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## WEATHER

Max: 29.4°C  
Min: 23.8°C  
RH: 97%  
Rainfall: 13 mm  
Forecast: Cloudy sky with thunder showers. Max/Min temp. 30/22°C

## ASTROGUIDE

Vikari; Dakshinayana  
Tithi: Bhadrpada Bahula Shasthi till 8.07 pm  
Star: Kritika till 10.16 am  
Varjyam: 2.57 am to 4.37 am (Saturday)  
Durmuhurtam: 8.32 am to 9.21 am and 12.33 pm to 1.21 pm  
Rahukalam: 10.30 am to 12 pm  
HJRI CALENDAR  
Muharram 20,1441 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajar: 5.05 am  
Zohar: 12.19 pm  
Asar: 4.30 pm  
Maghrib: 6.20 pm  
Isha: 7.27 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 6.14 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.05 AM  
MOONRISE TOMORROW 22.32 PM  
MOONSET TODAY 10.56 AM

## COUNTER POINT



He will be eligible for gallantry award if he flies a 40-year-old MIG-21!

## BRIEF

### KCR, Jagan may meet on Sept. 24

Hyderabad: The Chief Ministers of the two Telugu states — Telangana and Andhra Pradesh — K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy respectively, would in most likelihood be meeting on September 24 in Hyderabad to discuss the sharing of Godavari waters, diverting it to the Krishna basin and other pending issues of the bifurcation. Both Chief Ministers had met twice earlier, on June 28 and on August 1, to hold preliminary discussions on the sharing of the Godavari waters.

Full report on Page 5

### Singareni staff to get ₹1L bonus

Hyderabad: Chief Minister Mr. K Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday announced a bonus of ₹1,00,899 to each worker of the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL), a public sector undertaking. While making a statement in the Assembly, Mr Rao said that this is a bonus given by the state government to the SCCL workers and employees as a Dasara festival gift. He said the SCCL is playing a crucial role and that SCCL has been strengthened due to the cooperation extended by the state.

## ANIMAL CRUELTY

### Cops accept complaint after Maneka intervened

# 60 stray dogs killed in AP

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA SEP. 19

Workers of Ramavarappadu panchayat near Vijayawada used lethal injections and sticks to kill 60 stray dogs, moved their dead bodies in Swachh Bharat van, and then dumped them in a pit. Their excuse? Increased dog bites in the Sai Model village under the panchayat.

Outraged by this mass cruelty, animal welfare board member Avani Gadda Nagamani complained to the police, which was reluctant to file a case until activist (and Member of Parliament) Menaka Gandhi's office intervened. Nagamani, with the help



Bodies of dogs which were killed by officials.

• Fifty dogs were killed and dumped in open a few months ago at Haafpeta village in Guntur district  
• 200 dogs were killed at Chintalapudi in West Godavari district.

Chronicle, Nagamani lamented the merciless killing of the dumb creatures, which she caught on video. A Tejovanth, secretary for the Help for Animals Society said local officials were ordering mass slaughter but not preventing the population growth of dogs or their vaccination. He pointed out that the mass dumping of animal carcasses poses a serious risk to human health by contaminating agricultural fields, air, water bodies. So far, no action has been taken against Haafpeta village panchayat secretary who ordered the culling of 70 dogs in Tenali despite lodging of a case.



## WORLD 11

### Iran warns against war as US, allies mull action

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## TABLOID

### Duress code has become dress code in colleges



### Singh becomes Tejas pilot for 2 minutes



Union defence minister Rajnath Singh waves while disembarking from the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas after a sortie at HAL airport in Bengaluru on Thursday. Mr Singh became the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA). During the 30-minute sortie, an official said the minister "controlled" and flew the aircraft for around two minutes. — PTI

## Rains to continue till Sept-end

### Experts say low pressure in the Bay of Bengal is a culprit

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Rain will continue till September-end as the monsoon's withdrawal is delayed by a month. It was to start from September 1 from Rajasthan in the western region, and from September 15 from South India. Both dates have been missed. Continuous low pressure in the Bay of Bengal is the culprit. There are consecutive formations of low pressure zones leading to winds from the east towards the west. This



THE MONSOON was supposed to withdraw from September 15 from south India. But it missed the date.

IT IS STILL active in central and western India. The southern parts of the country are seeing sporadic rain.

has caused sporadic and incessant rains. "This year the withdrawal pattern has seen a change," said weather expert Mahesh Palawat. "For withdrawal to happen, humidity must reduce, which has not

happened so far." For that to happen, there must be no rain for five consecutive days. This has not happened in western Rajasthan, so the withdrawal hasn't commenced. Rain is expected all over the country till

month-end. The monsoon is still active in central and western India. The South is seeing sporadic rain.

Weather experts conclude that the withdrawal will begin by month-end. "The withdrawal pattern has seen a shift due to cyclone Vayu," weather expert Rajani said. "There was deficit rain in June and July, but normal and excess rain in August and September made up for it. Data shows overall rain in the country at five per cent above normal."

## Graft mars purchases in TS minority schools

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

One of the two flagship Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Schools (TMREIS) is under criticism for alleged mismanagement and financial discrepancies. Finance joint secretary R. Ravi inquired into the allegations of irregularities committed by outsourcing consultants in September 2018 and had submitted his findings, but after a year no action has been taken. Since 2015, 204 residential schools and 12 junior colleges have been estab-

lished in the state with an enrolment of about 90,000 inmates. Out of this, 170 residential schools function in private buildings with a vast amount spent on the buildings' rents. The government spent more than ₹925 crore on these schools in four years. The government formed a governing body to monitor the functioning. It comprises ministers, secretaries for minorities welfare, finance, social welfare, the Intermediate Board, and the Director, School Education. But no meeting was held the last two years. Against allegations of

tardy auditing, internal auditing has been completed for 2016-17, while auditing is underway for 2017-18. No third party audit has taken place. A minorities welfare department official said funds are released to TMREIS on a priority as it is a prestigious state government programme. Nepotism is alleged in various procurements. Furniture costing ₹22 crore has been purchased for these institutions, and big sums were also spent on lab equipment, workshops, etc. Page 2: AK Khan seeks clarification

## MAN SUSPECTED OF BLACK MAGIC BURNT ALIVE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

An autorickshaw driver from Adrasspally in Shameerpet mandal of the Cyberabad police commissionerate was reportedly burned alive on the burning pyre of a woman by a group of people who suspected that he had performed black magic on the woman, which led to her death two days ago while undergoing treatment at the Osmania Hospital.

The incident took place on Wednesday night at Adrasspally, a village located merely around 40 km away from the city. Gyara Lakshmi, 45, wife of G Chithaiah, a labourer from Adrasspally, was suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes for last five years. She had consulted several doctors, but could not find relief. She was admitted to the Osmania Hospital on an emergency, where she died late on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening, her family members performed a cremation at the burial ground located on the outskirts of the village. Later, at around 8.30 pm, one Boini Anjaneyulu, 24, an auto driver from the same village, went to attend nature's call after dinner. Even after an hour, he did not return home, located less than 100 meters away from the crematorium. Meanwhile, B. Narsimha, husband of sarpanch B. Lalitha, received a phone call from a villager, that they have found a person at the crematorium, but the call got cut off and subsequently, the phone was turned off. Page 4: 12 people found to be involved in beating

## Internet access is a basic right: HC

### Kerala High Court says it's a part of Article 21

DC CORRESPONDENT KOCHI, SEPT. 19

The Kerala High Court ruled on Thursday that the right to access Internet using mobile phone is a fundamental right under the Constitution. Justice P.V. Asha, in a landmark judgment, also said it was part of the right to privacy and the right to education.

The court passed the verdict in a petition filed by Faeema Sherin, a third semester student of B.A. (English) of Sree Narayana College, Chelannur, Kozhikode, challenging her expulsion from the college hostel for violating the restrictions on using the mobile phone from 6 pm to 10 pm every day. The petitioner challenged the restriction on the ground that it was adversely impacting her access to information and study materials. The verdict of the single bench assumes importance in the background of ongoing shutdown of internet and mobile phone services in Jammu and Kashmir since August 5.



• The court said restrictions on accessing internet by curtailing the use of mobiles amounts to violation of fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression under article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution.

The court upheld the contention of the petitioner that restrictions on accessing internet by curtailing the use of mobile phones amounts to violation of fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression under article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution. The court held that the internet accessed through the mobile phone or laptops

provides an avenue for students to access knowledge. Counsel for the petitioner pointed out that the UN Human Rights Council had declared right to internet as a human right in 2016. Justice Asha upheld the contention and cited the Supreme Court verdict in the Vishakha case in this regard. The apex court judgment stated that rights declared by the UN could be read into the relevant Indian laws. "Going by the aforesaid dictum laid down in the said judgment, the right to have access to Internet becomes the part of right to education as well as right to privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution of India." The petitioner also objected to the gender discrimination inherent in the restriction as the same was not applicable to the boy's hostel. The decision of the college hostel was against the stipulations issued by the UGC. The stipulation says that the concern for the safety of women should not be used to "impose discriminatory rules for women."

## India to ignore Pak at UN

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

If Pakistan "wishes to dwell upon Article 370 they are welcome to do so", but India will not discuss its decision to revoke 370 at the United Nations General Assembly, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said on Thursday. In fact, sources added, India wants to "completely

ignore" Pakistan at the UNGA. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan PM Imran Khan will be addressing the world body on September 27, and while Mr Modi will focus on what India is doing "for development, for security, for peace, and our expectations and aspirations of other countries", Mr Khan is expected to dwell on the

revocation of Article 370. Mr Gokhale said the government had seen reports that pro-Pakistan elements are planning protests against Mr Modi when he visits America, and was confident the US government would take necessary action. "Article 370 is an internal issue," Gokhale said. "It will not be debated at the UN and we will not discuss it."

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## Beat dengue

The best way to avoid dengue is to join the TRS, says former MP and Congress leader Konda Vishweshwar Reddy

# Rains bring Hyderabad to a standstill

### GHMC taken off-guard from sudden rainfall, normal life disrupted, traffic travails traumatise commuters

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The city was hit by another spell of copious rains, which disrupted normal flow of life, and brought traffic to a standstill. Water was found flooding different parts of the city, low-lying areas and stagnated on the roads. The rains have left behind water puddles all over. At the ends and sides of roads, below and at the mouths of flyovers, standing water reduced the city to a partially flooded metro in despair.

One of the major reasons for stagnation of water in different places was the slopes and gradients in road levels, and engineering flaws, which were not allowing for a natural or smooth flow of water into the drains at Begumpet, Necklace Road and the metro rail corridors. This was seen leading to an overflowing of drains in some parts of the city and caused very slow movement of traffic in the city.

The highest rainfall recorded on Thursday was at Malakpet (37 mm), Saroornagar (26.5 mm), Jubilee Hills (22.5 mm) and other parts of the city, which recorded rain between 11 mm to 20 mm.

Officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation were seen clearing clogged water near the Secunderabad railway station, Lakdikapool, Necklace Road and the Raj Bhavan in the city.

With garbage clogging residential areas such as Sindh Colony, Yousufguda and Ameerpet, people were forced to wait and wade in stagnant water. The situation was no different in commercial areas of the city.

Adding to the woes of commuters, stagnant water on the roads were being sprayed for mosquitoes, even as pedestrians and motor vehicles were making their way through.

Though rains in September are not usually expected to be heavy, the rainfall on Thursday has taken the GHMC officials completely off-guard, as stagnation of water made the already deplorable situation of the civic condition of the city, worse.

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Top: Bikers are forced to take shelter from the heavy rains under a flyover. — S. Surender Reddy  
Left: A motorist wades through a flooded road. — P. SURENDRA  
Right: A woman walks through water in Malakpet. — DC

Much-needed recarpeting of Masab Tank flyover is under progress

— Musharraf Ali Faruqi  
GHMC additional commissioner

## BRIEF

### AP govt appoints ex-HC judge

Hyderabad: The Andhra Pradesh state government on Thursday appointed former AP High Court Judge, Justice V. Eswaraiah as chairman of the AP higher education regulatory and monitoring commission. The state enacted AP higher education regulatory and monitoring Act to streamline higher education in the state. It also obtained the approval of the AP high court for the appointment and consent of Justice Eswaraiah before making this appointment.

### ONLY ORDER OF MERIT DECIDES SENIORITY: HC

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Making it clear that roster points cannot be the basis for the fixation of seniority and order of merit should be considered, the Telangana High Court set aside the tentative allocation list of junior stenographers of the Vaidya Vidhana Parishads prepared by the Andhra Pradesh government in 2019 to allocate employees for the states of Telangana and AP.

While dealing the petition challenging the tentative allocation notification of AP state government, the Division Bench, comprising Justice P.V Sanjay Kumar and Justice K. Lakshman, recalled the Supreme Court findings which stated that the seniority must be on the order of merit, not based on roster points.

The Court directed the authorities concerned to prepare the seniority list based on merit but not on roster points and the allocation should be made in the said order of seniority as available on June 1, 2014 for allocation of employees to both AP and Telangana states.

The commissioners of Vaidya Vidhana Parishads of both states have prepared a seniority list of direct recruits for the category of junior stenographers based on the roster points and it was published in January 2019 by the AP government as mother state to allocate employees to both the states as per the Rules of AP Reorganization Act.

The notification was challenged by the a junior stenographer recruited in 2013 who was provisionally allotted to the AP state in the tentative list by putting her in the second in seniority from their batch. The petitioner's contention was that the person with lesser rank to her in the recruitment exam, has been made senior to her based on the roster points and allotted the Telangana state. The petitioner wants to be retained in the Telangana state. However, the petitioner has not sought to reverse the seniority list.

Mr CH. Ganesh, counsel for the petitioner, submitted that the authorities had violated Rule 33 (b) of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, in preparation of list, which provides that while preparing the seniority list, the order of merit or order of preference indicated in list of selected candidates prepared by the Public Service Commission or other selecting authority, shall not be disturbed inter se with reference to the candidates' positions. While considering the facts and Supreme Court guidelines on fixing of seniority, the High Court set aside the tentative allocation and directed the concerned authorities to complete further exercises of deciding on seniority within two months.

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## Experts tell govt to stop denying health crisis

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

### DARK DAYS AHEAD

■ Fears of swine flu were also voiced in the conference as presence of different viruses has led to low immunity levels in population.

■ Dip in temperatures will allow swine flu virus, which is already present in atmosphere, to attack.

■ People must focus on building on immunity and opt for preventive methods through better hygiene and cough etiquette.

■ People must avoid mass gatherings, especially those who develop cough and cold, during November to February.

■ Due to rains continuing in September, it is feared that dengue cases, instead of reducing, would see a spike

The number of dengue cases being recorded and tested positive in hospitals across the city is at an all-time high, reiterated medical experts at a round table conference held on Thursday.

Participants, including professionals and practitioners of medical fraternity, paediatricians and general physicians, activists and community members, at the conference organised by activist Karuna Gopal, were keen that awareness must be created about the public health emergency in the state, said that the government's strategy of denial of the problem has not only put the medical community on an edge but also common people, who want to know how they can tackle, or prevent, dengue.

The spread of dengue across the city and state

raised concern on how the virus has travelled from mosquito to man and then from infected patients to mosquitoes, and has spread across different parts of the city and state, experts opined, adding that to control the virus, the government has to first accept that there is a problem and that inci-

dences of seasonal diseases have seen a record number this year.

The widespread cases indicate that infiltration levels of dengue virus has created an epidemic, which puts every single citizen's health at risk and a robust mechanism was needed to deal with it, they said. It would require not only government's intervention but also a strong initiative from the community to control the virus, the experts emphasised.

Dr. Vasanth Kumar, senior general physician, who has practiced in Hyderabad for the last 40 years explained, "I have not seen a season so bad as this. There are more children affected this year, which means something has definitely gone wrong. To address the problem, it is our duty to accept that there is a problem. Till we accept the problem how can it be dealt with?"

Doctors strongly condemned the dilatory tac-

tics of the government when rapid diagnostic test of NS1 is certified the cases. Instead of raising a hue and cry, the government should accept the truth, they said. The test is the first step to identify dengue, after which a treatment can commence, leading to its management and cure, but a denial will allow it to deteriorate.

Why must ELISA test be taken as a yardstick for government to record cases?, they asked.

Dr. Vijay Anand, senior paediatrician, explained, "Need of the hour is that within next two weeks, we must have robust control measures and awareness in the community. People need to know what effective preventive methods are. Epidemic proportions of the disease this year means that we will have another outbreak next season too, as the mosquito has spread all around."

The presence of virus in the air and proliferation of

mosquito means dengue would emerge back once conducive atmosphere sets in next year, they warned. Identifying endemic zones, recording of large number of cases, carrying out preventive methods and sensitizing the people are very important measures to take up now, they said.

The present situation in most cases is that people are not aware of what to do. It requires building immunity against the virus. Dr. Pradeep Saxena, who practices integrated medicine, explained, "It is important that we have a proper supplementation of vitamin C and vitamin K in all age groups. This will help build immunity and help the body fight against the virus."

Due to rains continuing in September, it is feared that dengue cases, instead of reducing, would see a spike because of consequent stagnant water in which mosquitoes will breed.

## Breeding grounds



With Gandhi Jayanti approaching, the tank at Bapughat needs immediate attention as its filled with stagnant water. People are expected to visit Bapughat on Gandhi Jayanti. — R.PAVAN

## AK Khan seeks clarification

FROM PAGE 1

The TMREIS vigilance wing has pointed out inconsistencies amounting to ₹80,000 in payment to vendors for laundry and groceries in Barkas Residential School and College. The then Principal, Mr Mohiuddin, was found responsible.

Recently, two cases of food poisoning occurred: on July 8, 33 students fell sick in Asif Nagar School, and in March, 61 students of Girls Hostel situated at Shah Ali Banda were hospitalized for vomiting after school breakfast.

Mohammed Abdul Akram, a social activist, said B. Shafiullah has been TMREIS Secretary since its inception; never a good idea, as it is vulnerable to vested interests. Certain residential schools were kept as

■ S.Q. MASOOD, an RTI activist, said the TMREIS bylaws were problematic for bypassing the mainstream system and giving power to the secretary to decide matters big and small, especially in procurement.

model hostels, to be shown to VIPs for publicity gains. The situation in other hostels was bad, necessitating social auditing.

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small, especially in procurement.

Advisor to government on minorities welfare, A.K. Khan, who is also the society president, said it had sought clarification from Shafiullah on the charges.

Shafiullah refuted the allegations, saying TMREIS followed procedures formulated by the government. Most procurement was from agencies like Kendriya Bhandar, HACA, SETWIN NSIC etc. via e-procurement. At the district level, a committee headed by the district collector fixed rates. A writ petition was filed this year challenging the process, but it was dismissed with an observation that there was no error in the Society's decision in restricting the tender process to source from government agencies.



## Invest in TS

Minister K.T. Rama Rao interacts with delegates from South Africa and France; gives an overview of investment opportunities in TS

## Metro up to Old City soon

### Delay mainly due to land acquisition problems: Minister

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT 19

IT, industries and municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday said from the floor of the Assembly that the expansion of the Metro Rail to the Old City will be begun soon.



He was responding to queries from Congress members Bhatti Vikramarka and D. Sridhar Babu with regard to deviations from the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding and delay in completion of the Metro Rail project, as well as alleged misappropriation of funds in the project.

Hyderabad Metro Rail was the second most successful project of its kind in the country, after the Delhi Metro Rail, and in the two years since its inception, three lakh people are using it every day.

He said Congress MLAs should not launch an unnecessary campaign against the Metro and should travel in the Metro once and then they will realise how good and safe it is.

Former Governor Narasimhan, the Chief Minister and other ministers have all travelled on the Metro.

He said the Chennai Metro still has only about 75,000 passengers daily and the fares of the Hyderabad Metro are cheaper than State RTC buses.

He said that the alignment of the Metro route passing before the Assembly and Public Gardens was slightly modified as the earlier alignment was damaging the Martyrs' Memorial opposite the Assembly building.

The minister pointed out that there were 370 cases of land acquisition against the Metro project during the Congress government and "we resolved almost all the cases and completed the first and second phases".

## HC issues notices to CBI on Super Agri insolvency

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The Telangana High Court has responded to allegations of wrong-doing by the liquidator and the manager of the State Bank of India in the liquidation of Super Agri Seeds Pvt Ltd.

Justice A. Rajasheker Reddy has issued notices to the Union government, CBI, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Board of India, SBI and the liquidator Dr K.V. Srinivas.

He was dealing with a petition by Super Agri Seeds seeking a CBI probe into the transfer of the assets of the debtor company at a low price by the liquidator and other persons.

