

India's mammoth total proves too steep for Australia

Dhawan's hundred and Kohli's 82 set up a 36-run win for the Men in Blue, making it two out of two



K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR
LONDON

At lunch, the Indian fans were belting out the old number "we will, we will rock you". And beyond the ropes, Sunil Gavaskar, here as a commentator, jived and exhorted the crowd to maintain the tempo. It was that kind of a joyous day as Virat Kohli's men defeated Australia by 36 runs in a key ICC World Cup clash at the Oval.

Chasing India's 352 for five that featured Shikhar Dhawan's 117, Aaron Finch's men replied with 316.

Cautious pursuit

The pursuit commenced cautiously as David Warner (56) and Aaron Finch were circumspect against Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah. The latter was unlucky as he had Warner hopping but the awkward fend and the resultant inner-edge just rolled into the stumps without dislodging the bails! Just as the runs dried, Finch cut loose in a Hardik Pandya over that yielded 19. The Australian skipper, though, failed to beat a throw from Kedar Jadhav.

Placed at 61 for one, Australia's hopes rested on Warner and Steve Smith (69). Kohli swapped his bowlers, used Bumrah in short bursts and kept the runs under check. Smith struck Kedar Jadhav for a six but India was happy with its economy rate. The almost run-a-ball 72 partnership between Smith and Warner for the second wicket, however, couldn't kick off on to a higher plane.

Warner succumbed to leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, but Smith soldiered on. With Usman Khawaja slamming a six and four off Kuldeep Yadav, the Aussies hinted that they were still alive. Kohli immediately employed Bumrah, who knocked down Khawaja's stumps.

Glenn Maxwell then flung his bat around, but with Bhuvneshwar delivering a double blow in the 40th over to dismiss Smith and Marcus



Stepping up: Shikhar Dhawan scored his third World Cup century, and sixth in ICC events. ■ AFP

Stoinis, Australia was gaping at a steep 115 from the last 10 overs. The final nail was driven in when Maxwell miscued a hit off Chahal and the rest flickered and perished.

Earlier, Sunday dawned bright and out in the middle, Kohli elected to bat and his decision found vindication through a commanding performance. Dhawan's ton (117, 109b, 16x4) top-lined the innings while Rohit Sharma (57), the skipper (82) himself and Pandya (48) played their parts.

Initially, openers Rohit and Dhawan practised watchful consolidation against Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc. They had their lucky moments, especially when Rohit upishly flicked Starc and watched Nathan Coulter-Nile drop a tough chance at square-leg.

On fire

On two then, Rohit just focused on settling down. Dhawan, meanwhile, cover-drove Cummins and gratefully tucked into seamer Coulter-Nile's errant line and hit three fours. Rohit, too, broke his shackles once leg-spinner Adam Zampa was pressed into to service. A loose delivery

was promptly slog-swept, and the first-wicket pair cut loose. Rohit guided Maxwell past third-man and hooked Coulter-Nile for six while Dhawan slashed and upper-cut, and India reached 100 in 19 overs.

Just as the Aussies seemed resigned to a leather-hunt, Rohit got dismissed while trying to dab one behind the wicket. By then, Dhawan and Rohit had added 127 in 22.3 overs. Finch's men then tried to follow a parched-earth policy for Kohli, pitching it a bit wide after packing the off-side.

The Indian captain, though, stole his singles and when Zampa came on, Dhawan drove and lofted with finesse. Kohli, too, cashed in and lashed at Cummins. After Dhawan reached his hundred, he drilled one past Starc, disdain rippling through that stroke. The southpaw eventually holed out in the deep but his 93-run second-wicket partnership with Kohli laid the foundation for the final assault.

