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HYDERABAD | SATURDAY | 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

## WEATHER



Max: 29.6°C  
Min: 21.1°C  
RH: 68%  
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.  
Rain, thundershowers likely. Max/Min 30/22°C

## ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana  
Tithi: Bhadrapada Bahula  
Amavasya till 11.56 pm  
Star: Uttaraphalguni till 10.02 pm  
Variyam: 7.20 am to 8.44 am,  
5.25 am to 6.50 am (Sunday)  
Durmuhurtam: 6.09 am  
to 7.44 am  
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am  
HIJRI CALENDAR  
Muharram 28,1441 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajar: 5.05 am  
Zohar: 12.17 pm  
Asar: 4.26 pm  
Maghrib: 6.14 pm  
Isha: 7.21 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 6.08 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.06 AM  
MOONRISE TOMORROW 5.26 AM  
MOONSET TODAY 6.06 PM

## IN BRIEF

### Farmer sets himself on fire

**Warangal:** A farmer in in Chityala mandal of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district attempted suicide by dousing himself with petrol and setting fire to himself after officials failed to rectify a mistake in the land record updation programme. Family members and neighbours put out the fire and rushed him to hospital.

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### 7 govt officials held for fraud

**Hyderabad:** Seven government officials, including three doctors serving at the Insurance Medical Services, have been arrested by the ACB in an alleged multi-crore-ruppee scam. The arrested, director of IMS Dr Ch. Devika Rani, joint director Dr Padma and five others, have been accused of defrauding in facilities meant for ESI beneficiaries.

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## COUNTER POINT



What negligence...  
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## NATION

### Ajit Pawar resigns as MLA, keeps Sharad Pawar in the dark

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National Disaster Relief Force personnel evacuate residents of East Anandbagh on Friday, after the area was inundated by overnight rain. — GANDHI

## 1,000 evacuated, city life paralysed by downpour

T.S.S. SIDHARTH | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Over 1,000 people were evacuated from 14 colonies falling under the Malkajgiri and East Anandbagh localities due to conditions of deluge, following the collapse of a retaining wall of a nala. Elsewhere, sewage water mixed with rain gushed on to the streets of Alwal.

For the first time since 2017, National Disaster Recovery Force (NRDF) teams deployed four boats to evacuate people stuck in inundated homes from NMDC Colony, Shridibagar, Dodla Basti and other areas.

Residents were brought to dry areas and provided assistance. As many as 170 people approached the government medical unit, citing viral infection, fever and other medical conditions. Biscuits, milk and water were provided through



400-year-old guest house adjacent to Moti Darwaza at Golconda Fort collapsed due to heavy rain.

■ Report on Page 4

the relief teams.

People were found stranded on terraces of their buildings, with none venturing out to work. Schools suspended all classes and declared a holiday. In an entire cluster of colonies, life came to a complete standstill.

According to Mr V. Ramesh, an RTI activist, a resident of the NMDC Colony, only a quarter of the nala was clear of

encroachment. “The rest of the nala has been encroached, which led to this disaster,” he said.

In Alwal, water level rose to four feet in some areas. People began noticing the alarming rise of water during mid-dawn on Friday. The water was seen gushing into colonies and engulfing streets.

■ Page 4: Uprooted trees fall on cars

## Govt to up retirement age to 61

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

What does anyone do when faced with a financial crunch? Delay payments due, and postpone events which demand a big cheque to be issued.

The Telangana state government has, after seriously exploring ways out of the financial muddle it finds itself in the middle of, devised such a way. As part of a slew of measures to avert a furthering of the crisis, the

finance department has proposed to Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao to consider enhancement of the retirement age of government employees from 58 years to 61 years, saying, it was promised during the Assembly elections campaign by the party.

The enhancement of retirement age could pave the way for the government to save at least ₹2,500 crore per annum for the next few years, sources close to the finance department said.

An officer in the finance department, on condition of anonymity, explained that on an average, 900 employees retire in a month. Based on their cadre, they would be eligible to get retirement benefits ranging from ₹14 lakh to ₹30 lakh.

If the retirement age is enhanced, the government would prevent an immediate cash outflow of ₹250 crore to ₹265 crore per month. Since the proposal is to enhance the retirement age by three years, the government

would have issued a moratorium on payment to the tune of ₹7,500 crore to ₹8,200 crore.

Sources in the finance department felt the proposal was a case of one stone two birds. The existing government employees would be happy while the government would avert the burden of paying retirement emoluments to employees for the next three years.

■ Page 5: KCR may order hiring of new staff

## TABLOID

Sravan Gajabhinkar's short film bags more than 100 awards



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## Modi: India gave world Buddha and not Yuddha

PM doesn't mention Pak, Imran tries scare tactics at UNGA

DC CORRESPONDENT  
with agency inputs  
NEW DELHI/NEW YORK,  
SEPT. 27

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked the international community to stand united against terrorism which, he said, was one of the biggest challenges for the world and not just for a single country.

Mr Modi did not explicitly mention either the Kashmir issue or Pakistan in his 18-minute address to the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), focusing instead on the developmental programmes underway in India.

On the other hand, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, speaking after Mr Modi, resorted to the familiar Pakistani strategy of nuclear scare-mongering, warning the UN in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the United Nations General Assembly on Friday.

— AP

stark terms of the threat of a “bloodbath” in Kashmir, even invoking the possibility that its dispute with India over the territory could escalate into an all-out nuclear war. He spoke for 50 minutes, far exceeding the 15-minute time limit.

While India projected the

message of peace and inclusive development, Pakistan raised the spectre of war. Projecting an inclusive, fast-developing, spiritual and peaceful India, Mr Modi quoted the ancient Tamil poet Kaniyan Pungundranar's famous line “Yaadhum oore yaavarum kelir (we belong

to all places, and to everyone) and said this sense of belonging beyond borders, was unique to India.

“We belong to a country that has given the world, not war (Yuddha), but Buddha's message of peace,” Mr Modi said. “That is the reason why our voice against terrorism, to alert the world about this evil, rings with seriousness and the outrage,” he said in his nearly 18-minute address to the world body.

“That is why, for the sake of humanity, I firmly believe that it is absolutely imperative that the world unites against terrorism, and that the world stands as one against terrorism.” Mr Modi rued that there was lack of unanimity among member countries on how to tackle terrorism.

■ Page 7: Modi says world can learn from India's work

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## GHMC's eye

KTR inaugurates Central Enforcement Cell, mobile app, to monitor illegal constructions, footpath encroachments, illegal dumping



GHMC working on road improvement in Patancheru, Madhapur, Gachibowli

— Hari Chandana Dasari  
GHMC West Zone commissioner

## IN BRIEF

### Cloudburst hits power supply

**Hyderabad:** Cloudburst late on Thursday night has left several parts of the city in darkness due to frequent disruption of power supply. Osmania General Hospital had blackout for more than two hours in the wee hours of Friday. Hospital sources said power supply was disturbed as the transformer broke down. A big tree on the premises of the hospital was uprooted and fell down on the electrical wires near gate at Patanwadi side. Power supply was restored after a couple of hours, the hospital said.

### RAINS FORCE CLOSURE OF SAFARI IN ZOO

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Heavy rains have forced closure of the Safari Park complex for public on Friday owing to inundation as well as heavy inflow of water from the adjoining Mir Alam Tank, Singoji pond and other water bodies.

Zoo officials are making all efforts to drain out the excess flow through drainage channels and by also pumping out water from moats surrounding the animal enclosures.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Admin) Munindra, Nehru Zoological Park Director Sidhanand Kukrety and Zoo Curator N. Kshitija reviewed the situation with GHMC and Irrigation Department officials. Following the meeting, zoo officials have been asked to keep a constant vigil on the water flow.

Kshitija said that due to inundation of the lion safari area, it was temporarily closed down for visitors till further orders.

Animals were also not released into the safari from their health point of view and safety.

### UPROOTED TREES FALL ON PARKED CARS

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“The nala along the Kotha Cheruvu went over the limit. Water began overflowing and entered the streets at around midnight. We spent the entire night in fear. After dawn, we realised that hundreds of houses had been partly submerged,” said M Prasanna Kumar, a resident of Krushi Apartment, Old Alwal.

Another resident, K Srinivas Verma, said, “Had the nala not been choked, water would have flowed away. But since it was clogged, there was a lot of water that ended up on the streets at Alwal, near Lothkunta.”

Disaster management teams seen struggling, even as they tried to push the water into drains, which were clogged up with plastic bags and cups. The workers managed to collect an entire gunny sack full of plastic waste.

A little further away from the clogged streets of these two areas, the Devnar School for Blind declared its Dasara holidays a bit prematurely.

This comes after the school was clogged with water, forcing the school administration to shift children upstairs.

Further away in Salarjung Colony in Tolichowki, a 45-year-old neem tree collapsed onto a Ford Ecosport car, causing great damage to it.

Many trees were found uprooted, several having collapsed on parked cars.

Niaz Khan, a car owner, said, “The front bonnet of the car was completely squashed due to the tree. I am yet to give it in for repairs, which will cost heavily.”

# TS moves from rainfall deficit to surplus state

State crosses the average of 74 cm rainfall by five cm

COREENA SUARES | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Heavy rains over the last three days have brought Telangana from a deficit to rainfall surplus zone. The downpour meant the state crossed the average of 74 cm rainfall by five cm and stood at 79 cm, with only the districts of Jogulamba Gadwal, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Vikarabad, Sangareddy and Ranga Reddy indicating a shortfall.

Warangal Urban, Kothagudem, Karimnagar, Kumaram Bheem, Nizamabad and Hyderabad received high levels of surplus rains, with the state capital showing an excess of 15 percent.

