

concentrate on developing his Parliamentary constituency in the next one and a half years. Venkat has been staying away from party programmes after Malkajgiri MP Revanth Reddy became the TPCC president. He distanced from the party after his brother Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy quit the Congress and joined the BJP.Reacting on YSRTP president YS Sharmila issue, Venkat said that the incident of shifting Sharmila to the police station using a towing vehicle was an unfortunate incident that deserves to be condemned.

KTR lashes out at Centre's move to auction SCCL coal mines

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Telangana Industries and Commerce Minister KT Rama Rao lashed out against the Centre's announcement to auction the coal mines of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

Prime Minister Modi had recently assured the people of the State that SCCL would not be privatized. However, the Centre announced in the Lok Sabha that four coal mines of SCCL will be auctioned, KTR said. Pointing to the economic significance of SCCL to Telangana, KTR said that SCCL's privatization will "adversely" affect the State. He termed the action of the Centre as vengeful and a conspiracy to bring down the State which is "flourishing."

KTR said that SCCL tops the southern states in generating thermal power. He questioned the necessity behind the Centre's decision to auction SCCL as it is generating profits and has the best Plant Load



Factor (PLF) in the country. The Minister said that the Centre is "conspiring" to push SCCL into losses

He said that a large number of lignite mines were allocated to the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) as per the nomination method. KTR asked Centre why coal mines are not allocated to SCCL in the way lignite mines are allocated to the GMDC.KTR pointed to the Centre's bias saying that the Centre is following one rule for Gujarat and another for Telangana.Documents regarding the process of coal mines

allocation and environment clearances given to the GMDC were produced by KTR. He said that from the time Telangana was formed, the repeated requests of the State and SCCL workers to allocate coal mines were not considered by the Centre.

Sharply criticizing the auctioning of coal mines, KTR said that the TRS will launch a stir if the Centre moves ahead with its plan to auction SCCL Coal Mines.

He said the party always stands by the employees in their opposition to the privati-

'Swachch Warangal is feasible only with people's participation



PNS WARANGAL

Government Chief Whip Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar has made it clear that swachh Warangal is feasible only with people's participation. He was participating as the chief guest on a sensitization programme on cleaning septic tanks under the joint aegis of GWMC and Administrative Staff College of India and Bharat Nav Nirman

Trust.Government decisions on the welfare and development of the people will only be successful with the participation of the people. He claimed to have been working since October 2, 2010 to eradicate the use of plastics. In 2022, the city bagged the 62nd award in the implementation of the Swachh Sarvekshan and was also awarded RS 6 lakh cash

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCS

liquor scam Kavitha is trying

to get political mileage through

Principals told to register eligible students

PNS NAGARKURNOOL

Additional Collector S Motilal on Thursday directed the College principals the complete the registration process of scholarships for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes by Friday.

He was holding a review meeting with college principals, officials of the Scheduled Castes and Education Department officials at the District Collectorate here.

Speaking on the occasion, Motilal said there are 81 junior, degree, postgraduate and model junior colleges in the district. A total of 3,947



Nagarkurnool Additional Collector S Motilal speaking at a review meeting in Nagarkurnool on Thursday

the Scheduled Castes qualified for scholarships. But,

al institutions belonging to only 1.942 students registered for scholarships.

to complete the process of registration of students and Aadhaar identification by Friday. He asked the princi-

riday. He asked the principals to hand over the hard copy containing the data to the department concerned.

In the same way, there are 6,791 students, studying between 5th and 10th, who have qualified for scholar. have qualified for scholarships. But, just 228 students have so far registered for a scholarship. He directed the officials to ensure that all eligible students secure scholar-

Scheduled Castes Development Department Ram Lal, District Éducation Officer Govindrajulu and

SBI DGM inaugurates sari dyeing unit

SBI Deputy General Manager M Sasmita Mishra on Thursday inau-gurated Jyoti Collections showroom in VDOs' colony of the city. The DGM observed that women are excelling nowadays in all spheres of activity.

She hailed the sari dying unit being run by Nimmagadda Jyotirmayi,

who is skilled in the trade. Noted city doctor P Damayanti, Ńimmagadda Nirmal of the city and others took part in the

inaugural function.



Newborn baby found abandoned in bushes

In a grisly incident, a newborn bushes at Piskal Gutta Thanda under Gandhari mandal in Kamareddy district on Thursday. According to the police and

the officials of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), some unidentified persons had abandoned the baby in bushes on the roadside.

The local people alerted the ICDS officials when they heard the baby crying. The officials reached the sport within a short time and shifted the baby to the local government hospi-

tal for treatment. The baby is at present under-



Dr Libadri attending to a newborn baby in Kamareddy hospital on Thursday

going treatment in Kamareddy Government Area Hospital. Duty doctor Libadri said that the newborn child was brought to the hospital around 4 pm on Thursday. The condition of

the baby is stable. The police registered a case and started an investigation. It is not known whether the baby was abandoned in bushes by some local people or outsiders.

Student told to channelise talent for successful results

PNS YADADRI/BHUVANGIRI

Alair MLA G Sunita Mahender Reddy on Thursday lighted inaugurated a district-level science fair at Bhongir. Sunita Mahender Reddy said that it would serve as a good forum to bring out the creativity of students.

Telangana Hub will encourage the students who displayed their talent at the science fair. Scientific methods of farming brought about a revolution in the agriculture sector. Sandeep Reddy exhorted the students to channelise their talent to successful results by focusing on the fields of their choice.

MLC Narsi Reddy said that science is inseparable from human lives and held the development of



TRS MLA Sunita Mahender Reddy speaking at a meeting at Yadadri on Thursday

science is a key to prosperity. District Education Officer Narayana Reddy presided.

District Science Officer Bharani explained the objectives of the science fair. MLC Yelimineti Krishna Reddy also spoke. Additional Collector Deepak

Sajjala trying to deflect attention from Kavitha's liquor scam

Tiwari, ZP CEO Krishna Reddy, MPP Narala Nirmala, ZpTC Subburu Beeru Mallaiah, Mandal educational officers, headmasters, Vidya Jyoti correspondent, teachers, representatives of teachers' unions, students and others took part in the event.

