

# England's mammoth total proves beyond India's reach

After the Bairstow-Roy show, Stokes joins the party for the host; Rohit's century, Kohli's fifth fifty on the trot and Pandya's cameo not enough



**Blazing away:** Jonny Bairstow, in the company of Jason Roy, pushed India on to the backfoot with a 160-run stand for the opening wicket. •AP



**5** Number of consecutive fifties notched up by Kohli in this WC, equalling Steve Smith's record in 2015. The Indian is the first captain to achieve the feat in the tournament's history. It is also the India skipper's longest streak of half-centuries from which he hasn't converted into a three-figure knock

## STAT SPHERE

- 1** The 160-run partnership between Bairstow and Roy is England's highest for the opening wicket in the World Cup. It is also the biggest by any team for any wicket against India in this WC
- 2** Shami is only the second Indian after Hirwani (in 1988) to claim three four-wicket hauls in successive ODIs.
  - The speedster is also the second bowler, after Afridi, to do so in the WC
- 5** Rohit has become the fifth player to score three centuries in a single edition of the WC, and the second Indian, after Ganguly
- MOST TONS IN THE WC**
  - 4 Sangakkara (2015)
  - 3 Mark Waugh (1996), Ganguly (2003), Hayden (2007), Rohit (2019)
- 8** Number of ODIs England has won out of the previous nine outings when Bairstow and Roy have put on a hundred stand
- 12** India's winning streak of 12 league games in the WC was snapped with Sunday's defeat to England. The previous match India lost at the league stage was against South Africa in 2011
- 16** Number of 50-plus opening partnerships by Bairstow and Roy, the most for England, surpassing Cook & Bell (15)
- 25** Number of ODI hundreds for Rohit. He is the third quickest to reach the milestone (206 innings)
- FASTEST TO 25 ODI CENTURIES**
  - 151 Amla
  - 162 Kohli
  - 206 Rohit
  - 214 de Villiers
  - 234 Tendulkar

**Stokes is the only bowler who has not conceded a six in this WC so far (minimum 30 overs)**



K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR  
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"I am one among the five per cent England fans at the ground!" stated a tongue-in-cheek tweet from a home team follower as a packed Edgbaston buzzed with excitement while the host and India clashed in a key World Cup fixture. In the end, the five per cent at the ground had a Sunday to celebrate while a sea of blue lapsed into silence.

England amassed 337 for seven and restricted India to 306 for five. It was India's first defeat in the current World Cup while Eoin Morgan's men found a toehold to stay alive, thanks to their 31-run win.

### Nervous start

India started nervously as Rohit Sharma, on four, edged Jofra Archer but Joe Root

dropped it at second slip while K.L. Rahul spooned one back to Chris Woakes. Virat Kohli, walking into thunderous applause, drove Archer and Rohit struck Mark Wood on either side of the pitch and as the partnership developed, the two clattered fours off Liam Plunkett.

### Masters at work

The duo's mastery became evident as Kohli, wrists and moving feet, flicked Ben Stokes and Rohit cut Adil Rashid. Kohli's fifth fifty on the trot was etched. Rohit wasn't too far behind and the two played percentage cricket, picking their fours, running hard and revealing a defensive blade when a delivery demanded respect. There were bursts of exquisite shot-making too, be it Kohli picking his spots on the off-side or Rohit stringing a garland of three fours off Stokes through a pull and two square-drives.

Just as the 138-run second-wicket partnership seemed primed for more, Kohli (66) fell, his leaning drive looping up to backward point. Nextman Rishabh Pant, who replaced Vijay Shankar following the latter's toe injury, threatened a run-out but Ro-

hit calmed the youngster. The two shared a 52-run partnership during the course of which the vice-captain registered his third century (102) in this World Cup. After that a tired slog off Woakes grazed the edge and Rohit retreated.

India 198 for three in 36.1 overs, adrift by 139 runs, needing more than 10 per over and a nervous crowd prayed to the Hindu pantheon as religious chants rent the air. Hardik Pandya pounded Woakes for three fours while southpaw Pant tried an uppish flick down the leg-side off Plunkett and watched Woakes flick a stunner near fine-leg — a sprinting, gravity-defying catch.