Similar is the case with coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema. The coastal belt received 11 percent excess rainfall, with East Godavari, Guntur and Srikakulam districts recording the highest rains. Rayalaseema, considered a dry area, is surplus by 13 percent, with Chittoor and Kurnool registering the maximum rainfall.

With the IMD predicting isolated rains for the coming days, rainfall figures are not expected to see a drastic change.

■ **WARANGAL URBAN**, Kothagudem, Karimnagar, Kumaram Bheem, Nizamabad and Hyderabad received high levels of surplus rains.



The Telangana Legislative Council building complex was inundated following heavy rains on Thursday night.

— P. SURENDRA

## Incessant rain unhinge ancient Moti Darwaza

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The torrential rains over the last three days in the city have had their effect on archaeologically important structures.

A major portion of the structure attached to Moti Darwaza, one of the eight entrances to Golconda Fort, collapsed at about 6 am on

Friday. No casualty was reported.

The damaged portion of the structure is attached to the Moti Darwaza where guards used to keep vigil on persons entering and exiting the walled city during the Qutub Shahi era.

In December 2014, the left door of the Moti Darwaza got uprooted and rested precariously

on the other door, which was restored in August 2015.

Three arched rooms out of five have collapsed.

Officials of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) visited the spot and assessed the damage. Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin and local corporators also inspected the site.

## Fresh IMD forecast predicts more rains

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The state will continue to get rain but it may not be as heavy as was seen in the city in the recent past. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has put out a rainfall warning till 8.30 am on Saturday. The IMD said isolated isolated locations across all districts would get rain.

The intensity of Friday's pre-dawn rains was such that within the span of four

hours beginning 11.30 pm on Thursday, the city received a cumulative 89.7 mm of rainfall, the second highest rainfall in a 24-hour period the last decade.

On September 6, 2017, the city had received 90.2 mm of rainfall, just a few millimeters, just a notch over what the city experienced on Friday.

According to the IMD, the sudden downpour was triggered by an upper air circulation over Maharashtra.

“This circulation managed to siphon moisture from the Arabian Sea which settled above parts of Telangana and Hyderabad. This is why there was a sudden downpour in the city coupled with lightning and thunder activity,” Dr Y.K. Reddy, director, IMD-Hyderabad, told *Deccan Chronicle*.

Following the downpour, the amount of rain would drastically drop. The rain would fall in isolated areas.



A portion of the road that was dug up for laying pipelines in Musheerabad, has not been filled, posing grave risk to commuters.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

## Devnar school for blind flooded, kids shifted

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The ground floor of the Devnar School for the Blind in Mayuri Marg, a low lying area in Begumpet, was flooded on the pre-dawn downpour, forcing the students to move upstairs.

The nearly 300 visually impaired students were forced to be stranded until the premises were dewatered. Anticipating

a repeat of the situation of there is another spell of heavy rains, the school authorities declared early Dasara holidays from Friday.

The monsoon relief team prioritised dewatering the school after the video of the inundation went viral.

The Devnar School is located at the tail end of Mayuri Marg, where the road slopes towards the establishment. The houses located at the entrance

of the road were inundated and the water finally made its way to the school and swamped the premises. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation team deployed high-intensity motors to drain out the water right from the principal's room to the inhouse playground. Students stayed back until the premises were dewatered before venturing out.

## GHMC HIKES ADVERTISEMENT RATES BY 50 PC

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The Greater Hyderabad

Municipal Corporation has revised the advertisement fee and enhanced the rates by 50 per cent. Authorities said

that the decision of rates revision will enhance the current revenue from ₹40 crore to ₹60 crore.

### IN GRIEF



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
From: Management & Staff of Ahuja Dental Clinic (Picket, Sec'bad)  
Ahuja Dental Clinic (Rd. No.1, Banjarahills)

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### OBITUARY



**Mr. P.J. NAGERENDER**  
Manager Tivoli Cinema  
Attained Siva Loka Prapti on 25 Sept'2019

Deeply mourned by:  
Daughters: Mittu and Chinna.  
Sons-in-law: Gopal Krishna, Shankar  
Grandsons: Sai Abhishek,  
Sai Amrit, Tarush  
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(S/1920/D00968)

### IN GRIEF



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
From: Management & Staff of I2I Infracom Pvt. Ltd.

(S/1920/D00955)

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**The Most Rev. Dr. B.P. SUGANDHAR** B.D.D.Min.  
28.09.1943 - 05.12.2017  
Former Moderator, Church of South India & Bishop in Medak Diocese  
Inserted by:  
**B.C. DANIEL & FAMILY**

(S/1920/D00955)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



**Bandi Sangeetha Rao Garu** DMHS Retd., & High Court senior Advocate. Expired today early morning, Age 85 yrs, funeral at Gudivada, tomorrow 12.00pm, father of B.G.William UCWA, B.R.Prasad, B.David, B.C.shekar, daughter in laws, Grand daughters & Great Grand daughters. Cell: 9347075910, 9032330136

### OUR HOMAGE



**The Rt. Rev. Dr. B.P. SUGANDHAR** Former Bishop of Medak & Moderator, CSI  
Dear Thandrigaru, We miss you!!!  
With prayers  
Rev. Suresh Gunti - UCCI Congregation, Diocese of Western Anglicans, Arizona USA

### IN GRIEF



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
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Fondly remembered  
**Mrs. B. Nalini Sugandhar & Family**

(S/1920/D00963)

### IN GRIEF



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
From: S. Gurdeep Singh Kadewale & Family

(S/1920/D00953)

### BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief we would like to inform about the sudden demise of Our beloved Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH (Retd.)



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH (Retd.)**  
DOB: 02-12-1948 DOD: 19-09-2019

He lived the life of a true Gursikh who was a dedicated soldier, and a wonderful, loving family man. He strongly upheld the values of hard work and professional integrity. He did all of this with a charming smile. He was always ready to lend a helping hand for those in need. He will always be remembered as a person with a large heart, lively nature and a pure soul.

The Antim Ardas (Bhog Ceremony) will be held on Saturday, 28th September 2019, at Secunderabad Gurudwara Sahib.

Programme:

Samapati Sri Akhand Path Sahib at 11.30 a.m. followed by Kirtan and Lunch at 1 p.m.  
In Grief: Mrs. Sawant Kaur (Wife)  
Dr. T.S. Ahuja, Mr. Inderpal Singh Ahuja, Dr. Trupti Kaur, Mrs. Ishleen Ahuja, Hasmita, Ananya & Saanvi  
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**Thammadi's Family**

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### IN LOVING MEMORY



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
From: Management & Staff of Ahuja Farms

(S/1920/D00960)

"I will come again and will take you to myself: so that where I am: There you may be also" John 14:3



**J. DENZIL GABRIEL** DOB: 09/08/1944 DOD: 27/09/2019  
We are sad to announce the Demise of our Dad / Husband on 27th Sep 2019  
Mass Timings: Today 28th Sep 2019 2 PM at St. Cecilia's Church, Dayanand Nagar, Malkajgiri. 9676688040 / 8008001365

### IN GRIEF



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
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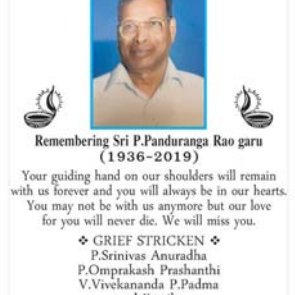
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**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH AHUJA** (Retd.)  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
From: Mrs. Inderjeet Kaur Abhijeet & Dipti

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### Shradhanjali



Remembering Sri P. Panduranga Rao garu (1936-2019)  
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P.Srinivas Anuradha,  
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V.Vivekananda P.Padma and Family

Podda Karma will be held on 28/09/2019, Please join us for Lunch from 12:30 pm onwards at Hotel Suprabhat, Hubliguda.

### IN LOVING MEMORY



**Lt. Col. GURDAYAL SINGH (Retd.)**  
D.O.D: 19th Sep 2019  
From: Hervinder Kaur W/o S. Nanak Singh Inderjit Bedi W/o S. Harpal Singh

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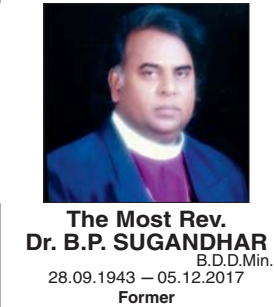
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### 8th ANNIVERSARY



**T.B. ARAVINDA** DOB: 6-11-1950 DOD: 28-09-2011  
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### IN BRIEF

## HC allows meet for leftist leader

**Hyderabad:** The Telangana High Court accorded permission to the Telangana Praja Front to hold a condolence meeting for CPI (ML) New Democracy leader Punnam Linganna, who was killed in an alleged encounter, on Sunday at Gundala in Badraddi Kothagudem district. Justice T. Vinod Kumar imposed certain conditions including that the meeting will be held in a hall and that the audience will be frisked. He also imposed a limit of 1,000 on the number of people attending the meeting.

## Woman raped in poultry farm

**Hyderabad:** A 30-year-old woman has lodged a complaint with Pahadishareef police alleging gang rape by four persons. The victim, from Harshaguda in Maheshwaram mandal in Nagarkurnool district, along with her husband was working at a poultry farm owned by one Prasad Reddy for the last four months. She alleged that on September 18, the farm owner took her and her husband in his car to another poultry farm. They were confined in separate rooms where she was raped multiple times by four persons for two days. She said she had been threatened to keep silent.