Niranjan Reddy lays stone for Kanyakaparameswari Temple

PNS WANAPARTHI

Agriculture Minister S Niranian Reddy has said that the state government embarked on widening roads in Wanaparthi to meet future needs of the town as such there is a sea change between roads in Wanaparthi and roads in other towns of undivided Mahabubnagar district. He performed bhumi puja construction



Kankaparameswari temple along with his spouse Vasanti on Thursday.

Kanyakaparameswari temple

K VENKATESHWARLU

The remarks of Andhra Pradesh Government advisor Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy created flutters among the political parties of Telangana. The leaders of the BJP and the TRS accused each other of conspiring to rake up regional sentiments for political gains.

Reacting on Sajjala's remarks, Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that Telangana

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has been conspiring along with YSRCP leaders to ensure that KCR's daughter MLC Kavitha's Delhi liquor scam issue is set

He said that two Chief Ministers, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao are enacting dramas regarding this. Provocative comments are being made to deflect attention from scams,

Sanjay said. "KCR's daughter Kavitha did Rs 1 lakh crore liquor danda. KCR hatched a conspiracy with YSRCP leaders to sidetrack the Delhi liquor scam. Both Chief Ministers are enacting dramas. Telangana was created with the support of the BJP in Parliament,"

Sanjay said. Reacting to Sajjala's comments, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that conspiracies are always present in politics. Bhatti said

that Sajjala's comments are part of the conspiracy to rake up senti-ments. He said that Sajjala's comments are different from the hopes, aspirations and thoughts of the people of Telangana. Bhatti said the argument for a United AP State is useless. The Congress opposes the comments, he said. Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao said that Sajjala made the comments only for political mileage and nobody will believe

KCR slammed for 'step-motherly' attitude towards Jagtial

PNS JAGITYAL

Congress MLC t Jeevan Reddy on Thursday alleged step-motherly treatment to Jagityal by the state government and demanded the government to release Rs 100 crore for the development of the district, reopen the sugar factories in the district, upgrade Oddelingapur and Allipur villages to the status of mandals. He sought the implementation of a master plan for the development of the district.

In the new state of Telangana, a sugar factory in the district was completely closed down, he lamented. The sugar cane farmers have been supplying sugarcane to the Gayatri Sugar Factory, which is 100 km away since there is a sugar factory in the region. In fact, there

is scope for reopening sugar factories pumping Rs 1000 crore into them for the benefit of cane growers of three adjacent districts. He wanted the government to constitute a federation of PACSs in the district for the management of sugar fac-

Charging KCR with adopting the unilateral style of functioning, Jeevan Reddy said that the KCR is adamant about not seeking the Centre's support on the issue.

The local TRS leaders are not showing initiative in resolving the local problems, he said pointing out that the bund of the Mote tank breached twice and also the bund of Rollavagu. The Delay in the execution of Rollavagu doubled the cost to Rs 120 crore. Fields have become sandcast as the Aragundala



project bund breached. As a result, the farmers have lost the Kharif crop and are on the verge of losing the rabi crop. Marine wealth has been washed away in the project, throwing fishermen out of

employment.

He demanded the constitution of a probe committee to go into the delay in the execution of the Rollavagu project. The construction of the Integrated district collectorate complex in the heart of Jagityal town was the most satisfying experience in his political career span-

ning over four decades, he claimed. He demanded 2BHK houses to journalists who played a key role during the movement for Telangana. The TRS party office building could be built in five months, but the 2BHK houses construction remained incomplete even five years after grounding the work, he compared. The CM promised Rs 100 crore to develop Vemulavada Rajarajeswara Swamy temple in 2015, but failed to release the funds, he lamented.

He objected to renaming Yadagirigutta as Yadadri. He demanded the release of Rs 10 lakh to each village panchayat as promised by the CM as village sarpanches are not able to pay EMIs of the tractors.

SBI DGM M Sasmita Mishra inaugurating sri **GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA** REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT

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UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE ACT WHERE EXEMPTION GIVEN
U/S 10-A OF THE RFCTLARR (TELANGANA AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016 (ACT 21/2017) (SEE RULE 6/12) NOTIFICATION Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector, Rajanna Sircilla that a total of (10) Structures are specified in the

"Schedule" below situated in the limits of Varadhavelli Village of Boingalli Mandal and Arepalli H/o Sankepalli village of Vernulawada (Rural) Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District is required or public purpose, to wit for formation of Mid Manair Reservoir Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the

Varadhavelli Village of Boinpalli Mandal and Arepalli H/o Sankepalli village of Vernulawada (Rural) Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla District land measuring, more or less 372.20 Sq./mts/Yards of standard measurement, whose detail description is as following is proposed for acquisition. SCHEDULE

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TOTAL 46.20 0.00 0.00 46.20 This Notification is made under provisions of Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No.30(2013)" as amended by the Right to compensation an Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

Village: Arepalli H/o Sankepalli; Mandal: Vemulawada (Ru

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A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Distric Collector, Rajanna Sirolla & Special Deputy Collector, L.A. Unit-VII, FFC/ MMR & Dr. B.R Ambedkar, P.C.S.S.P., Rajanna Sirolla on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize the authorized the Special Deputy Collector, L.A. Unit-VII, FFC/MMR & Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, P.C.S.S.P., Rajanna Sirolla and his staff and workmen to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other act required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified Uis 12 of the said Act.

Under section 11(4) of the said Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector. Objections to the acquisition, if any, and claims from all the persons interested / affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector Authorized Officer.

Sd/- Land Acquisition Officer & Special Deputy Collector, L.A. Unit-VII, FFC/ MMR & Dr.B.R. Ambedkar (PCSSP) Rajanna Sircilla DIFR

Sd/-District Sircilla

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA

Will create a level-playing field for Indian home textile exporters

PNS MUMBAI

Even as there is a slowdown in demand for Indian garments in the US and Europe, free trade agreement (FTA) with Australia is likely to provide a level-playing field for home textile exporters in 2022-23, according to a report.

The build-up of inventories on account of the cut on discretionary expenditure and reallocation of expenses to services have reduced imports into the key US market, according to a India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) report.