Mayhem ensued as Pandya, promoted to the order, and Kohli pressed the accelerator. The latter, dropped on 41 by Alex Carey off Coulter-

SCOREBOARD INDIA VS AUSTRALIA

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Carey b Coulter-Nile 57 (70b, 3x4, 1x6), Shikhar Dhawan c sub b Starc 117 (109b, 16x4), Virat Kohli c Cummins b Stoinis 82 (77b, 4x4, 2x6), Hardik Pandya c Finch b Cummins 48 (27b, 4x4, 3x6), M.S. Dhoni c & b Stoinis 27 (14b, 3x4, 1x6), K.L. Rahul (not out) 11 (3b, 1x4, 1x6), Kedar Jadhav (not out) 0 (0b); Extras (lb-3, w-7): 10; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 352.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-127 (Rohit, 22.3), 2-220 (Dhawan, 36.6), 3-301 (Pandya, 45.5), 4-338 (Dhoni, 49.1), 5-348 (Kohli, 49.5).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING

Cummins 10-0-55-1, Starc 10-0-74-1, Coulter-Nile 10-1-63-1, Maxwell 7-0-45-0, Zampa 6-0-50-0, Stoinis 7-0-62-2.

AUSTRALIA

David Warner c Bhuvneshwar b Chahal 56 (84b, 5x4), Aaron Finch run out 36 (35b, 3x4, 1x6), Steve Smith lbw b Bhuvneshwar

Nile, reached his fifty. Pandya hoisted a six off Maxwell, Kohli thumped Cummins and the two added 81 for the third wicket off just 53 deliveries. The runs flowed as M.S. Dhoni struck a cameo, and Australia was left wringing its hands.

69 (70b, 5x4, 1x6), Usman Khawaja b Bumrah 42 (39b, 4x4, 1x6), Glenn Maxwell c sub b Chahal 28 (14b, 5x4), Marcus Stoinis b Bhuvneshwar 0 (2b), Alex Carey (not out) 55 (35b, 5x4, 1x6), Nathan Coulter-Nile c Kohli b Bumrah 4 (9b), Pat Cummins c Dhoni b Bumrah 8 (7b, 1x4), Mitchell Starc run out 3 (3b), Adam Zampa c sub b Bhuvneshwar 1 (3b); Extras (nb-1, w-7, b-2, lb-3): 14; Total (in 50 overs) 316.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-61 (Finch, 13.1 overs), 2-133 (Warner, 24.4), 3-202 (Khawaja, 36.4), 4-238 (Smith, 39.4), 5-238 (Stoinis, 39.6), 6-244 (Maxwell, 40.4), 7-283 (Coulter-Nile, 44.5), 8-300 (Cummins 46.6), 9-313 (Starc, 49.1).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 10-0-50-3, Bumrah 10-1-61-3, Pandya 10-0-68-0, Kuldeep 9-0-55-0, Chahal 10-0-62-2, Jadhav 1-0-14-0. Toss: India. MoM: Dhawan. India won by 36 runs.

Next assignment

AUSTRALIA: June 12 vs Pakistan, Taunton, 3 p.m.
INDIA: June 13 vs New Zealand, Trent Bridge, 3 p.m.

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INNINGS SCAN			PROGRESSION		
IND	AUS		IND	AUS	
1	Maidens	1	41/0	10 overs	48/0
31	Fours	28	111/0	20 overs	99/1
8	Sixes	4	170/1	30 overs	155/2
127 (1st)	Best stand	72 (2nd)	236/2	40 overs	238/5
7.04	RR	6.32	352/5	50 overs	316/10

TOP SHOWS		
For	Batting	Bowling
India	Dhawan 117 (109b, 16x4)	Bhuvneshwar 3/50 (10)
Australia	Smith 69 (70b, 5x4, 1x6)	Stoinis 2/62 (7)

STAT SPHERE

1 India scored the highest total against Australia in the World Cup

Top WC totals vs Australia
352/5 India (The Oval, 2019)
312 SL (Sydney, 2015)

294 SA (Basseterre, 2007)
291/8 WI (Lord's, 1975)
289/6 India (Delhi, 1987)

1 Rohit is the fastest to 2,000 ODI runs against a particular side

Innings taken
37 Rohit vs Aus
40 Tendulkar vs Aus

44 Richards vs Aus
44 Kohli vs SL
45 Dhoni vs SL

1 Carey's 25-ball 50 is this edition's fastest so far, eclipsing Gayle's (vs Pak, Nottingham) & Buttler's (vs Ban, Cardiff) 33-ball efforts. This is also the second quickest WC half-century by an Australian, behind Maxwell's 21-ball effort (vs Afg, Perth, 2015)