## Man who posed as cop nabbed

**Hyderabad:** A man posing as a policeman extorted two mobile phones from a couple, but was arrested by the Abdullahpurmet police on Friday. At Koheda on Thursday afternoon, a woman and her friend were taking pictures on the road when Goddendla Jagadesh, 22, from Kothagudem village, who was passing by, stopped near the couple. He told them he was a police constable and threatened to book a case against them if they did not give him ₹10,000.

## OFFICIALS SAY KCR MAY ORDER HIRING

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While the final decision lies with Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, who is keen to implementing his poll welfare promises, in particular enhanced amounts under Asara pensions for senior citizens and the Rythu Bandhu scheme, which requires a lot of money, he has little choice but to accept the proposal, sources added. Sources said that due to economic slowdown in the country, there would be a considerable decrease in both the devolution funds and grants from the Centre. Some officials, however, are apprehending a strong opposition to move, especially from the unemployed youth against the move. After the state bifurcation, 3.70 lakh employees were allocated to Telangana state. The government provided an additional employment to 1.17 lakh people over the last five years. The department estimates that there were about 4.40 lakh government employees working in all departments, minus the 60,000 employees who retired since the formation of the state. The enhancement of retirement age would also affect promotions of employees and impact creation of new vacancies, sources pointed out. But senior officers exude confidence that the Chief Minister would accept their proposal and enhance retirement age, and mitigate public anger by additionally announcing notifications for new recruitment to fill existing vacancies.

# 3 docs, 4 babus held in ESI medical scam

## ACB alleges ₹11.7 cr irregularities in buying drugs for ESI

COREENA SUARES | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Seven government officials including three doctors serving in the Insurance Medical Services (IMS), have been arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, for an alleged multi-crore scam. The ACB is probing alleged financial irregularities in the supply of medicines to dispensaries and Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals in the state. The director of IMS in Warangal, Dr Ch Devika Rani, joint director, Dr Padma, assistant director (store) K. Vasantha Indira, Shamshabad ESI dispensary pharmacist grade-II M. Radhika, senior assistant V.

Harshavardhan, Omni Medi managing director K. Srihari Babu, and company representative Ch Siva Nagaraju were taken into custody on Friday for financial irregularities in purchasing medicines through special drug dispensing units instead of by rate contracts, in 2017-18. ACB officers seized key documents related to the indents and other transactions from the residences of the seven persons. "We have to thoroughly examine the seized documents to ascertain the total loss caused to the government exchequer," an ACB official said. The ACB has named 17 government officials and

four private persons and a journalist working for a vernacular news channel in the case that was registered on Wednesday under provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. Of the 17 officials, the seven named above were arrested and produced before the special court for ACB cases today after which they were remanded to judicial custody. The investigation revealed that the director, Ch Devika Rani, in collusion with the other officials, prepared fake indents and falsified records in violation of the rules for purchasing medicines and surgical kits and caused a loss of ₹11.69 crore to the

exchequer. The ACB said it examined 18 witnesses before making the arrests. According to its report, the ACB said no stock copies were received at the Patancheru and Borabanda dispensaries from the office of joint director (Medical), Hyderabad. Yet, according to records at the joint director's office, these medicines were supplied to Patancheru and Borabanda dispensaries. It was evident from the indent forms dated May 26 to 28, 2018, that they were fabricated by taking colour photo copies of an earlier indent and altering the date, which amounted to forgery, the ACB said.

# Lawyers, jobless youths to swamp Huzurnagar bypoll

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The Huzurnagar Assembly byelection is going to turn into another Nizamabad parliamentary election where more than 200 turmeric farmers had filed their nominations. In Huzurnagar, 252 sarpanches will be filing their nominations on September 29. Lawyers and unemployed youth are also going to file nominations en masse. Sarpanches Forum president Balavantha Reddy said it was being done to protest against the government's attitude to their problems. Speaking to this newspaper, he said that giving joint power to sarpanches and upa sarpanches to sign cheques has to be stopped. This will create problems for sarpanches as they will be held responsible if an upa sarpanch misuses this power; sarpanches alone must have the authority to sign official cheques.

## UTTAM ASKS GOV. TO PROBE GUTTA 'BRIBES' TO CONGMEN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

TPCC president and MP N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has written to Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan alleging that Council Chairman Gutta Sukhendar Reddy had paid a large amount of money to some Congress leaders to defect to the TRS. He also alleged that Mr Sukhendar Reddy had secured a ₹719-crore deal for his son Amit Reddy. He urged the Governor to

order a probe into the matter through central intelligence agencies. He alleged that Mr Sukhendar Reddy had called Palakeedu ZPTC Motilal Naik, sarpanch Jithendar Reddy and other Congress leaders from Huzurnagar to his house in Filmnagar and gave them money to join the TRS. He said Mr Sukhendar Reddy's son Amit Reddy was being given large tenders in a non-transparent manner.

He said that the government has diverted the funds allotted to the villages and that it had to release the money. About 30 lawyers have decided to file their nominations in protest against the non-implementation of promises made by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar

Rao during the movement for a separate state. Unemployed educated youth, who were promised ₹3,013 per month in the ruling party's manifesto during the Assembly elections, are also planning to file *en masse* nominations as they see no sign of the money being disbursed.

## Festival season is here



Students wearing traditional dresses play Bathukamma in Secunderabad on Friday, marking the start of the festival season. The Bathukamma and Dasara vacations start in most educational institutions on Saturday and will last till October 13.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

# Denied land passbook, farmer tries to end life

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA DC WARANGAL, SEPT. 27

A farmer attempted suicide after officials failed to rectify a mistake caused in the land record updation programme taken up by the government. The farmer, Mr Vanga Rayakomuru, made repeated visits to the revenue offices and appealed to the officers to rectify the mistake and record his land under his name but they allegedly paid no heed. Vexed, the farmer doused himself with petrol and set himself ablaze in front of his house in Chintakunta

Ramaiahally, Chityala mandal of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district. Family members and neighbours put out the fire and rushed him to the MGM hospital in Warangal. He sustained burns on his chest and hands but is stated to be out of danger. According to the village sarpanch, M. Madhuvamshi Krishna, Rayakomuru owns two acres and 25 guntas of land under Survey No. 225/b which he had been tilling for many years. He applied for his land to be recorded under the state government's land record updation programme. The revenue officials handed him a

passbook for 20 guntas of land under Survey No. 225/a. His original land was recorded under some other person's name. He appealed to the revenue officials to rectify this mistake and even approached the RDO regarding this issue. "The revenue officials failed to rectify this issue even after repeated appeals. Rayakomuru is physically challenged but the officials troubled him a lot without any sympathy. That is why he attempted suicide due to depression. The officials responsible for the poor farmer's plight must be punished," Mr Krishna said.

## HC ORDERS JAIL FOR TOP COP IN KARIMNAGAR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The Telangana High Court on Friday sentenced Karimnagar police commissioner B. Kamalasan Reddy, assistant commissioner of police Tirupathi and station house officer Shashidhar Reddy to six months imprisonment and a fine of ₹2,000 each, and imposed exemplary costs of ₹10,000 against each of them for repeatedly raiding a resort in Karimnagar and arresting all those playing the card game of rummy, despite a restraining order from the court. Justice P.V. Sanjay Kumar, was hearing a contempt of court case filed by former legislator V. Jagapathi Rao, president of Pushpanjali Country Resorts, and punished the police officers for violating the court order issued in 2015 that had restrained them from interfering in rummy games played at the resort, whatever the stakes.

The police had raided the resort four times after the judgment and even arrested the players. This was too much for the petitioner who filed the contempt case in 2017.

# College guard dogs maul student

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, SEPT. 27

A second year engineering student of Balaji Institute of Technology and Sciences, Ramya, was severely injured after three dogs attacked her on the college campus on Thursday night. She was first taken to a private hospital in Narsampet and later

shifted to Hyderabad as her condition deteriorated. The students protested in front of the college on Friday morning demanding justice. The dogs which attacked her are reared by the college management. They remain chained during the day and are let off at night to guard the campus.

On Thursday night, the students, who stay in the college hostel were decorating the building for freshers' day and Bathukamma to be held on Friday. At about 11 pm, the caretakers let the dogs loose. The dogs attacked the students who ran into their hostel rooms. The dogs caught up with Ramya and dragged her away. Other

students brought sticks and drove them away. By that time, Ramya was severely bitten. Students demanded action against the warden who did not inform the caretakers about the presence of students on the grounds. They demanded that the management bear the medical expenses and pay an ex gratia of ₹5 lakh.

# SFI-Dalit-tribal front wins UoH poll

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

The alliance comprising the Student Federation of India (SFI), Ambedkar Students Association (ASA), Dalit Students Union (DSU) and the Tribal Student Federation (TSF) swept the students union elections in the University of Hyderabad, bagging all six positions. Abhishek Nandan (SFI) was elected president, M. Sree Charan (DSU) vice-president, Gopi Swamy (ASA) general secretary,

Rathod Pradeep (TSF) joint secretary, Sohail Ahmed (SFI) sports secretary post and Priyanka Badrasetty from ASA was elected cultural secretary. A total of 24 candidates were in the fray for different positions, including five for president. The alliance also won most of the school board and councillor posts. This year ASA-DSU-SFI-TSF alliance and the ABVP-OBCF-SLVD were the main opposing sides who contested for all posts. Puttapaga Sai Sree of the DSU was elected integrated representative of

the GS-CASH (ICC), Kalaivani J. (ASA) PG representative and Indira Tayeng (SFI) as research scholars' representative. Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Mr Nandan said, "In the past one year the university campus witnessed anti-student moves from the administration, the government, MHRD (Union ministry of human resource development) and UGC (University Grants Commission). After witnessing this, the students elected the people who genuinely work for their welfare. He said the front was

opposing self-finance courses and grade autonomy, among others. "After three rounds of counting, our candidates have a majority of more than 600 votes. There is an attack on democracy on campus by right wing forces and we will confront it," Mr Nandan said. Commenting on future plans, he said, "We will try to stop the self-finance courses which will loot the students of their money and try to provide access to basic infrastructure which should be in present in a public-funded institution

like the UoH." "There are attacks on freedom of expression. Through debates and discussions we are planning to ensure that there is freedom of expression in campus," he said. "The mandate is a reassurance by the student community of their commitment to the struggle for seeking justice for Rohith Vemula by continuing the struggle against the exclusionary policies of the BJP-led centre in higher educational institutions," said Gopi Swamy, who was elected general secretary.