Consequently, the home textile segment continued to experience a demand slowdown, whereas other segments of cotton, apparel and man-made spinning continue to benefit from the China+1 sourcing and continuing US ban on the



use of cotton from Xinjiang, China. However, given the discretionary nature of textile products, Ind-Ra expects the

slowing demand in Europe, the US and other parts of the world to have an impact on textile exports.In addition, the report

stated that small yarn players facing cotton availability issues likely get impacted.Further, the report

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Australia eliminates the import duty on textile exports from India, bringing the Indian product prices at par with China, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

India's exports to Australia contribute 5-6 per cent to the total Australian requirement and at a value of USD 500-600 million, they remained at 1-2 per cent of total textile exports from India in 2020.

lenges being faced by some exporting nations and the increasing need to diversify supply chains, Indian home textile or garment producers are likely to benefit.

Given the economic chal-

Given the slowdown being experienced by the US and Europe, this could provide partial relief along with other FTAs likely to be signed with the UAE, UK, Canada and Israel.

Govt extends Rooftop Solar

Programme till March 2026

The government on Thursday asked consumers not

to pay any additional charge for solar installations

as the 'Rooftop Solar Programme' has been extend-

ed till March 31, 2026. The programme has been extended till 31.03.2026 and therefore, subsidy

under the programme will be available until the tar-

get under the programme is achieved, Ministry of

New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) said in a state-

ment."All residential consumers are hereby advised

not to pay any additional charges to any vendor on

account of fee for application on the National Portal

or any additional charges for net-metering/testing which are not prescribed by the respective distri-

bution company," it said. In case any such charges

are demanded by any vendor/agency/person, the

same can be reported to the ministry through email

rts-mnre@gov.in, it said. Consumers willing to

install rooftop solar panels can apply and track the

process on the National Portal.

India achieves 166GW of renewable energy capacity

PNS NEW DELHI

India has achieved 165.94GW of renewable energy capacity till October as against the target of 175GW by 2022, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

"Against the target of achieving 175 GW of Renewable Energy installed capacity by 2022, a total of 165.94 GW of renewable energy capacity (including large hydro) has been installed in the country as on October 31, 2022," Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh stated in a written reply to Lok Sabha on Thursday.

A capacity of 76.13 GW (of renewables) is under various stages of implementation and a capacity of 36.44 GW is under various stages of bidding, Singh informed the House.In line with the Prime Minister's announcement at COP26, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is working towards achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by

Led by RIL, two Adani companies,top 100 firms create Rs 92.2 lakh crore

PNS MUMBAI

Two Adani group companies Adani Enterprises and Adani Transmission -- have uprooted the traditional leader Reliance Industries in annual wealth creation in 2022 so far, while the top 100 of them created a massive Rs 92.2 lakh crore of wealth, according to a report. However, Reliance Industries has smashed all records to emerge as the largest wealth creator during the five-year period ending March 2022, says the leading brokerage Motilal Oswal in its 27th annual wealth creation study. The Gautam Adani group companies have been rallying to dizzying heights in the year as the group snapped up many assets and diversified into newer areas.

The rally was so high that Adani on September 16 became the second richest person in the world with USD

155.7 billion, only second to Elon Musk who had USD 253.5 billion of net worth, according to the Forbes realtime billionaires list. The spike was following the stocks of Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Adani Transmission hitting record highs on that day. Adani, who owns 75 per cent each in these three companies, has added more than USD 70 billion to his fortune in 2022 in mid-September. In February, he overtook Mukesh Ambani as the richest Asian, became a centi-billionaire in April and left behind Microsoft's Bill Gates as the world's fourth-richest person last month.

He also owns 37 per cent of Adani Total Gas, 65 per cent of Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone, and 61 per cent of Adani Green Energy.

As against this, Ambani was pushed to the distant eighth slot with a net worth of USD 92.3 billion.

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Air India to invest over US\$ 400 million on wide-body aircraft refurbishment

Tata group-owned full service carrier Air India on Thursday said it plans to refurbish its legacy wide-body fleet, comprising 40 Boeing planes, at an investment of over USD 400 million (about Rs 3,295 crore).

The company has mandated London-based product design companies JPA Design and Trendworks to assist with the cabin interior design elements of the refurbishment exercise, the airline said in a statement.

Of the 40 planes which are set to go for refurbishment, 27 are Boeing 787-800s and 13 Boeing

All these planes were acquired when the airline was under state ownership. The Tata Group regained control of Air India in January this year.

The first such refurbished aircraft is expected to be in service by mid-2024, as per the release. With this significant investment, Air India said it is committed to providing its passengers with a comfortable, modern, and

technologically advanced cabin.

In September, the airline announced a transformation plan, focusing on growing both its network and fleet, developing a completely revamped customer proposition, improving reliability and on-time performance.

It also aims at taking a leadeship position in technology, sustainability, and innovation, as well as aggressively investing in the best industry talent. Air India said as part of the refurbishment exercise, it will carry out a complete overhaul of existing cabin interiors, including the addition of latest generation seats and best in-class

inflight entertainment across all

In addition, the refurbishment will see the introduction of premium economy cabins on both fleets, it said, adding that first class cabins will also be retained on the Boeing 777 planes.

"We are working closely with partners to accelerate the refit process as fast as possible and, in the meantime, leasing in at least 11 new widebody aircraft with brand new interiors to improve our offering at the earliest opportunity," Air India Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Campbell Wilson said.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR: SANGAREDDY. PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION FORM-VI [see sub rule(1) of rule -19 and section -11(1) of the Act -30/2013) Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/ Collector that a total of about Ac. 6-30 gts offland in the Inole Village, Patancheru Mandal, land is required for public purpose in favour of TSIC Limited for the Formation of 60 Office wide Board to Individual Park Inole Village.

