

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) vice president Maryam Nawaz Sharif on Thursday alleged that authorities had installed cameras in her jail cell and bathroom.

In a recent interview, Sharif spoke about the alleged inconveniences she had to face when she was incarcerated after being arrested in the Chaudhary Sugar Mills case last year, reported Geo News.



People without masks enjoy their dinner outside a restaurant in Los Angeles, California.

# COVID HORROR WORSENS IN US

## Country sets new record with more than 1,52,000 new cases

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Washington

Public health officials in the US announced over 1,52,000 new coronavirus cases on Thursday, the first day over 1,00,000 since the pandemic began, an alarming record that came just over a week after the country first experienced 100,000 cases in a single day.

Over 1,00,000 COVID-19 cases have been announced nationwide every day since November 4, and six of the last nine days have broken the previous record, reported New York Times.

Hospitalizations for COVID-19 also set a record on Thursday, climbing to 67,093, according to the Covid Tracking Project. It was the third straight day of record numbers, and the figure has doubled in just five weeks.

Meanwhile, deaths are also aver-

aging to over 1,000 each day. Illinois Governor JB Pritzker suggested that he could soon impose a stay-at-home order in the state, where more than 75,000 cases have emerged in the last week.

"We're running out of time and we're running out of options," New York Times quoted Pritzker.

Case numbers are trending upward in six states and holding relatively steady in four, while no state is seeing a decline in cases.

Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Minnesota all exceeded their previous single-day records on Thursday by more than 1,000 cases.

"COVID-19 is everywhere in our state. It is bad everywhere, and it is getting worse everywhere," said Julie Williams Van Dijk, the deputy secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

According to the latest update by Johns Hopkins University, the US

currently has 10,546,706 coronavirus cases in total, with 242,822 deaths.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump has publicly disengaged from the battle against the coronavirus at a moment when the disease is tearing across the United States at an alarming pace.

Trump, fresh off his reelection loss to President-elect Joe Biden, remains angry that an announcement about progress in developing a vaccine for the disease came after Election Day. And aides say the president has shown little interest in the growing crisis even as new confirmed cases are skyrocketing and hospital intensive care units in parts of the country are nearing capacity.

Public health experts worry that Trump's refusal to take aggressive action on the pandemic or to coordinate with the Biden team during

the final two months of his presidency will only worsen the effects of the virus and hinder the nation's ability to swiftly distribute a vaccine next year.

The White House coronavirus task force held its first post-election meeting Monday. Officials discussed the rising case numbers and the promise of a vaccine in development by Pfizer, and they reaffirmed the service of Navy Rear Admiral John Polowczyk, a member of the task force who retired Monday.

But Trump, who does not take part in the task force meetings, remains preoccupied with last week's election results. He has yet to weigh in on the recent spike in virus cases that has state and local officials scrambling and hospitals concerned about their ability to treat those stricken.

Although the president has con-

sistently played down the pandemic, which has killed more than 240,000 Americans and infected more than 10 million people in the US, public health experts expressed worry about Trump's silence on the troubling spike in cases, as well as his refusal to begin coordination on virus issues with Biden's transition team.

"It's a big problem," said Dr. Abir Karan, a global health specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "The transition is not going to happen until January, and we are in a complete crisis right now. We already know where this is headed. It's not good enough to say we're going to wait until the next president to address this."

The president's silence comes as numerous White House and campaign officials have tested positive for the virus in recent days.

# Virus has infected more than 9,20,000 American children

**AGENCIES**  
Washington

Over 920,000 children in the US have been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus since the onset of the pandemic in the country according to the latest data.

The data published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Children's Hospital Association on Thursday said that a total of 73,883 new child cases were reported from October 20 to November 5, the highest-ever weekly increase, reports Kansas news agency.

Over two weeks, from October 22 to November 5, there was a 17 per cent increase in child Covid-19 cases. Altogether 627,518 child cases were reported in the US, and children represented 11.3 per cent of all those infected.

The overall rate was 1.222 cases per 100,000 children in the population, according to the report.

Children accounted for 1 per cent to 3.4 per cent of total reported hospitalizations, and 0 to 0.18 per cent of all Covid-19 deaths, said the report.

"At this time, it appears that severe illness due to Covid-19 is rare among children. However, there is an urgent need to collect more data on longer-term impacts on children, including ways the virus may harm the long-term physical health of infected children, as well as its emotional and mental health effects," the AAP said.

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# Better late than never: China congratulates Joe

**K J M YARMA**  
Beijing

China on Friday shed its initial hesitation and congratulated US President-elect Joe Biden and his deputy Kamala Harris for their victory in the 2020 US presidential election, saying Beijing respects the choice of the American people.

"We have been following reactions on the US elections from both within the US and the international community," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here when pointed out that more world leaders as well as United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres have congratulated 77-year-old Biden.

"We respect the American people's choice and extend congratulations to Biden and Harris and we understand that the result of the US presidential elections will be determined following the US laws and procedures," Wang said.

China initially hesitated to congratulate Biden, a Democrat, after Republican incumbent President Donald Trump refused to concede.



**Cummings will be out of Downing Street by Xmas**

**ADITI KHANNA**  
London

The disquiet caused by a power struggle at the very top of the UK government, which spilled out into the open earlier this week with a high-profile exit from Downing Street, seemed to intensify on Friday as it emerged that UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson's senior-most aide is to also resign by Christmas next month.

