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Minister snubs gov, sends babu

Minister said he was busy briefing CM

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 17

Transport minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar on Thursday snubbed Governor Tamilisai Soundarajan when she telephoned to take stock of the ongoing strike of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) workers, who have been on strike since October 4.

The minister deputed a bureaucrat, principal secretary Rajiv Sharma, instead to Raj Bhavan. The minister, Raj Bhavan sources said, told the Governor he was unable to visit as he was engaged in briefing Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu on the strike. The minister told the Governor that he was sending his bureaucrat to brief her on the situation. The Governor let the minister know that she wanted to discuss the issues raised by the RTC workers so as to find solutions to their demands.

When Mr Rajiv Sharma visited and met the Governor, she brought to his notice the fact that Raj Bhavan had received several representations from the RTC trade unions as well as from

opposition parties. These pertained to the strike and also to the government's suspected move to privatise RTC properties across the state. The Governor reportedly enquired about alternate arrangements made for public transportation. Mr Rajiv Sharma explained the alternate arrangements and the steps taken to make all services of the RTC fully operational. He also spoke to her about the case pending before the High Court with regard to the RTC strike.

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KCR CANCELS HUZURNAGAR PUBLIC MEET

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 17

TRS cadre was upset with Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu's cancellation of his visit to Huzurnagar on Thursday. It was cancelled due to the weather. It was raining in Huzurnagar.

An election campaign was scheduled for Thursday evening and the CM was to take his helicopter from Begumpet airport at 2 pm. Aviation director V.N. Bharath Reddy told the CM's office that there was a cloudburst in Huzurnagar, and strong wind en route from Hyderabad. These conditions reduce visibility and are detrimental to flight safety.

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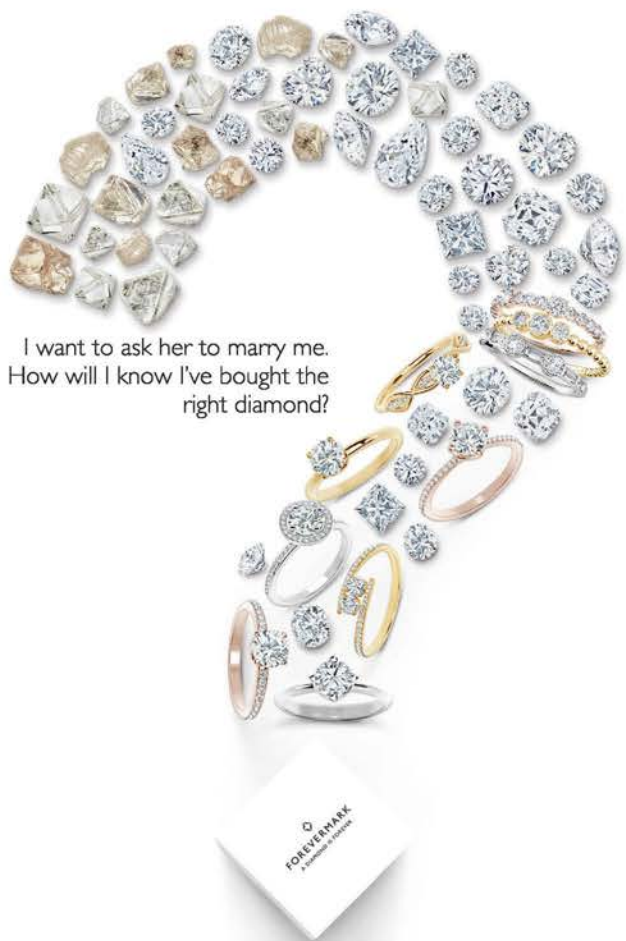
JAYENDRA T. CHAITANYA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 17

A 20-year-old was forced to have sex with eight sorcerers by her husband and in-laws who believed there was an evil spirit in her. They filmed the crime and blackmailed her to continue having sex. Shaheen (named

changed), married in 2016 and lived in Falaknema. In December 2018, the husband and his parents called a sorcerer, Moosa Bawazeer, 23, of Barkas to remedy Shaheen's unusual behaviour. She was told Bawazeer was coming to look for gold and hidden treasures in their house. She was told to cooperate

with Bawazeer and not object to his behaviour. "They asked me to sleep naked on the bed," she told Deccan Chronicle. "When I objected, I was told it was to find the gold. I was unwilling but my husband said he would around the whole time. A lime was put on my vagina and my husband was told to have sex

with me. I got scared and screamed but Bawazeer pounced on me." The next day, another sorcerer came home. She refused, but was shown the video and threatened that it would go viral unless she agreed. "I was scared," said Shaheen, who agreed. ■ Page 4: Sorcerer held, in-laws, hubby at large