00 Feet wide Road to Industrial Park, Indie Village, Patancheru Mandal, the notification issued W s 11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The Government exempted the project "Formation of 60-00 Feet wide Road to Industrial Park, Inole Village" from the application of the provisions of Chapter-II and Chapter-III of the RFCTLAR&RAct, 2013. Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in Inole

village of Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District a piece of land measuring more or less Ac.6-30.gts whose details description is as following, is under acquisition. Mandal : Patancheru

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District Collector, Sangareddy & Revenue Divisional Officer, Sangareddy on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/ Collector is pleased to authorise Revenue Divisional Officer, Sangareddy and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the Sub-soil and do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Sec. 12 of the said Act.

purchase etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

before the District Collector, Sangareddy. The state Government has decided not to carry out the

84/-Revenue Additional District Collector Patancheru (M) Divisional Officer, Collector, Sangareddy Sangaredd Sangareddy

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR (LA), (JLISP) NALASOMANADRI (GHATTU) LIFT IRRIGATION

PROJECT: GADWAL JOGULAMBA GADWAL DISTRICT FORM - VII

As per Section -19 (1) of the Right to Fair Comper Transparency in land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlemen Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013) and sub Rule (1) of Rule -25 DECLARATION Collector Proceedings No.6,500/2022,

Special Deputy Collector Lr. No. No. E/138/2022 Dt.21.11.2022

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VOLUME FROM RURAL MARKETS GOING TO IMPROVE, SAYS ITC CMD

Inflation for FMCG segment cooling down

PNS NEW DELHI

Inflationary pressure on the FMCG segment is "cooling off a little" and volume growth from the rural markets is going to be better, ITC Chairman & Managing Director Sanjiv Puri said on Thursday.

Presently there is a "phenomenal" amount of inflation, hence FMCG volume growth in rural areas is "muted" and the bulk of the growth is inflation lead, he said in a panel discussion at an event organised by industry body CII.

When asked about the consumption trends, Puri said, "In the FMCG segments, we are seeing both the trends of permutation and at the same time there is a lot of value-seeking behaviour and stress at the lower

However, he also said that presently India is "much better" than the rest of the world, witnessing high inflation."As far as consumption is concerned, the main stress point is inflation induced because prices of lots of products have gone up at a percentage probably in the prior period that would have taken five years to go up," Puri added.

However, Puri also added that rural demand is going to get better because realisations have been bet-

ter and costs are up and as a net, it is "better off"."There would be certain regions that are going to be more impacted and it is more to do with the distribution of rainfalls and the impact of the untimely rains. Certain areas would be under stress," he said adding "Overall my assessment is that it is going to be better at time."

Puri also added that Inflation as far as FMCG is concerned is cooling off a little Besides, he also added that the macros for investment are "pretty good". "If you look at the availability of funds, the corporate income, better balance sheets, all these are positive. Earnings also are on a better trajectory. The issue that really comes to is about capacity utilisation, which is also picking up. But there is a serious amount of global uncertainty," he said.

There are also serious headwinds on exports and that is going to dampen sentiments, Puri added. "For companies like ours, which are domestically focused, private CAPEX is continuing. We have already done and some more is in the pipeline," he said. Puri also added that a lot of policy interventions such as Gati Shakti and investment in infrastructure have been done by the government and many of them are "absolutely in the right direction".

DRI action to detain mobile phones is a death knell, says Vivo

PNS NEW DELHI

Chinese mobile phone company Vivo has alleged that the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has stopped the company's consignment at Delhi airport and such action is a death knell for company's export from India, according to industry body ICEA's letter to the government.

Vivo in an email to India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) has alleged that the DRI has detained the consignment of 26,840 mobile phones and is checking IMEI number of the handsets after opening the seal of their boxes, which is making them unfit for export. "The entire consignment is currently scattered at the Delhi airport, and is no longer fit for exports, until it has again been moved to factory, undergone complete inspection and then repackaged. This being the festive season, this action by the DRI rings a death knell for us exporting out of India unless the DRI actions at the airport do not cease immediately and our goods released," Vivo wrote in

the email to ICEA. The communication is part of ICEA representation before the Ministry of Electronics and IT expressing concern on the action of DRI.

An email query sent to Vivo and DRI elicited no response. ICEA, in a letter to Alkesh Kumar Sharma, secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity), informed that Vivo Mobile India Private Limited is found to be struggling to export mobile phones out of India due to harassments meted out by a few of the field officers.

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Power deficit declines to 0.1%

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Power deficit or gap between electricity required and supplied has fallen from two per cent

in April this year to 0.1 per cent, Parliament was informed on Thursday."The gap between energy requirement and energy supplied has been reduced from

two per cent to 0.1 per cent between the month of April, 2022 and October, 2022," Power Minister R K Singh stated in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

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"I will not shy away, if I'm asked to play a terrorist"

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SHIKHA DUGGAL

Several films in the past have touched upon the lives of sex workers. But a Shweta Rose P. upon the lives of sex workers. But actress Shweta Basu Prasad ensured one doesn't get a déjà vu of those movies, with the character she's playing in *India Lockdown* written by a national award winning director! Her character is very well fleshed out and the way she depicts how sex workers have been most challenged by the pandemic was worth echoing applause for her. In an exclusive conversation with the actress who also has quite a few Telugu ventures, speaks her heart out on how they were able to enhance the impact.

"Accepting it whole-heartedly, my lockdown was very comfortable because I am privileged. Was sitting in my cushy living room in a secure house with people to look after my daily needs, not shying away from it all. I didn't complain at all — wasn't cribbing like others on where my maid is, when am I going to iam or when will we resume work. But I had in mind even the remotest possibility of not surviving this pandemic, what can it do to us. For many years, I had it in my mind to go through Bhagavad Gita which was a religious text but after I finished the book — made me realise it's beyond that. More about the subconscious mind. And a revelation: I also managed to write the screenplay for my short film and let me tell you it's starring Anupam Kher,

Just out of a divorce during the lockdown days, the *Kotha Bangaru Lokam* fame didn't want the emotional issues to burden her. Hence, she continued to not just keep her body but also the soul happy. She continued speaking to us, "My family insisted that I come and live with them after my seperation, just an Indian thing to say na. However, we are equally progressive, so I took some time off and continued to live alone and got a hell lot of time to introspect about my life. I come

Actress Shweta Basu Prasad recently wooed the audience playing the character of a sex worker. in Madhur Bhandarkar's *India Lockdown*. In an exclusive chat with The *Pioneer*, the actress opens up about her lockdown days, not letting her personal issues affect her professional life, and much more.

from a family of literature and culture, my dad had his own theatre group so many of those qualities are imbibed in me too."