Ravi Srinivas, the founder of Super Agri Seeds approached the High Court alleging the liquidator had handed over 95 per cent of

the assets of the debtor company for just ₹18.64 crore to one Hari Prasad Jam, whereas the competitor, Bhaskara Agro Agencies, had offered to pay ₹33 crore for the total assets. He also said that Guruprasad Deshpande, chief manager of the SBI, Stressed Assets Management Branch, was hand-in-glove with the liquidator and handed over the assets for a lower price.

I request motorists to drive carefully and not to hit officers regulating traffic.

— Anil Kumar, Addl Commissioner (Traffic)

### SHORT TAKE

## SOURCED STAFF: HC TO DECIDE ON MARKS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

A full bench of the Telangana High Court comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan, Justice A. Rajasheker Reddy and Justice P. Naveen Rao will decide whether or not providing weightage marks to outsourced and contractual in-service employees in the state recruitment is appropriate.

The full bench on Thursday began its hearing on petitions challenging the provision of the weightage marks to outsourced employees in the recruitment of state power utilities and paramedical posts.

Power utilities like Transco and discoms which recruit their employees through a written and other tests have decided to give 20 marks weightage to outsourced employees who have been working with them for a long time.

While potential employees are opposing the weightage on the ground that this will keep them in a disadvantageous position, inside employees are saying that weightage is a form of justice to them because they have been made to work under a contractor all these years, even though they were performing the duties of permanent staff for years.

Mr. S Satyam Reddy, Senior Counsel representing the petitioners, said that potential employees have to forego their chances of securing a job because some of their contenders were already given 20 marks in a written test that is held for a 100 marks target. The case adjourned to Friday.

## FREE SARIS FROM SEPT. 23, SAYS KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT 19

IT and industries minister K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday announced that free distribution of Bathukamma Saris will commence from September 23 across the state.

He said that this year the state government has procured 1.02 crore saris at a cost of ₹313 crore and orders have been given to handloom wavers of the state to make saris thereby giving employment to 16, 000 weaving families in the state. He said that they have identified that 1.02 crore women beneficiaries in the state and every woman who attained 18 years of age and had white ration card is eligible to receive the sari.

## Cup of civic woes overflows



The Greater Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad which has set up this tea cup and saucer that goes with the identify and character of Hyderabad — *chai* — has stopped maintaining the rotary, at Santoshnagar. — GANDHI

## 6 helipads to help police in emergencies, says CM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT 19

In order to attend to emergency situations within the Greater Hyderabad limits, the Telangana state government is planning to start an air support unit that would help in better policing. About six helipads would be constructed in different parts of the city outskirts, where the helicopters would be stationed and provide necessary support during crisis situations.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao announced this during the Assembly session here on Thursday. He said that during the events of idol immersion processions and other religious festivities, the police face issues in attending the emergencies.

For better policing during such crisis, the helicopters would help the officials taking necessary measures at the earliest to prevent

### WELFARE

● Police personnel to get off once in a week or once in 10 days, based on the availability of staff.

● Command and Control Centre at Banjara Hills would be completed by December

severe damage, he said. "Helipads will be built at six places around the city on the outskirts and helicopters will be stationed there," said Mr Rao. Further, Mr. Rao said that the state government is planning to implement weekly offs for police personnel soon.

While replying to a question raised by Telangana Rashtra Samiti MLAs during the Assembly session on Thursday, Mr Rao said that discussions are underway to finalise the decision of providing weekly offs to police personnel, which would be mostly once in a week or once in 10 days, based on the availability of staff.

The construction of the new Command and Control Centre at Banjara Hills would be completed by December this year and its operations would be extended not just to the police department but also to other major departments in the state, with separate cabins for the CM and other ministers to monitor emergency operations in Hyderabad, said Mr. Rao in the Assembly.

The CM also said that salaries for the Home Guards are high compared to that in other states and congratulated Director General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy, for his efforts in studying the best policing practices in developed countries and for implementing these in the state. He also appreciated the efforts of the police department for providing safety to the citizens of TS.

## DEADLY | PUFF Experts say e-cigarettes are more dangerous

# Vape didn't help kick the butt

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Although the Telangana state government was planning to impose a ban on e-cigarettes, the decision of the Central government to do so came in handy.

E-cigarettes were banned in 16 states and two Union Territories even before the Centre's decision. Doctors say that there is not much difference between paper/general cigarettes and e-cigarettes as the chemical used in the composition of e-cigarettes is also carcinogenic. Some states in India have included it in the schedule of poisonous substances. The main component of e-cigarettes is nicotine, a highly toxic and addictive substance that can adversely affect any organ of the body.

Indian Dental Association told *Deccan Chronicle*, "It gives a feeling of wellness to a person due to which many get addicted to it. A dose of 30-50 mg of nicotine can kill an adult human. Nicotine in pure form may also cause cancer." He said e-cigarettes are marketed in a way that makes them attractive to youngsters who are misled into believing that it is safe. Many start smoking as a symbol of social status initially and later get addicted to it. E-cigarettes consist of nicotine, triacetyl and propylene glycol. In e-cigarettes, nicotine in liquid form when heated turns into vapour. After casual vaping, the user gets addicted to the nicotine and gradu-

ates to cigarette smoking. In short, it serves as a gateway to cigarette smoking and the cigarettes are manufactured by the same company.

The quantity of nicotine inhaled



by e-cigarette smokers is the same as in normal cigarettes; there is not much difference in quantity and subsequently in the adverse effects it causes. Propylene glycol can cause irreversible lung damage.

A doctor working with the Voluntary Health Association of India, Deccan branch, said, "Nearly 80 per cent of those who start using e-cigarettes in order to quit cigarettes can't quit the e-

cigarette. It deprives the quitter of a nicotine-free life despite quitting cigarettes successfully. It is like moving to the fire from the frying pan."

In a country like India, it is difficult to ban a product once it has a large consumer base and social acceptance. The classic examples are tobacco, pan masala, and alcohol. Since e-cigarette has a small consumer base, the ban will be highly effective. Not having a ban on tobacco cannot be the justification for introducing a new addiction even though it may be less harmful.

The country is already struggling to effectively control several addictions (tobacco, supari, alcohol, cannabis, etc) among the youth. There is no need to introduce one more addiction to our future generations, warn doctors fighting against e-cigarettes.

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## EX-TATA STAFFER DUPES DOCTOR OF ₹1.4 CRORE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

A 57 year-old ex-employee of Tata Fertilisers who cheated a cardio-surgeon from the city under the guise of promising orders for supply of the Agricultural farm inputs under the Prime Minister Krishi Vikas Yojana scheme (PMKVY) and siphoned off ₹1.40 crore, was arrested by the Central Crime Station's (CCS), Detective department (DD) police on Wednesday. Police said there might be many more victims cheated by him.

According to the police, the accused Chamarthy G. Pattabhiraman, along with his accomplices, cheated the complainant Dr. G.Nagasaina Rao, 60, under the guise of investment, to tune of ₹1.4 crore, promising him that he would secure orders for the supply of agricultural farm inputs under the PMKVY Scheme 2016-17 to the Government of West Bengal.

The accused lured the victim stating that they have obtained orders from the Government of West Bengal. Believing it, the victim purchased material from a private company in Mumbai. G. Venkateswarulu, ACP, F Division, CCS, DD said, "The accused used to trick victims by showing them fabricated and fake orders created by him in the name of Dr. Paritosh Bhattacharya, Director of Agriculture, West Bengal and Mr Pijush Kanti Pramanick, Director of Horticulture (Technical), Government of West Bengal by forging their signatures."

City-based surgeon Dr. G. Nagasaina Rao, duped of ₹1.4 crore by the accused, lodged a complaint with the CCS police. The detective department booked a case of cheating and forgery against the accused in the month of June 2019 and it was investigated by K. Manoj Kumar, Inspector of Police, CCS, DD, Hyderabad.

According to the ACP, the arrests came following an investigation into a case. Apparently, as a part of the investigation, a manhunt was conducted at various places in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and other places to apprehend the accused and at last the police succeeded in taking the accused into custody on Wednesday at West Marredpally.

THE ACCUSED was sent to judicial custody. Investigation officials stated that the accused Chamarthy G. Pattabhiraman, @ Guru Pattabhi Raman Chamarthy, has cheated several people and further investigations are on

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# Security tightened after man lynched

## Relatives of Gyara Lakshmi didn't show any remorse or grief over killing

JAYENDRA T.  
CHAITHANYA | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Adrasspally, a village housing more than 2,500 people, wore a deserted look after the incident of alleged lynching and burning alive of B. Anjaneyulu, an auto driver. Tension gripped the village after the incident. A large huge numbers of police personnel were deployed to ensure no further untoward incidents take place.

Anjaneyulu, 24, was the youngest of four children. His father Kistaiah, a labourer, is into faith healing. Their family reside less than 100 meters away from the crematorium, where he was allegedly beaten and put on a pyre. The devastated family dismissed the allegations that he had performed black magic.

On the fatal night, Anjaneyulu went to attend nature's call in the open nearby. His elder brother Ganesh was at house, while Ravi, another sibling, had gone to a nearby on work.

G. Nagesh, Anjaneyulu's brother-in-law, said, "He went out of home to attend to nature's call after 8 pm to an open place close to the burial ground. Ganesh, his elder brother, got worried when he saw a huge gathering near the crematorium. He went to find out, and discovered to his shock, that the person thrown on the pyre was his brother."

Nagesh, a resident of Keesara, said that Anjaneyulu, who was drunk last night, was a calm and balanced person. "He had no enmity with anyone. He was young. How could he perform black magic," he said, adding, "Do such things exist? People still believe in such nonsense



The burial ground where B. Anjaneyulu was thrown on the pyre of Gyara Lakshmi.



# 12 people found to be involved in beating

FROM PAGE 1

Mr Narsimha alerted the Shameerpet police personnel, who on reaching the village, learnt that a person was thrown on the pyre of a woman.

"The police teams rushed to the burial ground and pulled out a body that was found lying on the pyre facing the earth, which is against customs. The elder sibling of Anjaneyulu, who had by then complained that his brother was missing, identified his partially burnt footwear,"

said P.V. Padmaja, DCP, Balanagar. The DCP said that a portion of the charred body recovered, suspected to be of Anjaneyulu, was sent for postmortem examination at the Osmania Hospital mortuary. A DNA analysis would be performed to verify and establish that the body belonged to the missing man.

During the early investigation, police teams, who questioned family members of the deceased lady, Lakshmi, have prima facie found that those who went to the

burial ground at night must have beaten Anjaneyulu on suspicion that he had performed black magic to kill her, the official said, adding that an in-depth investigation is underway.

Sources close to investigating officials said, "Though there was a huge gathering at the burial ground when the incident took place, 12 persons were found to be involved in beating Anjaneyulu, of which, four have been identified and were being questioned by the police."

Gyara Lakshmi, who died of ill-health, did not show any remorse or grief over the killing of Anjaneyulu.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, G. Nares, only son of Lakshmi, said they

have a ritual to keep dry cow dung on four sides of the pyre, which has been a custom for generations by now and his uncles G Balram and G Krishna, went there at around 8.30 pm. "When my uncles saw

Anjaneyulu sitting next to the pyre, chanting something, they tried to speak to him. He pushed them away and tried to hit them. In an attempt to escape from him, a scuffle took place, after which he accidentally fell on the pyre," said Nares.

Other family members argue that Nares's father Kistaiah was a faith healer, who used to roam in the village during the night. They suspected him to be a black magician.

"Anjaneyulu had no work at night near the pyre. He could have attended the cremation if he felt sad. His presence there and chanting of strange words raised suspicion," said some members of Lakshmi's family.

The Shameerpet police, who are probing the incident, have reportedly found that 12 persons were involved in the killing and took four of them into custody, including G. Balram and G. Krishna, cousins of the deceased Lakshmi.

Police sources said, "The suspects, during questioning, have told the police that Anjaneyulu was beaten brutally with stones and sticks available at the burial ground. When he was thrown on the pyre, he tried escaping twice, but on the third time, he was pushed on it, with his head facing the earth."

Police said a villager informed B. Narsimha, husband of village sarpanch, B. Lalitha, and informed that they have caught one person before disconnecting the call.

The police suspect the same person might have made a phone call to family members of Lakshmi that Anjaneyulu was near her pyre and was doing something suspicious.

# Autorickshaw rams into a home guard

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

A Home Guard officer, working with the Hyderabad traffic police, sustained injuries when an auto driver ramed into him. The Hyderabad traffic police lodged a complaint against the auto driver at the Begum Bazar police station.

According to the traffic police, Mr. Saida Naik, HG officer 9199 of Goshamahal Traffic PS, was deployed to regulate traffic at Siddiamber Bazar mosque. At 12.45 p.m., while the HG officer was regulating traffic, an auto came in

rash manner and crashed into him from behind, resulting in injuries to his left leg.

Passersby immediately rushed him to Osmania General Hospital for first aid and medical officers diagnosed a fracture to his left ankle. He has been shifted to Arogya Hospital, MJ Market for better treatment.

The Hyderabad Traffic police lodged a complaint with Begum Bazar police station and a case booked against the auto driver under section 337 IPC. Further investigation is underway.

**OBITUARY**  
"I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."  
Psalm 23:6

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W/o Late Mr. K.J. Joseph  
DOB: 17-07-1943 DOD: 20-09-2016  
We know you are listening from the heavens above. There is nothing that we value more than your love. No matter where we are and what we are doing, Your memories will always keep us smiling. We Love You Mom!  
Inserted by:  
Children and Grand Children.  
(S/1920/D00898)

**21st DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"Absent from the body to be present with the Lord" Corinthians. 5:8

**A.S. DAVID**  
D.O.B: 31-12-1930 D.O.D: 20-09-1998  
Your life well lived is legacy of joy, Pride and pleasure. A loving and lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure  
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(S/1920/D00905)

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I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalms: 23:6

**Smt. PERUMALLA KANTHAMMA**  
W/o Late. Perumalla Christudas  
DOB: 30.10.1933 DOD: 20.09.2010  
We cherish your memories for ever  
Inserted by Family members  
98490 29257

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." Ps. 116:15

**GODALA SURESH MADHUKAR**  
(Social Welfare Dept.)  
DOB: 17-09-1950 DOD: 20-09-1992  
"Your memories will always be in our hearts."  
Inserted by: Loving Wife, Children, Grand Children  
9866894429 / 9741074320  
(S/1920/D00908)

# Auto driver gets 10-year jail

DURGA PRASAD  
SUNKU | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

A designated child friendly court on Thursday sentenced an auto driver to 10 years imprisonment for sexually assaulting a minor in 2016. First Additional Metropolitan Session judge Suneetha Kunchala pronounced the judgment on Thursday afternoon.

The prosecution alleged that the auto driver Vanka Rajesh who used to take the 13-year-old girl to school in his auto rickshaw took advantage of her and sexually abused her for six months and threatened her with dire consequences if she revealed this to anyone.

Additional public prosecutor K Pratap Reddy told the court that in the month of December 2016 the 13-year-old girl refused to go to school in the auto rickshaw and when asked the reason she told her parents that



Vanka Rajesh

quences if she revealed this to anyone. Additional public prosecutor K Pratap Reddy told the court that in the month of December 2016 the 13-year-old girl refused to go to school in the auto rickshaw and when asked the reason she told her parents that

one day on the way back home, the auto driver stopped near a playground and told the other children in the auto to play in the grounds for some time. He took the victim to a nearby dilapidated and vacant railway quarters and sexually violated her. When she resisted, he threatened her with dire consequences, like killing her parents. He did the same thing several times in the next six months and the 13-year-old girl became pregnant. When she told her parents the whole story, they approached the Lalaguda police of Hyderabad commissionerate, who booked a case

and investigated. The court of First Additional Metropolitan sessions judge Suneetha Kunchala found the accused guilty of the offences, punishable under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and 506 IPC and him 10 years rigorous imprisonment and fined him.

Child friendly courts have been set up under the POSCO Act to try sexual offences against minors. Such courts are designed to make children feel comfortable in speaking to judges and lawyers. Hyderabad was the fourth city in the country to set up a child friendly court in April 2018.

# Convicted 18 yrs ago, man nabbed Suicide may be a reason: Cops

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Eighteen years after the court convicted an accused involved in abetment to suicide of his wife, Osmania University police arrested the 51-year-old accused.

The police said the accused, MD Faizuddin, 51, married Fathima Parveen in 1993 and used to stay under Osmania University police station limits. Due to harassment by the accused, the victim committed suicide by dousing herself with kerosene and setting herself ablaze in 1994.

Based on the complaint from the victim's family, the OU city police booked a case against the

accused and his family members under section 498 (a) IPC and 304(b) IPC. After two years of court trials, the local court sentenced him to three years of imprisonment in 1996 and acquitted his family members.

The accused appealed in the high court and the court decreased the sentence from three to two years in 2001. Since then the accused has been absconding from the police, fearing arrest. On Thursday, Osmania University police arrested him while he was roaming suspiciously in the area and produced him in court. The court ordered the police to send him to Chanchalguda jail.

### COPS ISSUE PD AGAINST OFFENDER

Hyderabad city police commissioner Anjani Kumar on Thursday issued a preventive detention (PD) order against a 24-year-old property offender. Kamble Shyam Sundar,

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The mysterious recovery of the skeletal remains of an unidentified person on the agricultural land belonging to Telugu film actor Akkineni Nagarjuna, by the name N Agro Farms at Papireddyguda village under Keshampet came to a conclusion with the police finding that the person committed suicide about three years ago.

The Cyberabad police on Wednesday night had recovered the skeletal remains of a man at a room located in N Agro Farms after the labourers employed to clean the premises to start organic farming found it. A case of suspicious death was registered by the Keshampet police who found a wallet in the trousers of the deceased person, which contained an Aadhaar card and a photograph. The Aadhaar card was issued in the name of Chakali Pandu, 30, a resident of Papireddyguda.

On further inquiry, it was found that Pandu had left the house around three years ago leaving a note behind that he was upset with his life and wanted to end it. The police also had recovered a bottle of rat poison and a pesticide bottle near the body in the room.

"Nobody is responsible for my death. My brother died three months ago and I do not like marriage and children and only like to live with my mother. I never got the life I wanted. The property share of ₹19 lakh should be given to my mother," the note reportedly read.

Shamshabad DCP N. Prakash Reddy said, "The family members of Pandu were asked and it was found that he left a note three years ago and could have died at the same time. The samples of the bone, hair, and tissue of the deceased were preserved for a DNA analysis to establish the identity. It appears to be a case of suicide but the investigation continues to find the cause of death."

# SPEEDING MUV MOWS DOWN CLASS II GIRL

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

A Class II girl who hit by a speeding MUV while crossing the road died on the way to the hospital at Kukatpally on Thursday evening. The police said that the girl slipped and fell on the road when the vehicle hit her on a high speed.

According to the Kukatpally police, the incident took place at around 4.30 pm near Nikitha grocery store in AVB Puram of Kukatpally. Srinivasa Rao, 35, a resident of AVB Puram is a mason. He has two daughters aged 9 and seven. His elder daughter Jahnavi is studying Class III and younger daughter Rishitha was a Class II student at St. Rita High School located in the neighbourhood.

On Thursday, after the completion of the school, both the girl was heading home on foot. When they reached the road at Nikitha grocery store and while crossing the road, Rishitha slipped and fell down the road. A MUV (YS08 UD8718) that was passing in the route has hit the girl and the girl suffered severe bleeding injuries. The passersby immediately arranged a vehicle to shift the girl to a nearby hospital, but she died midway, said the police. On the complaint of the father, the cops registered a case against the driver of the MUV.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Mrs. BLANDINA PRAKASHAM**  
(Retd. Principal Wesley Girls High School)  
W/o Late. Mr. Gattu Gnana Prakasham  
DOB: 20.9.1933 DOD: 15.03.2014  
The memory of you shall never pass away...  
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### Rice move

CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan directs officials to make arrangements to supply fine rice across Andhra Pradesh from April 1



Have instructed officials to acquire more funds from the Centre for tribals

Satyavathi Rathod, Tribal welfare minister

## KCR to meet Modi soon

This would be the 1st meet between PM, CM in 2nd term

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

After West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee meet with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is now Chief Minister Mr K. Chandrasekhar Rao's turn to do so. Sources said that after the ongoing Assembly budget session Mr Rao is likely to meet Mr Modi.

Mr Rao next. TRS leaders are expecting this meeting to take place after the Assembly session.