3 Rohit-Dhawan's century stand is only the third for the opening wicket against Australia in the WC

3 India has become the third team, after England and West Indies, to win 50 ODIs against Australia

4 Number of consecutive 50-plus scores in ODIs by Rohit, his longest sequence so far

4 Number of ODI hundreds by Dhawan in England, the most by an Indian

6 It was Dhawan's sixth ODI hundred in an ICC event. Only Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly have more (7)
7 Ganguly 7 Tendulkar 6 Dhawan 6 Sangakkara 6 Ponting

50 Number of half-centuries for Kohli in ODIs. He also has 41 hundreds

8 The defeat ended Australia's eight-match winning streak in World Cups. Their sequence of 10 ODI victories also ended

16 Number of century partnerships by Rohit and Dhawan for the first wicket in ODIs. Only Ganguly and Tendulkar are ahead with 21



WC EXTRAS



ICC rejected 'Universe Boss' logo request

LONDON The ICC also refused West Indies opener Chris Gayle permission to use 'Universe Boss' logo on his bat. Gayle had requested the ICC to allow him use it for his bat branding but he was informed that he can't use any clothing or sporting equipment for personal messages. PTI

Yuvraj to call it a day?

MUMBAI India's 2011 World Cup hero Yuvraj Singh has called a media interaction here on Monday, triggering speculations that he may announce his retirement. "He would like to speak to the BCCI and get more clarity on playing his trade in tournaments like GT20 (Canada), Euro T20 Slam in Ireland and Holland as he has offers," a senior BCCI official had said recently. PTI

'Don't boo, cheer Smith'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LONDON

In the rough world of sport where the winner takes all, it is good to see an empathetic heart. Virat Kohli was upset when a section of the Indian fans booed Steve Smith during the World Cup match at the Oval here on Sunday. The India captain gesticulated to the crowd to pipe down and also requested that Smith should be cheered. Later, he also had a word

with the Australian. Asked about the incident, Kohli said: "I feel for him. Look, we have had a few incidents in the past, we have had our arguments, but now he is coming back. I noticed this in the IPL too that he was keen to play and there were some incidents. It happened today too (fans booing) and I felt bad for him. I went and apologised to him on behalf of the crowd."

No insignia on MS' gloves

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LONDON

M.S. Dhoni took the field without a controversial dagger logo on his wicketkeeping gloves in Sunday's World Cup game against Australia after being ordered to remove the symbol by the ICC. Dhoni's gloves in the opening game against South Africa bore an apparent military insignia that breached rules laid down by the ICC.



M.S. Dhoni. ■ REUTERS

But he wore a different pair of gloves, that appeared to conform with ICC regulations, when India fielded.

Series loss against Australia gave us added motivation: Kohli

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR LONDON

Virat Kohli stressed that all units of his team played in cohesion in the win over Australia here on Sunday.

Speaking to reporters at the Oval, Kohli said: "It was a fine performance, all of us batsmen played well and the bowlers were excellent and restricted Australia. Back home, we lost a series to Australia after leading 2-0 and that gave us added motivation."

The Indian captain lauded his openers Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma: "They are world-class and have been together for six years. Both are instinctive and perform even better in ICC events. Rohit takes some time but with Shikhar, once he hits a few fours he can take off from there. And they give us confidence."

Pandya in a good space Kohli also pointed out that Hardik Pandya is in a good space mentally and it shows in his game: "He loves playing the sport and does not think about the tournament

and plays with a free mind. He told me that he will strike big while I could stay at the wicket and we played that way. He can strike at even 200 per cent."

Meanwhile, Aaron Finch rued the regular fall of wickets during the chase. "Look, we need a few things to fall in place when you are chasing. Unfortunately, we kept losing wickets and I think we gave them a few extra runs. The Indian bowlers kept it tight and my run-out did not help," the Australian captain said.