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Taxi strike has commuters worried

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 17

The notice given by the Telangana State Taxi and Drivers Joint Action Committee for indefinite strike from October 19 has commuters, already facing trouble due to the RTC strike, worried. With taxis being off the roads, the commuters state that it will be a nightmare for them. Mrs Sheela P, a software employee, said, "The government must re-look into their transport policy. Why

is the transport sector taking people to ransom? There is no proper public transport from one end to another and for that reason, citizens are suffering." The call of the taxi drivers has got many of them agitated as festival shopping too will take a beating. Many commuters who use the taxis for their collective festive shopping say that they will now have to opt for other methods like online shopping. But there are certain puja items which many of them

prefer to personally pick up on their own. They are now planning to get it home-delivered and have asked the shops to provide them with this facility. Mohammed Younus Ali, an employee in a multinational company, said the proposed strike of the drivers working for private taxi operators is unwarranted. "We are already spending too much of money in commuting due to the RTC strike. The daily expenses of travel have jumped to three times for a salaried

person. The government must first resolve the RTC strike and also deal with the other transport unions so that there are no hardships for the common man." The threat of the private taxi drivers is going to affect the corporate sector the most as they rely on these services. While the success rate of the strike is a huge question, drivers who are hardly able to earn ₹15,000 per month would not want to do away with their daily income.

PARADISE, CAFE BAHAR FINED ₹1L FOR POOR HYGIENE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 17

Two lip-smacking biryani joints in the city, Paradise and Cafe Bahar, have been booked for unhygienic kitchens by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Thursday.

Paradise had a hair band in the food which was pointed out by a customer and the medical officer inspected the kitchen area to find it in a very shoddy state.

Similarly, in Cafe Bahar, a sudden inspection was carried out and it was found that the handling of raw food was not up to the mark at all.

The bins for raw food and waste cooked food were kept side by side and the workers did not have gloves and handled both intermittently. The team also found that the licences of the place were not in proper order and up to date.

Both the restaurants have incurred a fine of ₹1 lakh by the GHMC.

Meanwhile, the KLM Fashion Mall at Chandanagar was fined ₹3 lakhs for illegal video display. The mall has been fined for the third time.

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Shoab for SA

Pakistan's Shoab Malik will join Johannesburg-based Jozi Stars for the latter stages of the Mzansi Super League Twenty20 tournament this season

RUN CHASE

In-form Virat Kohli will look to topple Australia's Steve Smith on the batting charts



I have no doubt he will serve (the cricket board) with the same passion as he has played the game.

— Sachin Tendulkar on Sourav Ganguly as BCCI president

SHORT TAKES

Nikhat writes to Rijju for trial

New Delhi: Former junior world champion boxer Nikhat Zareen has written to Sports Minister Kiren Rijju, demanding a trial bout against the celebrated M. C. Mary Kom before India's squad for next year's Olympic Qualifiers is decided. Mary Kom (51kg) claimed her eighth world medal at the recently-concluded championships in Russia. She was selected for the event ahead of Zareen, who was refused a trial by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

The BFI now also plans to send Mary Kom for the Olympic qualifiers on the back of her bronze-winning show at the world championships, moving away from the previous decision to give direct selection only to the gold and silver winners.

"Sir, the very basis of sport is fairplay and need to keep proving oneself each and every time. Even Olympic gold medalists have to fight again to qualify to represent the country," she wrote in the letter.

Boxer Day dies from brain injury

Los Angeles: American boxer Patrick Day died on Wednesday after suffering a serious brain injury during his knockout defeat to Charles Conwell last weekend, promoter Lou DiBella said in a statement.

The 27-year-old super welterweight had undergone emergency surgery after being knocked out by Conwell on Saturday at Chicago's Wintrust Arena.

"On behalf of Patrick's family, team, and those closest to him, we are grateful for the prayers, expressions of support and outpouring of love for Pat that have been so obvious since his injury," DiBella said. Day died surrounded by family and friends.

The American fighter had been carried unconscious from the ring on a stretcher on Saturday following his 10th round knockout. — AFP

BANGLA PICK SUNNY FOR INDIA T20S

Dhaka: Bangladesh on Thursday recalled left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny and pace bowler Al-Amin Hossain to their 15-men squad for next month's three-match Twenty20 international series against India.

Sunny, 33, has not played for Bangladesh after he was suspended during the 2016 ICC World Twenty20 for an illegal bowling action. He was also arrested in January 2017 and spent two months in jail after posting intimate photos of his girlfriend on social media.

