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RS proceedings adjourned till Monday amid ruckus over no-confidence notice against Dhankhar

► Dhankhar said he was a farmer's son and he would not 'show weakness'.

New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) The opposition's move to seek the impeachment of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar led to pandemonium in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. With opposition and treasury benches clashing and the Chairman wading into the issue, the proceedings of the House, which have been marred because of the issue and the Adani controversy, were adjourned in the first hour itself. Before the adjournments, Dhankhar said he was a farmer's son and he would not 'show weakness'. "Day in and day out there is only a campaign against the Chairman...it's a campaign not against me; it's a campaign against category to which I belong," he asserted. The Chairman, before adjourning the proceedings at around 11.45 am till Monday, appealed to Leader of the Opposition in the House Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the House JP Nadda to come to his chamber to find a way out to end the logjam. "I appeal to you, Khargeji, please spare time, accept my prayer, and see me in my chamber



today. The same request I am making to the Leader of the House also... I will try to navigate things so that we are able to work as members of the House. I would expect Kharge Ji to respond. Let us meet in my chamber and find a way out," Dhankhar said. To this, a visibly angry Kharge retorted, "How can I respect you?

You are insulting me". As he was speaking, the Chair adjourned the proceedings till Monday. Trouble arose after BJP's Radha Mohan Das Agrawal raised a point of order and narrated the procedure related to the no-confidence motion against the Vice President of India, who is an ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

PM Modi pays tributes to Parliament attack victims



New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to those killed in the terrorist attack on Parliament in 2001. He said that the country remains eternally grateful for their courage and dedication.

Modi paid tribute to them at a commemoration event held in Parliament complex. Eight security personnel had made the supreme sacrifice in the

attack carried out by Pakistan-based terrorist organisations. A gardener was also killed.

Security forces killed all five terrorists involved in the attack. Modi on X posted, "Paid homage to those martyred in the 2001 Parliament attack. Their sacrifice will forever inspire our nation. We remain eternally grateful for their courage and dedication."

Over 350 attendees from 36 countries engaged in transformative discussions on innovation, sustainability, and societal impact

New Delhi, 13 December : Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (iOE), Delhi-NCR, successfully hosted the Innovation and Impact Summit 2024 in collaboration with the Times Higher Education (THE), a leading global platform for higher education data and insights.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Professor Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of National Educational Technology Forum (NETF); Chairman of the Executive Committee of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and Chairman, National Bureau of Accreditation (NBA), India. The inauguration ceremony featured Phil Baty, Chief Global Affairs Officer of THE and Shikhar Malhotra, Chancellor of Shiv Nadar IoE.

The event saw the participation of 380 attendees from diverse sectors, including academia, industry, and government. Over three days, the event explored various critical topics such as AI, space, neuroscience, health innovations, clean energy, sustainability, and many more. Professor Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum and Chairman of EC National Assessment and Accreditation Council, said, "I am delighted to be a part of this prestigious event celebrating India's remarkable progress in innovation and education."

India, moving from 81st to 39th position on the Global Innovation Index in just nine years, reflects the power of blending our rich intellectual heritage with modern innovation. Initiatives like the Atal Innovation Mission and the National Education Policy 2020 transform classrooms into creativity hubs, preparing our youth to tackle global challenges with confidence and ingenuity. Reflecting on the summit's success, Shikhar Malhotra, Chancellor, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi -



NCR, said, "The Impact and Innovation Summit 2024 marks a great moment for Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR. We thank Times Higher Education to host this prestigious event in India for the first time."

With participation from 36 countries and discussions spanning domains such as space technology, philanthropy, education and entrepreneurship, these three days were testament to the power of collaboration and diverse perspectives. Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR, as the largest initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, stands firmly rooted in our founder's vision of giving back to society through education and innovation. Events like these reaffirm our commitment to driving meaningful progress, addressing pressing global challenges

in higher education, and advancing collective solutions through visionary thinking and cross-sector engagement."

Adding to the sentiment, Phil Baty, Chief Global Affairs Officer, Times Higher Education (THE), stated, "I would like to thank Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi - NCR for providing inspiration, demonstrating the innovation and ensuring the impact of this event by hosting us all here this week."

This summit was truly a place to forge new friendships, collaborations, a platform for action, and a call to reassert the role of higher education as a worldwide force of good. The summit provided a unique opportunity to highlight the critical challenges and innovative solutions that will ultimately shape the future of both technology and society."

