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WEATHER

Max: 31.6°C
Min: 21.4°C
RH: 64%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky. Rain, thundershowers likely. Max/Min 32/22°C



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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of Deccan Chronicle will remain closed today for Dasara. There will be no edition on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2019

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Ashwaha Shuddha Dasami til 2.51 pm
Star: Shravanam till 8.12 pm
Varjyam: 12.42 am to 2.30 am (Wednesday)
Durmuhurtam: 8.32 am to 9.19 am; 10.50 pm to 11.39 pm
Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm
HURJI CALENDAR
Safar-al-Muzaffar 7, 1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.06 am
Zohar: 12.14 pm
Asar: 4.21 pm
Maghrib: 6.06 pm
Isha: 7.13 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.00 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.08 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 2.47 AM
MOONSET TODAY 1.29 PM

IN BRIEF

City woman in US found dead

Hyderabad: A 38-year-old married woman from Hyderabad was found dead under suspicious circumstances in her house in North Carolina on October 4. According to a complaint from her father Gajam Krishniah, a resident of Sainagar, Nagole with LB Nagar police, Gajam Vanitha, 38, married Rachakonda Shiva Kumar about 15 years ago. The couple has two children.

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Taliban free 3 Indians for rebels

Islamabad: Three Indian engineers held by the Taliban in Afghanistan since May 2018 have been freed by the militant group in exchange for 11 of its top members from Afghan jails, according to media reports on Monday, amidst fresh efforts to revive the Afghan peace talks. The release of Indian hostages follows key meetings between US and Taliban representatives.

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No more cutting trees: SC to Mum

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday restrained authorities from cutting anymore trees in Mumbai's Aarey to set up a Metro car shed. A special bench comprising justices Arun Mishra and Ashok Bhushan said it will have to examine the entire thing and posted the matter for hearing on October 21 before its forest bench.

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COUNTER POINT



Damn the slowdown... people don't have money even for Dasara bakshish this year!



WORLD

Erdogan says Turkey all set to invade Syria, gets Trump's blessings

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Lord of Seven Hills rings in Dasara



Lord Venkateswara being taken out in a procession in a chariot on the Mada street at Tirumala as part of the annual Brahmotsavams celebrations on the eve of Dasara on Monday.

Pak fails to curb terror funding

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs
NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD, OCT. 7

In another move that could bring Pakistan closer to blacklisting by anti-terror financing global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) this month or see it remain on the grey list at the very least, a report by the Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering, has shown that Pakistan has fared poorly in taking action against terrorism emanating from

MBS SNUBS IMRAN, GETS BACK JET

Islamabad, Oct. 7: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman was so upset by some actions of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in New York that he reportedly "snubbed" him by ordering his private jet to "disembowel" the Pakistani delegation.

Prince Salman had given Prime Minister Khan his private jet to travel to the US on a week-long visit and to attend the 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York last month.

recommendations on curbing money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, Pakistan was fully compliant only on one, largely compliant on nine, partially compliant on 26 and non-compliant on four recommendations, according to Pakistani media reports.

APG released its much-awaited 228-page 'Mutual Evaluation Report' on Saturday, days ahead of the key FATF plenary meeting in Paris which will decide whether Pakistan should be black-listed.

No certificates for talaq, khula, Muslims in a tizzy

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

With the Wakf Boards in Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh having stopped issuing certificates of talaq (divorce) and khula (divorce on wife's initiative), many Muslims, already grappling with the anguish of their marriage breaking down, feel more let down.

In TS, Wakf Board authorities have stopped issuing the certificates for about two months now, while people in AP are unable to get the certificates since the past month.

Wakf Board officials are being careful as they wait for the government to issue specific orders on the recently passed 'The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019'.

Officials, on condition of anonymity, said they do

not want to take any risk as the matter is very sensitive. In AP, people were asked to move court or wait till specific orders were received from the government. Incidentally, the AP Wakf Board issues very few certificates; not more than 10,000 per year.

A certificate pertaining to nikah, talaq and khula issued by the Wakf Board is considered valid document to show the marital status of Muslims.

Incidentally, while the Wakf Act makes it clear that the Wakf Board has no connection with marriage related affairs, the TS Wakf Board has a special section to do just that.

This special section was established to deal with the affairs of marriage and divorce of Muslims after the Wakf Board entered into an agreement with the Anjuman-e-Qazat in 1971 and started issuing nikah, talaq and khula certificates from 1973 onward.

In TS, about 50,000 nikah (weddings) take place every year. The TS Wakf Board issues over 35,000 marriage and more than 1,500 talaq and khula certificates per year.

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INDIA GETS FIRST SET OF SWISS ACCOUNT DETAILS

New Delhi/Berne, Oct 7: India has got the first set of Swiss bank account details of its nationals under a new automatic information exchange pact, a major milestone in the government's fight against black money stashed abroad.