Where they stand

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	3	3	0	0	6	2.163
England	3	2	1	0	4	1.307
India	2	2	0	0	4	0.539
Australia	3	2	1	0	4	0.483
Sri Lanka	3	1	1	1	3	-1.517
Pakistan	3	1	1	1	3	-2.412
West Indies	2	1	1	0	2	2.054
Bangladesh	3	1	2	0	2	-0.714
South Africa	3	0	3	0	0	-0.952
Afghanistan	3	0	3	0	0	-1.493

*till the India-Australia match on June 9



All together: Kohli said all units of his team played in cohesion. ■ AFP

What was Zampa doing?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LONDON

Australian leg-spinner Adam Zampa caused tongues to wag, especially on Twitter, after he was sighted slipping his bowling arm into his pocket before giving the ball a twirl and then ambling down to bowl.

A few clips were circulated on social media, questioning whether Zampa was applying some substance onto the ball. Later Australian skipper Aaron Finch clarified that "Zampa had hand-warmers in his pockets and there was nothing more".

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Time to come good: With South Africa's fortunes hanging by the thread, Hashim Amla and Quinton de Kock need to deliver. • AP

Uphill task awaits South Africa

West Indies better placed with a win and loss to its name

WC PREVIEW

IANS
SOUTHAMPTON

After three consecutive defeats, South Africa will look to get its first win of the World Cup when it faces West Indies at the Hampshire Bowl, here on Monday. After a below par show so far, the Proteas desperately need a win to stay in contention for a spot in the semifinals.

West Indies, on the other hand, is slightly better placed after a win and a loss from its two games. The Jason Holder-led side kicked-off its campaign on a convincing note with an impressive seven-wicket win over Pakistan before suffering a narrow 15-run loss to Australia.

West Indian pace attack

For the Proteas – having lost to England, Bangladesh and India – it's the batsmen who need to step-up against a

THE FACE-OFF					
South Africa vs West Indies					
SOUTHAMPTON					
HEAD-TO-HEAD					
	SA	WI	Tied	NR	
Overall	61	44	15	1	1
World Cup	6	4	2	0	0

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good looking West Indies pace attack.

However, the pacers' performance in the six-wicket loss to India must be heartening for skipper Faf du Plessis and the team management.

So far, nothing seems to have worked well for South Africa with pacer Dale Steyn ruled out due to injury and Lungi Ngidi also unfit for the game on Monday.

South Africa has plenty to discuss about its inconsistent performance with the bat.

Its openers – Quinton de Kock and Hashim Amla –

will have to surely fire against the Windies.

The middle-order looks decent and the lower order has also chipped in. The Proteas now need to play fearless and attacking cricket.

West Indies' aggressive opening bowling in the first two matches has impressed everyone and if it happens again, the South African openers could be in trouble again.

The Caribbean side would be the favourites on Monday. South Africa, however, has a 4-2 advantage over West Indies in World Cup games.

Who else but Rafael Nadal on clay in Paris!

Claims 12th Roland Garros title and 18th Grand Slam crown

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Rafael Nadal swept to an historic 12th Roland Garros title and 18th Grand Slam crown on Sunday with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Austria's Dominic Thiem.

The 33-year-old Spaniard becomes the first player, man or woman, to win the same Slam 12 times after seeing off a brave challenge from a weary Thiem in a repeat of the 2018 final.

The world number two has previously won the title in 2005-2008, 2010-2014, 2017 and 2018.

"I want to say congratulations to Dominic. I feel sorry as he deserves to win it as well," said Nadal. "But he has every chance in the future."

"It's a dream to win again, an incredible moment. When I first played here in 2005 I never thought I would be still playing here in 2019. "It's very special for me."

'Big three' stranglehold
Sunday's triumph confirmed the 'Big Three' stranglehold on the Grand Slams having shared the last 10 between them. It also gave Nadal an 82nd career title and 950th match win.

"It's very tough. I gave everything these last two weeks," said Thiem, who had seven fewer winners and seven more unforced errors in the final.