Target to produce 20 gigawatts of green power by 2030 : Bhatti



Hyderabad, Dec.13 (NSS): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the State government is formulating a special plan to produce 20 gigawatts of green power by 2030 and as part of its endeavour, it is working with determination for achieving the goal in the energy sector.

As part of the National Energy Conservation Week to be held from December 14 to 20, 2024, the electricity conservation celebrations will be held in Telangana on a grand scale. On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka unveiled the electricity

conservation calendar for the year 2025 prepared by the officials of the Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TGREDCO) at Pragathi Bhavan here on Friday.

Addressing the programme, the Deputy Chief Minister revealed that the government will formulate a special action plan with the aim of establishing 20GW of renewable energy by 2030 and 40GW by 2035. He stated that technology-based measures are being taken in all sectors to achieve energy conservation and energy efficiency in Telangana.

Bachpan se yahi dekha hai, Rajnath Singh's dig at Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) In a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said it was natural for some opposition leaders to roam around with copies of the Indian Constitution in their pockets.

"Today many leaders of the Opposition roam around with the copies of the Constitution in their pockets. Inhone bachpan se yahi dekha hai...This is what they have learnt from their childhood days. For generations they have seen their family members keep the Constitution in their pockets only," Singh said as he opened the debate on the 75th anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution in Lok Sabha on Friday.

Rahul Gandhi and several Congress leaders have been flaunting red covered copies of the Constitution while on campaign trails in a series of recent elections, especially 2024 Lok Sabha polls, where they accused the BJP-led NDA of



seeking 400 seats to change the Constitution.

Today in the Lok Sabha, Rajnath Singh recalling the Congress stalwarts -- late Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi -- said the Congress leaders always used the Constitution as tool to advance their political interests. Singh said for the BJP, the Consti-

tution is a sacred document to be revered with the head bowed and for the Congress it is a copy to be kept in a pocket.

"Our commitment to the Constitution is clear. We have never played with institutional autonomy ever. Constitutional values for us are not exhibits, these values are reflected in our actions,"

Pay attention to Bangladesh, act to end Hindus' misery: Uddhav Thackeray to PM Modi

Mumbai, Dec 13 (GNS) Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray has called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take note of the severe atrocities being perpetrated on the Hindus in Bangladesh and immediately intervene in the matter.

"Why is the government silent on the atrocities on the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh? The Opposition has been raising the issue in Parliament for the past few days on the injustice being meted out to the minority Hindus there, but nothing is being done by India," Thackeray said on Friday.

Speaking to mediapersons, he said a couple of months ago when the Bangladesh cricket team had come to India (September-October), Aditya Thackeray had demanded that we should not play with them, but the government



kept mum and did nothing about it. "We want to know why the PM is not saying anything on this. Hindus are being targeted daily, the ISKCON Temple was burnt, their leaders were arrested and subjected to action, but we are silent," Thackeray said. Taking a jibe, Thackeray said that "on be-

half of all the Hindus in the country", he was appealing to the PM that just as he had taken action in the Ukraine crisis, he should do the same in Bangladesh to ensure that the attacks on Hindus stop there. "There is no point in making slogans like 'batenge, katenge, fatenge, mareng,' etc.

Hon'ble Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma unveils the High-Performance Para-Sports Academy

► The Aditya Mehta Foundation's Infinity Para Sports Academy!

● Felicitated this year's National and International medalists trained under Aditya Mehta Foundation

Hyderabad : The Aditya Mehta Foundation's Infinity Para Sports Academy in Begumpet, witnessed a momentous occasion today as Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, formally inaugurated its newly revamped high-performance Academy. The prestigious event was marked by the felicitation of para-athletes who recently brought glory to the nation by winning medals at National & international level. Ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Guest of Honour Ms Sadhana Rashmi, IPS, DCP, North Zone; Ms. Vanitha Datla, Trustee of Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF) and Vice Chairperson & Managing Director, Elico Ltd.; Shri Madhukar Naik D, CEO, Secunderabad Cantonment Board; and Shri T. Gopalkrishna, Deputy Commissioner and Region Head, JNV South. The Infinity Para Sports Academy stands as a beacon of excellence and inclusivity, offering world-class facilities and training programs designed to empower para-athletes to excel on the global stage. Speaking on the occasion Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, said, I am truly honoured to stand before this extraordinary gathering—a testament to talent, perseverance, and the indomitable human spirit. Today, we celebrate a triumph of will-power over adversity, proving that disability is not an obstacle to success but a stepping stone to greatness. Despite facing challenges that might deter others, these remarkable athletes have defied the odds, training relentlessly and achieving extraordinary milestones. Their journey is an inspiring reminder that with determination and support, the impossible becomes possible. I am profoundly impressed by the outstanding infrastructure and the heartfelt work being done by the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF). The facilities here are truly world-class, reflecting AMF's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and empowering athletes from across India. What makes this foundation even more remarkable is its inclusiveness, creating an environment where individuals from all walks of life can thrive and shine. AMF is not just a platform; it is a beacon of hope and an incubator of dreams, paving the way for a brighter and more inclusive future. Shri Madhukar Naik D, said, we feel very proud to have the first para sports academy in Hyderabad, especially in Cantonment. This institute offers a great opportunity for the children with