Domonic Cummings, one of Johnson's most influential and high-profile aides as his Chief Strategy Adviser, has not formally announced his resignation but a Cabinet minister confirmed that he is on his way out.

"He'll be released. But advisers come and go," UK Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told Sky News.

"In any government, you require people who are going to shake things up and come up with ideas, and he's actually been that person," he said.

# Sunak lights up No. 11 with diyas

**ADITI KHANNA**  
London

UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak marked the festival of Diwali by stepping out of his No. 11 Downing Street home in London to lay out a rangoli decoration and light four diyas at the doorstep.

The 46-year-old Indian-origin finance minister, who is married to Akshata Murthy - the daughter of Indira - co-founder Narayana Murthy, has spoken about being a "proud Hindu" over the years.

His celebratory gesture on Thursday night marks a first for Downing Street, which annually sees the UK Prime Minister host a Diwali gathering and an Anandakut, or spread of festive food, from London's Swaminarayan Manji next door to No. 10.

Sunak's message this Diwali was for British Hindus to follow the lockdown rules and refrain from the usual tradition of getting together with friends and family.



**39 DEAD IN TYPHOON-RAVAGED PHILIPPINES**

All the concerned persons including bonded residents, environmental groups, NGOs and others are hereby informed that the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Manila, has accorded Environmental Clearance to Ms. Shree Laxmidevi Developers, 1st Floor, Larami Galleria, Plot No. 283, Road No. 3, Jawahar Nagar, Near Saurashtra Hospital, Goregaon (West), Mumbai, 400 062 for their project Environment Clearance for Proposed Residential Project - Shree Vasan 148 CHS (SRA Scheme) at Plot bearing CTS No. 1278, 1279/1 to 3, 1277 (P), 1277/1 to 42, 1277/43 (P), 1277/44 (P), 1277/45 to 47, 1277/49, 1277/50 to 14, 1278/13(P), 1278/19(P), 1278/22 to 28, 1278, 1279/1 to 21, 1280/1 to 11, Village - Malad, near Goregaon telephone exchange, Goregaon (West) Road, Malad - W, Mumbai - 400 062 by Ms. Shree Laxmidevi Developers Under File No. SEAAA-EC-00000225 dated 10/11/2020. The copy of clearance letter is available with the Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <https://www.mef.gov.in/>

**Public Notice**

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**STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

(₹ in lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half Year Ended		Year ended
		30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.06.2019	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	172.97	130.23	211.16	303.20	348.98
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and prior period items)	34.20	40.29	67.01	74.49	84.97
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after prior period items)	34.20	40.29	67.01	74.49	84.97
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	23.28	33.36	66.06	56.63	79.33
5	Share of profit/(loss) of associates	194.20	(7.96)	132.30	186.21	214.27
6	Other comprehensive income for the period	79.57	79.22	(86.95)	158.80	(107.90)
7	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax), Share of profit/(loss) of associates and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	297.05	104.59	111.41	401.64	185.70
8	Equity Share Capital	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88
9	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	6,070.33
10	Earning per Equity share - Basic and Diluted (₹)	19.99	2.33	18.23	22.32	36.99

Notes:

- The above financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and taken on record by the Board of Directors.
- The Limited Review under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 has been carried out by the Statutory Auditors.
- Pursuant to an application made by the Company to Reserve Bank of India (RBI), for voluntary surrender of its Non-Banking Finance Institution (NBFI) license, RBI vide Order dated November 30, 2018 ("Order") has cancelled its Certificates of Registration as a NBFI, with effect from date of the Order.
- Consequent upon surrender of NBFI license, as aforesaid, these statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The COVID-19 outbreak has developed rapidly in India and across the globe. The Govt. of India had announced a series of lock down measures from March 24, 2020 onwards which are yet to be completely withdrawn. Govt. of India has directed a calibrated and gradual withdrawal of lock down and partial resumption of economic activities. The Company has considered the possible effects that may result from the pandemic related to COVID-19 on the carrying amounts of all assets and liabilities including receivables, loans, investments and inventories. While the Management has evaluated and considered the possible impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the financial statements, given the uncertainties around its impact on future economic activity, the impact of the subsequent events is dependent on the circumstances as they evolve.
- The consolidated financial results include results of:
 

Name	Relationship
Fujisan Technologies Limited	Sister Company
AMJ Land Holdings Limited	Associate Company
Pulsar Paper Products Limited	Associate Company
- The figures for the previous period have been recast/reproduced wherever necessary to conform to current period's presentations.
- The above is an extract of the detailed form of Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th Sept, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full form of these Financial Results is available on Stock Exchange website ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and Company's website ([www.thacker.co.in](http://www.thacker.co.in)).
- The key standalone financial information are as under-

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		30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.06.2019	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	111.02	94.20	143.37	205.21	210.33
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	23.89	36.05	57.62	59.93	55.91
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	15.57	30.16	57.61	45.74	55.82
4	Other comprehensive income	71.07	29.48	(57.21)	100.56	(90.72)
5	Total other comprehensive income (comprising other comprehensive income and net profit after tax)	86.64	59.66	0.48	146.30	(34.91)

FOR Thacker and Company Limited  
Arunkumar Mahabirprasad Jais (Director)

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 13.11.2020