After fifteen years of experience, another interesting project came her way and without attaching any stigmas to it, Shweta grabbed onto the role! She explained to us, "It wasn't the first time I was offered a Madhur Bhandarkar film, post 2005 there was a new project that I was offered, however my parents politely declined because they wanted me to focus on my education and Madhur sir accepted it graciously. Taskent Files made him approach me again! To delve into the role, my art director, Madhur Bhandarkar and I went to the red light area and I began interacting

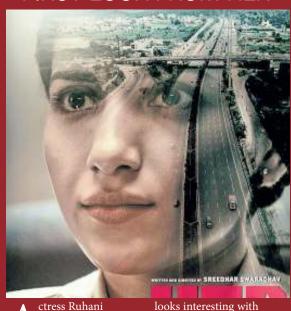
with the commercial sex workers. What came next was heartbreaking for me as an artist."

During her research, she got to know — many sex workers were not eligible for government sup-port during the crisis. Factors such as clients' health concerns and limited mobility had reduced demand for sexual services and they started lower their prices and took bigger risks! So the national award winning actress played and out-and-out role and swept us with her per-formance. She also said, "I picked up their lingo, how they sit and all. There is a particular way you'll see a sex worker will sit with her hand on the hip! There's a thing about me: I do my own make-up and I noticed the sex workers don't apply glamourous make-up yet it looks loud. When you'll watch the film, you will pity her and it's kind off strange to me."

Explaining it how, "Because she's a patakha! She's like a small flame in a dark room, that's the creativity of the role. People are calling her brave, I heard people saying is this how the life of a sex worker is?" As people must be expecting that Shweta playing a sex-worker must be her break-through role but the actress dismisses it, "It was a Madhur Bhandarkar direction – had seen how he bagged a national award for *Chandni Bar* with Tabu. I just surrendered myself to him. Trigger warning: Do not fall for his serious film persona, he's a fun-loving man in reality (she laughs) I crossed checked with Saie and Prateik Babbar. There was never a day, I felt uncomfortable because I

knew him from the time I was 14-years old." And then comes a confession: "As an actor, if I am asked to play even a terrorist, I will not shy away from it. I am not afraid of any public backlash. I know how to find a human in grey roles!"

RUHANI'S INTRIGUING FIRST LOOK FROM *HER*



Sharma is known for her selective roles. She made an impressive debut in Telugu with *Chi La Sow*, where she played a role filled with multiple emotions. she starred in another successful film HIT. The actress was last seen in Meet Cute series. She is currently doing the lead role in a female-centric film. The makers revealed the film's title as HER, besides releasing the first look poster.

Ruhani is playing the role of Archana Prasad in HER which deals with a police procedural. The intriguing first look depicts Ruhani Sharma in a khaki uniform giving a serious gaze while the title design

is quite appealing with a star incorporated into it. The poster design also

looks interesting with Ruhani Sharma's face is juxtaposed with a highway leading to a city. The poster and title *HER* gives us the impression that it's going to be an engaging investiga-tive drama/ thriller and the caption "Chapter 1" hints that there's more to come. The makers are also plan-

ning to release the teaser and song promo soon. Written and directed by Sreedhar Swaraghav. Produced by Raghu
Sankuratri and Deepa
Sankuratri under the banner Double Up Media. The film also has Vikas Vasishta, Pradeep Rudra, and Jeevan Kumar playing prominent roles. Vishnu Besi handled the cine-matography, while Chanakya Toorupu edited the film and the music is composed by Pavan.

'Sandeep, family worked hard to produce this movie'

irected by Gangadhar, Mukhachitram stars actor Vishwak Sen as the lead role. The film also stars Vikas Vashishta, Priya Vadlamani, Chaitanya Rao, Ayesha Khan in prominent

Sandeep Raj, whose earlier directorial flick Colour Photo won the National Award for Best Telugu film, has written the story, screenplay and dialogues for the film.

As the movie lovers are super-excited for its release, the makers today will be unveiling he cover of the film. The team had conduc ed a pre-release event on Thursday, during which the film director Gangadhar said, "I started working on the story with Sandeep, before itself. We had met several producers, however, some producers had taken a back step due to increasing budgets. Then Sandeep gave me the courage to make a film of our own. That's how this movie started. Sandeep has worked hard to produce this movie. Not only he but also his family took that responsibility. I say my thanks to all of them."

Meanwhile, Producer Bunny said, "After Corona, the calculations of the film have changed. Today, audiences come to theaters only if there is content. Even newcomers are enjoying movies with strong stories. The last twenty minutes of this movie are crammed. Vishwak Sen's ten minute character will be the attraction of the movie. Vishwak acted impressively in that character. Every technician showed talent. The music director Kalabhairava work is so good that even a



small correction cannot be said." With Sandeep getting so much praise and love from the team, let's hear to what he has to say, "Every time I speak less with the belief that there will be another event. I will tell you about this movie in detail in the success meet. What have we done with this movie tomorrow the first half of the movie will speak and the second half will say even more. We made a new attempt. You will like it."

one are the days when Kollywood makers used to release films in Telugu and have different names in Tamil and Telugu versions. Of late they started

Nandamuri Balakrishna & Anil Ravipudi's #NBK108 begins

od Of Masses Natasimha Nandamuri Balakrishna and successful director Anil Ravipudi's crazy project #NBK108, to be produced prestigiously by Sahu Garapati and Harish Peddi under Shine Screens banner, has been launched grandly today with

a pooja ceremony.

For the muhurtham shot, mega producer Allu Aravind sounded ne clapboard, while ace produce Dil Raju switched on the camera. Legendary director K Raghavendra Rao did the honorary direction for the muhurtham shot.

Mythri Movie Makers Naveen Yerneni, Kilaru Satish, and Producer Sirish handed over the script to the makers.

#NBK108 will start rolling today. The shoot begins with an action block choreography by V Venkat's master. A massive set was constructed for the fight sequence under the supervision of production designer Rajeevan.