special needs to showcase their talent, they get enormous encouragement, training and handholding. The Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF) remains unwavering in its mission to propel para-athletes toward glory at the Paralympics 2028. Serving as a cornerstone of this vision, the revamped High-Performance Para-Sports Academy is equipped with cutting-edge resources and world-class training programs, enabling athletes to shine on the global stage, says Aditya Mehta, Founder, Aditya Mehta Foundation & Paracycling Coach for Indian Paracycling Team. Ms. Vanitha Datla said, The AMF is a non-profit charitable trust and the first of its kind in Asia, which is dedicated to pursue sports, earn dignity and achieve excellence. Over the years we have counselled, screened and trained more than eight thousand individuals, transforming grass root talent into international champions with over 300 international medals to our name.

We are very proud to collaborate with institutions like Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Kendriya Vidyalayas and the Central Armed Police forces. Introducing para sports, providing customized training and equipment to these aspiring athletes, our ultimate vision is to bring glory to India at the Paralympics 2028 and the Youth Asian Games. Aditya Mehta from his two Asian medals, has inspired and guided countless para-athletes, converting a personal triumph of two international medals into a movement that produced more than 300 international medals and globally celebrated para-athletes through this Foundation. The newly refurbished high-performance Para-Sports Academy is a game-changer in the journey of para-athletes towards global excellence. Boasting state-of-the-art infrastructure, the academy provides cutting-edge training and rehabilitation facilities designed to meet the unique needs of para-athletes, empowering them to break barriers and redefine limits. The specialized equipment at the Academy ensures tailored support for every athlete's requirement. Supported by a team of world-class coaches and physiotherapists, the facility offers personalized guidance and care, enabling para-athletes to unlock their full potential and perform at their peak on the global stage. The academy's unique features set a new benchmark in para-sports development, reflecting AMF's deep commitment to empowering para-athletes," says Aditya



Mehta, the visionary behind the foundation. By fostering excellence and inclusivity, AMF is paving the way for para-athletes to achieve unparalleled success and inspire future generations, says Aditya Mehta, Founder, Aditya Mehta Foundation & Paracycling Coach for Indian Paracycling Team.

Shri Jishnu Dev Varma felicitated para-athletes who brought laurels to the nation at the World Ability Games held in Thailand recently and the other international and national para-athletes who made India proud. The athletes who were felicitated were

- Para-cyclist Arshad Shaik and Jyoti Gaderiya who represented India at the Paralympics.
- Hand-cyclists Prashant Arkal from Maharashtra represented India at UCI Paracycling Road World Cup I – Australia; UCI Paracycling Road World Cup II – Belgium and UCI Paracycling Road World Cup III - Italy Belgium and Italy. He won a Silver Medal at Mens Handcycling event at Asian Paracycling Road Event at Kazakhstan.
- Hand-cyclist Yogesh Ahire from Maharashtra

won bronze medal at Kazakhstan Road Asian Championships Paracycling event.

- Aryavardan Cheelampalli from Telangana won 2 silver medals in Asian cycling championship Delhi 2024.
- Pawan Kanoji from Andhra Pradesh won 2 Bronze medals at Asian Championships Track 2024 at Delhi.
- The young athletes from the Centre of Excellence, JNV Rangareddy (Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti), trained at AMF's Parasports Academy, and won a rich haul of 16 medals including 5 Gold, 8 Silver and 3 Bronze, at the recent World Ability Games 2024. They were felicitated on the occasion
- Prathmesh (16) from Maharashtra won 2 Silver Medals in Powerlifting
- Devendra (14) from Telangana won 2 Gold Medals in Shot Put and Discus Throw and 1 Silver Medal in Sprinting
- Jyoti (16) from Haryana won a Gold Medal in Javelin Throw and 2 Silver Medals in Discus Throw and Shot Put.
- Shivani (16) from Andhra Pradesh won a