Union home minister Amit Shah skipped the Telangana Liberation Day function conducted by Telangana BJP on 17 September at Kukatpally. TRS leaders said this has given relief to them as if Amit Shah had attended the function, he would have been made some remarks against the TRS government and they would have been forced to react to those comments.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee is much stronger critic of Mr Modi than Mr Rao. Despite that, Mr Modi gave an appointment to Ms. Banerjee and she met him on Wednesday. TRS senior leaders said after that meeting, Mr Modi may give appointment to

required lift irrigation project jointly. A joint committee of the irrigation engineers of the two states was constituted to examine the feasibility of diverting the Godavari waters to the Srisaillam and Nagarjuna Sagar reservoirs on Krishna river, and then share them between the both states according to their drinking and irrigation needs.

## KCR, JAGAN TO DISCUSS RIVER WATER SHARING ON SEPT. 24

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The Chief Ministers of the two Telugu states - Telangana and Andhra Pradesh - K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy respectively, would meet on September 24 in Hyderabad to discuss the sharing of Godavari waters, diverting it to the Krishna basin and other pending issues of the bifurcation.

Both Chief Ministers had met twice earlier, on June 28 and on August 1, to hold preliminary discussions on the sharing of the Godavari waters. They had agreed, in principle, to take up the

## KCR SEEKS PLAN FOR NIZAMABAD WATER NEEDS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday directed irrigation officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for supplying water to the erstwhile Nizamabad district for drinking and irrigation purposes.

The Chief Minister issued this order after legislators from the combined Nizamabad district met him in the chambers of Legislative Assembly Speaker P. Srinivas Reddy in the Assembly.

KCR said, "Since there is less availability of water in Nizam Sagar and Singur dams this year, villages under the jurisdiction of these projects will have to be supplied water through alternative methods." He ordered officials to prepare alternative / temporary plans for the purpose.

## Harish Rao, Jagga meet after 14 years

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

They both belong to the same district; the two were elected as MLAs in the recent assembly elections from different political parties. Both were in the same party in the past, but they turned severe critics of each other. And, after 14 years, both met in the assembly lobbies on Thursday to everybody's surprise.

Incidentally, when the two met in the assembly lobbies, their meeting went on for about 30 minutes.

Both belong to the old Medal district. Jagga Reddy was in TRS for some time in the past. During the recent assembly elections and also later the Congress MLA had made serious allegations against Harish Rao. In this backdrop, the two meeting left MLAs and political circles surprised.

After the meeting, Jagga Reddy said he had discussed development of his Sangareddy constituency.

### BRIEF

#### Four persons die in a mishap

Warangal: Four persons were killed in a mishap after a speeding lorry hit a car coming in the opposite direction near Devarupula police station in Jangaon district on Thursday. Two persons died on the spot and two others succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment at hospital. According to the police, P Ganesh and his wife P Manjusha of Mahabubabad, left for Shamshabad airport on Wednesday to drop off their son who is going to London. Their relatives Srilatha and Sukanya accompanied them. While Ganesh and Sukanya died on the spot, the driver Nazeer and Srilatha succumbed to their injuries at the MGM hospital in Warangal. Manjusha is still fighting for life.

#### BHADRADRI POWER UNIT 1 IS READY

DC CORRESPONDENT KOTHAGUDEM, SEPT. 19

Bhadradri Power Project, which is set up in Manuguru, crossed a milestone on Thursday. The synchronisation of the first unit with a capacity of 270 MW in the BPP experiments that were done for the last three months made the synchronisation a total success.

Bhadradri Power Project is the first power project that was taken up by Telangana Genco after the formation of Telangana. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation stone for the project on March 28, 2015.

The government allocated ₹8,500 crore for the 270 MWx4 units power capacity unit and Genco managing director Devulapalli Prabhakara Rao focused on the project and constantly interacted with the engineers.

The Bhadradri Power Project faced hiccups in the form of a case in the National Green Tribunal on the allegation that the project was being built by using sub-critical technology. As a result, the works were halted for 17 months. The rains also caused a delay for five months.

As per the details, the first boiler erection works started on March 11, 2017 and the hydraulic test was conducted to the Boiler drum on August 17, 2018. Turbo generator excavator works began on September 7, 2019 and boiler light up was done on March 25, 2019. The commercial operation date will be in October.

## KCR lauds SCCL workers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Chief Minister Mr. K Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday announced a bonus of ₹1,00,899 to each worker of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), a public sector undertaking. While making a statement in the Assembly, Mr. Rao said that this is a bonus given by the state government to the SCCL workers and employees as a Dasara festival gift.

He said that in the development of Telangana, the SCCL is playing a very crucial role and that the SCCL has been strengthened institutionally due to the cooperation extended by the state government and measures taken for the welfare of the workers.

He said "It is a proud moment for all of us when the SCCL fared

better than Coal India in almost all parameters related to coal management in the country."

He said that the state government is of the firm opinion that the key role played by workers, often keeping their lives at stake, is important in the SCCL's continuous victory and success. Mr. Rao added, "Our government feels that the sweat and blood that each and every SCCL worker shed in creating the national wealth, often coming out of jaws of death, is no way inferior to the sacrifices of our own army personnel fighting at the borders."

Mr Rao explained that in the financial year 2013-14, the SCCL was able to produce 50.47 million tonnes of coal and for the last five years, the production of coal has been on the increase every year.

## BJP CHIEF CRITICISES CM FOR SINGARENI WORKERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The BJP state president Dr. K Laxmana on Thursday once again hit out hard at Chief Minister Mr. Rao for not fulfilling his promises made to the Singareni workers before elections.

Dr. K Laxman said, "KCR has failed to fulfill the promises he had made to the Singareni workers. KCR had promised better health facilities but did not even sanction a single super speciality hospital and whatever hospitals are available in the region doesn't have doctors, nurses and medicines to look after the patients."

Dr. Laxman added Singareni Collieries covers twenty five assembly and three parliamentary constituencies. The chief minister has cheated the Singareni Collieries employees.

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## Infighting intensifies in Cong. over Huzurnagar

# Revanth effigy burnt

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The controversy within Congress over the candidate to be fielded in the Huzurnagar assembly by-poll has turned bitter with some youth Congress workers burning an effigy of MP A. Revanth Reddy in the constituency. Congress MP Komatireddy Venkata Reddy also commented adversely against Revanth's statement.

Three days ago, TPCC President N. Uttam Kumar Reddy had announced that his wife Padmavathi will be contesting the by-election from Huzurnagar assembly constituency, the seat the state Congress chief vacated following his election as an MP in the Lok Sabha polls.

Taking objection to this, TPCC Working President and MP Revanth Reddy maintained that he would instead be proposing the candidature of Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, TPCC Spokesperson.

Opposing the comments of Revanth Reddy, Youth Congress workers of Huzurnagar burnt an effigy of the MP in the constituency on Thursday.

Bhongir Congress MP Komatireddy Venkata Reddy also objected to the Malkajgiri MP dabbling into the candidature issue as the latter was a non-local. Speaking to media in the assembly lobbies, Komatireddy said: "We have senior leaders like Uttam Kumar Reddy, K Jana Reddy, Damodar Reddy and others; we don't need involvement of leaders from other districts." Venkat Reddy asserted that Padmavathi will be a strong candidate and is sure to win the Huzurnagar assembly by-poll. He maintained that Uttam Kumar, Jana Reddy and he himself have been in politics of Nalgonda district since last 30 years.

"How can anybody propose a new candidate without consulting us," the Bhongir MP asked.

## TRS IS CONFIDENT OF WINNING HUZURNAGAR

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No one has faith in the BJP government's economic policies, said Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.



BJP is misleading the country by invoking names of Gandhi and Sardar Patel

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## SECY OF ODISHA BOARD HELD BY CBI

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

The CBI on Thursday arrested former secretary of the Odisha Cricket Association (OCA), Ashirbad Behera, in connection with its investigation pertaining to the state's multi-crore-rupees chit fund scam.

Sources said Behera (74) and hotelier Kamalakanta Das, who was arrested along with him, were sent to jail after a special CBI court in Bhubaneswar rejected their bail petitions, which the duo had filed on health grounds.

The court remanded them to judicial custody till October 1. Das, who owns Hotel Solan Inn in Bhubaneswar, and businessman Sambit Khuntia were named along with Behera as accused in the case, which pertains to OCA allegedly entering into a dubious business transaction with discredited chit fund company ArthaTatwa Group in 2011.

## HARYANA TO ANNUL VADRA FIRM LICENCE

TANVEER THAKUR | DC  
CHANDIGARH, SEPT. 19

The Haryana government has started the process of cancellation of licence granted to Robert Vadra's Sky Light Hospitality Private Limited in 2008 and subsequently transferred to realty company DLF Universal Limited for ₹58 crore. As per the director of the state's town and country planning department, K.M. Pandurang, the formalities to cancel the licence had been completed keeping in with provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation and Urban Areas Act, 1975.

"We have to follow procedure of cancellation which we are following and the formalities have been completed. We gave them notice and hearing opportunity, which has concluded. Now, we have to take a decision and that process is on," he said.

Mr Pandurang said that the mutation of the land was set aside by the then director general, consolidation of holdings in 2012, thus affecting the title of the land. "There were issues regarding title of the land," he said. One of the conditions stipulated the grant of a colonisation licence under the Act of 1975 is that licence holder should have a clear title to the land. A colonisation licence allows the holder to set up a colony for residential, commercial or industrial purposes.

## Alarm over illegal arms with N-E militants talking peace

MANOJ ANAND | DC  
GUWAHATI, SEPT. 19

The northeastern states are extremely worried about the presence of a large number of illegal weapons in the hands of militant groups engaged in peace talks with government.

Asserting that security forces have specific intelligence inputs about cadres selling weapons, security sources said that most of the insurgent groups are on wane and their cadres are found to have been selling their weapons to poachers and even criminal gangs.

Security sources said that investigation has revealed that poachers have been using sophisticated weapons like AK-47 to kill rhino and it is suspected to have been sold to them by militants.

The ministry of home affairs has also directed the northeastern states to launch a coordinated operation to flush out illegal weapons. Security sources said that the use of weapons to intimidate civilians and extort money from various business houses has also become a major area of concern.

Security sources said that the cadres of militant outfit — NLFPT of Tripura — which recently signed a ceasefire agreement with the government, have confessed to have been selling their weapons for their livelihood.

Pointing out that long international borders with five countries make the Northeast more vulnerable to security threats, security sources adding that these weapons have free movement in Myanmar, which gets them from China.

In fact, Bangladesh's security apparatus is also worried over the flow of illicit arms into its territory from India.

# Netas, babus in MP honeytrap

## High-profile racket busted, all accused arrested from posh colonies in Bhopal

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC  
BHOHAL, SEPT. 19

A high-profile extortion racket that "used to blackmail" politicians and babus by "honey-trapping" them was busted by police here on Thursday.

Six people, including five women were arrested in this connection, senior superintendent of police (SSP) of Indore Richa Vardhan Mishra who led a team of police men to conduct raids in the 'dens' of the members of the alleged racket here, told reporters.

"We have seized video clips, mobile phones, and a laptop from their possession. The accused were blackmailing their victims by threatening them to make the videos involving them viral if they not paid money demanded by them", she said. Two of the five arrested women were found to be members of the Congress and the BJP police said.

Incidentally, a woman member of the racket was arrested from a house belonging to former minister and sitting BJP MLA Brijendra Pratap Singh here.

Mr Singh however said he had rented his house

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to the woman through a broker and he had nothing to do with the racket. All the accused were arrested in houses in posh colonies here.

According to the police officer, the raids were conducted following a complaint lodged by an engineer of Indore Municipal Corporation who alleged that he was being blackmailed by a woman with the threat of making a video involving him viral if he did not pay her ₹3 crore.

Incidentally, a purported video showing an additional chief secretary of Madhya Pradesh in a compromising position had gone viral a fortnight ago leading the police begin a probe into it.

Police was probing hand of the racket in it. "Video clippings seized from the gang members

suggested that some senior politicians and bureaucrats had fallen into their trap and crores of rupees were extorted from them", a senior police officer probing the case disclosed to this newspaper.

Incidentally, husband of a member in the racket was state vice-president of IT cell of MP Congress and expelled from the party in June this year, while another woman member in the gang was a local Congress leader.

State home minister Bala Bachhan indicated that "big names", honey trapped by the gang members, were expected to surface after investigation.

Police was also probing if the gang had any link with terrorist fundings.

## Court extends PC custody till Oct. 3

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

A Delhi court on Thursday extended the judicial custody of former finance minister P. Chidambaram in connection with the INX Media corruption case till October 3.

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar also allowed medical examination of Chidambaram. The court extended the judicial custody of Chidambaram after the CBI sought extension of the veteran Congress leader's judicial remand.

Special judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar said there was no change in the circumstances and noted that Chidambaram has already moved a bail plea before the Delhi High Court.

"This court has considered the grounds for police custody and thereafter for judicial custody and granted remand accordingly. There is no change in the circumstances as such. It is not a case where no case is made out against the accused. The investigation

is still in progress. The accused has already applied for the bail before the Delhi high court. Therefore as per understanding of this court, the judicial remand of the accused has to be extended.

Accordingly, the judicial remand of the accused is extended till October 3," the court said.

Chidambaram, lodged in Tihar Jail, was produced before the court after his 14-day judicial custody ended on Thursday. The court extended the judicial custody of Chidambaram after the CBI sought extension of the veteran Congress leader's judicial remand.

It also allowed medical examination of Mr Chidambaram after his lawyers told the court that he is suffering from various ailments.

It also directed the jail superintendent to consider the request of Chidambaram to provide chair and pillow considering the issue of back pain as complained by him.

## Rakesh Kumar is next IAF chief

PAWAN BALI | DC  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

The Narendra Modi government on Thursday followed the seniority principle in the Air Force by appointing Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria as the next chief of Indian Air Force (IAF).

In both the Army and the Navy, senior-most officers in contention for the post of chiefs were superseded by their junior officers.

Air Marshal Bhadauria was supposed to retire on the same day as current Air Force Chief B.S. Dhanoa on 30 September 2019. Now, he will have an additional tenure of two years as the Armed Forces' chiefs can serve for three years or up to the age of 62, whichever is earlier.

There is a past precedent to this. When Air Marshal N.C. Suri had become the chief of Air Staff after Air Chief Marshal S.K. Mehra, though both were to retire on the same day, which was 31 July 1991.



Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

"The government has decided to appoint Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria, current Vice-chief of Air Staff, as the next chief of the Air Staff after the retirement of Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa on 30 September 2019," said a government statement.

Gen. Bipin Rawat was appointed by the Modi government as Army chief in December 2016, by superseding two officers senior to him. In second supersession, Admiral Karambir Singh was appointed as Navy chief this year by superseding Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, who was around six months senior to him.

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छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य से बाहर मान्यता प्राप्त इंजीनियरिंग महाविद्यालयों में B.E./B.Tech पाठ्यक्रम में अध्ययनरत छात्र-छात्राओं को दी जाने वाली छात्रवृत्ति सत्र 2019-20

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग की अधिसूचना 21 जून 2013 को राजपत्र में 24 जून 2013 को प्रकाशित किये गये प्रावधानों के अनुसार छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य के स्थानीय निवासी छात्र-छात्राओं को अन्य राज्यों में अखिल भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (IITS) राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (NITS) भारतीय विज्ञान-शिक्षा संस्थाओं (IISc) तथा अन्य अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद (AICTE) से मान्यता प्राप्त उच्च तकनीकी संस्थाओं में इंजीनियरिंग प्रौद्योगिकी (B.E./B.Tech) उपाधि पाठ्यक्रम में प्रथम वर्ष में अध्ययनरत छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए 08 नवीन छात्रवृत्ति राशि च. 20000/- प्रतिमाह (अक्षरों में - रु. दो हजार मात्र) हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। द्वितीय, तृतीय एवं चतुर्थ वर्ष हेतु एक छात्रवृत्ति की संख्या निरंक है। छात्रवृत्ति के लिए अर्हकारी परीक्षा 12 वीं में कम से कम 60 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त करने वाले उम्मीदवार ही छात्रवृत्ति के लिए पात्र होंगे। अध्ययन का सफल अंतिमारी से जाते किये गये छात्रसमूह का मूल निवासी प्रमाण-पत्र होना अनिवार्य है। आवेदन पत्र संचालनालय, तकनीकी शिक्षा, इन्द्रावती भवन, ब्लॉक-3, तृतीय/चतुर्थ तल, नवा राजपुर, अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़ से नि:शुल्क प्राप्त किया जा सकता है अथवा संचालनालय की वेबसाइट [www.cgteairpur.cgstate.gov.in](http://www.cgteairpur.cgstate.gov.in) से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। आवेदन पत्र के साथ 12 वीं की अंकों की प्रमाण पत्र छात्रसमूह का स्थानीय निवास प्रमाण पत्र तथा अध्ययनरत संस्था AICTE से मान्यता प्राप्त होने संबंधी प्रमाण पत्र की छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्त करने के लिए आवेदन किये जानेवाले छात्र/छात्रा को छात्रवृत्ति की राशि प्राप्त होने पर इस आवेदन का रसीद प्रस्तुत करना होगा कि उक्त संचालनालय तकनीकी शिक्षा, नवा राजपुर, अटल नगर द्वारा स्वीकृत की गई छात्रवृत्ति की रकम रुपये 20,000/- संस्था प्रमुख से प्राप्त हो गये है। स्वीड प्राप्त होने के पश्चात ही अलायन वर्ष नवीनीकरण हेतु निम्नानुसार छात्रवृत्ति स्वीकृत की जा सकेगी। निम्न छात्रों को पूर्व में किसी वर्ष के लिये संचालनालय तकनीकी शिक्षा द्वारा छात्रवृत्ति स्वीकृत की जा चुकी है, वे छात्र-छात्राएँ भी अगले वर्ष के नवीनीकरण हेतु आवेदन के साथ पिछले वर्ष की उतीर्ण अंकों की प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करके आवेदन पत्र के साथ स्वीकृत छात्रवृत्ति की राशि रुपये 20,000/- की रसीद जिसेम यह उल्लेख किया गया हो कि संस्था प्रमुख के माध्यम से छात्रवृत्ति की राशि प्राप्त हो गई है, संलग्नक संश्लेषित संस्था प्रमुख से अनुसूचित कर्गकर अनिवार्य रूप से आवेदन पत्र के साथ प्रस्तुत करें। नदरप्राप्त आवेदन पत्र के साथ स्वीड प्राप्त होने पर ही नवीनीकरण की कार्यवाही की जा सकेगी। छात्रसमूह शासन, तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग की अधिसूचना 21 जून 2013 को राजपत्र में 24 जून 2013 को प्रकाशित किये गये प्रावधानों के अनुसार शासन की विधि से नवीनीकरण के बिना कोई भी छात्र एक समय में एक से अधिक छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्त नहीं करेगा।

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तकनीकी शिक्षा, छत्तीसगढ़

G-73381/1

## TS RTC

TENDER NOTICE  
No.P3/122(06)/2019-RR, Dt.16.09.2019.

Tenders shall submit their bids at RMs Office, RR Region on 16.10.2019 from 10:30 Hrs to 14:00 Hrs for the outsourcing works and Maintenance of Toilets at Chevella and Parigi Bus Stations invited vide Notification No.P3/122(06)/2019-RR, Dt.16.09.2019 subject to the terms & conditions already laid down. For full details, please visit our website: <http://www.tsrtc.telangana.gov.in> (Tenders)

Sd/-Regional Manager, Rangareddy Region

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE  
Open e-tender notice No. TRD/OT/22/144 KM/2/19-20

E-tenders are invited from reputed contractors having proven experience, electrical license, successful execution of similar works and sound financial standing supported by the valid documents for the work as per details given below:-

Items : Description : Sl. No.1. Name of work with location : Replacement of over aged OHE from SSG/SSP to CDMR/SP in MGS division (72KMx2=144KM) (Part-3: from DCX to CDMR ). 2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 6,84,99,232.16 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 4,92,500/- 4. Last date and time for submission of tender : Upto 11/10/19 on 15.00 hrs. 5. Website particulars from where the details of e-tender can be obtained : www.reps.gov.in

Sr. Divnl. Elec. Engineer (Tr-D),  
E.C. Railway, Mughalsara  
PR/01242/MGS/ELEC/ T/19-20/28

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to open Tender notice of even number dated 06.09.2019 which is scheduled to be opened on 30.09.2019. Due to unavoidable circumstances the work " Provision of 01 no. Escalator at Barh, 02nos. at Fatuha station, 02 no. at Patna Sahib, 02 nos. at RJPB, 04 nos. at Patna Jn. 02 nos. at Danapur station & 02 nos. atARA (Total 15 nos.) of Danapur Division under DENH/DNR." vide item no. 04 of said tender notice is postponed till further notification. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)  
E.C. Railway, Danapur  
PR/01233/DNR/ENGG/ C/19-20/20

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## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY DIRECTORATE OF STORES & STORES NRB PURCHASE & PURCHASE UNIT (NRBPSU)

### E-TENDER NOTICE

NRBPSU invites ONLINE tenders for the supply of items mentioned below as per the tender notice given in our E-Tender portal <https://tenders.dpsdae.gov.in>. The suppliers need to get enrolled in the E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. However, EMD in the form of DD, drawn in favor of PAY & ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NRB, MUMBAI should be sent by post to our Mumbai Office, so as to reach us by the tender opening date. No paper quotation will be accepted.