"Rafa, well done. You are an amazing champion and a legend in our sport. I am happy that you are playing. To win 12 times, it's unreal. I will try again, for sure."

In a 53-minute first set of brutal hitting and raw physicality, it was Thiem who broke first for a 3-2 lead.

But the 25-year-old's joy was short-lived as Nadal retrieved the break in the sixth game before racing away



Top of the heap: Rafael Nadal underlined his supremacy at the French Open yet again.

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with the next three games to pocket the opener.

Thiem, who had beaten his opponent four times on clay in his career, failed to claim a single point off Na-

dal's first five service games of the second set.

However, the dogged Austrian pushed and pushed, forced Nadal into three rushed groundstrokes and,

from nowhere, broke to take the second set.

It was the first set he had managed to take off Nadal at Roland Garros after three previous defeats.

La Docena

The only player – male or female – to win 12 singles titles at a single Grand Slam, eclipsing Margaret Court's 11 at the Australian Open

- Ties for most titles at a single tournament with Martina Navratilova's 12 at the now-defunct Ameritech Cup/Virginia Slims of Chicago/Avon Championships of Chicago

- Moves to within two Grand Slam titles of Roger Federer's record of 20

- Now has three streaks of at least three titles at Roland Garros

- Has never been taken to five sets in a French Open final

- Has played only two five-set matches at the French Open since his 2005 debut – against John Isner in the first round in 2001 and Novak Djokovic in the 2013 semifinals

Maintains his unbeaten record in French Open finals

Nadal was riled by the insult. He swept the first 10 points of the third set, carving out a double break for 3-0 before sweeping to a third break for the set.

Telling toll

Thiem, bidding to become just Austria's second Grand Slam champion after Thomas Muster won in Paris in 1995, had played four successive days to reach Sunday's final and the toll was slowly telling.

He wasted break points in the first and third games of the fourth set and Nadal pounced to stretch to 3-0.

That was soon 5-1 and the relentless barrage continued with Nadal taking the title on a second match point when Thiem fired a return long.

Italy upsets Australia with Bonansea double

Cristiane hat-trick seals Brazil win; Norway too strong for Nigeria

WOMEN'S WC

REUTERS
REIMS

Barbara Bonansea scored twice to give Italy a surprise, last-gasp 2-1 victory against Australia in its opening Group C game at the women's World Cup on Sunday.

The Italians, back at the World Cup after a 20-year absence, prevailed when striker Bonansea headed home from a free kick five minutes into stoppage time.

Opening goal

Australia captain Sam Kerr had opened the scoring by firing home on the rebound after her penalty was saved by Italy keeper Laura Giuliani in the 22nd minute. Bonansea, however, equalised 11 minutes into the second half after a defensive blunder on the edge of the box.



On target: Barbara Bonansea celebrates scoring the winner with Valentina Giacinti. • REUTERS

Later Brazil's Cristiane scored a hat-trick as the former finalist sealed a superb 3-0 victory over debutants Jamaica on Sunday to kick off its campaign in style.

Victory at Stade des Alpes in Grenoble meant Vadao's

side maintained its perfect record in World Cup openers and also snapped a run of nine straight defeats in the lead-up to the tournament since a 2-1 win over Japan last July.

On Saturday, Former champion Norway kicked off its campaign with a routine 3-0 victory over Nigeria, despite the absence of Ballon d'Or winner Ada Hegerberg.

Lyon striker Hegerberg refused to come to the tournament due to a dispute with her national federation, which she accuses of failing to respect women players.

The results: Australia 1 (Kerr 22-pen) lost to Italy 2 (Bonansea 56, 90+5). Brazil 3 (Cristiane 15, 50, 64) bt Jamaica 0; Norway 3 (Reiten 17, Utland 34, Ohale 37-og) bt Nigeria 0.

England 2 (Parris 14-pen, White 40) bt Scotland 1 (Emslie 79).

France comes unstuck in Turkey

EURO QUALIFYING

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KONYA (TURKEY)

World champion France slumped to a 2-0 loss to Turkey in Euro 2020 qualifying on Saturday amid a red-hot atmosphere in Konya.