- Gold Medal in Shot Put.
 - Satish (14) from Andhra Pradesh won 2 Silver Medals in Shot Put and Discus Throw
 - Pritam (15) from Haryana won a Silver Medal in Shot Put and a Bronze Medal in Javelin Throw.
 - Janu (16) from Uttar Pradesh won 2 Bronze Medals in Shot Put and Javelin Throw.
 - Lakshmikanth (16) from Karnataka won a Gold Medal in Triple Jump.
- These remarkable achievements showcase the unwavering dedication, relentless hard work, and world-class training of these young stars. They have not only redefined limits but also inspired an entire generation. Their victories highlight the vital role of initiatives like AMF in nurturing talent and breaking barriers in sports. These talented children were identified through a grassroots Talent Identification Camp organized at Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, says Aditya Mehta, Founder, Aditya Mehta Foundation & Paracycling Coach for Indian Paracycling Team.

What the collapse of the Syrian regime says about the Arab region

On December 8, after a rapid offensive that lasted less than two weeks, Syrian opposition forces entered Damascus and declared the end of Bashar al-Assad's regime. The Syrian president and his family are believed to have flown out in an unknown direction just before the rebels entered the capital. The uprising against the Syrian government that ended the half-century of al-Assad family rule should be seen as among the most important political turning points in the modern Arab region since the end of World War II and the creation of Israel in 1948. It marks a definitive break with the legacy since the 1950s of military-anchored Arab autocrats who have long dominated and ravaged Arab societies. Many rightly celebrate the overthrow of al-Assad, and many others wonder what will happen next given the involvement of various local and external powers in Syria. The Syrian people know they want a decent life, to be treated with respect and to be heard. We should humbly watch them bring a new and stable order to their country and stop the Western silliness of analysing what the length of a beard means or entertaining conspiracy theories. It is critical now to reflect on what the devastating tale of Syrian governance and civil war mean. Syria under the Assads was neither unique nor the work of just a few local brutes. Rather, it is an example of the widespread legacy of heavy-handed, often vicious, Arab state power that has ravaged the region and demeaned its people for half a century, with the help of regional

and great powers and assorted nongovernmental groups. The al-Assad regime was the longest-lasting military-based, foreign-backed, and family-anchored autocratic government to dominate the Arab region, which devastated its people, economy, and national integrity. The Syrian experience reveals all the debilitating hallmarks of shared Arab autocracy, which persist widely and must be systematically rooted out of our societies. These include a lack of genuine pluralism and accountability through credible participatory institutions; top-heavy rule anchored in military and police brutality, mass imprisonment, torture, and death; centralised economic planning that breeds corruption among the elite and deep quality-of-life disparities across the land; and no structural connections between the citizens and the state that could generate policies that reflect the consent and will of the governed. The 1952 Egyptian revolution of Gamal Abdel Nasser initiated the destructive legacy of military-run Arab governance, which expanded more quickly after Israel's 1967 defeat of Arab armies. Bashar al-Assad's father, Hafez, was among a cohort of Arab officers who seized power in the following two decades in various Arab countries and proceeded to drive them into the ground. These self-imposed officers could neither wage war nor govern effectively during their decades of rule. As a result, since the 1990s, most Arabs outside the few wealthy oil producers have suffered steady declines in their opportunities for decent education

and healthcare, jobs, access to sufficient food, water, and electricity, and other basic necessities. Regional surveys reveal over and over again that a small percentage of Arabs (mostly in the oil-producing states and among small elites elsewhere) live comfortable lives, while the majority enjoy neither political rights nor a decent material life. Inequality and poverty within Arab societies continue to rise. Through repression, Arab governments have transformed their citizens into passive, voiceless, impotent consumers, many of whom seek to or do emigrate. Repression has generated intense anger, fear, and desperation among their citizens. They have responded by challenging the state, joining its corrupt system, or retreating from it into smaller tribal, religious, or ideological groups they form to protect themselves and survive in the face of dangers from their own state, Israel, or foreign powers. The most potent Arab movements that challenged the militarised power model were Islamist – both armed and peaceful. In Syria, when a peaceful protest movement was met with brutal military force, the uprising quickly transformed into a civil conflict, which undermined national cohesion, allowed the proliferation of armed groups and ushered in interference from foreign powers. What has happened in Syria should be a wake-up call for all Arab autocrats. The region cannot endure long the reality that not a single Arab state has been credibly validated by its own people through constitutional or electoral means. I've experienced and journalistically chronicled the conditions