### Required rate jumps up

India four for 226 in the 40th over and Pandya and M.S. Dhoni joined forces. Pandya split one through a diving Rashid's palms at backward point but there was no miracle to be savoured. As the required rate quadrupled in the final stretch, the all-rounder fell and for Dhoni, it became a tale of too much to score with too few deliveries at stake.

Earlier, Morgan elected to

bat and the England innings prospered through the efforts of centurion Jonny Bairstow (111, 109b, 10x4, 6x6), Jason Roy (66) and Stokes (79). Initially, openers Roy and Bairstow maintained a frenetic pace. Roy thumped two fours off Mohammed Shami's first over but also inner-edged the speedster nearly onto the stumps. Bairstow too did a similar act and survived.

Kohli employed Yuzvendra Chahal from the sixth over, swapped the ends of Shami and Jasprit Bumrah and yet there was no respite. Roy smote Chahal and when the opener tried to pull Pandya,

Dhoni collected, the bowler appealed, Kohli mulled about a review but the form-

Bairstow proved that he too could trigger mayhem — a minimal back-lift exploded

**SERVO CRICKET TRIVIA**  
Kapil Dev is the youngest captain to have won the World Cup at 24, in 1983.

er India captain opposed it. The snickometer hinted an edge! On 21, Roy celebrated with a six and four.

into a blazing stroke. He hammered the spinners and Kuldeep Yadav wasn't spared either. India found relief finally when Roy tried to heave Kuldeep over long-on and found a diving Ravindra Jadeja, substituting for an injured Rahul.

### Bairstow on the prowl

Root then dropped anchor and Bairstow extended his plunder. On nervous 99 he missed a Pandya bouncer but the next ball was patted for a valuable single. Having been caught up in a self-stirred media storm, Bairstow's redemptive joy was evident. Eventually, he perished to Shami. Subsequently, Morgan

## SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS INDIA

ENGLAND	INDIA
Jason Roy c sub b Kuldeep 66 (57b, 7x4, 2x6), Jonny Bairstow c Pant b Shami 111 (109b, 10x4, 6x6), Joe Root c Pandya b Shami 44 (54b, 2x4), Eoin Morgan c Jadhav b Shami 1 (9b), Ben Stokes c sub b Bumrah 79 (54b, 6x4, 3x6), Jos Buttler c & b Shami 20 (8b, 1x4, 2x6), Chris Woakes c Rohit b Shami 7 (5b, 1x4), Liam Plunkett (not out) 1 (4b), Jofra Archer (not out) 0 (0b); Extras (b-2, lb-2, w-4); 8; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 337.	K.L. Rahul c & b Woakes 0 (9b), Rohit Sharma c Buttler b Woakes 102 (109b, 15x4), Virat Kohli c sub b Plunkett 66 (76b, 7x4), Rishabh Pant c Woakes b Plunkett 32 (29b, 4x4), Hardik Pandya c sub b Plunkett 45 (33b, 4x4), M.S. Dhoni (not out) 42 (31b, 4x4, 1x6), Kedar Jadhav (not out) 12 (13b, 1x4); Extras (lb-1, w-6); 7; Total (for five wkts. in 50 overs): 306.
<b>FALL OF WICKETS</b> 1-160 (Roy, 22.1 overs), 2-205 (Bairstow, 31.4), 3-207 (Morgan, 33.4), 4-277 (Root, 44.1), 5-310 (Buttler, 46.6), 6-319 (Woakes, 48.1), 7-337 (Stokes, 49.4).	<b>FALL OF WICKETS</b> 1-8 (Rahul, 2.3), 2-146 (Kohli, 28.2), 3-198 (Rohit, 36.1), 4-226 (Pant, 39.1), 5-267 (Pandya, 44.5).
<b>INDIA BOWLING</b> Shami 10-1-69-5, Bumrah 10-1-44-1, Chahal 10-0-88-0, Pandya 10-0-60-0, Kuldeep 10-0-72-1.	<b>ENGLAND BOWLING</b> Woakes 10-3-58-2, Archer 10-0-45-0, Plunkett 10-0-55-3, Wood 10-0-73-0, Rashid 6-0-40-0, Stokes 4-0-34-0.