Hossain, 29, last played for Bangladesh in India during the 2016 ICC World Twenty20.

"We have recalled Sunny because we need someone experienced for India, which is a tough country," said chief selector Minhajul Abedin.

The series against India will start on November 3 with the first match at Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. — AFP

THE SQUAD

Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Tamim Iqbal, Liton Das, Soumya Sarkar, Naim Sheikh, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Afif Hossain, Musaddek Hossain, Aminul Islam Biplab, Arafat Sunny, Mohammad Saifuddin, Al-Amin Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Shafiqul Islam.

Ranchi, Oct. 17: On-song Virat Kohli is looking to topple Aussie run machine Steve Smith in the international batting rankings as India push for a whitewash over South Africa in the third Test starting on Saturday. Kohli's career-best 254 not out in India's second successive win in the three-match series moved him to within one point of Smith in the International Cricket Council Test chart. Smith replaced Kohli at number one last month following his blazing Ashes series against England and after the Indian star made a golden duck against the West Indies. The Australian, who only returned to Tests in August after a year-long ban for ball-tampering, is out of action in the five-day format until November 21 when

Australia host Pakistan. Kohli regained lost ground against the struggling South Africans in the current series as he scored his seventh Test double century, joining England great Wally Hammond and Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene. He also went past Don Bradman's tally of 6,996 runs in 52 Tests. With the Pune win last Sunday, India registered a record 11th straight Test series triumph at home. Australia have had two streaks of 10 home series wins. "I'm just happy to be where I am. Putting the team in a commanding position is the only thing I strive for," said Kohli, who tops the ODI batting chart. — AFP

Proteas eager to play for Test points, says Elgar

Ranchi, Oct. 17: South Africa opener Dean Elgar says he got "stretched" as a cricketer and learned a lot more about himself during what has been a humbling India tour, part of which included visiting "smaller places and staying in hotels" not that good. "It's a challenging tour. You get stretched as a person, you get stretched as a cricketer, I think you get to know yourself quite a lot as a person when you come to the smaller places where the hotels are maybe not as good, and you get challenged on the field. It's always a good learning curve coming to India," Elgar said.

The introduction of the World Test Championship means South Africa still have "quite a lot to play for" in the third Test despite conceding the series, Elgar said. "Back in the day it was always a bit of a dead rubber game but now with the World Test Championships around, we still have points to play for," Elgar said. "We can still get 40 points by following our process against India in the last Test. That's something we can't neglect going into this game. There is still a lot to play for," he added. — PTI



I'm just happy to be where I am. Putting the team in a commanding position is the only thing I strive for.

VIRAT KOHLI, India captain

Indian cricketers Cheteshwar Pujara and Ishant Sharma run during a practice session ahead of the third Test against South Africa in Ranchi on Thursday. — PTI



Indian cricket coach Ravi Shastri speaks into his phone during a practice session ahead of the third Test against South Africa in Ranchi on Thursday. — PTI

Lara is impressed by Indian attack

Mumbai, Oct. 17: West Indian batting great Brian Lara on Thursday praised the current Indian pace attack, which reminded him of the deadly West Indian attacks of yore.

The Indian pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami, in 2018, picked the record 142 wickets among them in Test matches. Asked what makes Indian team special, Lara said: "It's the Indian pace attack. Unbelievable. I saw them in the West Indies. When you look at the quality — (Jasprit) Bumrah, (Mohammed) Shami, (Umesh) Yadav — all these guys, and the guys on the sidelines, like Bhuvu (Bhuvneshwar Kumar) are unbelievable."

"It reminds me a little bit of the (pace bowling) strength that the West Indies had in the 80s and 90s. The reserve strength is very important in assessing a team's ability. It means that your attack has quality," Lara added.

Lara, who had scored 11,953 Test runs, was speaking after the launch of 'Road Safety World Series', in which he will be a part and lead the West Indian legend team.

Lara was lavish in his praise for Virat Kohli, whom he termed the 'Ultimate Captain'. "He's (Kohli) the ultimate captain. In terms of his performances, he leads by example. And I mean that in all facets of the game, and off the field too. He is came off very well in the background of MS Dhoni, who laid the foundation, and did things in a different way. So, I think Indian cricket, as we all know, is headed in the right direction," he said. — PTI



Britain's Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, plays cricket during his visit to the National Cricket Academy in Lahore in this handout picture released by Pakistan Cricket Board on Thursday. — AFP

Need permission to play Pak: Dada

Kolkata, Oct. 17: BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly has said that resumption of bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan is subject to approval from India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Imran Khan.