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## When bizmen default, taxpayers lose savings

The Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank's board has been superseded by the Reserve Bank of India, which has also nominated an administrator. The run on the cooperative bank, with branches in six states holding deposits of more than ₹11,000 crores of public and housing societies' money, has been halted and over 60 per cent of the depositors may get their money back straightaway within the ₹10,000 cap as of now. The point to ponder is whether or not the regulatory bank is invariably late in determining that major financial irregularities had taken place due to a total failure of internal controls. A financial wrongdoing was an obvious red rag in the form of lending about another ₹96.50 crores to its major borrower, Housing Development Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL). The loan was advanced despite the troubled realty group facing insolvency proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), besides exposure in loans reportedly in excess of ₹2,000 crores already given to it. Cannot the regulators pick up alarm signals quickly in order that such panic among depositors may be averted?

In the advanced age of sophisticated real-time data management, it should be possible to set up controls in such a manner that flags go up internally on every loan approval and disbursement. Internal controls at every level mat-

ter the most in this. Given India's experience in bank frauds, especially as in the Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi and the Punjab National Bank case, it would be worthwhile to spend more on a foolproof watchdog system than having to recapitalise banks after fraudulent loans are disbursed and non-performing assets have ballooned. How many NPAs can the banking system, including the more vulnerable urban and rural cooperative sector, tolerate? Finally, it is public money that goes into floating banks again. And what do depositors get back in the event of a bank folding but a paltry ₹1 lakh, which is all that is guaranteed to be repaid from insurance? It appears wisdom is yet to dawn

**What do depositors get back in the event of a bank folding but a paltry ₹1 lakh, which is all that is guaranteed to be repaid from insurance? It appears wisdom is yet to dawn despite serious banking events that keep bobbing up every few months.**

despite serious banking events that keep bobbing up every few months. The flaws and frauds in cooperative banks are symptomatic of a larger malaise. Gross bank NPAs had risen to about 11.6 per cent of aggregate bank assets nationally by 2018, but which could have come down to about 10.3 per cent this year. However, more than ₹2 lakh crores have had to be pumped in to bolster public banks. Ill-judged lending, exacerbated by political influencing, has led to several banks sustaining losses and writing off crores in NPAs. What is shocking is that the process of plugging leaks seems unending from the periodicity with which news of scandalous frauds is surfacing. India is already the worst performing among G-20 nations in terms of bank profitability, and the reasons are not far to seek. Bank recapitalisation goes on, with ₹70,000 crores worth in the latest exercise, but this money comes from the exchequer to which the public has contributed. Most bank losses in India are of ordinary citizens' money more than that of shareholders. When will their bleeding stop — that is the big question.

## Short reprieve in K'taka

The Election Commission's submission to the Supreme Court on deferring bypolls that it had announced for October 21, even before the Supreme Court had taken a call on whether the 17 legislators, disqualified by the Assembly Speaker, had a right to contest or not, may have given the rebels as much as Karnataka chief minister B.S. Yediyurappa, and the Congress and Janata Dal(S), a much-needed reprieve. But it's only a 30-day breather as the Supreme Court will hear the case on October 22. Any decision that legitimises the 17 will be a huge boost and a safety net for the Yediyurappa government.

Either way, with the last day for filing nominations set for September 30, and a bitter fight already underway in all three political parties over ticket allocations, no one had the stomach, or the funds, for a fresh electoral bout. The Congress' troubleshooter D.K. Shivakumar is in ED custody. The JD(S) doesn't have candidates to field in all these seats. In fact, while the EC's inexplicable rush to announce dates before the status of the disqualified MLAs was decided is mystifying, the only person smiling may be the CM. The 17 rebels will have to hold back on the pressure they have been exerting on Mr Yediyurappa to accommodate them in the Cabinet, their paycheck for bringing the Congress-JD(S) government down. The CM may not have a full Cabinet to run the flood-hit state, but it's a carrot he can continue to dangle to keep the 17 in line. For the BJP in Delhi, cold to the idea of the ageing Mr Yediyurappa toppling the government to bring himself in, it gives the party bosses time to focus on what matters: the state polls in Maharashtra and Haryana. Karnataka can wait.

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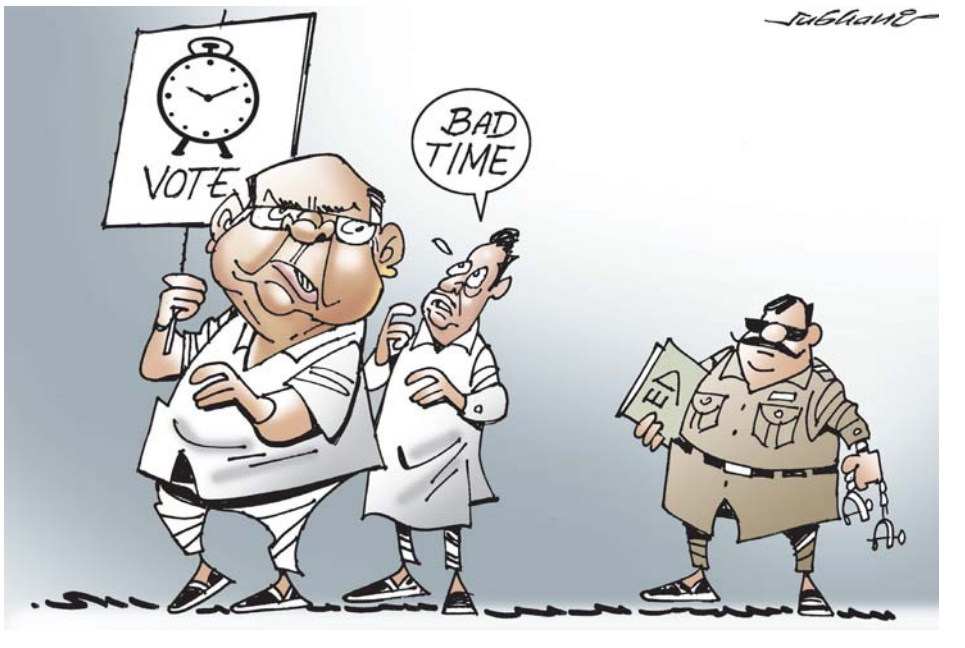
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# Afghanistan might be Trump's biggest folly



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Through 2001, as the Taliban and Al Qaeda-backed Hezb-e-Islami rained bombs down on the mountain redoubt of Tajik leader Ahmad Shah Massoud as his forces defended the Panjshir valley to the last man, his chief aide would unfailingly reach out to the media via satellite phone to brief them on how the Tajiks were keeping the hated Pakistani proxies at bay.

Abdullah Abdullah has long since outgrown that role of spokesman, becoming not just foreign minister in the first post-Taliban government led by President Hamid Karzai, but taking a shot at the post of President, albeit unsuccessfully, as he lost not one but two successive elections. In 2014, the poll results were so fractured — and questionable — it required then US President Barack Obama to assign his secretary of state, John Kerry, to broker a deal that to bring Mr Abdullah in as chief executive and his arch rival, former World Bank economist Ashraf Ghani, as President, to succeed Pashtun leader Hamid Karzai.

Mr Abdullah, who is facing off once more against Mr Ghani in Saturday's presidential election, is however a different man on Pakistan, with many of his former fellow Panjshiris questioning his shifting allegiance, his unspoken leaning towards the Taliban. The suspicion that Mr Abdullah has dropped his anti-Talib stance were underscored no doubt by the last television debate before campaigning ended 48 hours before the vote, that saw Mr Abdullah and the Hezb's Gulbadin Hikmatyar, mocking Mr Ghani, together, for refusing to participate

in the show. While Mr Abdullah's Stability and Integration ticket's popularity ratings continue to put him well ahead of Mr Ghani's State Builder team in this 15-man presidential race, whether the residents of Kabul will be able to look beyond the blood feud unleashed by the so-called "Butcher of Kabul", who earned that sobriquet for leveling Massoud's bunkers in the 1992-96 civil war, will be interesting to watch. Rehabilitated in 2017, Mr Hikmatyar only returned to the Afghan capital after a Pakistan-inspired deal with Mr Ghani and the assassination of former President Burhanuddin Rabbani removed another key player.

The Panjshiris, not to mention the slew of other powerful warlords seeking to maintain a lock on their own provinces, and whom India have long seen as a bulwark against the Islamabad-backed Taliban, are waiting to see how far the Abdullah-Hikmatyar dalliance will go after the elections. Thus far, Mr Abdullah's Tajik ancestry has held him back from claiming residency of Arg, the presidential palace, even though he is part-Pashtun. Is he angling for that elusive Pashtun backing with his tacit endorsement of a Taliban return?