**Toss:** England.

**Man-of-the-Match:** Bairstow. England won by 31 runs.

### Next assignment

**INDIA:** July 2 vs Bangladesh, Edgbaston, 3 p.m.  
**ENGLAND:** July 3 vs New Zealand, Chester-le-Street, 3 p.m.

## 'Some felt Roy nicked it, some didn't'

Rohit says the skipper is always under pressure when it comes to reviews

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR  
BIRMINGHAM

A match's fate can turn on a slender thread. When England openers Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow were just about laying the building blocks of their 160-run partnership in the World Cup game against India here on Sunday, the former edged Hardik Pandya to M.S. Dhoni.

It was the faintest of snicks, Hardik and Virat Kohli seemed keen to press for a review but the man, who caught, wasn't sure. Kohli listened to Dhoni and did not seek a review. Later it came to light that the batsman had got a glove onto the ball. India played catch-up for the rest of a contest which it eventually lost.

### Tricky

Rohit Sharma, the team's vice-captain and a centurion to boot, had his take on the issue: "It is a tricky thing. Some of the guys heard, some of the guys didn't. There are a lot of thoughts that come around, some guys thought he (Roy) nicked it, some felt he didn't. If you are lucky you have the decision going your way. The captain is always under pressure. We, as a team, don't want to look too much into it." The opener also explained



**Swinging away:** Rohit Sharma's fine form continued as he notched up his third century of the tournament. •AFP

the injury that ruled out Vijay Shankar on the morning of the contest: "There is no uncertainty with regard to the number four position, Vijay Shankar was supposed to play but before the game he got hit on the toe by Jasprit

(Bumrah) and he wasn't fit. Every team will have these one or two changes happening every now and then." Rohit had a humorous aside when asked about propping up Rishabh Pant at number four: "You guys

wanted Pant to play right, asking where is Rishabh Pant, where is Rishabh Pant? It was the right move for him to come at four. Of course, there is pressure but he should enjoy his cricket." And the hall erupted in laughter as correspondents were put on the defensive.

### Credits England

Queried about the way the match shaped up, Rohit credited England for being the better team. "We lost K.L. (Rahul) right at the start and they bowled well. It was important that the guy in form bats long and it was between me and Virat and we knew that the longer we bat, we will get closer to the target. When Mahi (Dhoni) and Kedar (Jadhav) were batting, they were trying to hit but they couldn't as the pitch too slowed a bit.

"You got to give credit to the England bowlers, they mixed it up. You also need that x-factor innings, 70 off 40. Hardik was looking good but he couldn't go on, that's what Ben Stokes did for England. We know their top-order likes to put pressure and when Kuldeep (Yadav) and (Yuzvendra) Chahal came on, they already had some runs and they didn't let these guys settle and they had an off-day."

## Bairstow tends to get fired up a lot: Morgan

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
BIRMINGHAM

A pleased Eoin Morgan said that the much-needed victory against India in an important World Cup joust augured well for his men. The England captain praised his key players in a press conference at Edgbaston, late on Sunday night. *Excerpts*  
**Sheer joy:** We are delighted. The manner in which we played with the bat especially resonates with everyone in the change room and that too against an extremely strong team.

**Jonny Bairstow effect:** Bairstow tends to get fired up a lot and that suits him regardless of the week he had.

What he did today was outstanding and it was a match winning knock.

**Countering spin:** We wanted to put as much pressure as possible, I think the period from 10 to 20 overs when they (Indian spinners) bowled made the difference in the game.

**Ben Stokes on fire:** Stokes played a completely different innings. He wanted to take us beyond 320. He was adaptable and the change room was bouncing when he scored those runs in the end. **India's failure at the death:** I thought we bowled really well and it wasn't an easy wicket, it wasn't easy to hit sixes.