Balakrishna sports a different look and his character is also going to be first-of-its-kind for him. The movie will have Balakrishna mark action and mass element and Anil Ravipudi mark elements. Keeping



Balakrishna's stardom in mind, Anil Ravipudi penned a powerful

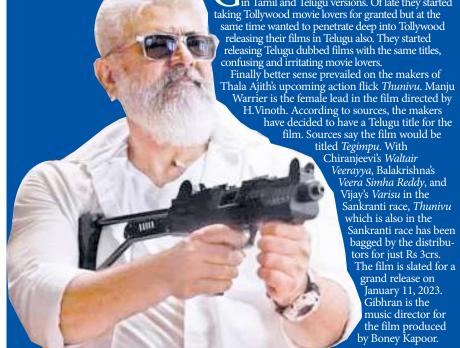
The most happening actress Sreeleela will be playing a crucial role in the movie that will have music by in-form composer S

Thaman. The collision of three forces-Balakrishna, Anil Ravipudi, and S Thaman, under the successful production of Shine Screens, is

set to create history. An ensemble star cast will play crucial roles, while #NBK 108 will

have leading craftsmen taking care of different crafts. C Ram Prasad will take care of cinematography, Tammi Raju is the editor and Rajeevan is the production designer. V Venkat will choreograph the action part.

Ajith's Tamil action flick Thunivu to be titled **Tegimpu**



Urvasivo Rakshasivo to be now streamed on netflix

Released in the first week of November 2022, Orvasivo Nakshasivo, starting Allu Sirish and Anu Emmanuel in the lead roles, failed to attract the majority of audiences. Now, the film is up for digital debut.

Earlier, it was reported that the film will be premiered on An on December 9, 2022. Now, the latest news is that the mega hero movie has found another OTT platform to reach more audiences. Starting tomorrow, OTT audiences can enjoy the movie on Netflix too. roles in this rom-com entertainer.

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Puri Jagganadh to team up with Mega Star for his next flick?

ny director would love to direct Mega Star Chiranjeevi. For long dashing director Puri Jaganndth dreamed of directing Mega Star Chiranjeevi. Puri Jagannath got a huge shock when he lost the golden opportunity to direct Chiranjeevi's milestone
150th film. The project titled *Auto Jani* was shelved as
Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan did not like the second half.
This created a wedge between Puri Jagannadh and

Chiranjeevi. Now it looks like Puri Jagannadh is finally realising his dream. According to the latest buzz, Puri Jagannadh narrated an exciting line to Chiranjeevi and he loved it to the core. Chiranjeevi according to sources this time decided to give freehand to Puri Jagannadh. The film is touted to be an out and out mass action entertainer.

It is known that Puri Jagannadh played an important role in Chiranjeevi's *Godfather* and their bonding strengthened. Otherwise Chiranjeevi is not the kind of person who gives chances to directors who tasted a disaster like Liger.



INDIA FACE SOUTHERN STARS IN 1ST T201

PTI NAVI MUMBAI

■ he build-up to the series has been far from ideal but the Indian women's cricket team will be keen to give a tough time to the all-conquering Australia in the five-match T20 rubber begin-ning here at Dr DY Patil sports academy in Navi Mumbai on Friday.

With two months go for the T20 World Cup in South Africa, the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side should also exactly know where they stand following the five games.

Head coach Ramesh Powar was suddenly sacked three days before the series

Former India batter Hrishikesh Kanitkar is now in charge of the support staff as the designated batting coach.

India managed to win the Asia Cup in October though they were guilty of experi-menting a tad too much which cost them a league game against Pakistan.

In the recent past, India have managed to compete against the mighty Australia but failed to get over the line. One such case was their last meeting in the Common-wealth Games final in August when India threw it away after a blinder from Harmanpreet in the run chase.

The batting has a settled look with star batter Smriti Mandhana expected to score



the bulk of the runs.

month, will be put under pressure by the Australian pacers considering her weak-ness against the short ball.

Jemimah Rodrigues has

shown good form ever since returning to the national side. While skipper Harmanpreet too has regained consistency. Harleen Deol and Yastika Bhatia have made a comeback after their prolific run in the

Challenger Trophy.

Leg-spin bowling allrounder Devika Vaidya has made a return to the T20 side after eight years. Her presence lends variety

to the spin attack full of left-

armers and offies.

the standout pacer for the Her opening partner Shafali Verma, who will lead in the U-19 World Cup next team over the past six months and she would be hoping for support from uncapped leftarm seamer Anjali Sarvani.

Australia, who will be led

by Alyssa Healy in Meg Lanning's absence, too have fresh faces in the line-up. Expectations are high from 19-year-old batter Phoebe Litchfield who is expected to fill the retired Rachael Haynes'

The southpaw had spent a lot of time with Mandhana during the WBBL last year.

Ex-Ireland pacer Kim Garth and Heather Graham are also expected to make their Australia debut.

Lanning is not part of the touring party as she has taken an indefinite break from the

Don't have an ego when it comes to leadership: Healy

Australia's stand-in skipper Alyssa Healy is excited to lead the team in a five-match T20I series in India, a country which has a special place for her as she scored her maiden international century here four years

The wicketkeeper, who also opens the batting, notched her first international hundred during Australia's 2018 tour of India, when she scored a 115ball 133 in a 97-run win in the third ODI in Vadodara.

"It's a great place to travel.
For me personally, it's nice to be back here. The place holds nice memories; the maiden hundred will last a lifetime," Healy said on the eve of their five-match T20I series opener

For both the teams, the series will start the countdown to the T20 World Cup in South Africa in February next year. In their last meeting,

Australia defeated India en route to the Commonwealth Games gold medal in Birmingham.

"I'm really excited to play against a quality side. It's great to be back, it's been a long time we have been here. It's exciting to me as the captain," said Healy who has taken over the reins after regular skipper Meg Lanning took an indefinite personal break.

'We are obviously aware of the danger of power they

(India) possess, so it's great for cricket as well. We know we are in for a battle."

Captaincy is an added responsibility but she's relishing every bit of it.

"It's an added challenge, opening, wicket-keeping and captaining. But I love high pressure situations, it's about managing workloads. I'm fortunate to have good leaders, whom I can lean on. I don't have any ego when it comes to

No intensity or passion in this Indian team: Madan Lal



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 $F^{\rm ormer\ coach\ Madan\ Lal\ on}_{\rm Thursday\ lashed\ out\ at\ India}$ following their ODI series loss in Bangladesh, saying the team lacked "intensity and passion" and was heading in the wrong

India lost to Bangladesh by five runs in the second ODI in Mirpur on Wednesday to concede the series 0-2 after having suffered a one-wicket defeat in the first ODI.