The other complication is that if, as election officials fear, voters simply refuse to come out to vote for fear they could get killed, this will cast doubts on the very legitimacy of such an electoral process and open the doors to a possible Taliban takeover by force; with or without America's blessing. The Taliban have upped their bloody campaign to scupper the presidential elections these past months, and now con-

trol virtually half the country, including Kunduz, Takhar and Ghazni, as well as Logar province, from where ironically, Mr Ghani hails. In back-to-back bomb attacks, one, going off perilously close to Mr Ghani at an election rally last week, the other destroying Mr Ghani's running mate and former spy chief Amrullah Saleh's office while he was in the process of talking to them, with the bomb explosion in the next room taking the life of his nephew and many on his campaign team, the Taliban are intent on eliminating political rivals.

Mr Saleh, in particular, has been a longtime foe of the Taliban, opposing former President Karzai's peace outreach to the Quetta Shura. Mr Karzai, a Pashtun, who persuaded the Taliban to withdraw when US-led forces arrived in 2002 to settle scores with Al Qaeda after 9/11, and held several rounds of talks in a bid to reintegrate them into the polity, continues to insist — mistakenly — that peace must prevail before polls.

Indeed, before US President Donald Trump balked at signing off on a peace agreement, the well-armed Talibs were primed to waltz into Kabul and take the ultimate prize. In unleashing successive suicide bombers on hapless Afghans at hospitals, weddings and crowded markets (with officials under pressure not to report the full scale of the violence), they were clearly banking on one thing — that the United States, which under President Trump wants a quick and safe exit for the first batch of some 5,000 troops from five American military

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bases, would bring them in as a trade-off.

The Taliban's single-point agenda in the nine rounds of talks with the US administration, that have been held in the Qatari capital Doha and elsewhere, at the instance of Washington and US-appointed Afghan-born interlocutor Zalmay Khalilzad, before they were summarily called off, has been to call into question the very legitimacy of the Ghani government. Kept out of the talks with the Taliban, which dismissed the Ghani government as stooges of the United States, it's not surprising that Mr Ghani, who had rattled New Delhi with visits to Islamabad while seeking to forge a deal to end Taliban sanctuaries on Pakistan soil, knows he has no friends in Islamabad or Rawalpindi; and that he cannot arrive at a compact that gives the Talibs legitimacy. Backed by a number of Panjsheris, he must be India's bet on keeping Pakistani machinations at bay.

With the "shooting while talking" modus operandi that the Talibs borrowed from the Americans still in play, Afghanistan, lying as it does at the heart of an all too obvious battle for control between India and Pakistan, is now paying the price for US President Donald Trump's reckless pursuit of a backroom deal with Pakistan — a Kabul exit in return for Kashmir? The US President had with characteristic disregard for niceties cut the very government that Washington picked to run the country out of the picture, and now, has all but delegitimised polls that would have strengthened the hands of the very Afghans who are needed to end the fractious 30-year war.

Whoever's ahead when the results are announced on October 19, the US has lost out on playing the trusted mediator. While Mr Khalilzad may easily be the most hated man in Afghanistan, Mr Trump can now add Afghanistan to his long list of follies.

### LETTERS

#### TRS MAN'S PROTEST

A TRS leader protesting against bad roads speaks volumes about how weak and helpless the party feels (*TRS leader protests over bad roads, Sept. 27*). All the money has gone into unproductive schemes. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and minister K.T. Rama Rao have made their plans, the rest of the team is in the process of preparing the ground to shift loyalties by not taking responsibility for the issues.

**Suriseti Pankaj Kumar**  
Secunderabad

#### REPAIR ROADS

For the last week, Hyderabad has witnessed intense rains that have badly affected normal life. The bad roads create immense problems for the people. The rain may wash the muck away, but the damaged roads must be repaired.

**Chandramohan T.S.**  
Secunderabad

When everyone was aware of the impending rains, why did the corrupt politicians not take any precautionary measures? It seems the corporators, MLAs and MPs and other leaders are living in Kashmir with all facilities locked down and no access to the media.

**Syed Maaz Razvi**  
Hyderabad

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## 50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

### Pak's entry into non-aligned bloc

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27.

The non-aligned foreign ministers opened their meeting here today with the issue of Pakistan's membership apparently out of the way with a ruling from the Chair that it could not be raised here.

If at all, the issue could be raised only at the next meeting of the consultative group. Mr. Yifru, Foreign Minister of Ethiopia, who presided, said.

In his opening remarks to delegates from over 60 countries, Mr. Yifru made it clear that the question of Pakistan's membership in the group was not on the agenda of the meeting.

is delayed further, there could even be time to register these new voters before a snap poll.

What the Tories fear most, however, is parliament backing a second referendum. Tom Watson, Barry Gardiner and Oliver Letwin have all spoken positively about the possibility of holding one before any general election. Given that Labour policy is to hold a second referendum, some proponents of the idea think Corbyn could be malleable. 'That's the aim — to get enough people on board that we can do a second referendum first. It would fix a lot of our electoral problems,' says a pro-EU Labour backbencher. But for Boris Johnson and the Tories, it would create a host of new ones.

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Katy Balls

## How Opp. MPs in UK plan to humiliate Boris

When Jeremy Corbyn declared at Labour conference that his party would only allow an election once no deal had been taken off the table, MPs began to wonder if it could be put off until the new year. The Prime Minister's tormentors can't agree when exactly they would like to go to the country, but all agree that there are plenty of ways to torture Boris Johnson. It's as good a way as any to pass the time.

The Tories no longer have a working majority, so these opposition MPs — aided by activist Speaker John Bercow — now hold the power. What will they do? Well, the Conservatives are meant to be gathering in Manchester this weekend for their annual meeting. However, opposition MPs plan to vote against any conference

recess. They will have the support of the majority of those Tory rebels who had the whip withdrawn over Brexit. 'It would look a bit odd to have parliament returned and then for it to vote to leave again,' explains one person who is privy to the plans. If they succeed, expect to see a slimmed-down 'people's conference', with ministers ferried from Westminster to Manchester for limited appearances.

Next: plans to scrutinise the Johnson government over its handling of both Brexit and prorogation. MPs could use urgent questions and humble addresses to force the government to reveal its legal advice as well as more details of Project Yellowhammer — the government's worst-case scenarios for no deal. 'Where there's an opportunity to embarrass the

government over its no-deal planning, we will take it,' says one gung-ho MP.

One of the things making pro-EU MPs anxious is No. 10's insistence that they have found a way around Hilary Benn's anti-no deal legislation which passed earlier this month. It's supposed to force the government to seek an Article 50 extension, but a number of Johnson's aides say they have found a way out. MPs could try to demand that the government publishes any legal advice they have received on finding a loophole. There are even discussions underway to pass another anti-no deal bill if need be — in which there might be no wriggle room for No. 10.

Away from Brexit, there is even talk of forcing an inquiry into Johnson's relationship with the

American businesswoman Jennifer Arcuri. He is facing questions about the nature of their relationship and why she received £126,000 worth of grants and sponsorship for her companies when Johnson was mayor of London. The Prime Minister has so far not been damaged in office by his colourful private life, but if he has been corrupt with public money that could be a different matter.

Another idea doing the rounds — and keeping people in Tory HQ up at night — is whether there is now a majority in the Commons to give 16-year-olds the vote. The opposition parties broadly agree that it would be beneficial to them in any election, and former Conservative MPs such as Justine Greening have also previously spoken positively about the idea. If an election





## Plans dropped

After planning a visit to the ED office to know the reason behind his name appearing in the cooperative bank scam on Friday, NCP chief Sharad Pawar later cancelled his visit



The railway is going to run the second Vande Bharat Express from Delhi to Katra

— Piyush Goyal  
Railway minister

## IN BRIEF

### EC reschedules Karnataka bypolls

**Bengaluru:** The Election Commission of India has rescheduled byelections in Karnataka to December 5 following the Supreme Court's pronouncement that it will deliver judgment in the disqualified MLAs' case on October 22. Byelections were necessitated after former speaker K. R. Ramesh Kumar disqualified 17 MLAs belonging to the Congress and JDS. Since the issue of elections to R. R. Nagara and Maski is pending in court, the EC announced bypolls for only 15 constituencies.

### NRC LEFT-OUTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, SAYS EC

**MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, SEPT. 27**

In a significant move, the Election Commission has made it clear that registered voters left out of the National Register of Citizens will continue to enjoy their voting rights, for now.

Noting that voters excluded from the NRC will have this right as long as their cases are pending before the Foreigners Tribunal, the Election Commission also ruled that D-voters (Doubtful) will also remain on Assam's electoral rolls unless their cases are decided by the Foreigners Tribunal.

There has been a separate category of voters in Assam whose citizenship was doubtful. In 1997, the EC had created this category while revising the electoral rolls. The names of nearly 1.2 lakh D-voters have already been forwarded to the Tribunal. The D-voters have not been allowed to exercise their franchise in the recently-held Lok Sabha elections. However, those left out of the NRC have been allowed to vote.

The final NRC, published on August 31, had included 3.11 crore applicants as citizens and excluded 19 lakh.

Those who failed to make it to the final NRC list have been given 120 days to appeal against their exclusion at the Foreigners Tribunals. If not satisfied with the verdict of the tribunals, they will have the option to move the High Court and the Supreme Court to establish their citizenship before a court of law.

In order to expedite the trial of over 19 lakh people left out of the NRC, the Assam government is ready to set up 200 new tribunals.

### KAFEEL KHAN GIVEN CLEAN CHIT IN INQUIRY

**Gorakhpur (UP), Sept. 27:** Two years after over 60 children died in less than a week at the BRD Medical College here, an Uttar Pradesh government inquiry has given a clean chit to paediatrician Kafeel Khan who was arrested after the tragedy.