Sr. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Last Date of Uploading the tender	Opening Date
1	DPS/NRBPSU/03/N/147-A/TP/1	Compressed Air System in Utility Block - 2	06/11/2019	06/11/2019

Details of EMD, Pre-Bid Meeting (if applicable) are given on the above portal. Bidders shall ensure that minutes of pre-bid meeting and / or corrigendum if any uploaded on the E-Tender portal would be viewed / verified for any modification before uploading their offer.

For details on Bid Preparation, please see the user manual in the portal. For technical assistance please contact help desk 020-25315555 or email: [support.dpsdae@netenders.com](mailto:support.dpsdae@netenders.com) Website- [etenders.dpsdae.gov.in](http://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in) Part II opening date in the tender will be intimated after evaluation of part-I only those bidders who have been technically selected. Date of pre-bid meeting if any, is given the tender.

The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

Regional Director, (NRBPSU)

## POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

(A Government of India Enterprise)  
Regd. Office: B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016  
Corp. Office: "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram, Haryana-122 001  
Website : [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com), CIN : L40101DL198900308121

NOTICE  
1. Approval under regulation-86 of CER (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CER (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2014 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2019 for Petitioner-1: Asset-1: OPGW Fibre Links(98.484 k.m) Hoody-Yelahanka LILO Point of Nalamangala-Hoody, Hoody-HSR (KPTCL), Peenya-NRS-Hebbal (KPTCL), Hoody-HAL (KPTCL), LILO of Pandy-Sripembadur to SV Chattram (TANTRANSCO, LILLO of Neyveli TS-11-Neyveli TS-1 to NNTPS, Salem(RC) - Salem (TNEB), Sripembadur (TNEB), Sripembadur (TNEB) and Asset-2: Salem PS (Dharmapuri)-Machur (Tumkur) OPGW Link (246.197 Kms) under "Fiber Optic Communication system" for central sector Sub-stations & Generating Stations in Southern Region." 2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (1)NTPC (2)NLC (3) NPCL (4) NTECL (5) MEPL (6) SEPL (7) Lanco (8) KPTCL (9) APTRANSCO (10) KSEB (11) TNEB (12) Electricity Dept. of Goa (13) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry.

Name of the Asset	Asset-1	Asset-2
Approved Capital cost (Rs in Lakhs)	1226.73	519.80
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID	
Schedule DOCO (FR)	28.11.2014	28.11.2014
DOCO (Actual)	28.03.2018	19.03.2019
Estimated Completion Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	808.48	697.53

3. Tariff details:  
Tariff for year 2014-19 (Rs in Lacs)  
2014-15 - - - - -  
2015-16 - - - - -  
2016-17 - - - - -  
2017-18 - 1.41 - - - - -  
2018-19 - 149.07 - 5.90 - - - - -

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com).

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary, before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : GURGAON Sd/-  
Date : 13.09.2019 DGM (Commercial)  
"Give a Missed Call on Toll Free No. 18002003004 to Get MOP App"

## CITY UNION BANK LTD.

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.  
Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

## POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices at Door No.23, 75/291, Ground Floor, R.K. Nagar, Anand Bagh Cross Road, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad - 500 047 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2)&(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 28-06-2019 calling upon the borrowers (No. 1) Ms. Koppula Sophia (As Personal Capacity) & Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), Dio. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.2) Mr. Koppula Prakasham, S/o. Mr. Koppula Mathushela, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.3) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.4) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.5) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.6) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.7) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.8) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.9) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.10) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.11) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.12) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.13) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana), S/o. Mr. Koppula Prakasham, H.No.9-8/50, M.N. Colony, S.V. Nagar, Nagaram Village, G.P. Keesara Mandal, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 085. No.14) Mr. Koppula Sunil (Legal Heir of Late Koppula Sujana),



## Pilgrim price

Amarinder Singh likens the service charge demanded by Pak from Indian pilgrims for visiting the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara to *jaziya*

## Farm crisis takes new turn



Farmers under the banner Bharatiya Kisan Sangh march from Sharanpur towards Noida on Thursday.

— PTI

## 'Anti-Hindu' posters against Digvijaya in MP

**Bhopal, Sept. 19:** Days after senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh claimed that people donning "saffron robes" were committing rapes, some anonymous posters came up in the city, demanding a ban on his entry to Hindu religious places.

The posters, according to some people who saw them, were apparently put up around midnight outside various temples in the city, including the Parshuram temple in Char Imli area, by an unidentified right wing body. However, they were removed them in the morning by unidentified persons.

The posters, carrying pictures of the Congress veteran, read: "Hindu samaj ki yahi pukar, Hindu virodhi Digvijaya Singh ke liye mandiron ke darwaze band hon, band hon Hindu Samaj (this is an appeal of Hindu society that doors of temples should be closed for anti-Hindu Digvijaya Singh)."

The posters were apparently put up around midnight outside various temples in Bhopal. Singh kicked up a row on Tuesday by saying that people donning "saffron robes" are committing rapes which are taking place in "temples", and thus defaming the Sanatan Dharma. He also said that such acts are "unforgivable". Though Singh did not take names, his comments come close on the heels of a Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing allegations of rape levelled against BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand by a law student in Uttar Pradesh. The Congress leader, who had kicked up controversies in the past as well with his statements, also said the Sanatan dharma is being defamed by such acts.

— PTI

In the past two-and-half years, UP was pulled out from a state of identity crisis

— Yogi Adityanath  
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

## 15 cops flunk dope test in Punjab

**Amritsar:** In an embarrassment for the Punjab Police, 15 policemen here failed the dope test while one constable was caught replacing his urine sample. Police on Thursday said an annual medical examination of 25 policemen was conducted recently. Fifteen of the them were told to undergo a dope test and they were tested positive. All 15 policemen had been sent to the Swami Vivekananda de-addiction centre at the Government Medical College in Amritsar for treatment, they said. A constable was allegedly found replacing his urine sample during the annual medical examination.

## 3 held for duping Bollywood actress

**New Delhi:** The Delhi Police have arrested three people who allegedly duped Bollywood actress Isha Sharvani by pretending to be Australian Tax officers, officials said on Thursday. The police said the accused had threatened Sharvani with arrest for tax violations if she failed to pay up. The actress, who now lives in Australia, was induced to transfer 5,700 AUD via Western Union and RIA Money Transfer.

## INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR TO INCLUDE KOCHI

**Thiruvananthapuram, Sept. 19:** In a big boost to Kerala, the Union government has decided to extend the Chennai-Bengaluru industrial corridor to Coimbatore and then to Kochi. The decision in this regard was conveyed to the state government by the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT), a government release said.

It had been Kerala's plea for long to include the state in the corridor and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had made a strong pitch for the same.

The setting up of the corridor would contribute to developing manufacturing industries in the region and transforming the Kochi-Palakkad region into a major manufacturing hub of south India. Two integrated manufacturing clusters (IMCs) would be developed — at Palakkad and Salem in Tamil Nadu, the release said.

## 'SUPER 30' ANAND KUMAR AWARDED

**Washington, Sept. 19:** Super 30 founder and noted mathematician Anand Kumar has been felicitated in the US with a prestigious teaching award in recognition of his contributions towards imparting education to the needy students.

The Education Excellence Award 2019 was presented to Mr Kumar by the Foundation For Excellence (FFE) at a function on the occasion of the organisation's 25th anniversary gala in San Jose, California over the weekend.

Speaking at the event, Mr Kumar exhorted the strong Indian community in the USA to help education become the strongest weapon to fight all the problems of the world. "Making quality education accessible to the masses will make a huge difference to the world by solving the core issues of poverty, unemployment, population explosion, environmental degradation and a lot more," he said.

"Indians have been doing wonders in different fields across the globe, including the USA, and it would be immensely satisfying for them to give something back to their society."

# Didi takes up missing NRC names with Shah

Says genuine Indian nationals didn't find place in final list

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

The contentious NRC issue came up for discussion at a meeting between Home minister Amit Shah and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday, with the latter seeking the Centre's intervention to help those left out from the recent NRC exercise in Assam.

Ms Banerjee insisted that the Centre must help genuine Indian nationals belonging to the Assamese, Bengali, Gorkha and Bihari communities who were the worst affected by the NRC.

This was the first meeting between the Chief Minister and Mr Shah since he assumed charge as Home minister after the Lok Sabha polls over three months ago.

Talking to the media after the meeting, Ms



Home minister Amit Shah meets West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on Thursday.

— PTI

Banerjee said she had raised the NRC issue with the Home minister, seeking his immediate intervention as a large number of genuine Indian nationals had been left out and were in difficulty. "Mostly people from the Assamese, Gorkha, Bengali and Bihari communities had been left out. The Centre must exam-

ine each and every case and give them immediate assistance so that the issue can be resolved. The Home minister has assured me he would look into the matter," she added. Ms Banerjee said she had made it clear that there was no need for an NRC in her state, and so the issue didn't come up at her meeting with the

Home minister. The names of over 19 lakh people were left out of Assam's NRC, which was published on August 31.

Ms Banerjee said she had come to New Delhi after a long gap and meeting both the PM and the Home minister was part of a constitutional obligation.

She had raised the issue of renaming the state with the PM, and also invited Mr Modi to inaugurate the world's second largest coal block in West Bengal in October.

"Since we have international border issues with Bangladesh and Bhutan and state borders with Bihar and Jharkhand, and also the sensitive Chicken's Neck corridor linking the Northeast with the rest of the country, a meeting in that context with the Home minister was required," she added.

## Sena, BJP lock horns on seat sharing deal

YOJNA GUSAI | DC  
New Delhi, Sept 19

With the Maharashtra Assembly elections approaching, ruling partners — the BJP and Shiv Sena seem to have locked horns over the seat sharing formula.

The BJP, sources said, is unwilling to accept Sena's proposal of contesting on equal number of seats and sharing the chief minister's post.

However, the BJP — the "big brother" in the alliance — is willing to give the deputy chief minister's post to the Sena, amid speculation that Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray's son and Yuva Sena's chief Aditya Thackeray will make his electoral debut this Assembly polls.

Sources disclosed that the BJP wants both allies to contest the seats they had won during last polls

in 2014 and equally distribute the 103 seats which both had lost.

Of these 103 seats, BJP-Sena's smaller allies will also get their share.

Of the total 288 Assembly berths, the BJP had won 122 and the Sena had won 63 seats last time, when both had contested separately as they had failed to agree on the seat sharing formula.

Though the Sena had been under pressure from its cadre to push for equal number of seats to contest, the BJP camp is unwilling to accede to its ally's demand.

A section within the Sena, it was learnt, has even suggested to contest alone if an agreement is not reached over the seat sharing formula.

However, the Sena top brass is also aware of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity.

## SHAH CHAIRS GOM MEET FOR AIR INDIA SALE

**New Delhi, Sept. 19:** A Group of Ministers (GoM), headed by Home minister Amit Shah, on Thursday met to work out modalities for the sale of Air India, which has a debt burden of over ₹58,000 crore.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce and railway minister Piyush Goyal and Civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri attended the meeting.

"I am not in a position to make any announcement. Please allow the process to move forward. However, it was a productive meeting where all issues concerned were discussed. The process will commence now," Puri told reporters after the hour-long meeting.

Sources said the GoM discussed the modalities for the sale of Air India.

— PTI

## Gunmen issue diktats to J&K traders as situation persists

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC  
SRINAGAR, SEPT. 19

Suspected militants and their over-ground activists have stepped up their activities across Kashmir to gain sway over the persisting umbrage among the Valley's population against the Centre's abrogating Article 370 and bifurcating Jammu & Kashmir into two union territories (UTs).

Over the past week, gunmen have repeatedly appeared in various Valley areas to issue diktats to traders on when to open or close their establishments. Vendors and other sections of trading community too are being "guided" on the choice of their working schedule.

Many youth owing allegiance to the "freedom" cause too have become active on similar lines. In most cases, the diktats issued by them are religiously followed by the traders and others.

However, groups of youth have, in certain places, attacked shops for operating beyond "permissible" hours. Running cars and other vehicles too have been targeted by them.

In one such incident, an electronics store in southern Shopian town owned by one Sajad Ahmed Chirag was torched by a group of youth on Thursday. In neighbouring Kaccha Dora, two trucks which had arrived in the village to transport apples out were also attacked.

Groups of youth have attacked some shops in the Kashmir Valley for operating beyond permissible hours while running cars are also not spared.

Earlier, several shops were damaged in similar fashion in Beeru area of central district of Budgam. In Srinagar, dozens of private cars were damaged and a car was set ablaze in north-western Baramulla district in the beginning of the week.

The Kashmir Valley has been shut due to a spontaneous strike by traders and transporters since August 5 when the Parliament approved a resolution abrogating special status to J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution and a bill for splitting the state into two UTs.

However, the authorities have been able to "encourage" vendors to resume their work in some up town Srinagar areas including Residency Road. The movement of private vehicles on the roads too has increased lately.

## Search ops on for RJD MLA in sex racket case

NAYEAR AZAD | DC  
PATNA, SEPT. 19

The police have intensified their search for RJD MLA Arun Yadav in connection with a sex racket case. The special investigation team (SIT) formed to arrest the MLA had raided his residential premises in Patna and Bhojpur on Wednesday evening but he was found absconding.

According to sources here, the police, unable to trace his location are now planning to seek permission from the court for attachment of his property.

It is alleged in the FIR that a lady lured a minor

The police, who are unable to trace the MLA's location, are now planning to seek permission from the court for attachment of his property

girl on the pretext of getting education and employment and took her to Patna where the MLA along with others raped her. According to the police, the girl in her complaint, said that she ran away from a house in Patna, where she was held captive by the woman and a person who used to run a sex racket. The girl claimed that

Arun Yadav's official residence in Patna was among several places where she was sexually abused.

The POCSO court taking cognizance of the matter has already issued a non-bailable warrant against the MLA who went into hiding after the police recorded the victim's statement under section 164 of the IPC at the Ara court recently.

The police investigating the case said that the MLA's mobile phone was also put under the surveillance but it has not been used for the last 48 hours.

The bodyguards provided by the administration have also been withdrawn.

## ED QUESTIONS K'TAKA MLA OVER DKS CASE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday questioned Karnataka Congress MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar in connection with the money laundering case involving her senior party colleague D.K. Shivakumar.

According to sources, the woman MLA, the investigating officer of the case recorded her statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, sources said adding that she was confronted with the statements made by Shivakumar and others during interrogation.

## AIRSPACE | ISSUES Foreign secy says India may consider raising issue with Intl Civil Aviation Organisation

# 'Pak will realise folly of denying PM its airspace'

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

Following the refusal of Pakistan to allow the VVIP Air India One aircraft — that will carry Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the United States — to overfly its airspace, Foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale said that Islamabad "should realise the folly of its actions" and that if Pakistan "is in violation of norms of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)", India could "consider" approaching the ICAO. He however said that at the

moment, "there is no intention to do so". He indicated that Pakistan's actions were not those of a "normal" country.

In response to a question, foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale said, "So far as airspace is concerned, it was a rather unfortunate situation where the country denies overflight to the head of state or Head of Government of another country but this is true when the country (Pakistan) is a normal country. We have made our position very clear. We hope that Pakistan will realise the folly of its

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— VIJAY GOKHALE  
Foreign secy

actions. As far as going to any international organisation is concerned, we will take a look at that. So far there is no intention to do so. But if they are in violation of regulations of the International Civil Aviation Organisation

(ICAO), there is a possibility we can certainly consider that.

Earlier on Wednesday, India had reacted angrily, with the MEA saying, "We regret the decision of the Government of Pakistan to deny overflight clearance

for the VVIP special flight for a second time in two weeks, which is otherwise granted routinely by any normal country.

Pakistan should reflect upon its decision to deviate from well established international practice, as well as reconsider its old habit of misrepresenting the reasons for taking unilateral action."

Less than two weeks after Pakistan refused permission for the Air India One VVIP flight carrying President Ram Nath Kovind to use its airspace to fly to Iceland, it had on Wednesday refused a

request permission to overfly its airspace for another VVIP Air India One flight that will fly with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on board.

In a statement, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was quoted as saying, "India had requested Pakistan to allow Modi to use its airspace to travel to Germany on the 21st (Sept) and return on 28th (Sept)."

In the light of the current situation in Kashmir, India's attitude and atrocities there, we have decided to not allow our airspace for the flight of the Indian

prime minister."

India's Air India One aircraft carry the country's three VVIPs—President, Vice-President and Prime Minister—on overseas official visits.

PM Modi is scheduled to fly to the US in time to address the

American-Indian community at Houston, Texas, in the presence of US President Donald Trump on September 22.

The aircraft is expected to now fly over the Arabian Sea and be refuelled in the German city of Frankfurt en route to the US.

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## UN chief denies keeping mum against China over Muslims

United Nations, Sept. 19: Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has strongly rejected claims by five human rights groups that he hasn't condemned the Chinese government's detention of more than a million Muslims in the Xinjiang region, saying he has spoken out forcefully. "I don't think anyone has

been more persistent and more clear in talking to the Chinese authorities in relation to this issue than myself," he told reporters on Wednesday. "It is absolutely not true that I've only done discreet diplomacy." On the contrary, Guterres said that during his visit to Beijing in April, "I not only

did raise the issue, but I made it public." The five rights groups said in a letter to the secretary-general circulated on Tuesday that he would make an important contribution to addressing "one of the most pressing human rights issues of our time" by speaking out against China's internment of the

Uighurs and members of other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups and calling for the immediate closure of detention camps for them. The letter was signed by Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Federation for Human

Rights and the World Uighur Conference. Guterres said he told the Chinese "that it is very important to act in a way that each community feels that their identity is respected and that they belong, at the same time, to the society as a whole." "There couldn't be a more clear message," he said.

"So, if there is an area where I believe I've been doing publicly much more than many other leaders around the world (it) is this." Guterres said he will continue acting to guarantee that "all human rights in all circumstances are fully respected in that situation." — AP

## US LAYS DOWN LINE WITH CHINA ON THE NEXT DALAI LAMA

Washington, Sept 19: As Tibetans start grappling with the once unthinkable prospect of the octogenarian Dalai Lama's passing, the United States is looking to lay down a red line against China handpicking his successor. Through a warning from a senior official and a legislation is under con-

sideration in Congress, the US is hoping to make clear in advance that Beijing would face international opprobrium if it tries to take over the reincarnation process. At 84, the 14th Dalai Lama has slowed his once incessant travel down a notch and was hospitalized for a chest infection. — AFP

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## Will Metro puncture Mumbai's green lung?

Mumbai needs the Metro. It can strengthen the public transport network of India's "Maximum City" and prove, as is being advertised, to be its clever "solution for (air) pollution". It will also spare a large number of citizens using the Mumbai local train network their daily struggle for space.

To bring the Metro car to these citizens, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, along with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, has been planning since 2015 to build a yard on 74 acres in Aarey Milk Colony, a suburb in the eastern part of the city. What, however, is the cost of this plan? Not much, say the authorities, it is 2,700 fully grown trees — and an ecosystem comprising 290 wild species, of which five, including leopards, are on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) red list. New species of jumping spiders were discovered here as late as in 2016. There are 27 Adivasi villages in the colony, the residents of which complain of moves to declare these as slums and of a "sense that they are being targeted".

But environmentalists have warned that deforestation in Aarey Colony, which serves as a giant soakpit in the catchment area of the Mithi, can lead to worse flooding next year, dividing Twitterati. Among the political parties, the BJP is backing the project. The Shiv Sena, the Congress and the NCP see it as "overgovernance" and "vote politics".

**Significantly, the official tender issued by MMRC for felling of trees states that it is in possession of 62 hectares of land. It has told the Supreme Court that it will use not 30, but 65, hectares in Aarey Colony.**

So what is the fresh solution to this dilemma? Relocation. Why not move the project to nearby Kanjurmargin, where unlitigated land is still available? The MMRC contends that it is too expensive. In that case, why not cancel the 36-km road planned along Mumbai's western coast as well as the ₹3,600-crore Shivaji statue project that will also require taking land from the sea at a huge financial and environmental cost? That money can be used towards sparing Aarey and improving the local train system. For the 2,700 trees cut down, the MMRC has promised to plant 13,000 trees in 30 days. Reports say that 56 per cent of the 1,483 trees transplanted by MMRC are already dead and that number is increasing. Significantly, the official tender issued by MMRC for felling of trees states that it is in possession of 62 hectares of land. It has told the Supreme Court that it will use not 30, but 65, hectares in Aarey. There are plans to build a Metro Bhavan and a regional transport office of the Maharashtra motor vehicles department in Aarey. Perhaps pertinently, Aarey's loss of green cover has been subtle and steady. Three cases are currently being heard on Aarey. Two of them, originally filed in the National Green Tribunal and the Bombay high court, are in the Supreme Court. A third petition filed in the high court has resulted in a ruling by a bench led by Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog that stayed the cutting of trees till September 30.