of Arab societies and citizens for over half a century, and I conclude that not a single Arab country has passed the four cardinal tests of stable statehood, genuine sovereignty, citizenship, and sustained and equitable human development. We would be fools to miss the signals that Syria sends the world about every ordinary citizen's indomitable will to live in freedom and dignity. And we would be complicit in denying these to Arabs if we continue business as usual with the existing state and economic systems that have mostly failed their people. It was, of course, the predictable coda of a coward who, having caused so much grief, loss, and suffering for so many decades, sought refuge in a place far away from the

scene of his long list of horrific and lethal crimes against decency and humanity. So, al-Assad now calls Russia, not Syria, home. He is a guest of his welcoming patron, Russian President Vladimir Putin – fittingly, another fugitive from justice accused of war crimes. Syria's odious man on the run brought along, no doubt, a healthy sum of looted money or gold to finance the comfortable life that he and his complicit partner, Asma, are accustomed to. Meanwhile, exhausted Syrians – who, for the moment, are celebrating a dictator's sudden demise – will try, as best they can, to recover and rebuild in the wake of a grinding civil war that disfigured their beloved homeland year after debilitating year.

Construction of railway industry should be completed within the stipulated time

► South Central Railway General Manager Arun Kumar Jain

Warangal, 13 December : South Central Railway (SCR) General Manager Arun Kumar Jain emphasized the importance of completing the ongoing construction of the Railway Industry Manufacturing Unit at Kazipet within the stipulated time-frame during his inspection on Friday.

Accompanied by the Railway Manager of Secunderabad Division and other senior officials, he conducted a detailed review of the progress at the site. Divisional officers presented a comprehensive report on the current status of the construction, following which the Gen-

eral Manager urged them to accelerate the pace of work while ensuring adherence to safety protocols and guidelines. He stressed that safety measures at the construction site should remain a top priority.

In addition to inspecting the manufacturing unit, Arun Kumar Jain also reviewed redevelopment activities at Kazipet railway station.

He examined passenger amenities and facilities, directing the authorities to expedite and complete the ongoing station upgrade within the given time-

frame. The staff lobby and newly built staff running room at Kazipet were also inspected, where he interacted with local authorities about various development plans aimed at enhancing employee convenience.

The General Manager assured that more comfortable facilities would be provided for railway employees and urged the concerned departments to maintain a high standard of execution for the projects. The program witnessed the participation of South Central Railway officials, security personnel, and other key stakeholders.



Congress government Failure to implement six guarantees BJP

Hyderabad - As per the Instructions of BJP State President & Union Minister for Coal and Mines Gol G. Kishan Reddy to Protest Against not Implemented the Six Guarantees of Congress Govt. Telangana State BJP decided to protest Against the Congress Govt. In All Assembly Wise Bike Rallies, and Corner Meetings. In this Connection Charminar Assembly, The BIKE RALLY & CORNER MEETING.

Protesting the non-implementation of six guarantees by the Congress government, a bike rally was organized under the Charminar Assembly Constituency oldcity Hyderabad under the auspices of the BJP.

The bike Rally started from Sultanshahi Jagadamba Temple and reached Bela Square via Goulipura Square, Bela, Ghansi Bazar, Puranapol, Salibanda. Later BJP Charminar Constituency Convener S.Praveen Kumar, BJP Golconda district president V Pandu Yadav,



Senior Leaders Om Prakash, Mir Firasath Ali Baqri, T Uma Mahendra, and others participated in the public meeting presided over by Praveen Kumar and criticized the Congress for deceiving people in the name of six guarantees of the government. He said it is ironic to celebrate

the victory without implementing the promises given. Six guarantees should be implemented immediately. BJP Former State Spokesperson Mir Firasath Ali Baqri addresses public meeting, highlighting the failures of the Congress government's one-year rule in Telangana.

Ramagundam CP Srinivas inaugurated the "Work Site School" At the MTN Bricks Industry for children of bricklayers

Peddapalli, Dec 13: Ramagundam Police Commissioner M.Srinivas stated that the schools have been started under the name of "Work Site School" with the aim of imparting corporate education to the children of migrant workers working in brick kilns.

Ramagundam Police Commissionerate Range Peddapalli Zone Basant Nagar Police Station Ramgundam Police Commissioner M.Srinivas under the authority of child labor system, eradication of picket work, compulsory education for the children of laborers as the main objective of the Police is the condition of children of laborers who are making and carrying bricks together with their parents in brick kilns.