"Definitely the Indian team is not going in the right direction. I have not seen the intensity in the team off late. I have

not seen 'Josh' in them in the last couple of years," Lal said.
"They are not looking like an Indian team at all. That passion of playing for the country is missing. Either their bodies are too tired or they are just are too tired or they are just going through the motions. And this is a serious concern."

Deepak Chahar, who has been bothered by injuries this year, couldn't complete his quota of overs during the second ODI. The Indian players are dealing with fitness issues with star pacer Jasprit Bumrah and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja too out of the team

owing to injuries. Highlighting fitness issue of players, skipper Rohit Sharma on Wednesday said that India "can't have guys coming in to play for the country half-fit."

Referring to Rohit's observation, Lal, who is a member of the 1983 World Cup winning team, said: "It is a very sad thing. If the captain is saying this then something is wrong somewhere.

"Who is responsible for this? Are trainers responsible for this? Why are unfit players going? You are playing interna-tional cricket and the result is

in front of you. "If they want to take rest they can take rest during IPL matches. Your country comes first. If you are not going to win ICC trophies, your nation's

cricket is going to go down." Lal put the blame on toporder batters for India's not-so-

impressive performance in

"If you see the record, how many centuries they (seniors) have scored in the last three years? And how many in the last one year? With age factor, your hand-eye coordination

slows down. "But they are experienced players and they should have performed. If your top order does not perform you are not going to win."

The 71-year-old former all-rounder also pulled up the bowlers for their lack of intensity. "Your bowling unit has become very weak suddenly. It looks like they are not going to Bangladesh managed to score 271. So what is all this going on?" get any wickets. After 69 for 6.

Asked if there was a need to have different players for different formats, Lal said: "Every country is playing like that. Must have specialised cricketers for different formats. Why not have different players for different formats? All countries are doing it and India should also



Labuschagne, Head centuries lift Oz to 330-3

AP ADELAIDE

Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head posted unbeaten centuries in a 199-run stand to lead Australia to 330-3 against West Indies at stumps on day one Thursday of the second cricket Test. Labuschagne scored his third century in as many innings against West Indies and was

120 not out at Adelaide Oval. Head was 114 not out after making his first test century on his home ground in the daynight match.

Both teams made injuryenforced changes following Australia's 164-run win in the series-opener in Perth last weekend. Marquino Mindley, one of three changes for the depleted West Indies, left the field with a hamstring strain after bowling iust two overs on debut.

The Australians got on top early after stand-in captain Steve Smith won the toss and opted to bat first. Usman Khawaja shared a 34-run opening stand with David Warner (21) and 95 with Labuschagne for the second wicket before his dismissal for 62 triggered the only slight wobble in Australia's innings.

Part-time seamer Devon Thomas was the unlikely bowler to break the second-wicket

stand, trapping Khawaja lbw from around the wicket on the first ball of the 42nd over.

Khawaja was given out and immediately reviewed the decision, but the third umpire confirmed the dismissal and Australia was 129-2.

In the next over, former skipper Jason Holder took a return catch off his own bowling to dismiss Smith for a duck as Australia lost two wickets for two runs in 11 deliveries.

But Labuschagne and Head counter-attacked in quick time, restoring Australia's dominance.

Labuschagne cut Thomas to the point boundary to raise his 10th century in his 30th test, and third in succession in this series following his 204 and 104 not out in Perth.

Head was next, reaching triple figures for the fifth time in a test with a driven boundary through mid-off, continuing his dominance through the offside. His century came off 125 deliveries and contained 10 boundaries.

West Indies skipper Kraigg

Brathwaite cycled through seven bowlers in pursuit of a wicket on a pitch that favored the bat, with only Joseph (1-81), Holder (1-42) and Thomas (1-43) getting any rewards.

India A tail wags against Bangladesh A in second unofficial Test **PTI** ■ SYLHET

India A put themselves in a com-Imanding position by posting a mammoth first-innings total of 562 and then reducing Bangladesh A to 49 for two at stumps on the third day of the second unofficial Test match here on

Still ahead by 261 runs, the visitors will look for an innings victory on the final day. At the close of the penultimate day's play, Shadman Islam was batting on 22, while Mominul Haque was on

Zakir Hasan, who got a maiden call-up in the upcoming first Test against India, was out for 12, while mudul Hasan Ioy was

for 10. Saurabh Kumar (1/10) and Umesh Yadav (1/16) were the wicket takers for India A.

Earlier, resuming their first innings at 324 for five, skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran (157) added 13 runs to his overnight score while Jayant Yadav made 83. Saurabh smashed a 39-ball 55 and Navdeep Saini scored an unbeaten 50 off 68 deliveries as India A tailenders gave a good account of themselves to propel the side to 562 for nine before declaring. Jayant decorated his 150-ball stay with 10 boundaries while Saurabh hit seven fours and two hits over the fence during his entertaining knock.

Saini struck five fours and two sixes during his half-century.



(3/129) and left-arm spinner Hasan Murad (3/145) picked up three wickets apiece for Bangladesh A.

Pacer Sumon Khan (2/119) also chipped in with a couple of wickets. Bangladesh A will have to bat out

of their skin to save the match as India A have a full day's play to dislodge the remaining eight wickets. **Brief scores:**

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Bangladesh A 1st Innings 252, 49
for 2 in 30 overs (Shadman Islam 22 not
out; Saurabh Kumar 1/10) vs India A
1st Innings 562/9 declared in 147.1
overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 157, Jayant Yadav 83, Saurabh Kumar 55, Kona Bharat 77, Cheteshwar Pujara 52, Navdeep Saini 50 not out; Musfik Hasan 3/129 Hasan Murad

INDIA-OZ TEST SERIES TO BEGIN AT NAGPUR FROM FEB

Nagpur, Delhi, Dharamsala and Ahmedabad have been chosen as the venues for the much awaited four-Test series between India and Australia from February 9 to March 13.