The battle to save Aarey now seems set for the long haul.

## E-cigarette ban not enough

The e-cigarette ban may stem the spread of vaping as an epidemic among youth, the group most vulnerable to addictive substances. E-cigarettes come in handy sizes that are easy to hide, enabling students to cheat parents and teachers. As a stand-alone measure to address a problem, India's ban must be lauded. But far more harmful substances like tobacco and gutka are still freely available. Users may have been told these substances are carcinogenic, but awareness is one thing, availability quite another. Big Tobacco, like Big Pharma, lives by its own rules. The tobacco lobby can steamroll past obstacles to keep the multi-billion dollar trade intact, despite restrictive curbs like graphic pictorial warnings and brand-less packaging.

The revenue the tobacco industry generates far outstrips the "sin taxes" imposed by governments. E-cigarettes are just another, if sophisticated, form of marketing addictive nicotine, for which users were used to burning paper, leaf and tar in cigarettes and bidis, considered more harmful than the alkaloid. "Cancer cures smoking" was a catchy slogan to dissuade smokers, of whom countless millions died from cancer or lung illnesses. But no government in the world has been able to rein in tobacco farmers or manufacturers. Indians are exposed to the greater hazards of gutka and pan masala. Even in a state like Tamil Nadu, where gutka was banned, a corruption scandal involving thousands of crores was exposed, but that didn't stop it from reaching users/abusers. Narcotics may predate tobacco as the original destroyers of the human body and soul, but tobacco has had an extended run and opioids are challenging them for destructive space. Banning e-cigarettes is just a fig leaf — of acting for the public good over substances that kill.

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## Does BJP desire to rule India like China's Reds?



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Addressing the National Management Convention of the All India Management Association earlier this week, Union home minister Amit Shah, while emphatically declaring that India will be a \$5 trillion economy and praising the Narendra Modi government for its bold and decisive acts, raised doubts about the usefulness of a multi-party polity. He said that the debates of the Constituent Assembly showed that the founding fathers had hoped that a multi-party democracy would create a welfare state, but after 70 years it seems that the people have realised that multi-party democracy has not succeeded. The Press Information Bureau, in its rebuttal of the home minister's speech, quoted him as saying: "But after nearly 70 years of Independence, there was a question in the minds of the people whether the vision of the founding fathers had been realised. Whether the multi-party democratic system had failed to fulfil the aspirations of the citizens of the country?"

The spokespersons of the government and of the party are sure to say that Mr Shah had made the remark in passing, and that his focus was more on the decision-making abilities of the Modi government compared to the Manmohan Singh government's "policy paralysis". They would also say that there was no need for concern or apprehension about his passing remark on the issue of multi-party democracy. But the spokespersons' take cannot be accepted without caveats.

It is true that the theme of Mr Shah's speech was not about the party system in India, and that it was about the virtues

and achievements of the Modi government in the past five years, and therefore his comment on the issue of the perceived failure of the multi-party system cannot be treated as a considered view either of the Modi government or of the BJP. It cannot, however, be denied that Mr Shah himself seems to consider the multi-party democratic system in India to be ineffective and a failure. And it cannot be denied that he is raising questions about the keystone of a liberal democracy, which affirms the principle of a multi-party democracy. Political scientists and political philosophers from Plato's time have always lamented the factionalism and internecine feuds in a democratic system, but the lived experience of democracies in Europe, America and parts of Asia and Africa has shown that a multi-party democratic system is a protection against the domination of a single party and a single leader. The problems and challenges posed by the existence of many parties jostling with each for power and influence are never in question. But it was found that it is the apparent anarchy of a multi-party democracy that guarantees the liberty of the people. It prevents the emergence of a dictator, however popular and democratic he may be.

It has also been a popular talking point

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whether Communist Party-ruled China's successful emergence as an economic superpower was due to the fact that it did not have to contend with the irritations of a political opposition and that decisions for building the country could be taken and implemented without much ado, and that the stumbling block in India's economic progress was its democracy. This debate has been raging within India, especially among the middle classes, and many a time the ultra-nationalists have argued that it is worth dumping democracy if Indians could be provided the basic amenities of life and India could be made a stronger country.

The opposite view that it is worth preserving India's democracy and that economic progress would be achieved more efficiently through a democratic government than through the authoritarian rule of a single party. The more persuasive argument in favour of democracy has been that innovation in technology is possible in the conducive atmosphere of democracy, which is based on freedom of thought and expression. Nobel laureate and BJP's bete noir Amartya Sen has always held that India's achievements were better and superior to those of China's because of India's democracy.

It is Mr Shah's democratic right to cast doubts about the efficacy of the multi-party democratic system in India. It is also the case that there are a large number of middle-class people who would concur with Mr Shah's view. It is legitimate to critique the wobbly -- and who can deny that it is not wobbly -- multi-party democratic order,

but if it is to be a prelude to transforming India into a single-party democracy, then the alarm bells should be ringing across the country. From 1952 to 1967, the Congress was the single dominant party in the country, but no one in the Congress had suggested that India should do away with multi-party democracy. It is true that there were many who had argued that India should have a two-party system on the lines of the Conservatives and Labour in Britain and the Republicans and Democrats in the United States. But it was a foregone conclusion that in a diverse polity like that of India, the Anglo-Saxon model of a two-party system would not work, at least not without considerable modifications.

Mr Shah's passing reference to the failure of the multi-party democracy in the country is accompanied by his eulogy, which is but natural, of the efficient decision-making of the Modi government of the past five years, and how the goal of a \$5 trillion economy would ensure that every Indian would own a house, have a bank account, electricity at home and road connectivity by 2022. The implication is clear -- that the rule of the BJP is beneficial to the country, and that the existence of other parties would only be an impediment in making the country prosperous and the people secure and comfortable.

According to BJP working president J.P. Nadda, the latest membership drive has raised the figure of BJP members from 11 crores in 2014 to 18 crores in 2019. And Mr Nadda has disclosed that there are places where all voters are also members of the BJP. If Mr Shah's condemnation of the multi-party system and the BJP's membership tsunami is juxtaposed, the dystopia of BJP-ruled India on the lines of the Communist Party-ruled China looms menacingly on the horizon.

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### LETTERS

#### DENGUE EPIDEMIC

The report 'Government finds denial cure' (DC, Sept. 19) is truly shocking. It reveals the extent of ineptitude that this government has displayed toward suffering of the people from simultaneous assault of a variety of viruses, from dengue to chikungunya. Since these are spread via the aedes aegypti mosquito, it is of paramount importance that proper documentation and notification are done. The government should focus urgently on healthcare system -- lest Hyderabad be known as Dengupura or Chikungunyabad!

Ramesh S. Pai  
Hyderabad

#### E-CIGARETTE BAN

The government's move to ban e-cigarettes is welcome and one hopes that other tobacco products in different forms would also be banned, unless they would be allowed to stay on for sake of vote bank politics. Unless grown up stop consuming anything not for good health, such bans would not have the desired effect.

N. Nagarajan  
Hyderabad

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#### INDO-US SPACE ACCORD FOR FARM PROGRESS

NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19. India and the United States have signed a co-operative space agreement which, observers say, may serve as a model to help improve living conditions in the developing world. Under the agreement, the first of its kind, the United States will launch in mid-1972 an advance board casting satellite which India will use to beam instructional programmes on farming, family planning and education directly to 5,000 villages north central India with 10 to 20 million people. The satellite, called Applications Technology Satellite Six (ATS-6), will be capable of broadcasting directly to antenna-equipped schools and community centres.



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## Goodbye Tim Hoare, of the booming voice and big heart

He was a Falstaff in his drinking and in his celebration of life, but his greatness lay in his friendships. Like his closest friend Nick Scott, who left us two and a half years ago, he roamed the world making friends and being as generous to them as a fairy godfather. The years, with all their disappointments, teach us caution, but Tim Hoare remained reckless to the end. Here he is in a high life column from 15 years ago:

*We hit a hurricane while sailing off the Riviera last week, a hurricane called Tim Hoare. I have never in my long life met anyone quite like him. The words, in posh English vintage 1940s tones, tumble out so fast, enwrapped in alliteration and so clogged with onomatopoeia, that a poor little Greek boy like me misses three out of every four.*

On that particular trip, Tim's private plane blew an engine mid-flight and was circling uncontrollably. He was alone with the two pilots. So he rang us but failed to tell us he was in

trouble. He just said that he might be a while. He spent only one night on Bushido and presented me with the grandest and most beautiful old Cartier lighter. It is half-a-foot high and was made in the 1920s. A friend described him as Falstaffian in girth, too, with a booming voice. He was generous to a fault, extremely intelligent and well read, and atop it all was an abundant shock of jet-black hair. He and Bob Geldof were like brothers and made a very strange couple: the rich old Etonian clubman and the proud and exceedingly talented Irishman playing the poor Irish lad scrounging a living. Nick Scott was the third musketeer.

Now it looks as if things are coming to an end, like an Agatha Christie novel only without the mystery of who's next. Three of us in the merry band of Pugs are in our eighties, but it is not fear of the man in the white suit that is the problem. It's missing those who have recently left us. Tim never lost touch with the overflowing joy and curiosity of the young.

And, like the young, he remained confident of the future despite the degradation of our culture.

His wife Ginny and his five children from three marriages handed us a copy of *Whale Tales*, a collection written by friends about him that reflects the uniquely varied life he led: sailing against Roger Taylor, Bob Miller and me, and going straight through a nature reserve where no boats were allowed in order to snatch victory; chartering the most expensive sailing boat ever in order to beat Bob Miller in Capri and, having confidently given himself the worst handicap ever, being unable to move an inch, as if the boat were attached to the Italian seabed by a giant spike through its deck (he did almost lose his temper that time); gallivanting all over Turkey in a fantastic old Edwardian steamer, and somehow losing Sarah Ferguson overboard, then finding her again, Fergie emerging from the seas squealing "Soopah!"

Then there was the time he flew to

New York with his partner Richard Northcott to close a \$100 million film deal. He lost patience with the squabbling, and appointed Roger and Alan to represent Richard and him, before going for a very liquid lunch. The trouble was that neither Roger nor Alan was in the room. Still, Richard Northcott thought Tim the best corporate thinker ever.

Richard gave a wonderful lunch beforehand in the pub he owns near his house and Tim's beautiful 18th-century Hollycombe House. But what impressed me most about Tim's funeral was the attendance. Ginny and the children were in the front row, of course, and all of his friends were there at a day's notice. Prince Pavlos of Greece, with wife and daughter, flew over from New York, roughing it in the air as Hurricane Dorian raged over the Atlantic. Ditto Roger Taylor and Bob Geldof. Arki Busson made it to the church on time from the Bahamas. Prince Nikolaos of Greece came over from Athens, and so it went with peo-

ple flying in from all over Europe. After a wonderful speech by the Revd Nicoll about Christ, the continuity of friendship and the life eternal, my spirits lifted. I sat with Geldof and Roger Taylor, the Bismarcks and the Cowdrays, David Linley, Mark Getty and Nick Scott's older brother Anthony.

Harry Hoare spoke to us about his father: as a little boy he had spotted some scars on Tim's stomach and asked about them. Tim said they were from a fight with a lion. It then became a fight with a leopard. When Harry grew up, he realised that they were stretch marks. Oh well. What I love about Britain is that a funeral is a celebration of the dead, not an occasion to look sad and depressed and spill tears. In Germany, Italy and Greece, telling a funny story is seen as an insult to the departed. The best send-off ever for the most generous and wonderful of men.

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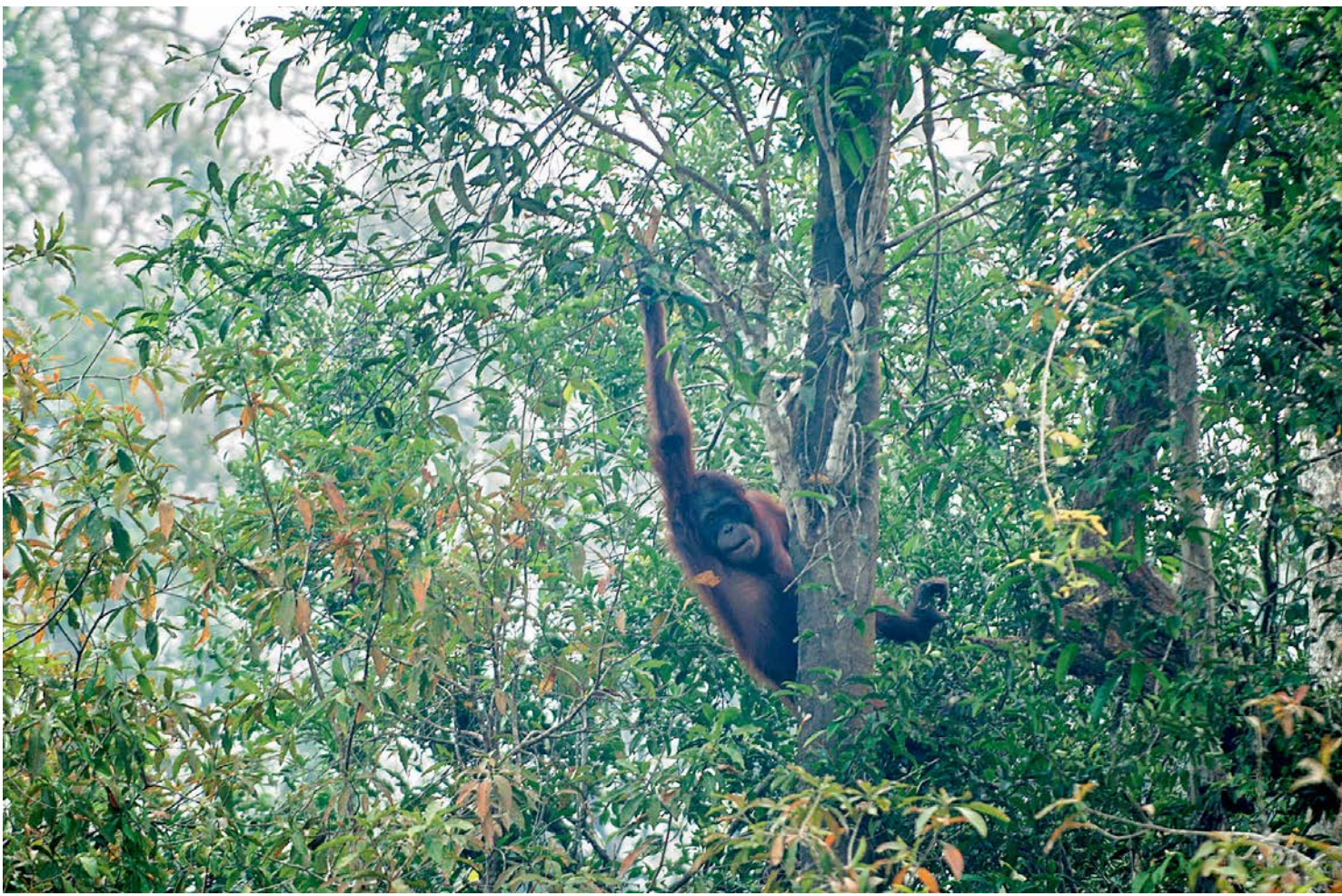
Donald Trump says he carries cash in his back pocket as he loves giving tips at the hotels



UK must deliver a proposal by the end of this month to avoid no-deal Brexit

— Antti Rinne  
Finland Prime Minister

## Forest fires and life



An orangutan climbs a tree in a forest blanketed by haze from forest fires at a Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation (BOSF) pre-release site on Kaja Island, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia on Thursday. Indonesia's fires are an annual problem that strains relations with neighbouring countries. The smoke from the fires has blanketed parts of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and southern Thailand in a noxious haze. — AP

## Gantz insists on being Israel PM

**Jerusalem, Sept. 19:** Benjamin Netanyahu's main challenger Benny Gantz on Thursday presented himself as the next prime minister, hours after the embattled Israeli premier urged the Blue and White leader to join him in forming a unity government to avoid a third election. With 98 per cent of the votes counted, Gantz's Blue and White party has won 33 seats while Netanyahu's Likud secured 31 seats in 120-member Israeli Parliament.

**HE was against Netanyahu as PM again after such a proposal was floated**

can't come with political blocs and spins," Gantz said, referring to the right-wing religious bloc's move to recommend Netanyahu as the next PM after no clear winner emerged in the unprecedented repeat polls. "You come with responsibility and seriousness. I attend to act accordingly," Gantz was quoted as saying by the *Haaretz*. Gantz said he will not accept any dictates. "There will be no shortcuts." His comments came after 69-year-old Netanyahu said he wanted to form a right-wing government, but the results showed it was not possible. He called on Gantz to meet him "at any hour today" in order to hold discussions for a unity government. "Benny, it's on us to establish a wide unity government today. Let's meet today. At any time, at any moment. In order to begin this process that is demanded of us at this time," he said. — PTI

## US monument to be opened after 3-years

**Washington:** After a three-year closure, the Washington Monument is reopening to public. The 555-foot stone obelisk was closed in September 2016 in order to replace the aging elevator and upgrade security systems. The monument will reopen to the public at noon Thursday, and first lady Melania Trump is expected to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We're just excited to open it again," said National Park Service Spokesman Mike Litterst, during a Wednesday tour of the site. "The views from up here are like nothing else."

## Thieves in \$2.2 mn jewel theft identified

**Paris:** French authorities say six unidentified thieves have broken into one of France's most opulent chateaus, tied up its owners and escaped with at least 2 million euros (\$2.2 million) worth of jewels and cash. Prosecutor *Batrice Angelelli-Lamotte* said that police was hunting for perpetrators after the overnight robbery at the Vaux-le-Vicomte Chateau. The prosecutor said the thieves were not armed and the owners, a couple in their 80s, were not injured. The 17th-century chateau's Baroque glamour attracted stars from around the world notably for the 2007 wedding of *Desperate Housewives* actor *Eva Longoria* and NBA star *Tony Parker*.

## New Aussie law to save Barrier Reef

**Sydney:** Australia introduced stricter new laws to limit agricultural run-off into the waters surrounding the Great Barrier Reef on Thursday, in an attempt to save the reef and keep its prized world heritage status. The world's largest coral reef system faces multiple threats to its survival, most notably rising sea temperatures caused by climate change, water pollution and coral-eating crown of thorns starfish. Australia in August downgraded the reef's long-term outlook to "very poor" for the first time. Queensland state parliament approved laws aimed at reducing sediment and pesticide run-off from farms.

## S. KOREA FINDS SERIAL KILLER AFTER 33 YRS

**Seoul, Sept. 19:** South Korean police identified a suspect in one of the country's most notorious serial murder cases more than 30 years after the first of the 10 killings, they said on Thursday. Between 1986 and 1991 more than two million police officers — a record for a single case — were mobilised to try and find the person who raped and murdered women in rural parts of Hwaseong, south of Seoul. They investigated some 21,000 individuals and compared the fingerprints of around 20,000 more without success, and the case inspired South Korean filmmaker *Bong Joon-ho's* 2003 box office hit *Memories of Murder*. But using the latest forensic techniques to retrieve DNA from long-past crimes officers have identified *Lee Chun-jae*, 56, as a suspect in at least three of the killings, said *Ban Gi-soo* of the Gyeonggi Nambu Provincial Police Agency. Samples collected from evidence including a victim's underwear matched with Lee's, the police said. The suspect is currently serving a life sentence for raping and murdering his sister-in-law in 1994, but denies involvement in the Hwaseong murders and the statute of limitations has expired, meaning he will not be prosecuted, police added.

## Iran warns against war as US, allies mull action

Accuses 'B-Team' with Pompeo of duping Trump for war

**Dubai/Jeddah, Sept. 19:** Iran warned US President Donald Trump on Thursday against being dragged into all-out war in the Middle East following an attack on Saudi Arabian oil facilities which Washington and Riyadh blame on Tehran.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has described the weekend strike that initially halved Saudi oil output as an act of war and has been discussing possible retaliation with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf allies. Trump on Wednesday struck a cautious note, saying there were many options short of war with Iran, which denies involvement in the September 14 strikes. He ordered more sanctions on Tehran.