**Jason is back!** With Roy's return, England was up and running again. •AFP

## Where they stand

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	NR	PTS	NRR
Australia (Q)	8	7	1	0	14	1.000
India	7	5	1	1	11	0.854
New Zealand	8	5	2	1	11	1.072
England	8	5	3	0	10	0.500
Pakistan	8	4	3	1	9	-0.792
Bangladesh	7	3	3	1	7	-0.133
Sri Lanka	7	2	3	2	6	-1.186
South Africa (E)	8	2	5	1	5	-0.08
West Indies (E)	7	1	5	1	3	-0.32
Afghanistan (E)	8	0	8	0	0	-1.418

\* Till the India-England match on June 30

## Working on increasing vigilance: Richardson

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
BIRMINGHAM

ICC chief executive Dave Richardson said here on Sunday that the global body was working with authorities to ensure that there were no further untoward incidents like the clash between Afghanistan and Pakistan fans during a World Cup match at Leeds on Saturday.

Two persons were evicted from the stadium after fans clashed outside the stadium, requiring intervention from the Yorkshire Police.

Richardson said ICC was in the process of upping security and ensuring no political slogans were raised at match venues.



Dave Richardson. •AFP

"We are working with various security teams. Obviously, it is very difficult to get hold of every person present at the ground. But our security team would be looking for any person trying to raise a political slogan or banner," Richardson told mediapersons.





Got him! Lockie Ferguson has no clue to this Mitchell Starc special. ■ ALEX DAVIDSON/GETTY IMAGES

# Australia crushes NZ

Starc claims five for 26 after Behrendorff dismisses openers

## WORLD CUP

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE  
LONDON

Australia cruised to an 86-run victory over New Zealand in the World Cup at Lord's on Saturday, with batsman Usman Khawaja and pace spearhead Mitchell Starc starring for the defending champion.

Aaron Finch's team was wobbling at 92 for five after winning the toss. But Khawaja (88), who received fine support from Man-of-the-Match Alex Carey (71) steadied the ship before he became the first victim of a last-over hat-trick from Trent Boult as Australia finished on 243 for nine.

It proved more than enough as New Zealand slumped to 157. Jason Behrendorff (two for 31) removed both the New Zealand openers before Starc finished with five for 26.

**DIMUTH KARUNARATNE**

**THE FACE-OFF**

Sri Lanka vs West Indies

CHESTER-LE-STREET

HEAD-TO-HEAD

**JASON HOLDER**

	Matches	SL	WI	Tied	NR
Overall	56	25	28	0	3
World Cup	6	2	4	0	0

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## SCOREBOARD AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND

**AUSTRALIA** 243 for nine in 50 overs  
**NEW ZEALAND** 157 all out in 43.4 overs

**FALL OF WICKETS**  
 1-29 (Nicholls, 9.2 overs), 2-42 (Guptill, 13.1), 3-97 (Williamson), 4-118 (Taylor, 31.4), 5-125 (Latham, 35.3), 7-131 (Neesham, 38.1), 8-141 (Sodhi, 39.6), 9-144 (Ferguson, 41.1).

**AUSTRALIA BOWLING**  
 Behrendorff 9-0-31-2, Starc 9.4-1-26-5, Cummins 6-1-14-1, Lyon 10-0-36-1, Smith 2-0-6-1, Finch 1-0-7-0, Stoinis 2-0-12-0, Maxwell 4-0-18-0.

**Toss:** Australia.  
**MoM:** Alex Carey.  
 Australia won by 86 runs.

# The big three primed to tighten grip

Djokovic, Federer and Nadal will fancy their chances yet again

## WIMBLEDON

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal are each set to tighten their stranglehold on Wimbledon as their rivals struggle to keep afloat while bidding to dethrone the sport's A-list stars.

World No. 1 Djokovic is the defending champion and chasing a fifth title at the All England Club.

Federer, promoted to second seed, can win a ninth crown while two-time champion Nadal is seeking to complete a rare back-to-back Roland Garros-Wimbledon double. Twelve months ago, Djokovic arrived at Wimbledon with his career threatening to spiral into decline.

Unable to shake off the effects of right elbow surgery, the Serb was ranked at 21, his lowest position for over a decade.

But two weeks later, Djokovic had captured the 2018 title to add to his 2011, 2014 and 2015 wins, becoming the lowest-seeded player to take the Wimbledon trophy since Andre Agassi in 1992.