Asked about the resumption of India-Pakistan bilateral ties, Ganguly said, "You have to ask that question to Modi ji and the Pakistan Prime Minister."

"Of course we have (to take permission), because international exposure

Srikanth, Sameer, Sindhu & Sai fall flat in Denmark

Odense, Oct. 17: World Champion P.V. Sindhu yet again struggled to buck the trend of early exits as she was knocked out of the Denmark Open after a straight-game loss against An Se Young in the second round, here on Thursday.

Fifth seed Sindhu, the Olympic silver medallist, lost 14-21, 17-21 to the Korean in a 40-minute clash at the BWF World Tour Super 750 event.

This was Sindhu's third successive early exit from a tournament since claiming the World Championship at Basel, Switzerland in August.

The 24-year-old Indian had lost in the second round and first round at the China Open and Korea Open respectively in the last two events.

It turned out to be a dismal day for India as Sameer Verma, Kidambi Srikanth and men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also went down.

While Sameer lost 12-21, 10-21 to Olympic champion Chen Long of China in men's singles, Thailand



Denmark's Viktor Axelsen in action against Japan's Kenta Nishimoto during their men's singles match at the Denmark Open badminton tournament in Odense on Wednesday. Axelsen won 21-19, 21-19. — AFP

Open champions Satwik and Chirag suffered a 16-21, 15-21 defeat against sixth seed Chinese combination of Han Cheng Kai and Zhou Hao Dong.

Srikanth lost to fourth seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark 14-21, 18-21 in the match that lasted 43 minutes.

Srikanth, who had skipped China and Korea Open due to a knee issue, had beaten Antonsen at the 2017 World

Championships, but the Danish shuttler has come a long way since then.

While Praneech was outclassed by two-time World Champion Kento Momota of Japan 6-21, 14-21 in yet another dominating show, Sameer lost 12-21, 10-21 to Olympic champion Chen Long of China.

Meanwhile, Viktor Axelsen saved four match points beat Japan's Kenta Nishimoto 21-19, 21-19. — PTI

India bid to host hockey WC

Lausanne (Switzerland), Oct. 17: India is among the three nations who have presented their bids to host the next edition of the men's World Cup, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) said on Thursday.

India, who have hosted the men's World Cup thrice, wants to conduct

the event in the January 13 to 29, 2023 window.

Belgium and Malaysia are the other two nations who have also sent their bidding dossier to conduct the men's event but they prefer to host the event in the July 1 to 17, 2022 window.

For the Women's World Cup, five countries have

presented their bids, the FIH said in a release.

While Germany, Spain and the Netherlands want to host the event in the July 1 to 17, 2022 window, Malaysia and New Zealand are keen to conduct the tournament in the January 13 to 29, 2023 window. — PTI

BREAKING | BAD

MARKRAM HURT AFTER ROOM HIT

Ranchi, Oct. 17: A "frustrated" South African batsman Aiden Markram was on Thursday ruled out of the third and final Test against India, having sustained a wrist injury after punching a solid object during the Pune Test.

As per Cricket South Africa's media release, "The injury took place following the opener's dismissal in the second innings of the match. In a moment of frustration with his own performance, he lashed out at a solid object, resulting in his injury."

Markram has had a mixed tour of India. While he scored two hundreds in the practice games, he couldn't carry forward his form into the Test series. After scoring 5 and 39 in the first Test, he was dismissed for a pair in the second. Team doctor Hashendra Ramjee said, "A CT scan of Aiden Markram's wrist showed a fracture involving the wrist bones. The medical team has therefore ruled him out of the next Test match against India." — AFP

MARSH PUNCHES DRESSING ROOM WALL, TO MISS TEST

Sydney, Oct. 17: All-rounder Mitchell Marsh is set to miss Australia's opening Test against Pakistan after fracturing his right hand punching a wall, with Australian coach Justin Langer branding him "an idiot".

The Western Australia captain took his frustrations out in the changing rooms after he was dismissed for 53 in a domestic match against Tasmania on Sunday.

Scans revealed a fracture, and an apologetic Marsh said he faced up to six weeks on the sidelines. That would almost certainly rule him out of the opening Test against Pakistan in Brisbane

starting on November 21. Asked if he had spoken to Langer, Marsh replied: "He just told me I'm an idiot basically." "It's a good lesson for me. Hopefully it's a good lesson for other people as well," added Marsh, whose blunder could open the door for Marcus Stoinis in Brisbane. "At the end of the day, it's a game of cricket. Sometimes you get beaten, sometimes you get out, and you can't be punching walls," he said. Marsh had only been recalled to the Test side for the final game of the Ashes against England last month after a long period out. — AFP

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