Iran's foreign minister responded by telling CNN that the Islamic Republic "won't blink" if it has to defend itself against any US or Saudi military strike, which he said will lead to "all-out war".

Mohammed Javad Zarif said Pompeo was part of a so-called "B-team", that Tehran says includes Saudi's crown prince and is trying to dupe Trump into opting for war.



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah. — AFP

Pompeo said on Wednesday the attack was an act of war against the Saudis. Riyadh, which called the assault a "test of global will", on Wednesday displayed what it described as remnants of 25 Iranian drones and missiles used in the strike, saying it was undeniable proof of Iranian aggression.

The United Arab Emirates on Thursday followed its ally Saudi Arabia in announcing it was joining a global maritime security coalition that Washington has been trying to build since a series of explosions on oil tankers in

Gulf waters in recent months that were also blamed on Tehran. Pompeo, who arrived in the UAE from Saudi Arabia on Thursday, welcomed the move on Twitter: "Recent events underscore the importance of protecting global commerce and freedom of navigation."

Britain and Bahrain previously said they are participating but most European countries have been reluctant to sign up for fear of stoking regional tensions. Iraq said it would not join the mission, and also rejected any Israeli role in it. — Reuters

Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement, which is battling a Saudi-led military coalition, claimed responsibility for the assault on two Saudi oil plants, including the world's largest processing facility. US and Saudi officials rejected the claim, saying the attack had not come from the south.

Kuwait, which said earlier this week it was investigating the detection of a drone over its territory, has put its oil sector on high alert and raised security to the highest level as a precautionary measure. Oil prices, which soared following the attack, steadied after Saudi Arabia pledged to restore full oil production by the end of September.

Proof of Iranian responsibility, and evidence that the attack was launched from Iranian territory, could pressure Riyadh and Washington, which want to curb Iranian influence in the region, into a response.

Pompeo said the attacks would be a major focus of next week's annual UN General Assembly meeting and suggested Riyadh could make its case there. — Reuters

## SUICIDE BOMB IN AFGHAN HOSPITAL KILLS 20, HURTS 90

**Kabul, Sept. 19:** A powerful early morning suicide truck bomb devastated a hospital in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 20 people and wounding over 90 others, an official said. The Taliban took responsibility for the attack, which destroyed part of the hospital in Qalat, the capital of southern Zabul province, and left a fleet of ambulances broken and battered.

Residents, many of whom had come to see their sick family members, used shawls and blankets to carry the wounded inside the destroyed building, while authorities scrambled to take the worst of the wounded to hospitals in nearby Kandahar.

In the early hours after the explosion there were contradictory figures of the dead and wounded. The provincial governor's spokesman *Gul Islam Seyal* put the death toll at 12 but said authorities were on the scene sifting through the debris. — AP

## Energy heads get cleared in N-trial

**Tokyo, Sept. 19:** A Japanese court on Thursday cleared three energy firm bosses of professional negligence in the only criminal trial stemming from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear meltdown.

The three men were senior officials at the TEPCO firm operating the Fukushima Daiichi plant and had faced up to five years in prison if convicted. In the early hours after the explosion there were contradictory figures of the dead and wounded. The provincial governor's spokesman *Gul Islam Seyal* put the death toll at 12 but said authorities were on the scene sifting through the debris. — AP

The decision is likely to be appealed, extending the legal wrangling over responsibility for the worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl, more than eight years after the disaster.

Outside the courtroom, dozens of people staged a rally, including some who had travelled from Fukushima region to hear the verdict. "It is absolutely an unjust ruling. We cannot accept this," one woman said angrily, addressing the crowd. "We will appeal this and continue our fight," shouted a man nearby. TEPCO declined to comment on the verdict. — Agencies

## Nasa captures moon landing site

**Houston, Sept. 19:** As the deadline to re-establish communication with Chandrayaan-2's Vikram lander nears, Nasa's Moon orbiter has captured images of the lunar region where the Indian mission made an unsuccessful attempt to soft-land, a senior official with the US space agency confirmed on Thursday.

Nasa's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) spacecraft has snapped a series of images

during its flyby on September 17 of Vikram's attempted landing site near the Moon's uncharted south pole.

It flew over the area of the Vikram landing site when local lunar time was near dusk; large shadows covered much of the area, LRO Mission deputy project scientist *John Keller* said in a statement to PTI.

The probability of establishing contact with the lander has a deadline of September 21 because

after that the Moon region will enter into a lunar night.

"The LRO Camera acquired images around the targeted landing site, but the exact location of the lander was not known so the lander may not be in the camera field of view," Keller said.

"The LROC team will analyse these new images and compare them to previous images to see if the lander is visible (it may be in shadow or outside the

imaged area)," Keller said. Nasa will make the results of the September 17 flyover available as soon as possible after a necessary period of validation, analysis, and review, Keller said.

According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the lander *Vikram* and rover *Pragyan* were supposed to be functional only for 14 days from the day of their touchdown. — PTI

## South America's No. 2 economy might shrink 2.6% with 50% annual inflation

## Economic crisis hits Argentine condom sales

**Buenos Aires, Sept. 19:** In South America's capital of romance, Argentine lovers are cutting back on one important cost: contraception. Amid a biting recession, a sharp currency devaluation and painful inflation, sales of condoms and birth control pills have tumbled, pharmacists and manufacturers say.

"The devaluation of the peso is killing me," actor and comic *Guillermo Aquino* jests in one viral

video, in which a young man apologises to a potential partner, saying he has only one condom left until the end of the year.

"I love you, it's not you, it's the socio-economic situation," adds the humorist. Underneath the comedy is a bleaker reality.

South American's No. 2 economy is expected to shrink 2.6 per cent this year and is grappling with 50 per cent-plus annual inflation. The peso currency has lost two thirds of its

value against the dollar since the start of 2018, hammering imports and consumption.

Domestic sales of cars, wines and meat have dipped as wallets have been squeezed. Industry

sources estimated condom sales are down 8% since the start of the year compared to 2018, and have fallen by a quarter over recent months as the economic crisis has worsened.

Most condoms, or the materials needed to make them, are imported, so a weaker currency has an immediate impact on the price, up some 36 per cent since the start of the year, said *Felipe Kopelowicz*, president of *Kopelco*, man-

ufacturer of *Tulipan* and *Gentleman* condom brands. Sales of birth control pill sales are also down - 6 per cent for the year and by a fifth more recently, pharmacists said. *Isabel Reinoso*, president of the *Argentina Pharmaceutical Confederation*, told Reuters price rises meant thousands of women were going off the pill.

"It's around 144,000 women who have stopped taking contraceptives each

month," she said. Public health experts said the issue could aggravate levels of sexually transmitted disease.

"When you're just thinking about getting by day to day, health is often relegated and sexual health, which is still taboo and has little support, even more so," said *Mar Lucas*, programme director at *Fundación Huésped*, an Argentine non-profit organisation fighting HIV. — Reuters

## TRUDEAU ADMITS 'BROWNFACE' IN PHOTO 'RACIST'

**Ottawa, Sept. 19:** Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, a fervent advocate of multiculturalism integral to Canadian identity, apologised on Wednesday for wearing brownface makeup to a party at a school where he taught 18 years ago.

*Time* published the photograph one week into a federal election campaign with Trudeau's Liberal Party in a tight fight against the Conservatives. — AFP

Factory investment at 3-yr low of ₹3.3 L-cr in FY18

Tyre-makers tap trade war to push exports



## quick BITES

INDICATORS		%
Sensex	36,093.47	-1.29
Nifty 50	10,704.80	-1.25
S&P 500	3,019.32	+0.42
Dollar (₹)	71.66	0.10
Pound Sterling (₹)	89.24	-0.04
Euro (₹)	78.72	+0.35
Gold (10gm) (₹)	37,665.184	-0.49
Brent crude (\$/bbl)	\$64.51	+0.91
IN 10-Yr bond yield	+6.634	+0.017
US 10-Yr T-bill yield	+1.768	-0.016

\* As of 9:30 pm IST

## Telecom body okays ₹8,588-cr infra projects

The Digital Communication Commission approved various telecom infrastructure projects, including roll out of more than 3,500 mobile towers for 4G services in the North East, involving an expenditure of Rs 8,588 crore. The DCC, formerly known as Telecom Commission, approved a special scheme to cover close to 12,000 uncovered villages in aspirational districts.

## Maruti crosses 10 L car exports from Mundra



Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said it has crossed the 10-lakh exports mark for cars from the Mundra port in Gujarat after commencing international dispatches a decade ago. With shipments to more than 125 countries, the company's cumulative exports have crossed 18-lakh units mark. MSI exports models from Mundra to various geographies.

## Google sets up AI lab in Bengaluru

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

With the demand for Artificial Intelligence on the rise, Google on Thursday announced its plan to set up an AI research unit in Bengaluru as it looks to develop more India-specific products.

Speaking at the fifth edition of the 'Google for India' event, Google's VP (Next Billion Users and Payments) Caesar Sengupta said, "Google Research India, the artificial intelligence (AI) lab, will focus on advancing fundamental computer science and AI research. Apart from the Google team led by AI scientist Manish Gupta, the company will also partner with the research community across the country for tackling challenges in healthcare, agriculture, and education." At the event, IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad emphasised that tech platforms like Google must ensure that their products are safe and secure for users. "They must safeguard the privacy rights of individuals," he said.

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# Carcinogen scare sets off global race to contain ranitidine

ANNA EDNEY SEPT. 19

Drugmakers and global public-health regulators are taking steps to remove supplies of a popular heartburn medication that may have become tainted with a cancer-causing agent from the market.

Novartis AG's Sandoz unit said Wednesday that it was halting worldwide distribution of generic versions of the stomach drug Zantac, just days after regulators in the U.S. and Europe began investigating the discovery of a likely human carcinogen called NDMA, or N-Nitrosodimethylamine, in the medications.

Some versions of Zantac, which is also known by the generic name ranitidine,

have also been recalled in Europe and Canada as well.

The moves are the latest in a series of actions aimed at getting drugs tainted with potentially deadly contaminants off pharmacy shelves. Since last year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has been overseeing a recall of a type of generic blood-pressure pills, Valsartan, that originated in China and India and were contaminated with NDMA.

Until last week, concerns had mostly been limited to that class of hypertension drugs, known as angiotensin II receptor blockers. But on Friday, the FDA and Europe's top drug regulator said they were examining NDMA levels in Zantac and its

## Valsartan impurities under investigation

ARCHAK SENGUPTA HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) on Thursday confirmed that the drug, Valsartan, which is used to treat blood pressure and heart failure, is under inspection for carcinogenic impurities.

With several lots of the drugs voluntarily recalled by multiple drug companies due to the "presence

of traces of impurity" in the US market, the move will be eagerly watched by all Indian pharma firms.

Speaking on the sidelines of an annual event organised by Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) in Hyderabad, V.G. Somani said, "That (the carcinogenic impurities) was a batch specific phenomena. We are looking at it and we are investigating it... And

we will take appropriate decision on whether to accept it as a risk, whether to take some action on prescribing the product or to ban the product."

He said the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation was carrying out the investigation. However, the pharma firms can breathe easy as Mr Somani said the impurities were not found during the initial approval process of the product.

generic forms and whether they pose any risk to patients.

Ranitidine is taken by millions of people world-

wide to treat gastrointestinal disorders and discomfort. Sandoz is one of several generic-drug makers that distribute it. French

drugmaker Sanofi makes branded Zantac sold without a prescription.

Sandoz is also recalling its prescription oral ver-

sion of ranitidine after testing found it contained NDMA levels "above what is considered acceptable," Health Canada said in a statement Tuesday.

Some countries in the European Union are recalling ranitidine containing an active ingredient made by an India-based manufacturer, Saraca Laboratories Ltd., Germany's Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices said in a statement. German health officials didn't specify which countries are recalling the products or what drugmakers purchased the ingredients from Saraca.

There are indications other drug manufacturers could be affected by the contamination as well, according to the state-

ment. Saraca Labs is registered with the FDA to make active ingredients for medicines taken by American consumers. Since pharmaceutical companies don't have to disclose where they buy drug materials, it's unclear whether any use the company as their active ingredient supplier for Zantac or its generics sold in the U.S.

Online pharmacy Valisure, which tests all the drugs it distributes, detected the NDMA levels in Zantac and its generics and petitioned the FDA to recall the drugs.

NDMA may be inherent in the ranitidine molecule, said Valisure Chief Executive David Light.

— Bloomberg

## IMPS is world's best money transfer platform

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, SEPT. 19

With a 10-fold rise in transaction value and eight-fold increase in volumes over last year, India's IMPS has been rated the world's best real time money transfer platform by FIS.

In the sixth annual 'Flavors of Fast report' by FIS, which analysed 54 countries, India's Immediate Payment Service received the only 5+ rating on the Faster Payments Innovation Index scale of 1-5. The programmes were rated on innovative features, fund availability and market application. The payment systems of countries like the US, China, Japan, the UK, Germany, Australia, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Singapore and Sweden were analysed by FIS.

Launched almost a decade ago, IMPS is the core of one of the most evolved and sophisticated public digital payments infrastructures in the world. Funds can be accessed via mobile devices, online, at ATMs, through text messages and at physical bank branches.

India is one market which has successfully integrated real-time payments with mobile and the result has been 1,000 per cent plus growth rates. Though more than half the population remains offline, India's real-time scheme processes 20 million fast payment transactions each day.

"Consumers and businesses globally are demanding faster payments," said Raja Gopalakrishnan, Executive VP at FIS.

## Says Govt has little fiscal space to act

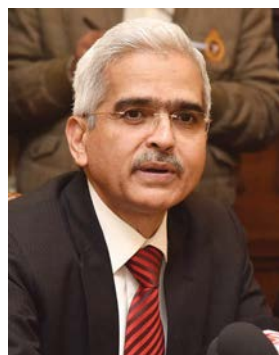
# Room for more rate cuts: Das

Mumbai, Sept. 19: After surprising everyone with four successive rate cuts this year, Reserve Bank Governor Shakti-kanta Das Thursday said "there is more room" to do so given the growth deceleration and stable inflation that is likely to stay below target for a year or so.

However, the governor was quick to add that there is little fiscal space for the government to unveil any countercyclical measures to boost the sagging growth and the only way to revive the growth engine is to front-load the budgeted capex, hinting that only an easy money policy can help salvage the situation.

Since assuming charge mid-December, the Das-led rate-setting panel has delivered four successive rates cuts, with the fourth one last month being the most surprising and unconventional one as he chose to deliver a 35 bps repo cut.

With that the RBI has



Shaktikanta Das

delivered a cumulative 110 bps repo reduction since February, yanking down the key benchmark rate to a nine-year low of 5.40 per cent.

"When we see that the price stability is maintained and inflation is much below the 4-percent mandate and is expected to be so in the next 12 months horizon, there's a room for more rate cuts especially when growth has slowed down," Das told Bloomberg India economic summit this

evening.

On the shrill calls from industry for fiscal measures in the form of tax cuts, Das said, "so far as the government must front-load the budgeted spending as it has little fiscal space for any counter-cyclical measures to boost growth."

Stating that there is little space for fiscal expansion, Das said, "so far as the fiscal side is concerned, the government has by and large remained prudent. They have not announced any countercyclical measures that would have led to fiscal expansion. Most of these things announced are non-fiscal."

"I think the fiscal space is itself very limited. Fiscal deficit at 3.3 percent borrowings by PSUs both put together there is very little space. But what is the internal position of the govt with regard to tax collection, how much expenditure is likely to be materialised, that is something the govt has to view," Das said.

— PTI

## PSBs asked to hold loan melas

FC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPT. 19

After reviewing the health of the public sector banks (PSBs) with their chiefs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the Centre has asked all PSBs to lend more.

In a move provide more credit to borrowers, including homebuyers and farmers, she said PSBs would hold 'shamiana meetings' with non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and retail borrowers in 400 districts beginning next week. "The public meetings will be held in two tranches. The first will be held between September 24 and September 29 in 200 districts, and another 200 districts will be covered between October 10 and October 15," she said.

"Schedule banks will now show that they are indeed pushing liquidity to the NBFCs or directly to the customer," she said.

"The idea behind this move is to ensure maximum credit disbursal during the festive season. Diwali, which falls in October this year, is considered as the biggest shopping season of the coun-



Nirmala Sitharaman

try," she added.

During the public meetings, the government said that the credit would be provided for retail, agriculture, MSME and housing sector, among others. The minister also announced that banks have been asked not to declare any stressed MSME loan as NPA till March 31, 2020.

A government statement said banks' loan disbursement to key sector remained robust, with disbursement of Rs 11.83 lakh crore done for the MSME sector in FY19 as against Rs 8.53 lakh crore in FY18. Banks disbursed Rs. 2.19 lakh crore for home loans in FY19 as against Rs 1.81 lakh crore in FY 2017-18, the statement said.

## Govt notifies 8.65 per cent rate for PF

New Delhi, Sep 19: The government has approved 8.65 per cent interest rate on employees provident fund for 2018-19, which will now be credited into the accounts of over 6 crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO, a source said on Thursday.

The EPFO has been settling EPF withdrawal claims at 8.55 per cent interest rate, approved for 2017-18. Now, the EPFO will settle accounts on a higher rate of 8.65 per cent for 2018-19.

"Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified 8.65 per cent rate of interest on EPF deposits for its subscribers (over 6 crore). Now, the interest would be credited into accounts of subscribers and claims would be settled at this rate," the source privy to development said.

The Central Board of Trustees had approved 8.65 per cent interest rate for the last fiscal on February 21. —PTI

# Tata Motors unveils Ziptron EV powertain

MICHAEL GONSALVES PUNE, SEPT. 19

Tata Motors, India's biggest automaker by revenues and a leading player in the electric vehicles, on Thursday officially announced a new electric vehicle or EV powertrain that will power a range of its upcoming models, including a new model scheduled for the fourth quarter.

Ziptron, the soon to be introduced EV powertrain, will help it drive economies of scale and make new EVs more

affordable for consumers in Asia's third biggest car market.

Ziptron offers efficient high voltage 300V-plus permanent magnet synchronous electric motor system, better performance, long range and fast charging, and a battery warranty of eight years, and adherence to the IP67 standard.

Ziptron cars will also feature drive modes to give drivers the option to maximise range or enhance performance.

While Tata Motors has not revealed final speci-



fications as yet, officials said that cars built with Ziptron will have a "minimum range of 250km" and will support fast charging.

The battery pack comprises lithium-ion cells and features liquid cooling to maintain the ideal oper-

ating temperature.

Typically, extremes of temperature have a huge impact on the performance of the battery system.

Earlier this year, Tata Motors had announced four new models, includ-

ing "at least one EV" to be in the pipeline.

And it is more than likely that the Altroz EV could be the first model to feature Ziptron technology.

"Ziptron is designed in-house utilising our global engineering network," Guenter Butschek, the managing director and CEO at Tata Motors, said.

"At the heart of our future EV line-up, this technology has been tested across 1 million km proving its reliability," he pointed out. A team of 350 engineers worked on the project.

With this, Tata Motors hopes to usher in a new wave of e-mobility and accelerate faster adoption of EVs in the country, Butschek said.

Ziptron technology comprises an efficient permanent magnet AC motor providing superior performance on demand.

It also offers best-in-industry dust-and-waterproof battery system meeting the IP67 standards.

Moreover, it also employs smart regenerative braking to charge the battery while on the drive, the company said.

# GLOBAL GROWTH HEADING TO DECADAL LOWS: OECD

WILLIAM HOROBIN SEPT. 19

Intensifying trade conflicts have sent global growth momentum tumbling toward lows last seen during the financial crisis, and governments are not doing enough to prevent long-term damage, the OECD said in its latest outlook.

The Paris-based organisation cut almost all economic forecasts it made just four months ago, as protectionist policies take an increasing toll on confidence and investment, and risks continue to mount on financial markets. It sees world growth at a mere 2.9 per cent this year.

The OECD lowered its growth forecasts for most major economies

"Our fear is that we are entering an era where growth is stuck at a very low level," OECD Chief Economist Laurence Boone said. "Governments should absolutely take advantage of low rates to invest in the future now so that this sluggish growth doesn't become the new normal."

The OECD is the latest institution sounding the alarm over the state of the global economy. In the past two weeks, the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, the People's Bank of China and numerous of their peers have eased

policy to shore up demand, urging governments at the same time that fiscal stimulus will be needed to ensure their efforts won't be futile.

Manufacturing has born the brunt of the economic crisis brought about by a tit-for-tat trade war between the US and China. The services sector has proved unusually resilient to the malaise so far, but the OECD warned that "persistent weakness" in the industry will weigh on the labour market, household incomes and spending.