About 30 children died during the night of August 10, 2017 and 34 more over the next few days, officials had said then. Many of the infants died allegedly because of disruption in oxygen supply on the night of August 10 due to pending payments to the supplier, a charge refuted by the state government.

The government had maintained that the children died due to different illnesses, including Japanese encephalitis and there was no shortage of oxygen. Khan was accused of negligence, suspended and arrested following the outrage over the deaths at the Baba Raghav Das Medical College. His suspension is yet to be revoked.

The doctor hoped that the report would wipe off the "murderer" and "infamous" tags attached to him after the tragedy. "But I believe justice will really be done only when the real culprits of the BRD oxygen tragedy are put behind the bars," he said. — PTI

# Modi says the world can learn from India's work

Imran hypes Kashmir, says he would have picked up a gun

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"The lack of unanimity amongst us on the issue of terrorism dents those very principles that are the basis for the creation of the UN," he said.

Upping the ante on Kashmir and in an attempt to create panic, Mr Imran Khan claimed, "Has PM Modi thought what would happen when the curfew in Kashmir is lifted? Do you think people in Kashmir would accept that you have withdrawn the special status? Thousands of children in Kashmir have been put under detention. They too will come out on the streets after the curfew in the state is lifted and the Army will shoot them."

"There are 9,00,000 troops there, they haven't come to, as Narendra Modi says, for the prosperity of Kashmir. These 9,00,000 troops, what are they going to do? When they come out? There will be a bloodbath," the Pakistan PM said.

"If a conventional war starts between the two countries, anything could happen. But supposing a country seven times smaller than its neighbour is faced with the choice: either you surrender, or you fight for your freedom till death," Mr Khan asked.

"What will we do? I ask myself these questions. We will fight, and when a nuclear-armed country fights till the end, it will have consequences far beyond the borders," he threatened.

Mr Khan said that the

### Modi reaffirms support for maintaining peace in Gulf

**New York, Sept. 27:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reaffirmed India's support for giving priority to diplomacy, dialogue and confidence-building for maintaining peace and security in the Persian Gulf amidst tensions in the region, as he held in-depth talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on the sidelines of the high-level 74th Session of the UN General Assembly on Thursday.

"Delighted to meet President @HassanRouhani. We had in-depth discussions on the full range of India-Iran ties, and regional & global matters," the prime minister tweeted.

conditions in Kashmir were radicalizing a new generation and that he himself would take up arms in their situation. "I've been locked up for 55 days, I've heard about rapes, Indian army going in homes, soldiers," he said, imagining himself as a Kashmiri.

"Would I want to live this humiliation? Would I want to live like that? I would pick up a gun. You're forcing people. You are forcing people into radicalization."

Mr Modi referred to Swami Vivekananda's historic address at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago and asserted that India's message to the global community

The meeting was keenly awaited as it comes amid escalating face-off between Iran and the US on Tehran's nuclear programme.

Iran is also accused by the US and its allies of attacking two key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia.

The September 14 attacks caused oil prices to spike by the biggest percentage since the 1991 Gulf War.

Noting that India and Iran shared old and civilizational ties, the two leaders assessed the progress in bilateral relations since their first meeting in Russian city of Ufa in 2015.

— PTI

### BUDDHA STATUE COMES UP IN MAHABALIPURAM

**P. A. JEBARAJ | DC CHENNAI, SEPT. 27**

Ahead of the high-level Modi-Xi meeting scheduled to be held at Mahabalipuram from October 11-13, a massive Buddha statue enscined between two elephant structures has been set up at the entrance of the historic Shore temple.

The venue is said to be of symbolic significance for the two countries.

The association dates back to ages with noted Chinese merchant Hiuen Tsang first having sold numerous Chinese goods here.

Solar Alliance," he said. "In view of this, India has initiated the formation of the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' (CDRI)."

Mr Modi elaborated on the welfare schemes like Swachh, Ayushman Bharat, Aadhaar, Jan Dhan Yojana and said the experience from these projects could be beneficial to nations who like India were striving for development.

But Mr Imran Khan, adding to his message of fear, said Islamophobia had grown at an alarming pace after the 9/11 attacks and is creating divisions, with wearing of 'hijab' becoming a "weapon" against the community.

# Centre studies methods to check rogue drones

**VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27**

With new threats emerging for security agencies across the country in the form of rogue drones, the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) is now in talks with the police of many states in the country, including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, for imparting training to police officers in tracking and mitigating rogue drones and also understanding anti-drone detection technologies among other aspects.

Union home minister Amit Shah recently constituted a committee under the BPR&D to study and analyse the threats from drones. In this backdrop, the BPR&D, which functions under the ministry of home affairs, held a demonstration of anti-drone technology at the BSF campus in Haryana on Friday, in which police officers from various states and paramilitary forces participated.

Rogue drones have emerged as a major challenge for the security forces, especially after two major Saudi Arabia oil installations were recently hit by drone strikes which knocked out the country's total oil production, and the recent seizure of a huge cache of arms in Punjab, which included AK-47 rifles, pistols, hand grenades and satellite phones suspected to have been delivered by drones from across the border in Pakistan.

"We are interacting with various states over training needs for detecting, tracking and mitigation of rogue drones. It is taking shape," BPR&D director general V.S.K. Kaumudi told this newspaper.

The objective of training is to ensure that police officers of all states and the central armed paramilitary forces and other central police organisations have a complete understanding of the best

# Yet another drone found at Attari

**TANVEER THAKUR | DC CHANDIGARH, SEPT. 27**

Another drone has been found at Attari in Punjab today, near the border with Pakistan. A terror accused, Akashdeep, took the counter-intelligence unit of Punjab Police to the location where the drone had gone down.

A police team took the accused, Akashdeep, a member of the Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF), to Mahawa village, where he had hidden the drone after it had malfunctioned while retuning back to Pakistan.

According to deputy superintendent of police, Counter Intelligence Unit, Balbir Singh, "The accused, during the interrogation, revealed that he had hidden the drone in Mahawa village near Attari border, after it couldn't fly back to Pakistan as it developed a snag."

"The drone was recovered under the bushes on the defence drain near the village. After an initial investigation, the drone seems to be an assembled one, having Chinese parts," he said.

"The accused had confessed that the drone was used for transporting arms and ammunition from Pakistan," he added.

comprehensive and compatible solution to control rogue drones.

As part of the training, the men will be initially taught anti-drone detection, identification, tracking and mitigation of rogue drones. Most importantly, they will be trained in handling anti-drone equipment on the borders, airports and at other critical infrastructure across the country. At the



Earlier this week, a terror module was busted and the police had recovered a half-burnt drone that it claimed was used for smuggling weapons from Pakistan. The drone was found at a warehouse of a rice-shelling unit in the Chabbal area in Tarn Taran. The police busted a terrorist module of the revived KZF, backed by a Pakistan and Germany-based terror group as it seized a cache of arms and ammunition and arrested four suspects from the outskirts of Chola Sahib village in Tarn Taran district.

## Uncharted territory



The Nasa image, released on Friday, shows Chandrayaan-2 lander Vikram's targeted landing site. As Nasa released the image, it said Vikram had a hard-landing on the Moon's surface. Vikram attempted to soft-land at the Moon's uncharted south pole during the mission on September 7 before losing communication with Isro, which had until September 21 to remotely establish contact with the lander as the date marked the mission life of the lander — one lunar day — which is equal to 14 Earth days.

— PTI

# Mantri wants honeytrap babus paraded

**RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, SEPT. 27**

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Madhya Pradesh police to probe a sensational honey trapping and blackmailing scandal busted here recently has received clues on the luring of young girls by a gang to satisfy 'pleasure-seeking' VIPs to secure government contracts for their client companies, a member of the SIT said on Friday.

The SIT member dis-

closed that the name of a girl surfaced when the probe team was making an on-the-spot investigation in a hotel in the district headquarters town of Indore in Madhya Pradesh to verify the statement of one of the accused in the racket. The allegation was that an engineer of the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) had sex with her in a room there.

"During investigation, it was found that another girl was in the hotel besides Monica Yadav, the primary accused, with the IMC engineer on the

night. We are trying to identify the girl," the SIT member, unwilling to be quoted, said.

One of the key accused in the ring was filming when the engineer was having sex with the girl, the SIT member said, adding that the engineer was asked to give ₹3 crore with the threat of making his video viral if he refused to heed her demand.

The engineer, Harbhajan Singh, later filed a complaint with the local police station bringing the racket to light.

"We suspect that the gang had lured young girls into the illicit trade of honeytrapping and blackmailing the VIPs", the SIT member said.

"We are probing the transactions made in the bank accounts of the accused to zero in on the beneficiary companies in the honey trapping scandal," Indore district senior superintendent of police Ms. Ruchi Vardhan Mishra, one of the SIT members, said.

"Arti Dayal (one of the key accused in the racket) has confessed to her role

in the racket," she said.

Four women and their driver were arrested in connection with the racket here last week.

In another development, Arti Dayal told reporters while being taken into police custody that she was forced to sign on a blank paper by police.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh cooperation minister Govind Singh on Friday announced that the honeytrapped babus should be publicly paraded as they had compromised the government's interest.

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# Congress makes Bastar 'BJP-mukt'

**RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, SEPT. 27**

The Congress has wrested the Dantewada (ST) Assembly constituency in Bastar in Chhattisgarh from the BJP in the byelections, the results of which were declared on Friday. With this, the BJP has been wiped out of Bastar.

Congress had earlier won 11 out of 12 Assembly seats in Bastar, once considered an impregnable fort of the saffron party.