Kaan Ayhan headed Turkey ahead on the half-hour mark and Cengiz Under fired in a second before half-time to give the hosts a first ever win over France.

Didier Deschamps fielded nine of the players that started last year's World Cup final but France struggled to create chances, while Hugo Lloris denied Turkey on a number of occasions.

"That was a slap in the face for us and there's not a lot I can say," Deschamps told TFI.

The results: Group C: Estonia 1 (Vassiljev 25) lost to Northern Ireland 2 (Washington 77, Magennis 80);



The clincher: Cengiz Under fires in Turkey's second goal against France. • REUTERS

Belarus 0 lost to Germany 2 (Sane 13, Reus 62).

Group E: Croatia 2 (Lawrence 17-og, Perisic 48) lost to Wales 1 (Brooks 77); Azerbaijan 1 (Emreli 69) lost to Hungary 3 (Orban 18, 53, Holman 71).

Group H: Iceland 1 (Gudmundsson 22) bt Albania 0; Turkey 2 (Ayhan 30, Under 40) bt France 0; Moldova 1 (Armas 8) bt Andorra 0.

Group I: Russia 9 (Cevoli 25-og, 41-og, Dzyuba 31-pen, 73, 76,

88, Kudryashov 36, Smolov 77, 83) bt San Marino 0; Belgium 3 (Mertens 11, Castagne 14, R. Lukaku 50) bt Kazakhstan 0; Scotland 2 (Robertson 61, Burke 89) bt Cyprus 1 (Kousoulos 87).

Group J: Finland 2 (Pukki 56, 68) bt Bosnia-Herzegovina 0; Armenia 3 (Ghazaryan 2, Karapetyan 18, Barseghyan 90+1) bt Liechtenstein 0; Greece 0 lost to Italy 3 (Barella 24, Insigne 30, Bonucci 33).

England beats Swiss on penalties

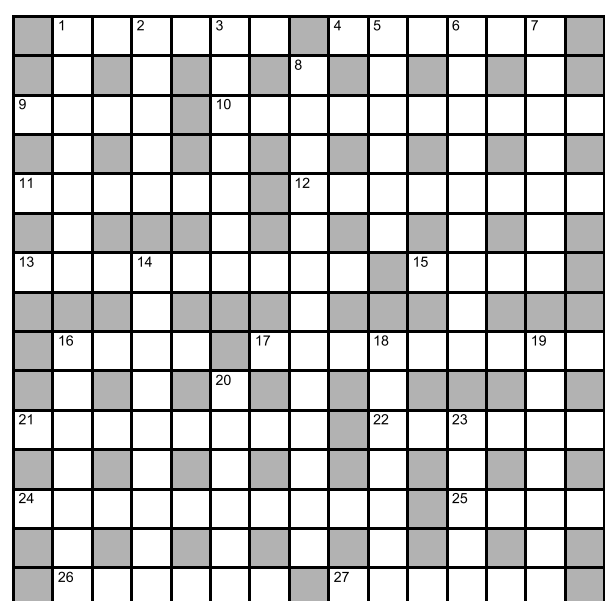
REUTERS
GUIMARAES (PORTUGAL)

England finished third in the Nations League after beating Switzerland 6-5 on penalties on Sunday as the game ended goalless after extra time.

England keeper Jordan Pickford produced an outstanding save to keep out Josip Drmic's spot kick low to his right to win the game, after both teams had converted all their previous penalties.

England thought it had grabbed victory in normal time when substitute Callum Wilson scored in the 84th minute but to its dismay Romanian referee Ovidiu Hategan enlisted the help of VAR and the goal was chalked off due to a push by the Bournemouth striker.