Federer, chasing a 21st major, first played Wimbledon in 1999. Pushing 38, he

## Serve and volley

A look at a few significant numbers from The Championships:

**MEN**

**MOST TITLES:** Roger Federer (8)

**MOST TITLES (DOUBLES):** Todd Woodbridge (9)

**OLDEST CHAMPION:** Federer, 35, in 2017

**YOUNGEST CHAMPION:** Boris Becker, 17, in 1985

**MOST FINALS PLAYED:** Federer (11)

**MOST MATCH WINS:** Federer (95)

**WOMEN**

**MOST TITLES:** Martina Navratilova (9)

**MOST TITLES (DOUBLES):** Navratilova (7)

**OLDEST CHAMPION:** Serena Williams, 34, in 2016

**YOUNGEST CHAMPION:** Martina Hingis, 16, in 1997

**MOST FINALS PLAYED:** Navratilova (12)

**MOST MATCH WINS:** Navratilova (120)

Since 2003, only Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray have won the Wimbledon men's singles title.

Federer will be looking to script a historic 100th win at the Wimbledon this year. By reaching semifinals, he will not only achieve this milestone, but also break

Jimmy Connors' record for the most grass-court wins (185) in the open era.

Two-time champion Nadal will seek to equal Bjorn Borg's feat of completing the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double thrice. Nadal could notch up his 50th triumph at Wimbledon by winning the second round.

Only for four years since 2000 none of the Williams sisters figured in the women's singles final.

At the age of 15, Cori Gauff has become the youngest player in the open era to qualify for the Wimbledon women's singles main draw. Venus Williams, who won four of her seven Grand Slam titles before Gauff was born, will take her on in the first round.

Ashleigh Barty goes into her first tournament as a World No.1 and top seed at a Grand Slam.

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## A debut at 31!



Gatto-Monticone. ■ REUTERS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

There are late bloomers in tennis and then there is Italy's Giulia Gatto-Monticone who is making her Wimbledon debut at the age of 31.

Win or lose, it will be a Grand Slam bow to remember after the World No. 162 was drawn to face Serena Williams in the first round.

In 16 years on the circuit, Gatto-Monticone has banked just over \$300,000 compared to 24-time Majors winner Williams' \$88 million.

"I've made a lot of sacrifices, I can selfishly say that I deserve all this," she told *Spaziotennis* blog. Her patience has paid off and a Tuesday date on Centre Court against the great American beckons.

Gatto-Monticone qualified for Roland Garros this year, becoming the oldest Grand Slam debutant since 43-year-old Renee Richards at the 1977 US Open.

Gatto-Monticone has credited her late-career boom with "wellness and taking up martial arts".

# Verstappen wins Spielberg thriller

## AUSTRIAN GP

REUTERS  
SPIELBERG

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix for the second year in a row on Sunday, subject to a stewards' investigation, while champion Mercedes lost for the first time this season.

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, starting on pole, finished second after defending hard against Verstappen with the two youngsters banging wheels as the Dutchman forced his way past three laps from the end.

Both 21, the pair was the youngest top-two finishers in Formula One history. Verstappen took the chequered flag, but still faces an anxious wait for confirmation.

Valtteri Bottas finished third for Mercedes with championship-leading teammate Lewis Hamilton fifth behind Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

Hamilton remains in front, 31 clear of Finland's Bottas after nine of 21 races.



Max again: Verstappen took the chequered flag. ■ REUTERS

## Fast facts

- First win for Honda (engine) since Jenson Button in Hungary, 2006
- Verstappen wins the Austrian GP for the second year. Joins Ronnie Peterson, Alan Jones, Mika Hakkinen, Michael Schumacher and Nico Rosberg with two wins. Only Alain Prost (3) has more wins there
- 17 - Sebastian Vettel has gone 16 grand prix in a row without winning (excluding retirements), which amounts to the worst such run in his F1 career
- The last eight F1 races at Spielberg have been won by a driver who started from the first two rows on the grid. The last driver to win the Austrian Grand Prix from further back was David Coulthard for McLaren in 2001, who began in seventh
- Verstappen holds the title for most race wins without ever being on pole
- Giovinazzi scored his first F1 point today and the first by an Italian driver since Liuzzi in 2010
- F1's youngest-ever podium: 24 years, 156 days average age

## ACROSS

- 1 Mother reading tomes about primate (8)
- 6 Preserve black door frame (4)
- 9 Friend had a different version of spiritual leader (6)
- 10 Kory's city? (3,4)
- 13 Say as an aside as son leaves cross and Jack comes in (9)