Additional risks stem from a sharper slowdown in China and a no-deal Brexit that could push the UK into a recession and

would considerably reduce growth in Europe, according to the report.

"Trump's brinkmanship on trade with China has left consumers, businesses and financial markets on edge. Not knowing whether the next Presidential tweet will ease or exacerbate tensions make for an environment of extreme uncertainty, pushing businesses to turn cautious on investment and hiring, and households to swing from spending to saving," said Dan Hanson, Jamie Rush and Tom Orlik.

The OECD said "collective effort is urgent," and the effectiveness of monetary policy could be

enhanced by "stronger fiscal and structural policy support."

It's a point central bankers have made for months, and their requests are getting more intense. Following the ECB's latest monetary stimulus push, President Mario Draghi said it's "high time" for fiscal policy to take charge, signalling there's not much more his institution can do. "The takeaway for the eurozone today does not rely on monetary policy to do the job alone," Boone said. "Start investing to do the structural reforms that need to be done for more sustainable growth, and do it now."

— Bloomberg

## GIC just rang the alarm

DAVID RAMLI SEPT. 19

The head of one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds wants to get one thing straight—markets are becoming increasingly dire and investors face a very uncertain future.

Lim Chow Kiat, Ceo of GIC Pte, has again sounded the alarm about the state of the world's economy, decrying populism, trade protectionism and a decline in the ability of governments and

markets to deliver broad-based prosperity. "In these fabled times, investors are hard put to find their footing," he said Thursday at the start of GIC Insights, the group's annual thought-leadership event. "They face rising uncertainty but falling returns. By some measures, uncertainty about economic prospects is currently highest on record. Further, policymakers seem to have limited ammunition to reflate economies."

— Bloomberg



### Staid hope

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hopes Iran will lift a ban on women entering football stadiums before a World Cup qualifying game next month

# WRONG TACTICS

## Conte admits blunders, hopes to get into gear again

Milan, Sept. 19: Antonio Conte branded himself a 'jackass' for his tactical blunders which saw Inter Milan struggle to a draw in their European opener this week, but warned they would kick back into gear on Saturday against city rivals AC Milan.



Inter Milan's Nicolò Barella (center) celebrates with teammates Valentino Lazaro (left) and Matteo Politano after scoring his side's goal during the Champions League Group 'F' match against Slavia Prague on Tuesday. — AP

"I'm the biggest jackass," said Conte. "I'm the one who's primarily responsible, both in terms of the selections made and because I obviously didn't make the lads understand what I wanted."

The former Juventus and Italy coach conceded his side could have been focusing too much on Saturday's game, as they look to stay top of Serie A.

"Could be, but this is part of the growing process. I am here to make them better players."

The Derby della Madonnina is always a fiery affair and Inter are unbeaten in their last six league games against arch rivals AC Milan.

Inter have maximum points after three games and are two points ahead of Bologna and champions Juventus, with Napoli three points adrift in fourth.

AC Milan's focus this season is on Serie A after they lost their place in the Europa League for breaches in financial fair play rules.

New coach Marco Giampaolo's side are seventh with two wins after their opening round defeat at Udinese.

On Saturday, the two best defences in Serie A will face off in the San Siro, with both having only conceded one goal in the league this season.

Juventus host Verona after throwing away a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at

### Live on TV

#### ITALIAN LEAGUE (SATURDAY)

Cagliari v Genoa from 12.15 am on Sony TEN 2 & HD

Udinese v Brescia from 6.30 pm on Sony TEN 2 & HD

Juventus v Verona from 9.30 pm on Sony TEN 2 & HD

AC Milan v Inter from 12.15 am (Sunday) Sony TEN 2 & HD



Paolo Stadium.

It was a second match without conceding a goal after letting seven past in their first two games.

"We've been boosted by the improved fitness level of a number of players. We've improved defensively in a short space of time," said Ancelotti.

But Ancelotti's side need to be wary of Lecce who shocked Torino 2-1 last Monday.

Atalanta host Fiorentina after their Champions League baptism ended in a bruising 4-0 defeat at Dinamo Zagreb.

Bologna, flying high in second despite the absence of their coach Sinisa Mihajlovic who is

**I'm the one who's primarily responsible, both in terms of the selections made and because I obviously didn't make the lads understand what I wanted.**

— ANTONIO CONTE  
Inter Milan coach

undergoing cancer treatment, face a tough visit from Roma, who earned their first win of the season last weekend.

#### One to watch

In-form Napoli forward Dries Mertens will be looking to find the net for the fourth game this season as he closes in on club legend Diego Maradona's mark of 115 goals for the southeners. The 32-year-old Belgian international has scored three goals in two Serie A games and converted a penalty in the 2-0 win over Liverpool this week, to bring his tally to 113. Marek Hamsik leads both with 121. — AFP

#### KEY STATS

**170** Number of times AC Milan and Inter Milan have played the Derby Della Madonnina in Serie 'A'.

**113** Dries Mertens goals for Napoli two short of club legend Diego Maradona (115).

**64** Inter Milan's wins in the derby compared to AC Milan's 51. There have been 55 draws.

**9** Number of goals Napoli have scored in Serie 'A' this season; and number Sampdoria have conceded.

**1** Cristiano Ronaldo's goals for Juventus this season

# Italian league looks at India

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

With football becoming the second most watched sport in India, big leagues in the West are looking eastwards. The Italian league (Serie 'A') is no exception.

"India and Asia in general represent a key market for our international development. We are thinking of developing a series of social and promotional activities in India because of the growing interest in the game there." Serie 'A' CEO Luigi De Siervo told reporters during a teleconference on Thursday.

He was optimistic about games involving Italian clubs being played in India. "Probably in the future we will be able to bring matches to India, the Italian Super Cup is a product that we export and we often play in countries that are interested in hosting it," he said.

Speaking about the potential of Indian football, Siervo said: "I believe that football is gaining more and more popularity and that in a short time it will succeed in establishing itself on the national sports scene. In the coming months we will develop an international business plan which will also include activities in India."

And yes, the arrival of

Cristiano Ronaldo to Juventus has indeed propelled Serie 'A' into a different orbit. "It has aroused great interest both on the domestic and international fronts. It would be enough to think that in just over a year, thanks to the international visibility guaranteed by his more than 180 million followers, the Instagram account of Juventus has gone from around 10 million followers in July 2018 to the current 31 million."

Ronaldo has raised internal competitiveness; he represents a strong incentive of comparison to one of the best players of all time and raised the level of the game precisely for this reason. He has given new impetus to our championship. His contribution to the Serie 'A' development and growth is priceless," Siervo said.

Is getting Barcelona's Lionel Messi to Italy a long shot? "Realistically I don't think we'll ever see Messi in Italy... but never say never, if he wants to try the most difficult championship in the world he will have to come with us! Having two of the greatest players of all times here with us would mean a lot for the global re-launch of our brand and I am sure that our clubs, if they had the chance, would do anything to have him," he said.



I have taken the decision that I will not continue more with Williams after this year.

— Robert Kubica on a move which may end his F1 career

### SHORT TAKES

#### JK drivers set for Jodhpur rally

Jodhpur: JK Tyre Motorsport drivers will push for supremacy in the Rally of Jodhpur, Round 3 of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship that gets under way on Saturday.

Three-times APRC champion and six-times INRC champion Gaurav Gill will be the cynosure of all eyes after a commendable performance in the World Rally luck and mechanical problems yanked him out of contention in the penultimate stage of the Rally. He, however, was in great form and will be hoping to continue in the same vein.

Gill driving the new XUV 300 in R2 spec churning out almost 115 BHP has been setting up to make his machine unbeatable. Fast and sandy stages of Maxperience Rally of Jodhpur a week after this stint in Turkey will give him an ideal platform to showcase the prowess of his newly developed car.

Gill will, however, face a competition from his own mate Dean Mascarenhas from Mangalore who along with his co-driver Shruptha Padival who won the opening round in Chennai and is now placed 2nd overall in the Championship.

However, it won't be easy for both of them as another JK supported driver Younus Ilyas is in form. — Agencies

#### Honda look to build on points

Sepang: After a strong Top 10 finish in Zhuhai (China) which puts the team firmly in Top 8 of 20 teams, 'IDEMITSU Honda Racing India' — the only Indian team in Asia Production 250 class of FIM Asia Road Racing Championship 2019 (ARRC) arrived at the Sepang International Circuit of Malaysia on Thursday to yet again win points for India. Battling it out with Asia's best riders in the penultimate sixth round are Rajiv Sethu and his rookie team-mate Senthil Kumar.

Charged by his fourth straight double victory in Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship and his second Top 10 finish in Zhuhai (China), Rajiv Sethu returns to Sepang to better his best ever Top 10 finish in Asia's toughest road racing championship. Buoying the 21-year-old Chennai rider's confidence is his track-record here. It was at here that Rajiv scored his first-ever Top 10 finish in ARRC. Since then, Rajiv has won points for India in 9 out of 10 races with two Top 10 and seven Top 15 finishes. This puts him firmly in the Top 15 of 36 riders with 32 points — a huge jump over his 27th rank last season. — Agencies

#### MARKRAM AND MULDER HIT TONS

Mysuru: Skipper Aiden Markram and allrounder Wiaan Mulder hit superb hundreds as South Africa 'A' fought their way to 400 all out against India 'A' on day three of the second unofficial Test here on Thursday.

Markram geared up for the three-Test series against India with a superb 161, while Mulder produced an unbeaten 131 — his fourth first-class century — as the visitors came within 17 runs of India A's first innings of 417. The duo added 155 runs for the sixth wicket stand to resurrect the South Africa A's innings after they were struggling at 142 for 5 at one stage. The home team were 14 for 10 loss in six overs before bad light resulted in play being called off with over 25 overs still to be bowled. — PTI

**Brief Scores:** India 'A' 417 (Shubman Gill 92, Karun Nair 78, Shivam Dube 68, Wriddhiman Saha 60, Jalaj Saxena 48 not out, Umesh Yadav 24; Wiaan Mulder 3/47, Dane Piedt 3/78) and 14 for 10 loss vs South Africa 'A' 400 (Aiden Markram 161, Wiaan Mulder 131 not out, Theunis de Bruyn 41, Kuldeep Yadav 4/121, Shahbaz Nadeem 3/76, Md Siraj 2/72).

# Saoud, Siddarth, Harsha have a ball

## Abhishek, Mustafa hit a century each in Under 16 league-cum-knockouts

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

Md Saoud, C. Siddarth Rao, Murugan Abhishek, Mustafa Khan and Sri Harsha emerged top performers in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's Under 16 one-day league-cum-knockout tournament matches played on Thursday.

Siddarth took 7 wickets while conceding 17 runs as Takshsheela were bowled out for 125 in 31.3 overs. Sri Chaitanya (East Maredpally) overhauled the target with four wickets in hand.

Saoud of Boys Town High School also took seven wickets. His 7 for 16 floored Gotham Junior College (ECIL) to 114. Boys Town cruised to victory with nine wickets in hand.

Murugan Abhishek (123 n.o.) and Mustafa Khan (108) hit centuries to propel Asian Grammar High School to 407/3 in 43 overs. Epistemo School were out



Murugan Abhishek

for 37 in reply as Abhishek (3 for 2) and Mustafa (3 for 8) also did well with the ball.

Sri Harsha of St Andrews (Keesara) was the other performer, in a losing cause though. He took 5 for 29 to restrict Sri Vidyunikethan High School to 194. However, Andrews were no match for their opponents and folded for 98 in reply.



Mustafa Khan

However, most of the matches were washed out, including ones involving Chirec, Silver Oaks, Sherwood and St Anthony's High School.

#### Brief scores:

**UNDER 16 LEAGUE-CUM-KNOCKOUT**  
■ Gotham Junior College ECIL 114 in 29.1 overs (Pranay 53 n.o., Md Saoud 7/16 — 5.5-0-16-7) lost to Boys Town High School

115/1 in 11.1 overs (Mirza Houzeef Baig 62, Md Farees Shareef 62 n.o.)

■ Takshsheela 125 in 31.3 overs (Mohd Mudassar 30, C. Siddarth Rao 7/17) lost to Sri Chaitanya (East Maredpally) 129/6 in 31.2 overs (A. Yuvaraj 52 n.o.)

■ Asian Grammar High School 407/3 in 43 overs (Murugan Abhishek 123 n.o., Mustafa Khan 108, Karan Yadav 77, Harsha 45 n.o., M. A. Shahed 36) bt Epistemo School 37 in 17.3 overs (Muragan Abhishek 3/2, Mustafa Khan 3/8)

■ Sri Vidyunikethan High School 194 in 33 overs (Radha Krishna 42, Tarun Karthik 51, Sri Harsha 5/29, Shaun Kenneth 3/19) bt St Andrews (Keesara) 98 in 33.3 overs (Nythik Reddy 4/17)

■ Central Public School 157/8 in 35 overs (S. Pralav 51) bt St Patrick's School 133 in 31.4 overs (Vishnu 4/13)

■ Gotham Model School (West Maredpally) 85/1 in 14 overs (Aaslesh Vaman 31

n.o., Avinash Rao 39) vs Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan Athmakuri — match washed out.

■ St Joseph's Public School 29/6 in 13 overs (Varun Dhatrik 3/13) vs St Peters High School Bowenpally — match washed out.

■ DPS Khajaguda 140/5 in 35.1 overs (Pranav B 49 n.o., Aditya K 33) vs P. Obul Reddy Public School — match washed out.

■ Sri Chaitanya Central School 107/0 in 14.1 overs (M. R. Krishna 33 n.o., Abhinav 36 n.o.) vs Sanghi Vidyunikethan — match washed out.

■ St Francis of Assis B School 65/6 in 19.1 overs vs St Mary's Junior College — match washed out.

■ Slate the School Karmanghat vs Chirec Public School; Sri Chaitanya Meerpet vs Silver Oaks International School; Sherwood Public School vs Vigan Vidyalaya Nizampet; St Anthony's High School vs Slate The School (Abids) — all matches washed out.

# School sports in City from Oct. 10

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19

The third edition of the Sports For All Championship for school students in Hyderabad will begin on October 10, with over 16,000 kids from 500 schools set to compete in 20 sports disciplines.

The event promises to be the biggest and grandest such championship in the country, facilitating youngsters in the age group of 6 to 18 to vie against each other at state-of-the-art stadium.

Competitions will be held at three venues, with the international facility at Gachibowli Stadium being the main hub. Tennis will

be conducted at Lal Bahadur Stadium and skating at Indira Park.

Indian cricketer Pragyan Ojha, who was present at the launch, said: "Having a sports culture in a country like ours, right from a tender age, is extremely important. SFA is a great example of how a large number of children from different backgrounds are given an opportunity to explore their sporting potential at a young age."

"SFA was conceived to ignite sports at the grassroots level. We have also digitised the entire process that becomes a testimony for each participant for eternity," said Rishikesh Joshi, SFA founder.

# Tendulkar all praise for tough Smith's mindset

New Delhi, Sept. 19: Indian icon Sachin Tendulkar lauded Steve Smith for his exemplary batting, saying the former Australia skipper's "organised mindset" and "complicated technique" set him apart.

"COMPLICATED TECHNIQUE" but an ORGANIZED MINDSET is what sets @stevesmith49 apart. Incredible comeback! #ENGvsAUS, "Sachin posted on Twitter. Smith aggregated 774

runs from seven innings at a staggering average of 110.57 in the recent Ashes series vs England.

Smith has a unique batting style, which is both unorthodox as well as genius and Tendulkar tried to explain the Australian's game in his social media post. "In the first Test, the English bowlers tried to get him caught behind the wicket with slips and gully in place," Sachin said.

"And Smith just shuffled across and exposed his leg stumps to cover the line, and was selective and smart in his approach. At Lord's, they had leg-slip for him on occasions and a few short-pitched deliveries against Jofra Archer got him in trouble as he tried to cover the line with the weight on his back-foot," he added.

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# Manny can retire or fight Floyd

Los Angeles, Sept. 19: Veteran boxing promoter Bob Arum believes Manny Pacquiao should retire from the sport soon unless he can land a lucrative rematch with Floyd Mayweather.

Arum, who promoted Pacquiao during the Filipino icon's golden years, told the World Boxing News website he wanted to see the 40-year-old hang up his gloves soon.

Pacquiao, who won a bruising 12-round battle with Keith Thurman to capture the WBA welterweight crown in July, has not scheduled his next fight. But Arum said he believed



Manny Pacquiao (left) and Floyd Mayweather in a file pic. Pacquiao, who turns 41 in December, would be risking lasting damage if he extends his career much further. "Pacquiao, I promoted him for many, many years," Arum told World Boxing News.

"He's an exceptionally good human being, really a fine guy, extraordinarily charitable and a delight."

"But he's (almost) 41-years-old. And if you're 41 you can't take punishment. You can't take blows like he did in the Thurman fight. "Sure, he won that fight — but he took a lot of punishment. That punishment is going to have a serious effect on how he lives the rest of his life."

Arum, who earlier this year said he feared Pacquiao risked brain damage ahead of Thurman fight, said the Filipino should consider a rematch with Mayweather. — AFP



### Fingers crossed

AFI hopes for good show by Indian team in World Championships mixed 4x400m relay despite top quarter-miler Hima Das' absence



PSG were superior to us in everything. How they played, in midfield, but what annoys me the most, in terms of intensity.

— Zinedine Zidane, Real Madrid coach after losing to PSG

### SHORT TAKES

#### Advani in World Snooker last 8

**Mandalay, Myanmar:** Multiple-time world billiards and snooker champion Pankaj Advani scored a comfortable 5-2 win over Pakistan's Zulfiqar Qadir to enter the quarterfinals of the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship here on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, Pankaj accounted for another Pakistani cueist Muhammad Ahsan Javaid with a 5-1 victory in the last-32 stage.

Laxman Rawat, who beat Gao Yang of China, and Pushpender Singh, who defeated Thailand's Kritsanut Lertsattayathorn 5-4 in a thriller, also joined Advani in the quarterfinals. In the quarters, Pankaj will take on Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon from Thailand, while Laxman faces Hong Kong's Cheung Ka Wai and Pushpender will be up against The Min Lin of Myanmar.

In the women's championship, Ameer Khamani is the sole Indian left and she is slated to play against Ng On Yee of Hong Kong in the semifinals. — PTI

#### Sharath-Sathiyam in quarterfinals

**New Delhi:** The Indian men's doubles pair of G. Sathiyam and Achanta Sharath Kamal sailed into the quarterfinals of the 24th ITTF Asian Table Tennis Championships with easy win over Mahfoodh Sayed Murtadha and Rashed Rashed of Bahrain at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on Thursday.

The Indian duo beat Murtadha and Rashed 11-8, 11-6, 11-3 in a lop-sided affair.

In the quarterfinals, Sathiyam and Sharath Kamal will be up against Chinese pair of Liang Jingkun and Lin Gaoyuan. Earlier in the day after receiving first-round bye, the Indians got the better of Jordan's Abo Yaman Zaid and Aldmaizy Zeyad 11-4, 11-7, 11-7 in the round of 32. But the other Indian pair of Harmeet Desai and Anthony Amalraj, after enjoying a bye in the round of 64, lost to Chinese Taipei's Liu Hsing-Yin and Peng Wang Wei. Harmeet and Amalraj lost 11-5, 7-11, 11-3, 8-11, 6-11. It was curtains for India in the women's doubles as the pair of Manika Batra and Archana Kamath and Madhurika Patkar and Sutirtha Mukherjee bowed out the tournament. — PTI

#### MIRABAI BETTERS OWN RECORD AT LIFTING WORLDS

**Pattaya, Thailand:** Former champion Mirabai Chanu bettered her own national record but missed out on a podium, finishing a creditable fourth, in the women's 49kg event at the World Weightlifting Championship here on Thursday.

The 25-year-old Mirabai lifted a personal best in all the three sections. In snatch she lifted 87kg followed by 114kg in clean and jerk for a total of 201kg. Mirabai's earlier national record was 199kg (88kg+111kg) which she recorded in the Asian Weightlifting Championship in China in April.

The gold medal went to Jiang Huihua of China, who set a new world record with an effort of 212kg (94kg+118kg). The earlier record was held by Hou Zhihui of China, who had lifted 210kg. Incidentally Zhihui clinched the silver medal, lifting 211kg (94kg+117kg) in the gold level Olympic qualifier. North Korea's Ri Song Gum claimed the final spot on the podium by lifting 204kg (89kg+115kg). After clearing 87kg in snatch, Mirabai began her clean and jerk with a 110kg and then lifted 114kg.

But in her third attempt, the Manipuri could not lift 118kg and that cost her dear. Had she been successful, she would have won an overall bronze medal with a total of 205kg. — PTI

# TWO TO TOKYO

## Bajrang seals Olympic quota spot alongside Ravi at Wrestling Worlds, but semis bout marred by controversy



Bajrang Punia (right) reacts after losing his semifinal bout to Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov (left).

**Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan), Sept. 19:** Bajrang Punia lost his semifinal bout against home wrestler Daulet Niyazbekov under controversial circumstances after sealing his Tokyo Olympics quota along with Ravi Dahiya, who made his presence felt in a star-studded field at the World Wrestling Championships, here on Thursday.

Bajrang's frustrated coach Shako Benitidis kicked the coach's block in anger after the 65kg bout ended 9-9 following a nerve-racking six minutes.

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In the fiercely-fought bout, the referee gave ample time to tiring Niyazbekov to catch his breath and he was not given caution at least three times.

Instead Niyazbekov was awarded four points when it was Bajrang who effected a throw at the edge of the circle. "I challenged it and they should have given at least two points to Bajrang for that hold," said coach Benitidis.

Several times, Bajrang raised his hands in frus-

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tration but to no avail. The last edition silver medalist Indian will now fight for the bronze on Friday.

"It was clear that the mat chairman favoured the home wrestler," said a coach who did not wish to be named.

Ravi, who felled a few stars on his way to the 57kg semifinals, lost 4-6 to reigning world champion Zaur Uguev of Russia and will also fight for the bronze.

Ravi also made it to the Tokyo Olympics in the 57kg after stunning Arsen Harutunyan, the 61kg

European champion from Armenia and 2017 world champion and world number three Yuki Takahashi of Japan.

Meanwhile, India's campaign in the women's competition folded following Pooja Dhanda's defeat in the bronze medal bout and first round exits of Sakshi Malik and Divya Kakran. Making good use of an easy 65kg draw, Bajrang steam-rolled one opponent after another earlier in the day to reach the semifinals.

Bajrang did not have to work much in going past Poland's Krzysztof Bienkowski in the opening round. He easily beat his opponent 9-2.

Bajrang's next opponent was David Habat who did not bother the Indian much though the Slovenian twice had his right leg in his clutches.

The first chance was in first period from ground position and then in the standing position after the break. The Slovenian, surprisingly, could not exploit the advantageous position.

In the quarterfinals against Korea's Jong Choi Son, Bajrang lost a point for stepping out but won the bout comfortably 8-1 after that. — PTI

### CHINA OPEN



B. Sai Praneeth

## Praneeth powers on, Sindhu exits

**Changzhou (China), Sept. 19:** Reigning world champion P. V. Sindhu made an early exit from the China Open but B. Sai Praneeth kept the Indian flag fluttering with a hard-fought straight-games win to reach the men's singles quarterfinals here on Thursday.

Sindhu, an Olympic silver medalist, squandered a first-game advantage to go down 12-21, 21-13, 21-19 to Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong in a women's singles pre-quarterfinal.

Praneeth, who had claimed a bronze medal at Basel, edged out China's Lu Guang Zu 21-19, 21-19 to set up a meeting against Indonesian seventh seed Anthony Sinisuka Ginting.

Ginting beat India's Parupalli Kashyap 23-21, 15-21, 21-12 in a thrilling contest. Doubles specialist Satwiksairaj Rankireddy also had a dismal day as he suffered twin defeats, losing both the men's doubles and mixed doubles pre-quarterfinals.

In men's doubles, Satwik and Chirag Shetty, ranked 15th in the world, ran out of steam after a decent start against fourth-seeded Japanese pair of Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda and went down 19-21, 8-21 in the second-round match that lasted 33 minutes.

Satwik then paired up with his mixed doubles partner Ashwini Ponanappa but the duo couldn't get past Yuki Kaneko and Misaki Matsutomo, losing 11-21, 21-16, 12-21 to the Japanese pair.

Ashwini also tasted defeat in women's doubles after she and her partner N

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Sikki Reddy lost 12-21, 17-21 to second seeded Japanese pair of Misaki Matsutomo and Ayaka Takahashi.

Sindhu, who came into the match with a 3-0 head-to-head lead against Pornpawee, dominated the first game. She reeled off eight straight points after the interval to jump to 19-10 and eventually sealed the first game comfortably.

In the second game, Pornpawee changed gears and moved to a 5-1 advantage initially. Sindhu clawed back to 7-9 before the Thai youngster jumped to 15-7 with six straight points and held her fort to roar back into the contest.

The decider started on an even note as both the shuttlers fought hard, moving together till 6-6 when Sindhu surged ahead to enjoy a 11-7 cushion at the break.

However, Pornpawee kept breathing down Sindhu's neck and slowly moved to 15-19. From there, the Thai shuttler blasted six straight points to leave the Indian shocked. — PTI

## Di Maria scores brace as PSG thrash Real; Man City cruise

# ANGEL'S TOUCH

**Paris, Sept. 19:** Paris Saint-Germain launched their latest quest for Champions League success with a statement win over Real Madrid on Wednesday, while a late Atletico Madrid comeback foiled Juventus as Manchester City eased to victory in Ukraine.

French giants PSG have failed to make their mark in Europe, crashing out of the Champions League in the last 16 each of the past three years despite the huge sums of money spent by their Qatari owners.

With Neymar suspended and Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani sidelined by injury, Angel Di Maria stepped up in their absence by grabbing two first-half goals in a 3-0 triumph at the Parc des Princes.

Thomas Meunier added the third late on as Madrid, who beat PSG on the way to lifting the trophy in 2016 and 2018, were soundly beaten in their Group A opener with Eden Hazard kept quiet on his full debut.

"There's no message sent, but we dominated this game very well," PSG captain Thiago Silva told RMC Sport.

"We have to play like this all the time, in the league as well, with character and hunger." Diego Simeone's Atletico clawed their way back from two goals down in the final 20 minutes to rescue a 2-2 draw at home to Juventus in Group D.

The anticipated clash between Cristiano Ronaldo and Joao Felix, the teenag-

### THE RESULTS

Paris Saint-Germain (Di Maria 14, 33, Meunier 90+1)	3	Real Madrid	0
Club Brugge	0	Galatasaray	0
Bayern Munich (Coman 34, Lewandowski 80, Mueller 90+1)	3	Red Star Belgrade	0
Olympiakos (Podence 44, Valbuena 54-pen)	2	Tottenham Hotspur (Kane 26-pen, Moura 30)	2
Shakhtar Donetsk	0	Manchester City (Mahrez 25, Gundogan 38, Jesus 76)	3
Dinamo Zagreb (Leovac 10, Orsic 31, 42, 68)	4	Atalanta	0
Atletico Madrid (Savic 70, Herrera 90)	2	Juventus (Cuadrado 48, Matuidi 65)	2
Bayer Leverkusen (Hoewedes 25-og)	1	Lokomotiv Moscow (Krychowiak 16, Barinov 37)	2

er Stefan Savic nodded home from point-blank range to give Atletico hope and substitute Hector Herrera headed in a corner in the final minute to snatch a point.

### STRONG RESPONSE BY MANCHESTER CITY

Both sides trail Lokomotiv Moscow following the Russians' 2-1 win at Bayer Leverkusen. Grzegorz Krychowiak and Dmitri Barinov scored for Lokomotiv either side of an own goal by former Germany defender Benedikt Hoewedes.

Premier League champions City bounced back from defeat by Norwich at the weekend with a comfortable 3-0 victory against Shakhtar Donetsk in Kharkiv.

City are second to Dinamo Zagreb in Group C after the Croatian champions made it a night to forget for competition debutants Atalanta with a 4-0 rout.

Bayern Munich needed late goals from Robert Lewandowski and Thomas Mueller to make sure of victory against Red Star Belgrade in Group 'D'.

Kingsley Coman's bullet header gave Bayern a first-half lead but the German champions were forced to wait until the 80th minute before Lewandowski ended Red Star's threat. Mueller volleyed in a third in stoppage time.

Last year's finalists Tottenham blew a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at Olympiakos. — AFP



Paris Saint-Germain's Angel di Maria celebrates after scoring against Real Madrid in their Champions League Group 'A' match in Paris on Wednesday. — AFP

## Indian duo book places in Oly qualifiers with world medals

# Double delight for Amit, Manish

**Ekaterinburg (Russia), Sept. 19:** Amit Panghal (52kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) have made the Indian boxing squad for next year's Olympic Qualifiers owing to their medal-winning show at the ongoing world championships.

Panghal and Kaushik have entered the semifinals here, making it the first time when India have more than one boxer left in fray for the medal rounds of the marquee event.

The Boxing Federation of India had made it clear that boxers who win medals at the world championships will be automatic picks for the Olympic qualifiers scheduled in February in China.

"Yes, Amit and Manish will be going to the qualifiers. There will not be any trials in their weight categories now," Indian Boxing's high performance director Santiago Nieva said.

The rest of the squad will be picked on the basis of camp performance, points accumulated at international events and in some cases, trials.

While Panghal will face Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in the last-four stage, Kaushik will be up against top seeded Cuban



Manish Kaushik

Andy Gomez Cruz in his semifinal clash.

The 23-year-old Panghal and the 25-year-old Kaushik will be gunning for their maiden Olympic spots next year.

Both rose to prominence after the 2016 Rio Games, where India drew a blank in boxing.

While Panghal has gold medals in the 2018 Asian Games as well as this year's Asian Championships apart from the now assured world medal, Kaushik won a silver medal in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Kaushik is also a former national champion. — PTI



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Mahmudullah struck a quick-fire half-century as Bangladesh beat Zimbabwe by 39 runs to qualify for the final of their Twenty20 tri-series in Chittagong



They're formidable, not unbeatable. It was one phase with bat where we let ourselves down.

— Tembe Bavuma, on South Africa's T20 defeat to India

SHORT TAKES

SL's Dananjaya action illegal

Dubai: Sri Lanka off-spinner Akila Dananjaya was on Thursday handed a 12 month ban by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for illegal bowling action. The decision was taken after an independent assessment of his action. The 25-year-old was assessed after the legality of his bowling action came under question during the first Test against New Zealand in Galle from August 14 to 18. He subsequently underwent the independent assessment in Chennai on August 29, which revealed that he employed an illegal bowling action. Dananjaya was originally suspended from bowling in December 2018. Following remedial work on his bowling action, he was reassessed and permitted to resume bowling in February 2019. "As the latest report constitutes the player's second report within a two-year period, the first of which led to a suspension, he is automatically suspended from bowling in international cricket for a period of 12 months," the ICC said in a statement. — PTI

IPL brand value rises to \$6.8b

Mumbai: The brand value of Indian Premier League (IPL) has jumped 7 per cent to \$6.8 billion in 2019, with the value of the Mumbai and Chennai franchises rising the fastest, says a report. However, the Shah Rukh Khan-owned Kolkata franchise, along with embattled Vijay Mallya's Bengaluru franchise saw an 8 per cent decline in their valuations, Duff & Phelps, a consultancy, said in the report on Thursday. Rajasthan Royals, co-owned by the media mogul Murdoch family, also saw a decline in valuation, to ₹271 crore from ₹284 crore a year ago. The Mukesh Ambani-owned Mumbai Indians, the winner of four editions, saw an 8.5 per cent increase in valuation to ₹809 crore — making it the most valued team, while the India Cements-owned Chennai Super Kings' value shot up 13.1 per cent to ₹732 crore. The Jindals-co-owned Delhi Capitals saw its value increasing 8.9 per cent to ₹374 crore in the reporting year. — PTI



Deepak Chahar (left) celebrates taking a South African wicket with captain Virat Kohli during the second T20 international match in Mohali on Wednesday. — AP

Deepak delivers at the top, death

Mohali, Sept. 19: Most bowlers find it tough to contain batsmen in death overs but young India pacer Deepak Chahar relishes the challenge in the Twenty20 format. With India giving youngsters opportunities ahead of the T20 World Cup next year, 27-year-old Chahar has impressed in the three games he has got since making his debut in July last year, taking six wickets at 11.50. Used to opening the bowling for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL, Chahar has shown he can be equally effective in the death overs. "I don't know how I developed it (bowling at the top) but you have to do it when you are playing for India. It is challenging with only two fielders outside the circle. But I have started thinking sub-consciously that I will need to bowl three overs with two fielders outside the circle," said Chahar, who was India's standout bowler in their seven-wicket win over South Africa here on Wednesday.

Earlier I used to bowl more in the death overs and find it easier because in Powerplay you have only two fielders outside the circle and after that you have the protection of five fielders. You can use variation also in death overs. — DEEPAK CHAHAR Team India pacer

on the batsmen. In the death overs, the batsmen is expecting yorkers or a slower ball but if you can also bowl a bouncer or knuckle ball, it can surprise him. You have to keep guessing the batsman," said the Rajasthan pacer. He feels bowling on flat wickets in Chennai during the IPL has made him a better bowler. "There is no off the wicket help when you are playing in Chennai. But when we were playing in Pune last to last year, there was help both off the wicket and in the air. But in Chennai, the swing is there for maximum one over as there is no grass. So, I got confidence that if I could do well there, I could do well elsewhere too," he said. Chahar has grabbed his chances so far but knows he is far from cementing his place in the side ahead of the T20 World Cup in Australia. "I play each match as if it is my last for India. At this time Indian cricket is at the top. If you want to play you have to do well in almost every game," he said. — PTI

MINEFIELD

Lanka will tour Pak despite threats; Afridi says IPL intimidated players

BIPIN DANI

The Sri Lankan cricket board said on Thursday that it will go ahead with the tour of Pakistan despite fears that players could be the targets of terror attacks during the six-match visit comprising three ODIs and three T20 internationals between September 27 and October 9 in Karachi and Lahore. Sri Lanka Cricket Secretary Mohan de Silva said they received the all-clear from the defence ministry to leave for Pakistan next Tuesday. "We have the green light from the defence ministry," de Silva said. "The tour is on as we planned. I myself and our office bearers will also be accompanying the team." The team manager could be Asantha de Mel and he would be taking a virtual second XI on tour as the top 10 Sri Lankan players have pulled out citing fear of terror incidents. Sri Lanka's new ODI captain Lahiru Thirimanne told this newspaper on Thursday, "We have to respect the decision of the senior players because it's a personal matter to be discussed with your loved ones. Sometimes players are ready to go but families are not so happy. We have to think about everything. So these decisions have to be respected." "SCL presented us the security plan and I am pretty happy with that and I explained to my family as well. The focus is not the security but cricket," Lahiru said even as his team have been busy with preparations for the tour with practice in Colombo this week. The pullout of the stars has, however, become a political issue with Pakistan minister for science Fawad Chaudhury claiming "Informed sports commentators told me that India threatened SL players that they'll be ousted from IPL if they don't refuse Pak visit". — Fawad Chaudhury Pakistan minister for science

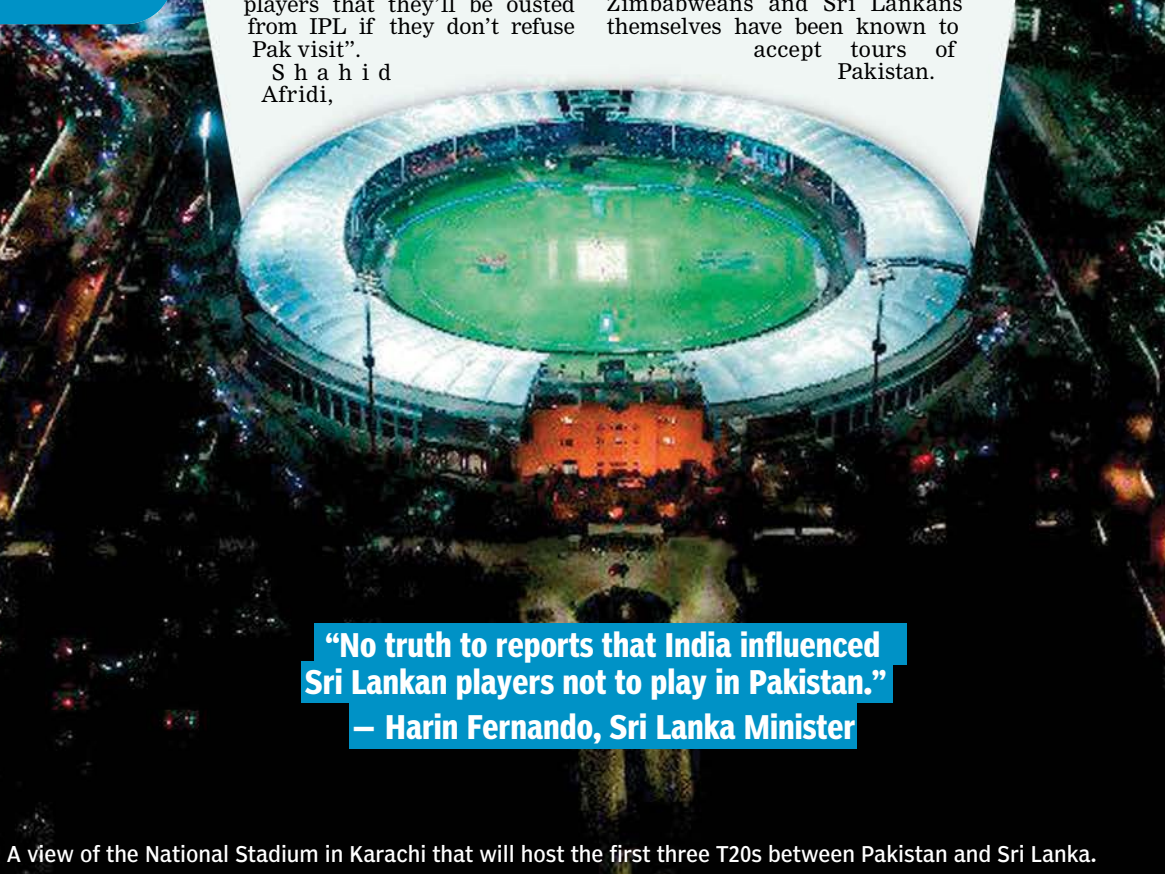
who lets his voice be heard in political issues and who has had a running feud with BJP MP and former India opener Gautam Gambhir on Twitter; got stuck into the tour blaming India and IPL for major Sri Lankan stars opting out. "Sri Lankan players are under pressure from IPL franchises. I spoke to SL players last time when there was talk of them coming to Pakistan & playing in PSL. They said they wanted to come, but IPL guys say if you go to Pakistan we won't give you a contract" #PAKvSL", he tweeted. However, the Sri Lankan Board had flatly denied this saying that the players had dropped out only for security concerns and minister Harin Fernando tweeted, "No truth to reports that India influenced Sri Lankan players not to play in Pakistan." IPL franchises have little say in what international players do when representing their home country. However, a team like Chennai Super Kings would employ no Sri Lankan player, but only due to the issue of Sri Lankan Tamils, which is a sensitive subject in Tamil Nadu. The top players skipping the tour are — Niroshan Dickwella, Kusal Perera, Dhananjaya De Silva, Thisara Perera, Akila Dhananjaya, Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Suranga Lakmal, Dinesh Chandimal and Dimuth Karunaratne. Reports last week of a possible terror attack were referred to the Sri Lankan defence ministry for investigation, which has now cleared the tour. The Lankan team was the target of an attack during a Test match in Lahore in March 2009, with six players injured when gunmen attacked their bus. Six Pakistan policemen and two civilians were killed. Since the attack, a majority of international teams have refused to tour Pakistan — only Zimbabweans and Sri Lankans themselves have been known to accept tours of Pakistan.



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A view of the National Stadium in Karachi that will host the first three T20s between Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

RCB will persist with head Virat

Bengaluru, Sept. 19: Virat Kohli's record as the Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper might have been below-par but the team's newly-appointed Director of Cricket Mike Hesson ruled out any change in leadership for the under-performing franchise in the next IPL edition. Despite stars like Kohli, AB de Villiers and Chris Gayle (for better part), RCB has not won the IPL since the event's inception. Kohli has led the team in seven of those seasons. Hesson nipped questions on Kohli controlling the team and change in captaincy in the bud. "We don't have that perception that Virat controls things. But may be he has had his learnings from the past (mistakes) while moving forward," Hesson said during a media interaction on Thursday. Hesson said Kohli has been on the same page as him and chief coach Simon Katich. "There

has been no question mark over Virat's captaincy during last couple of weeks (of discussions)," Hesson clarified. "...we have been very much aligned and he has been more than happy to take our advice from our experience," the former New Zealand coach added. RCB's questionable recruitment has come in for a lot of criticism but Hesson assured that this time they are looking at specific players and not hundreds of options. "There will be big focus on recruitment. Once auction gets completed, the work starts then, not a week before the tournament starts. We would have clarity in roles that players need to perform," he said. On signing domestic players, Hesson said there are specific players they would be looking at and not just statistical highlights during the Mushtaq Ali or Vijay Hazare Trophy. — PTI

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