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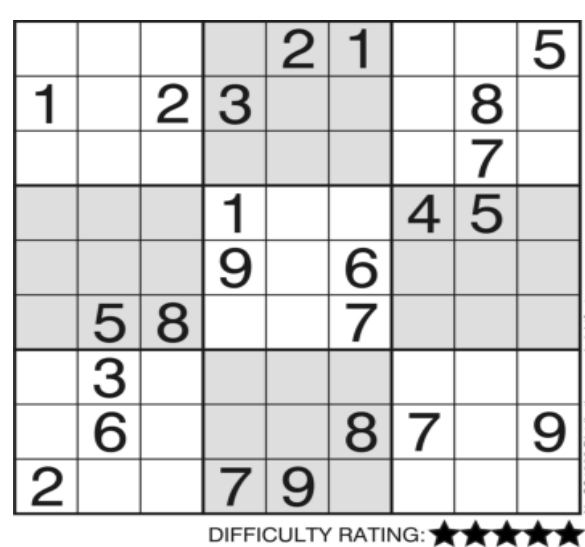
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- 4 Spell fairy put on old duke (6)
- 9 Air to paralyse fish (4)
- 10 Seasoning as amenable as salt (4,6)
- 11 Rod is involved in anarchist plot (6)
- 12 Oldie's prodigal redhead son grunts (8)

- 13 Much that might be had at flea market (5,4)
- 15 Thin layer with fairly regular mass (4)
- 16 Intend to traverse the Northern Alps from the east (4)
- 17 USA mandate to repeal immigrant's right repulsive to a sickening extent (2,7)
- 21 Boeing leak that can be traced to criminal? (8)
- 22 Instruments with unexpected drawback returned to Operations Research (6)
- 24 Nancy's father finds politician (conservative) imperious (10)
- 25 Sound level for swimmers (4)
- 26 RCMP must excel in this Canadian political constituency (6)
- 27 Stopped, picked up, impounded (6)
- DOWN
- 1 High achiever leaving college with additional burden (7)
- 2 Competent chief of army division briefly (5)

(set by Skulldugger)

- 3 Sanctioned drug nurse administered initially reduced body fluids (7)
- 5 Exam cleared even by unintelligent student annulled with little effort (6)
- 6 Foolish remarks asinine, beastly, it must be admitted (9)
- 7 Local street rally with back-up plan (7)
- 8 Family acted on old Don's behalf (5,3,5)
- 14 Discrimination for a time interrupted state of equality two people had briefly (9)
- 16 Leading revolutionary embraced by colleague a trailblazer (7)
- 18 She follows; Lawrence, a short, callous Yankee leads (7)
- 19 Cross recklessly one day around mid-morning (7)
- 20 Female boxing program to materialise (6)
- 23 Shoots shell from gunwale on ship (5)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12647

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	2	9	3	6	7	4	1	5
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4	5	7	2	8	1	9	3	6

FAITH

Necessary qualities

In the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna tells Arjuna that one must have certain qualities to acquire atma jnana, said Valayapet Ramachariar, in a discourse. One of the necessary qualities is amAnitvam – that is to be without pride due to one's birth, one's education or wealth. Another quality that is necessary is adambhitvam. Dambha is ostentation and doing something so that we are praised by other. So, adambhitvam means being free of such vanity, which makes us clamour for public approval. Another quality prescribed is ahimsa. Himsa is causing hurt to others, whether this is through the mind, through one's words or actions. The opposite of himsa is ahimsa, which means abstaining from causing harm to anyone in any of these three ways. Kshantih is also talked about by the Lord. This means that even when someone harms us, we must refrain from paying him back in his own coin. We must be patient. Arjavam, which the Lord speaks of, means that as one thinks, so must one speak. As one speaks, so must one act. In a person who aspires for atma jnana, thought, word and deed must be the same. Saucam is also needed. Saucam means purity. This purity encompasses purity of body, mind and speech. While we understand purity of the body, we forget about purity of the mind. Will bathing many times a day make us pure, if we have bad thoughts? It may also be the case that there may be someone so ill, that he cannot bathe. Will he be denied moksha, just on that ground? A sick man, in bed, may still think of the Lord with all piety, and may not have any other thought in his mind. He is indeed pure. Sthairyam implies that we should believe implicitly what our Acharyas teach us and should never doubt them. We should think of the sorrow caused by birth, old age, disease and finally death.