## DOWN

- 2 A question on a mark left incomplete and relating to water (7)
- 3 New style rang oddly (6)

## Monday's picks

- MEN**
- 1-Djokovic vs Kohlschreiber
  - 4-Anderson vs Herbert
  - 6-Zverev vs Vesely
  - 7-Tsitsipas vs Fabbiano
  - 15-Raonic vs Prajnesh
- WOMEN**
- 2-Osaka vs Putintsova
  - 3-Pliskova vs Lin
  - 7-Halep vs Sasnovich
  - 8-Svitolina vs Gavrilona
  - 10-Sabalenka vs Rybarikova

# Prajnesh gears up for the Raonic challenge

'Compared to my first two Slam matches, I do feel more confident now'

S. DIPAK RAGAV  
CHENNAI

With the most-awaited tennis event on the calendar starting on Monday at SW 19, India will yet again have only a solitary representative in the singles event, with Prajnesh Gunneswaran playing his third straight main draw event of Grand Slam this year.

The 29-year-old from Chennai made rapid strides in the last couple of years and qualified for his first Grand Slam earlier in the year at the Australian Open before a series of impressive results on the Challenger circuit pushed him into the top-100 and ensured a direct entry into the French Open and Wimbledon.

However, the last few months have not been easy for the left-hander as he struggled with some shoulder injury that saw him not quali-

fy for three Tour events since losing in the final of a Challenger in April, barring the French Open. Finally, he had his first tour win over Janko Tipsarevic in Antalya, Turkey, earlier this week before losing out to Italian Lorenzo Sonego in a tough three-setter.

## Tough months

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Prajnesh said, "It has been a tough couple of months with a shoulder injury. I was hoping to move up the rankings and unfortunately have not been able to. But going into this tournament, I feel good. This week too, had a chance to go deep in the event but unfortunately couldn't close out."

The Indian, however, faces a stern test first up against the big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic who made the finals



Looking ahead: With injury issues behind him, Prajnesh Gunneswaran goes into Wimbledon feeling good. ■ AFP

here in 2016.

"While personally now this is just another Slam event, but growing up definitely, you hear a lot about how big Wimbledon is in our sport and it feels good to be part of the event. I think I will also be playing in a slight bigger court with a good crowd.

By being World No. 1 and with several of her major rivals struggling. The engaging 23-year-old Australian has yet to get beyond the third round at Wimbledon.

With 37-year-old seven-time champion Serena Williams finally showing signs of age, Osaka looking exposed through poor form and two-time singles champion Petra Kvitova still easing back to top form after an arm injury, defending champion Angelique Kerber may be the biggest threat to Barty.

"Obviously, he has done it a lot more times than I have, but if I can return well and take the game deep, then I will have my chances," Prajnesh added.

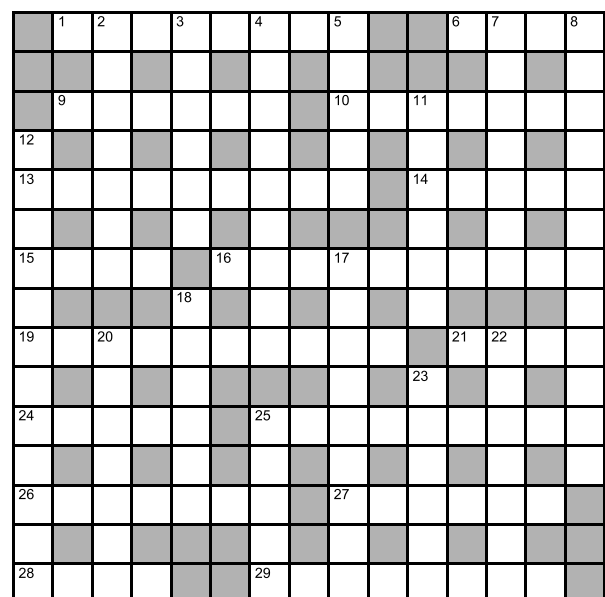
The World No. 95 said the shoulder injury meant his serve was affected and that was the main reason that led

to the dip in form, adding that he goes into the tournament a lot more confident than he was before the French Open when he was nursing the injury.

