

## No Match

Rohit's century, Kuldeep's magic: India make it 7-0 against Pak in WC



(Left) Kuldeep Yadav bowls Babar Azam; Rohit Sharma celebrates his century in Manchester, Sunday. Reuters

India's total of 336 for five, which Rohit Sharma had helped set with a wonderful 140, looked way out of reach. In the end, Pakistan were stranded at 212 for six in 40 overs, losing by 89 runs under the D/L method when rain washed out the last stretch of play.

ended with "India" or "Pakistan", and "Bharat Mata ki Ja" was met with "Pakistan Pakistan".

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## ALL-PARTY MEET ON EVE OF NEW LS SESSION

# PM calls heads of all political parties to talk one nation, one election

Opp raises farm distress, jobs, 'weakening of federalism'

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Trinamool leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay in New Delhi, Sunday. PTI

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has called for a meeting with presidents of all political parties on June 19 to discuss the "one nation, one election" concept and other "important matters", including the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Prime Minister made the call Sunday during a meeting that was convened with floor leaders of all parties in both Houses on the eve of the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha, according to Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi.

Taking to Twitter later, Modi wrote: "We had a fruitful all-party meeting today, the first one after the election results and before the start of the Monsoon Session. Thankful to the leaders for their valuable suggestions. We all agreed on the smooth running of Parliament so that we can fulfil people's aspirations."

Speaking to reporters, Joshi said the Prime Minister also called upon the floor leaders to "introspect whether Members of Parliament are able to fulfil people's aspirations as their

## EXPLAINED Prime Minister pushes pet theme

ELECTIONS TO the Lok Sabha and state assemblies were initially held simultaneously but got delinked. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been pushing to revive the concept, citing costs and the time spent on a continuous cycle of polls. But it remains to be seen if other parties are receptive to the idea.

## Water crisis in TN: Clashes erupt in Chennai, IT firms cut down operations

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
CHENNAI, JUNE 16



At Villivakkam, Chennai

WHEN MOHAN switched on the motor to draw water from the sump near his house in a Chennai suburb last week, neighbours tried to stop him. And when his wife Subashini rushed to his side in support, a neighbour, Aathimoolam Ramakrishnan at-

tacked her, stabbing her in the neck with a sharp weapon. Ramakrishnan, who is Tamil Nadu Speaker P Dhanapal's driver, was arrested last Thursday and Subashini is recovering at a Chennai hospital, according to a police officer. But the violent clash only highlights the worsening drinking water crisis in

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WHAT'S THE best way to crack open a tight situation and win a high-pressure World Cup game against Pakistan? On Sunday, Kuldeep Yadav had a simple plan: produce two magical deliveries to take out their big-match batsmen, Babar Azam and Fakhar Zaman. Yadav's double strike pushed Pakistan to 126 for three and

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## Online payment of bills: Four-fold surge in rural and semi-urban India

KARISHMA MEHROTRA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

WITH COMMON Service Centres (CSC) replacing pre-mobile era PCO booths, government data show a surge in electricity bill payments and insurance premium renewals, which have emerged as some of the fastest growing non-banking services across rural and semi-urban India over the last five years.

core worth online electricity bills over the last five years, rising from 25 lakh transactions in financial year 2014-15 to almost 1 crore in the last fiscal — a four-fold increase.

Similarly, insurance premium renewals have brought in Rs 1,600 crore, with transactions growing more than six-fold from 2.6 lakh to 17.34 lakh over the past five years.

The total value of CSC transactions that include banking, PAN and passport applications, insurance policies, IRCTC tickets, air and bus purchases, electricity

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4-YEAR RISE IN TRANSACTIONS					
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Transactions*	4.57	10.10	13.72	17.37	17.38
Value**	1,558.1	3,717.3	7,120.6	23,795.5	28,243.2
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Transactions*	0.24	0.32	0.49	0.56	1.00
Value**	108.7	138.7	239.5	308.4	1,198.4
INSURANCE PREMIUMS					
Transactions*	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.17
Value**	2.1	9.1	23.9	48.7	77.3

\*Crore; \*\*Rs/Crore; Source: Common Service Centres data

## Bengal strike: Stage set for talks, doctors want end to deadlock

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA  
KOLKATA, JUNE 16

SIGNALLING A way forward to resolve their face-off with the West Bengal government, the junior doctors on strike for the sixth day in the state sought an "immediate end to this impasse" and said Sunday that they have decided to leave the choice of venue for talks to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The doctors, however, demanded that the venue should accommodate representatives from all medical college hospitals and the media. So far, the doctors had insisted that Banerjee visit them at NRS Medical College and Hospital for talks.

Sources in the government said the meeting is likely to be held at the state secretariat Monday afternoon. They said that the latest offer by the doctors still leaves two major points of contention: presence of me-



Junior doctors in Kolkata, Sunday. Express

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dia at the talks and the number of representatives that can be allowed on behalf of the doctors.

"The administration is not keen on allowing mediapersons

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## IMA call: No non-essential services today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

THE INDIAN Medical Association (IMA) has called for a nationwide withdrawal of non-essential medical services for 24 hours starting 6 am Monday to protest the violence against doctors at the NRS Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The association, headed by TMC Rajya Sabha MP Santanu Sen, has also demanded a national law against violence in hospitals.

Responding to the call, the Delhi Medical Association declared that along with hospitals, health services at clinics and nursing homes will also be

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## In Maharashtra, rural incentives for doctors benefit mothers, children

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS  
PUNE, JUNE 16



Dr Neeraj Kadam at work in Arvi, Wardha. Express

THE NEAREST railway station in Balharshah is 100 km away but doctor-couple Anant Jadhao, an obstetrician, and Ashelesha Gadgil, an anaesthetist, have made Aheri in Gadchiroli their home, spending most of their time at the 50-bed sub-district hospital.

In drought-prone Kavathe Mahakal in Sangli, gynaecologist Dr Vijay Hande has monitored an average of 100 normal deliveries every month and another 40-42 C-sections over the last year at the sub-district hospital.

In the Vidarbha region, the sub-district hospital at Arvi in Wardha has seen the number of women attending the ante-natal care OPD run by obstetrician Dr Neeraj Kadam jump from 60-70 per month a year ago to 650-660.

Connecting the dots from Gadchiroli to Sangli and Wardha, is an ambitious scheme launched in October 2017 by the

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Maharashtra Health Department to appoint specialists in rural areas, offering contracts with cash incentives.

More than a year later, the results are showing on the ground. Especially for women and children, because the rollout

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