Talk to the owners brick by brick. The Commissioner of Police along with the police officers started the "Work Site School" class rooms which were set up with the main objective of ensuring the welfare of the workers and ensuring that their children are not turned into labourers.

Later, the CP said... Migrant workers have left own state and come thousands of kilometers away to work in brick kilns. Their children are also staying with them and becoming future workers. He said that the migrant workers left the state to work in



the brick kilns for the sake of crores of rupees, and it was not right for the workers and their children to work in the kilns without their education. He said that schools have been started to provide corporate level education by talking to the employers so that they have a golden future.

The CP said that the police department will provide their contribution for the future of the children, with the good intention of providing quality education to the children, it has been set up like private schools. He said that there are 70 children in the work site here and teachers from Orissa have also been arranged to teach

them in Orissa language from first class to 5th class. Similarly, CP said that work site schools will be set up soon in brick buildings under Ramagundam Police Commissionerate.

Books and other materials were distributed to the students themselves. CP said that he wants all the children to study well and do high jobs.

Peddapalli DCP Chetana, Peddapalli ACP G Krishna, Godavarikhani ACP M.Ramesh, Sultanabad CI Subbareddy, Peddapally Traffic Inspector Anil, Basant Nagar SI Swamy, MTN Brick Industry Owner MD.Jafar and others participated in this program.

Roundtable on future of Logistics Infrastructure held

Hyderabad, Dec.13 (NSS): Dr Malsur, Director, Industries, Govt of Telangana, urged the Logistics industry to focus on logistics solutions that can reduce the cost of agricultural products, thereby benefiting farmers and the broader economy. The Shipping and Logistics Committee of FTCCI with the support from BATCO CFS, a unit of Globicon organised the first Roundtable discussion under the Knowledge Series on "Framework for Future Logistics Infrastructure at Taj Krishna here.



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Chaitanya Deepika on Gulf scams. Tears forever..book..

Hyd: The first copy of Sheikh Chand Pasha's essay on Gulf scams was handed over to the SP, Collector. After the review by District SP Ashok Kumar on the problems of Gulf victims for many days, Sheikh Chand Pasha explained the Gulf scams together with SP for more details.

The book Inkennalli Kannilu was handed over to SP Ashok Kumar and District Collector Satya Prasad. Dr. Sheikh Chand Pasha's report on Gulf issues and Gulf frauds was handed over to the SP, Collector.

Sheikh Chand Pasha said that he wrote his autobiography on how agents violate immigration rules. The SP said that village-to-village awareness meetings will be held to create awareness among the people about the laws. He said that Chand Pasha has written in detail about the Gulf scams in his autobiography book. Sheikh Chand Pasha said that thousands of people stuck abroad have been brought home. He reminded that the Congress party has put in its election manifesto to set



up NRI commission, court, help line center and NRI police. Dr. Sheikh Chand Pasha appealed to the government to provide compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs to those who died in the Gulf. It is heartening that the police will hold a meeting with the immigration officials on behalf of the Gulf victims. Sheikh Chand Pa-

sha said that the 140-page book Inkennalli Kannilu, written on the 25-year-old Gulf scams, will soon be launched in Hindi, English, and Urdu languages.

It is suggested that those who are victims of frauds of Gulf agents should contact TPCC NRI Cell Convener Dr. Sheikh Chand Pasha on 9949321330.

We will besiege the capital if the center does not wake up

- Central Govt to enumerate caste in population census
- National BC Dal President Dundra Kumaraswamy



Hyderabad, December 13 ; National BC Dal president Dundra Kumaraswamy has warned that the central government should take up the caste census in the census as soon as possible or else all the BCs will besiege the national capital Delhi like the farmers' movement.

He asked the central government to stand by BCs who are being neglected in all fields. Dundra Kumaraswamy demanded that the Centre's careless attitude towards BCs should be stopped and justice should be done.

Various BC associations, leaders, public association leaders and intellectuals participated in the meeting organized at the National BC Dal office in Kachiguda. Dundra Kumaraswamy said that just as the farmers wanted to besiege the national capital for their demands,

BC leaders and unions will also besiege New Delhi. Dundra Kumaraswamy said that they strongly believe that justice will be done to the BCs only with the caste census in the census and that the government at the center is wasting time by doing injustice to the BCs.

Caste is the strong cultural foundation of Indian culture, India became such a great country only when many castes came together. Among such castes, many BC castes are still not receiving minimum support.