"Compared to my first two Slam matches, I do feel more confident now because being here at this stage now feels more normal and you can now focus on just playing your game."

In the latter-half of the season, the Indian will also be defending a lot of points and has a couple of tour events in Newport, Atlanta, following Wimbledon where he is hoping to do well there so as to ease the pressure of defending points later in the year. "If I can string some good results in the next few weeks, it will be easy. At the end of the day, you have to do well at the big stages to move up the rankings, so let's see how it goes."

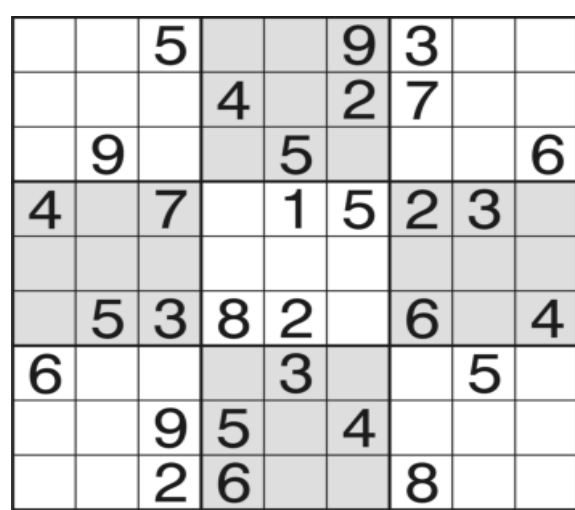
## THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12666



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- 15 Want a great sum in India to kickstart (4)
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- 19 It is breathtaking literally (10)
- 21 Broadcast about Tamil leader's pack (4)
- 24 Mathematician's empty talk about the latter half of addition (5)
- 25 Member of order chosen after Church's first division (9)
- 26 In general, it's up to a couple of learners (7)
- 27 Initial start not in film locale (6)
- 28 Get attention at opening of novel (4)
- 29 Limited, best mention by first writer (8)
- 4 Nation heard intended declaration (9)
- 5 Principle of fellows quitting flat (5)
- 7 Get rid of sailor, a foreigner who has lost his head (7)
- 8 It contributes to a rise in the making of cakes (6,6)
- 11 Careful about credit to a rallying slogan (3,3)
- 12 Collegian did get round to it before making a long-distance call (8,4)
- 17 Who's destroyed moors' renovated retail areas? (9)
- 18 Blood fluid - a sample incompletely drawn out (6)
- 20 Hollywood's top film director's arrogance (7)
- 22 Pictures non-U hurt muscles (7)
- 23 Guard dispatched to line (6)
- 25 Left in grotto to give birth in a way (5)

## SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12665      Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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## FAITH

# Unsullied by impurities

Just as there are plenty of opportunities for dirt and impurities to settle down on objects and beings, one's physical and mental faculties are also liable to get soiled. While it is natural and possible to remove external dirt regularly to a certain extent, it is all the more necessary to try and get rid of the inner dirt accumulated in the mind, pointed out Velukkudi Sri Krishnan in a discourse. Ultimately, the purity of mind is essential as this influences thought, word and deed, and is reflected as one's moral fibre, temperament, personality and character. The mind is known as anta-karana, that is, it is an internal instrument, while the karmendriyas and jnanendriyas are the external instruments and are known as 'bahya' karana.

A human being is able to think, perceive, sense, reason out and act because of the mind that functions in coordination with buddhi, chitta, and ego sense or ahankara. By nature, the mind is drawn to sense objects; the buddhi or intellect is the determining force for decision-making, while the ahankara is what identifies with the self. The mind communicates the message from buddhi to the sense organs. Normally, there is a gap between thought, speech and action. Since the thought is the starting point from which one's speech or feelings follow as actions, much care is to be taken about the good or bad nature of the thoughts. How is one to distinguish between right and wrong? That which is beneficial to the body and mind is to be taken as right; and that which is harmful is wrong. Even as habits get set in people, certain ways of thinking also get ingrained in the mind owing to upbringing and environment. So, having a self-check on one's habits and behaviour, as well as the thoughts arising in the mind, has to be an ongoing process.