The BCCI on Thursday announced the schedule for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as well as the limited overs home series against Sri Lanka and New Zealand in January-February.

The Test series will be part of the World Test Championship

"This will also be the last edition of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy which will be a 4-match Test series feature," said the BCCI in a statement with the two teams battling out in a five-match series thereafter.

The VCA Stadium in Jamtha will host the opening Test from February 9-13 before the caravan moves to Delhi for the second Test from February

There is a week's gap between the second and third



Test which takes place in Dharamsala from March 1-5.

The final game of the series will be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad from March 9-13.

The two teams will also play a three-match ODI series with the games being played at Mumbai, Vizag and Chennai on March 17, 19 and 22 respective-

January will see India host

Sri Lanka and New Zealand for limited overs series comprising

three ODIs and three T20s each. Sri Lanka will be the first team to visit with the T20Is scheduled in Mumbai, Pune and Rajkot on January 3, 5

The subsequent ODIs will be played in Guwahati, Kolkata and Trivandrum on January 10,

12 and 15. After a two-day gap, the three-match ODI series with the games to be played at Hyderabad, Raipur and Indore on January 18, 21 and 24.

The following T20Is will be played in Ranchi, Lucknow and Ahmedabad on January 27, 29 and February 1.

T20Is versus Sri Lanka: 1st T20I (Jan 3, Mumbai); 2nd T20I (Jan 5, Pune); 3rd T20I (Jan 7, Rajkot); ODIs vs Sri Lanka: 1st ODI (Jan 10, Guwahati); 2nd ODI (Jan 12, Kolkata); 3rd ODI (Jan 15; Trivandrum).

ODIs versus New Zealand: 1st ODI (Jan 18, Hyderabad); 2nd ODI (Jan 21, Raipur); 3rd ODI (Jan 24, Indore); T20Is versus NZ: 1st T20I (Jan 27, Ranchi); 2nd T20I (Jan 29, Lucknow); 3rd T20I (Feb 1; Ahmedabad).

Tests versus Australia: 1st Test (Feb 9-13; Nagpur); 2nd Test (Feb 17-21; Delhi); 3rd Test Mar 1-5; Dharamsala); 4th Test (Mar 9-13; Ahmedabad); ODIs vs Australia: 1st ODI (Mar 17; Mumbai); 2nd ODI (Mar 19; Vizag); 3rd ODI (Mar 22;

maiden call-up for first Test against India

Zakir Hasan gets



PTI ■ CHATTOGRAM

 $B_{
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The decision to draft Hasan into the side has been taken as the seasoned Tamim is yet to recover from a groin injury.

Hasan was named player of the match in the first unofficial Test against India A and was the leading run getter in the firstclass competition.

"Our physio said he (Tamim) won't be able to play in the first Test. But we are awaiting the medical report for the second Test. So, we've announced the squad for the opening Test," BCB chief selector Minhajul Abedin told Cricbuzz.

Pacer Taskin Ahmed, who is not part of the ongoing ODI series against India due to fitness issues, has been named in the Test squad. The two-match Test series will be part of the World Test Championship. The second Test will be played in Mirpur from December 22.

Bangladesh squad for first Test: Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Najmul Hassan Shanto, Mominul Haque, Yasir Ali Chowdhury, Mushfiqur Rahim, Shakib Al Hasan (C), Litton Das, Nurul Hasan, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Syed Khaled Ahmed, Ebadot Áossain, Shoriful Islam, Zakir Hasan, Rejaur Rahman Raja, Anamul Haque Bijoy.

Prannoy loses to Lu in BWF World Tour Finals, out of semifinal race

PTI ■ BANGKOK

India's HS Prannoy went down fighting in three games to China's Lu Guang Zu in his second Group A match to bow out of the semifinal race at the BWF World Tour Finals here on Thursday.

The 30-year-old from Kerala, who had lost to the same opponent in his only meeting at the French Open this year, put up a brave effort but couldn't go the distance, losing 21-23, 21-17, 19-21 in a gruelling 84-minute contest. It was his second loss in



Group A following the opening match defeat to Japan's Kodai Naraoka. The world No. 12 Indian will face world number one and Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen in his final Group A match on

Axelsen topped the group after beating Naraoka 21-5, 21-15 in a lop-sided contest. The Dane had also defeated Lu in straight games on Wednesday. With the top two players in the group making it to the knockout stage, it will be either Naraoka or Lu joining Axelsen in the semifinals.

England add pace of Wood for 2nd Test

 $E_{Wood\ and\ shrugged\ off\ Pakistan's}^{ngland\ brought\ in\ fast\ bowler\ Mark}$ friendlier for spin in the second Test

from Friday. Wood was the only change England made after its landmark, 74-run win in the first Test at Rawalpindi on Monday.

Wood replaced allrounder Liam Livingstone, who returned home after injuring his knee during the first Test. "Having someone in your squad who can bowl at 150 kph is a massive

bonus for any team," England captain

Ben Stokes said of Wood on Thursday. "Having someone of this caliber and what he brings, the way in which he bowls, is going to be massive for us. He



March when he sustained an elbow injury. He missed the entire English county season and returned to international cricket during England's sevenmatch T20 series in Pakistan in September. But a hip injury sidelined him from the climax of the triumphant

T20 World Cup campaign in Australia. Ollie Pope was retained behind the wickets after replacing an ill Ben Foakes for the first Test. Pope scored a century and made six catches and a stump-

Stokes stressed Foakes remained their prime glovesman but at the moment Pope's role as a batter and wicketkeeper perfectly suited the team com-

is going to add to our ability to take 20 bination.
wickets." "The performance that Popey put in was outstanding," Stokes said. "To stand behind the stumps for the amount of time that he did after scoring a hundred and then standing in the field . . Especially as someone who's not used to doing that role."

> out of the entire three-match series, Pakistan's bowling resources were further depleted when paceman Haris Rauf was ruled out of the remaining two Tests after injuring his right thigh during his debut Test at Rawalpindi.

With Shaheen Afridi injured and

"We are facing injury problems because most of our fast bowlers are playing in all the three formats and that is very tough on them," Pakistan captain Babar Azam said.