They are living like poor people. Caste census is very important in population census to take them all to a higher level. He said that the goal of the National BC Dal is to distribute the wealth of the country to all and not just to a few. In 2010, when the BJP was in opposition at the Centre, it

demanded that caste census be taken in the census. In a meeting held on 31 August 2018 under the leadership of the then Home Minister Rajnath Singh, it was decided to collect caste-wise details in the census.

But why not move forward. Also, each BC Commission appointed in various states has recommended to conduct a caste enumeration. However, the central government is not responding. The central government should stop this reckless trend.

Otherwise, Dundra Kumaraswamy said that they are ready to intensify the movement at the national level. National BC Dal Greater Hyderabad president Rajesh Yadav, adviser Venkataramana, and student leaders Raju, Mallesham, Ravi and others participated in the programme

Shubman Gill toasts old Gabba memories as he prepares to make new ones

► The India batter has looked good in his two innings this series but will want a few more runs to show for it

Brisbane, Dec 13 (GNS) It didn't take long for the memories to come flooding back for Shubman Gill. People forget he played a big part at the Gabba in 2021. Only 21 years old, playing his third Test match, he walked out into perhaps the most intimidating stage Australia had to offer - their captain Tim Paine had made a point to remind them of that when they were able to salvage a draw in Sydney earlier - and looked like he belonged. Gill at his best comes with a volume warning, because when he hits the ball, it just reverberates around the ground. Sometimes you feel like you could pick out his shots with your eyes closed because the connection is so crisp. Early in India's chase of 329,

he hit Mitchell Starc off the back foot all along the ground through cover and on commentary former England cricketer Isa Guha exclaimed, "Crunched! Sound off the bat. Shubman Gill. Wow!" It is unmissable. The 91 he made at the top of the order set India up for the miracle that followed.

"Definitely very nostalgic when I came here," Gill said on the eve of this year's Gabba Test against Australia. "The whole team was coming and just walking to the stadium again after 2021 win, felt very nostalgic." Apart from that natural gift, he seems very well attuned to the vagaries of batting. He understands how things can go wrong and spends ages in the nets trying to fix them. He also understands how

things can go right. Former India coach Ravi Shastri recently spoke about how Gill had gone up to Rishabh Pant at tea on the final day of the 2021 Gabba Test and pointed out that Australia might resort to Marnus Labuschagne's legspin to tide them through to the second new ball and that was a time to cash in. (Labuschagne bowled only one over though)

"When you are out there one of the challenges is can you play the game how you want to play the game irrespective of what's happening on the other end or what's happening on the scorecard and I think I faltered in the first innings around because of that," Gill said, "Because what happened on the other end I kind of took that on me."



At 18, Gukesh conquers chess world

New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) At 18 years, six months and two weeks, Indian grandmaster Gukesh Damaraju became the youngest world chess champion defeating reigning champion Ding Liren of China in game 14 of the world title match in Singapore on Thursday.

He will be crowned the chess champion at a ceremony on Friday. For Gukesh, dethroning Ding in the last game of the hard-fought 14-round classical format matchup by 7.5 points against his rival's 6.5, was the culmination of a childhood dream of bringing back the coveted title to India.

As a seven-year-old chess enthusiast in 2013, Gukesh had seen first Indian world chess champion Viswanathan Anand lose his title to Norwegian Magnus Carlsen in the match played in the customary sound-proof glass box room at Chennai.

Ever since, the son of an ENT doctor and a microbiologist mother nurtured the dream of competing in that glass box — also called the fishtank by the chess grandmasters where outsiders can see you but you can't see them. He finally did so and came up trumps. "In 2013... I watched Vishy sir lose. I was young but that vision has stayed in my memory. The title was taken away from India.

I wanted to be in the same glass box and bring back the title. That has been my dream for the past 10 years or so to be in the glass box.



And my best moment, before this, was when I entered the glass box for the first game," he shared after winning the title. It was a befitting birthday gift for Anand, who turned 55 yesterday.

Gukesh replaces Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov as the youngest world champion. Kasparov was 22 when he won the title. Gukesh is also the 18th world champion — Wilhelm Steinitz was the first to win the crown in 1886.

This is Gukesh's record third world tournament victory in a calendar year. He won the Candidates tournaments, making him eligible to challenge Ding, and later was part of the Indian team that won the gold at the Chess Olympiad. This is also perhaps India's biggest win against

China at the world stage where both countries compete on an equal footing — unlike athletics that is dominated by China and hockey that is balanced towards India.

Gukesh showed a remarkable display of aggression and novelty throughout the championship. He kept pressing for a win in a rook-bishop pawn endgame theoretically drawn at the grandmaster level.