Congress candidate in Dantewada Devti Karma defeated her nearest BJP rival Ojaswi Manadavi by a margin of 11,331 votes.

While Devti secured 50,028 votes, Ojaswi bagged 38,836 votes. Both of them have lost their spouses in Naxal violence.

While Devti's husband Mahendra Karma, a Congress leader, was killed along with 26 other Congress leaders in a Maoist ambush in Jeeram Ghati in Bastar district in May 2013, Ojaswi's spouse, Bheema Mandavi, the sitting BJP MLA, was killed in a Naxal landmine blast at Shyangiri

### UDF DEMOLISHED IN PALA BY POLL AS LDF WINS

**DC CORRESPONDENT KOTTAYAM, SEPT. 27**

The LDF has struck a huge blow to the UDF by winning its stronghold Pala, the fiefdom of the late K.M. Mani for the last 54 years. Mr Mani C. Kappan of the LDF floored Mr Jose Tom Pulikunnel of the UDF by a margin of 2,943 votes in the keenly contested by-election held following the death of K.M. Mani.

Mr Kappan, leader of the Nationalist Congress Party, secured 54,137 votes, Mr Jose Tom 51,194 and NDA's N. Hari 18,044.

The LDF, which was smarting under the reverses in the Lok Sabha elections, has bounced back cashing in on the group rivalries in the Kerala Congress (M).

in Dantewada district in April this year.

Bheema Mandavi's killing necessitated by-election to the Dantewada seat.

### ARMY COPTER CRASHES IN BHUTAN, PILOTS DIE

**DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, SEPT. 27**

An Indian Army helicopter crashed in eastern Bhutan on Friday, killing two pilots onboard.

The pilots have been identified as Lt. Col. Rajneesh Parmar from the Indian Army and co-pilot Capt. Kalzang Wangdi from the Royal Bhutan Army.

"The Cheetah helicopter was piloted by one Indian and one Royal

Bhutan Army pilot. The Indian Army helicopter crashed at 1 pm near Yonphula in Bhutan. It went out of radio and visual contact soon after 1 pm. The helicopter was on the way from Khirnu (Arunachal Pradesh) to Bhutan on duty," said an official.

The Indian Army maintains a training mission in Bhutan which called as the Indian Military Training Team (IMTRAT).





## Last journey

Zimbabwe announced that ex-president Robert Mugabe would be buried at his home village in Zvimba as requested by his family.



We must be prepared to defend Japan from North Korean missile threat

— Taro Kono  
Japan Defence Minister

## IN BRIEF

### Tanker, seized by Iran, sets sail

**Tehran:** The British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero, which had been held off the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas for more than two months, set sail Friday and reached international waters, the provincial maritime organisation and its owner said. The ship's seizure was seen as a tit-for-tat move after authorities in the British overseas territory of Gibraltar detained an Iranian tanker on suspicion it was shipping oil to Syria. "The Stena Impero started sailing towards the Persian Gulf's international waters as of 9:00 am (0530 GMT) today," sources said.

### Saudi offers tourist visas for first time

**Riyadh:** Saudi Arabia said Friday it was offering tourist visas for the first time, opening up the ultra-conservative Islamic kingdom to holiday-makers as part of a push to diversify its economy away from oil. The kingdom also eased its strict dress code for foreign women, allowing them to go without the body-shrouding abaya robe that is still mandatory public wear for Saudi women, as authorities open up one of the last frontiers of global tourism. The push comes just under two weeks after devastating attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure which roiled global energy markets and raised fears of a wider regional conflict. "We make history" today, tourism chief Ahmed al-Khatteeb said in a statement. "For the first time, we are opening our country to tourists from all over the world."

### Brother jailed for killing Pak star

**Lahore:** Pakistani social media star Gandeel Baloch's brother was sentenced to life imprisonment by a court on Friday for murdering her in an apparent case of honour killing. Fouzia Azeem, better known as Gandeel, was strangled to death at her home in Multan, Punjab province, on July 15, 2016. Sessions Court Multan Judge Imran Shafi announced his verdict in the case in the presence of all suspects and parents of Baloch, 26. While the court awarded life imprisonment to brother of Gandeel, Muhammad Wasim, it acquitted all other suspects including her another brother Aslam Shaheen, her cousin Haq Nawaz and known cleric Abdul Qavi. A total 35 witnesses recorded their statements. Her brother Wasim had confessed to the crime, saying she brought "disrepute" to the "family's honour" with her risque videos and statements posted on social media. The results of the DNA and forensic reports had also confirmed his involvement in her murder of Fouzia Azeem, according to the prosecution. Wasim will be sent to Central Jail in Multan to serve his life sentence.

## Royal visits



A combination of images showing Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex (R), visiting minefield in Dirico, Angola on September 27, and his late mother Diana, Princess of Wales, visiting a minefield in Angola on Jan 15, 1997.

## Save planet



Demonstrators take part in the Global Climate Strike outside the Parliament House in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday, at the end of the global climate change week. Also, 40,000 people packed into the grounds of Wellington's parliament buildings, giving the latest global climate strike a flying start with the largest turnout yet seen in New Zealand.

# US-Iran tensions ratchet up further

**New York, Sept 27:** Tensions between the United States and Iran escalated on Thursday as Washington deployed more troops to the Gulf and Tehran challenged its arch-enemy to provide evidence it attacked Saudi oil facilities.

The Pentagon announced it was sending 200 troops with Patriot missiles to bolster Saudi Arabia's defenses following the strikes this



Hassan Rouhani

month that knocked out half of the Kingdom's oil production.

After a week of diplo-

macy at the United Nations where European leaders unsuccessfully tried to arrange a US-Iran meeting, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani demanded that Washington back up its accusations that Iran was behind the attacks.

"Those who make the allegations must provide the needed proof. What is your evidence?" he told reporters.

Tensions between Iran

and the United States have soared since President Donald Trump pulled out of a 2015 international deal that was meant to lift sanctions in exchange for a commitment from Tehran that it would cease trying to develop nuclear weapons.

The United States, France, Germany, Britain and Saudi Arabia have all, to varying degrees, blamed Iran for the brazen September 14 air

strikes on the kingdom's Abqaiq plant and Khurais oil field. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States shared evidence on the attacks with other countries during the UN General Assembly. "I think now it has struck them how clear it is that the Islamic Republic of Iran is not prepared to do the right thing and behave like a normal nation," Pompeo said.

# US asks Pak about Muslims in China

## Also concerned over J&K detentions

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, SEPT. 27

The United States has again expressed concern over "widespread detentions, including those of politicians and business leaders, and the restrictions on the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, while making a fresh pitch for mediation by US President Donald Trump, if both India and Pakistan agree to it. India has consistently rejected third-party mediation.

The US also said it "looked forward to the Indian government's resumption of political engagement with local leaders and the scheduling of the promised elections (in J&K) at the earliest opportunity," adding that it hoped to see rapid action in the lifting of the restrictions and in the release of those who have been detained. It also hoped for a constructive conversation between India and Pakistan.

Taking a dig at Pakistan and its all-weather friend China,



Masood Azhar



Hafiz Saeed

## ACT AGAINST TERROR: U.S. TO PAK

**United Nations, Sept. 27:** The US has asked Pakistan to prosecute terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar, saying the reduction of the Indo-Pak tensions would depend on Islamabad's seriousness in taking action against those who engage in "cross-border infiltration".

Alice Wells, US Acting

Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia, during a special briefing during the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly when asked about President Donald Trump's offer to mediate on the Kashmir issue, said "I think PM (Narendra) Modi has made it clear his position that he's not seeking mediation."

in concentration camp-like conditions," adding that being concerned about the human rights of Muslims extends more broadly than Kashmir.

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**1. Name of the work with its location :** Balance work of " Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz, Single Phase, AC, Electrification Works TSS/SP/SSP as Electrical Work" in BKP (Excl.) -RGD-TIA-MPO (Excl.) under Danapur Division of East Central Railway under RE Project Danapur. **2. Approximate Cost of the work :** Rs. 1,62,58,529.71 (Rs. One Crore sixty two lakhs fifty eight thousand five hundred and twenty nine rupees and seventy one paise only). **3. Cost of Tender Form & Earnest Money to be deposited :** Tender paper cost Rs. 5,000/- & EMD Rs. 2,31,300.00 (Rs. Two lakhs thirty one thousand three hundred) only through payment modes available on IREPS portal through net banking, debit card, credit card etc at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). **4. Date & Time for online submission of tender and opening of Tender :** Bidding starts from 24.10.2019 after 11.00 hrs. **5. Address of the office from where the tender details can be obtained. Website particulars and notice board location :** Office of the chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, Near Jagjeevan Stadium, Khatgaon, Danapur-801105. E-tendering website - [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) **Notice board:** Office of the Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur near Jagjiwan Stadium, Khatgaon, Danapur. **Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer**  
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**PR/01301/RE/ELEC/ T/19-20/52**

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**Qty:** As per NIT  
**EMD:** As per NIT

Date & time up to which tender shall be received: 05.11.19 & 11:00 AM  
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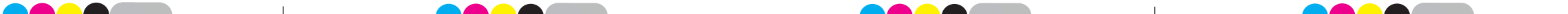
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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (without GST)	Earnest Money Rs.	Time allowed	Date & Time tender Document available on e-procurement portal	Last date of Submission of Tender and time	Date and Time of Opening of Tender
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(M. Ananda Kumar)  
Administrative Officer







## New coach

Former South Africa allrounder Lance Klusener was appointed head coach of the Afghanistan cricket team on Friday

# AZHAR HITS A SIX!

## His team sweeps all six posts on HCA's Apex Council



President Mohammad Azharuddin (third from right) waves after winning the Hyderabad Cricket Association elections along with his panel members — councillor P. Anuradha (left), joint secretary Naresh Sharma (second from left), secretary R. Vijayanand (third from left), vice-president K. John Manoj (second from right) and treasurer Surender Agarwal (right) at the RGICS on Friday.

### HCA APEX COUNCIL

- **President:** Mohammad Azharuddin.
- **Vice-president:** K. John Manoj.
- **Secretary:** R. Vijayanand.
- **Joint Secretary:** Naresh Sharma.
- **Treasurer:** Surender Agarwal.
- **Councillor:** P. Anuradha.

of his school team (All Saints) back in the 1970s. There can't be any doubt who the veteran voted for: Nizam College, the team for which Azhar played in the 'A' Division league and from where he graduated, was also among the voters.

The cricketer is looking at the grassroots again. "We will have to restructure everything and turn things around. Look at the state of Gymkhana ground, it's left for the cows to graze. We need to get to the grassroots and unearth talent now," Azhar said.

"The members have done their job, mine starts now. I know it won't be easy but I will give my best to revive the game which has suffered a lot in the

last three years. We will seek support from all the club secretaries and take the game forward. Their suggestions as well as those of cricket enthusiasts will be more than welcome," Azhar, has who played 99 Tests and 334 ODIs, added.

Was getting into administra-

tion as nervous as his Test debut back in 1984? "Just a bit," he smiles. "Back then I had worked very hard for close to 15 years to get into the Indian team and was very nervous when I played my first Test," said Azhar who hit three centuries in his first three matches, a record still unbeaten and one that got him awards — the Arjuna in 1986 and Padma Shri in 1988.

"Here, we worked as a team and campaigned hard and knew the result straightaway. There are tense moments in any election as I know anything can happen — having contested two General Elections — but I was confident I would win this one. It's a big victory though," said

Azhar, who was elected to Parliament in 2009 from Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh on a Congress ticket.

Now, "I am really looking forward to BCCI meetings because I have so much to offer, having played the game for quite a while. I have represented the BCCI on teams but now to deal with the Board as an administrator will be different — this should be much easier than playing," he laughs.

Azhar led India in 47 Tests and 174 ODIs during the 1990s. His career ended when the BCCI banned him for life in 2000 for match-fixing. In 2012, the Andhra Pradesh High Court declared the life ban illegal.

### VOTE SHARE

- **President:** Mohammad Azharuddin (147 votes), Prakash Chand Jain (73), K. Dilip Kumar (3).
- **Vice-president:** K. John Manoj (136), Sardar Daljeet Singh (87).
- **Secretary:** R. Vijayanand (137), S. Venkateshwaran (62), R. M. Bhaskar (24).
- **Joint Secretary:** Naresh Sharma (130), J. Shivaji Yadav (82), Satish Chandra Srivastava (8), invalid votes (2).
- **Treasurer:** Surender Kumar Agarwal (141), K. Hanmanth Reddy (60), C. Babu Rao (22).
- **Councillor:** P. Anuradha (103), Ravinder Singh (81), Vinod Kumar (38), invalid vote (1).



The focus should be on cricket rather than the security.

— Lahiru Thirimanne, Sri Lanka skipper ahead of the first ODI against Pakistan

### SHORT TAKES

## Battling anxiety, Sarah retires

**London:** Battling anxiety, England wicketkeeper Sarah Taylor has announced her retirement from international cricket. The 30-year-old made her England debut in 2006, and has gone on to make 226 appearances across the three formats, becoming one of the top players in the women's game globally. Taylor's anxiety has affected her ability to enjoy the game in recent years, according to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). She termed it a "tough decision" but one that has come at the "right time". "In 2006 my dream came true and I beam with pride at what I've achieved over the years, alongside the best players and people. It is the right time for me and my health to retire, but I have loved every minute in an England shirt. Thank you to everyone for supporting me," Taylor tweeted. She has scored 6,533 international runs, placing her second on England Women's all-time list of run-scorers. — PTI

## Harman, Smriti to miss WBBL

**New Delhi:** India's T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur, her deputy Smriti Mandhana and emerging star Jemima Rodrigues are unlikely to feature in Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) in Australia as it is clashing with the national team's tour of West Indies. According to *ESPN Cricinfo*, the first standalone WBBL, which starts later this year from October 18 and ends on December 8, is likely to clash with India's month-long tour of the Caribbean, leaving the players with a very limited window towards the end of the fifth season of the league. India will depart for the Caribbean on October 23 after finishing the ODI engagements against the Proteas women on October 14. "The BCCI doesn't discourage any of our women's players from taking part in overseas leagues as long as their participation [in those tournaments] doesn't clash with their national duties," BCCI's general manager (cricket operations) Saba KarimKarim was quoted as saying by the website. — PTI

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MOSES KONDETY | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Last January, Mohammad Azharuddin was stopped at the gates of Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, headquarters of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, and not allowed to attend the Special General Meeting by the then president. On Friday, he gate-crashed the HCA edifice to become its president.

Not just that, Azhar led his team to a landslide victory to sweep all the six seats on offer in the Apex Council. The former Indian skipper came up with a captain's knock indeed, he got the highest number of votes among contestants across all posts — 147.

Of the 226 voters, three remained absent — former international woman cricketer Sandra Braganza, who lives in Australia; India Cements' Arjun Yadav, who is coach of the Hyderabad senior side that is currently in Bengaluru for the Vijay Hazare trophy and P. Venkateshwarlu of the Oxford Blues Cricket Club — making it a 223-vote contest with 112 set as the half-way mark.

After the thumping win, Azhar did not want to reflect on the bad times and said he is eager for a fresh start. "There are only three things on my mind right now — cricket, cricket, cricket," he told this newspaper.

The journey to the HCA hot seat has been a hard grind though. An year before being kept out of the SGM (ironically called to pass the Lodha Committee recommendations) on grounds that he was a proxy of the National Cricket Club which he sought to represent, Azhar was, in January 2017, disqualified from contesting for president after his nomination papers were not accepted by election officers as they were uncertain whether the life ban imposed on him by the BCCI for match-fixing, stood. HCA's ad-hoc committee chairman Prakash Chand Jain had sought clarification regarding Azhar's eligibility but nothing concrete had come from the national cricket board.

On Friday, Azhar beat Prakash Chand Jain by 74 votes.

Life has surely come a full circle for Azhar. Among those who exercised their franchise on Sunday was Denzil Balm, coach

## Anuradha is first woman to hold an office in HCA

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 27

Mohammad Azharuddin was not the only one who bulldozed the Hyderabad Cricket Association elections on Friday. P. Anuradha too stormed the male bastion to become the first woman to be elected to an office in the HCA. She won as Councillor.

Understandably, she is chuffed. "I never expected it to be this easy," Anuradha, who vied for the treasurer's post in the previous elections in 2017, enthused. "I was anticipating a tough fight and my nearest rival got pretty close," she explained after defeating Ravinder Singh 103-81 in a three-cornered contest.



P. Anuradha

Now, the focus is clear. "I'll work for the betterment of the game in general and women's cricket in particular. Will strive to get them on par with the men when it comes to benefits and

facilities. They should be equal," Anuradha, a post graduate in Social Work, assured.

"This kind of work is new for me but I will prove myself worthy of the post," Anuradha, who is wife of former treasurer P. Yadagiri, promised.

She has a fairly decent idea of the game though and is not short of inspiration. "I come from a cricketing family. My brother-in-law (late) P. Krishnamurthy played for India under the captaincy of late Ajit Wadekar (in the 1970s) during the tenure of MAK Pataudi, M. L. Jaisimha and Bishan Singh Bedi. My knowledge of the game should hold me in good stead," she said.

## Kashyap seals Korea semi spot

**Incheon, Sept. 27:** Indian shuttler Parupalli Kashyap progressed to the men's singles semi-finals of the Korea Open World Tour Super 500 with a straight-game win over former world No.2 Denmark's Jan O Jorgensen here on Friday.

In a clinical display, the 33-year-old from Hyderabad, who is the lone Indian left in fray, outsmarted Jorgensen 24-22, 21-8 in 37 minutes to make it to his second semifinal of the season. He had reached the last four at the India Open Super 500 tournament.

The 2014 Commonwealth Games gold-medallist will now face world No.1 and two-time world champion Kento Momota of Japan on Saturday. A former world No.6, Kashyap, who was promoted from the qualifying round, had last played Jorgensen five years ago at the Denmark Open.

The Indian entered the match with a 2-4 record against Jorgensen, a 2015 World Championship bronze medallist.

In the first game, the duo engaged in short rallies initially and spilt the first 8 points.

The duo fought hard, mov-

ing from 14-14 to 18-18. A timely video referral gave Kashyap another point but he sent one to the net as it was 19-19.

Jorgensen then held the game point opportunity after a precise smash at the backline.

Kashyap then earned a game point only to give it away. However, the Indian grabbed a second game point opportunity and converted it when his opponent hit the net. He thus sealed the first game which lasted 22 minutes.


The second game started on a similar note with the duo tied 3-3 initially. Kashyap then took control of the net and curbed his errors to reel off five straight points.

Jorgensen tried to up the pace but unforced errors pegged him back as Kashyap held a 11-7 lead at the breather.


It was mostly one way traffic after the break as Kashyap found the gaps easily even as his rival got buried in a heap of unforced errors. Kashyap grabbed the next nine of the 10 points to move to match point and then sealed the deal with a smash. — PTI



Hyderabad shuttler Parupalli Kashyap in action during a tournament in this file photo.




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