Playing with white, Ding had opened with reverse Grunfeld opening — where his light coloured bishop is fianchettoed to control the h1-a8 diagonal. This control had proved decisive in game 12 when he beat Gukesh. But not today. Gukesh produced a surprise sixth move by placing his kingside knight on e7 to support the queenside which was left weak in game 12.

ICC to finalise hybrid model for Champions Trophy with PCB chief on Saturday



New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) The ICC top brass is likely to finalise the hybrid model modalities for the Champions Trophy during a virtual meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday, it has been learnt. It has been agreed in principle that neither India nor Pakistan will travel to each other's country for ICC events. Hence, India and Pakistan will play in Dubai during the 2025 Champions Trophy which will

be held from February 19 to March 9. The tournament will feature eight teams, divided into two groups. The top two teams from each group will advance to the semifinals. The PCB had said that it was willing to accept the hybrid model only if the same arrangement would be made for all ICC events, awarded to India and Pakistan. It means that when India will host the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, Pakistan will not travel to the neighbouring

nation and play against them at a neutral venue. During the 2026 men's T20 World Cup, to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, India will not be able to play the marquee clash against Pakistan at home and instead travel to Colombo for the high-voltage clash. "There's a virtual meeting tomorrow which ICC chairman Jay Shah will join from Brisbane. It is expected that ICC will make an official announcement after that," an ICC official told.

2 factions in golf body set to hold separate elections

New Delhi, Dec 13 (GNS) The Indian Golf Union (IGU) is mired in faction fights. The falling out between IGU president Brijinder Singh and secretary general Harish Shetty has meant that both factions will end up holding elections with different electoral rolls and returning officers. The Shetty group, in fact, has already finished holding its election — Shetty was elected as president alongside Basant Kumar Repswal as

secretary general on Wednesday. The Singh-led group will hold the election on December 15 after the Delhi High Court refused to intervene in a petition filed by the Bengal Golf Association challenging its removal from the electoral roll and the changing of returning officer Justice (retired) OP Garg at the last moment. Singh changed Justice Garg after first removing BGA and four other units that were likely to side with Shetty in the elec-

tions. He appointed Justice Permod Kohli and then finally Justice (Retd.) Rameshwar Singh Malik for the elections. The Delhi High Court refused to interfere with the election process as elections are to be held within days. "Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, IGU, and the Union of India, I am of the view that it is inappropriate at this stage to interfere with the election process. The poll is scheduled to be held



in five days, and any controversy can be raised in challenge to the election results, rather than during the process," Justice Prateek Jalan said in his order.

Treesa-Gayatri keep semis hopes alive



Hangzhou, Dec 13 (GNS) The Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand defeated the Malaysian combination of Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan in straight games in their second Group A tie to keep alive

their semifinal hopes at the BWF World Tour Finals. Treesa and Gayatri, the only Indians to have qualified for the season-ending tournament, beat their opponents 21-19 21-19 in just 46 minutes to stay afloat in the competition.

Mbappe, Vinicius on target as Real Madrid beat Atalanta 3-2

Madrid, Dec 13 (GNS) Real Madrid's big stars turned on the style to revive the Spanish giant's faltering Champions League title defense. Galacticos Kylian Mbappe, Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham all scored in a thrilling 3-2 win at Italian league leader Atalanta. But Madrid still had to ride its luck as Mateo Retegui fired over from in front of goal in stoppage time when handed a golden chance to level the game. It was only Madrid's third win in the competition's revamped league phase and leaves the 15-time champion in the

unseeded playoff positions in 18th place. "It's a very important win. Not everyone wins here. We suffered and competed. In the Champions League, you have to suffer," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "It's still difficult to finish in the top eight, but we have two games left to earn points." Six-time champion Liverpool leads the way after maintaining its perfect record in Europe this season with a 1-0 win against Girona. Like Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain also picked up a much-needed win, beating Salzburg 3-0 to sit in the

last playoff spot in 24th place. Bayer Leverkusen is second after a 1-0 win over Inter Milan, while Aston Villa beat Leipzig 3-2 and is third. The top eight teams advance directly to the round of 16. Positions nine to 24 face a playoff to reach the next phase.

Real response After three losses in its opening five games of the league phase, the pressure was mounting on Madrid. Questions were also being asked of Mbappe after his uncertain start since his off-season move from PSG. But he produced a moment of class



to fire Madrid 1-0 up after 10 minutes at the Gwiss Stadium — controlling the ball with his left foot.