India is among 75 countries with which Switzerland's Federal Tax Administration (FTA) has exchanged information on financial accounts within the framework of global standards on AEOI, an FTA spokesperson said.

The next exchange would take place in September 2020, the spokesperson added.

This is the first time that India has received details from Swiss authorities under the AEOI framework, which provides for exchange of financial accounts. —PTI

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Half of RTC to go private, says KCR

CM says plan is to strengthen the corporation

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao on Monday decided to privatise half of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation and allow private owners to run buses under the control of the corporation to sustain it.

The CM was speaking after reviewing a report by the committee headed by principal secretary, transport, Sunil Sharma on measures to return the RTC to profit. Mr Rao said the state does not want to privatise RTC but only wanted to strengthen it.

On Sunday, he had refused to merge the corporation with the government, the prime demand of the RTC staff who are on strike since Saturday, and has refused to take back into service 48,140 staff who did not resume work within the government's deadline.

It was stated that of the RTC's estimated fleet strength of 10,400 buses, the corporation owns only about half, or 5,200. These would be run under the RTC banner and be staffed by the corporation.

Another 30 per cent, or 3,100 buses, of the RTC fleet is already under hire. A CMO statement said that of this 30 per cent, nine per cent buses would need to be replaced to make up the numbers.

This group of buses would be staffed by private parties, and the vehicles can use RTC infrastructure such as parking. The other 20 per cent buses, or 2,100, would be run and maintained entirely by private parties and would be run as stage carriers.

Page 5: RTC to decide tariff for all categories

REBUTTAL BY RTC UNION TO KCR POINTS

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Striking RTC employee unions on Monday made a point by point rebuttal of the charges made by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao on Sunday when he refused to merge the corporation with the government and said the striking employees would not be taken back into service.

CMs: Was it necessary to go on strike during the festival?

Unions: We gave the strike notice on September 3. The government did not respond until the last minute. About 99 per cent of the employees participating in the strike despite removal warning shows the necessity of the strike.

CMs: This is indiscipline and blackmail...

Unions: Agitations, protests and strikes brought us Telangana statehood. If we follow the same methods, how can it become indiscipline and blackmail? We are asking for new buses. A bus is rated to run 10 lakh kilometres, whereas many buses are running more than 18 lakh kilometres. Shall we tell the passengers directly that their life is in danger because they are travelling in buses past the expiry date?

CMs: This strike is irresponsible.

Unions: Several drivers who died at the steering wheel, while trying to save passengers. That is kind of responsibility we take. Our strike is legal.

CMs: Those who did not resume duty will be removed from service.

Unions: What about the Chief Minister? He has never visited the Secretariat.

CMs: We will take new employees and convert private buses into stage carriers.

Unions: These decisions are being taken in haste. What about the safety of passengers? Thousands of RTC employees and their families will take to the roads to protest. This is the first time that the Chief Minister himself is intervening in the RTC strike, is there no management and transport ministry to study issues and take a balanced decision?

CMs: Merging TSRTC with the government is not possible.

Unions: When a young Chief Minister has taken a decision and merged the APSRTC with the government, why can't this government even consider it?

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TRS' assets double in a year, Desam's loans increase 190%

COREENA SUARES | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The assets of the ruling TRS have doubled from around ₹14.5 crore to ₹29 crore in a year's time in fiscal 2017-18.

According to a Delhi-based election watchdog the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), the ruling party of Telangana receives the third highest income among regional parties in the country.

The Telugu Desam's assets swelled from ₹114 crore to ₹131 crore — registered less than 50 per cent growth — between FY2016-17 and FY2017-18

ASSET GROWTH

JD(U): 298.3%
JD(S): 102.9%
TRS: 100.4%

DEBT GROWTH

TD: 190%
YSRC: 48.86%

— the period during which it was the ruling party in Andhra Pradesh. The TD, however, also reported 190 per cent growth in debt at ₹22.71 crore. The report was produced by ADR after analysing the assets reports declared

by regional parties to the Election Commission.

In 2016-17, the assets declared by the 39 regional parties were totalling ₹1,268 crore. In 2017-18, the total assets of 41 regional parties stood at ₹1,320 crore.

According to ADR, it followed the accounting standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to analyse financial statements filed by the political parties. Since political parties are non-industrial or non-business entities, ICAI claims that the standard accounting formats are not applicable.

MEDICAL | WONDER Research opens up new strategies to fight common diseases such as cancer and anaemia

3 scientists find how cells use oxygen, get Nobel

Stockholm, Oct. 7. Three researchers from the US and Britain on Monday shared the Nobel Medicine Prize for research into how human cells sense and adapt to changing oxygen levels, opening up new strategies to fight common diseases such as cancer and anaemia.

William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza of the United States and Britain's Peter Ratcliffe split the nine million Swedish kronor (\$914,000, 833,000 euros) award.

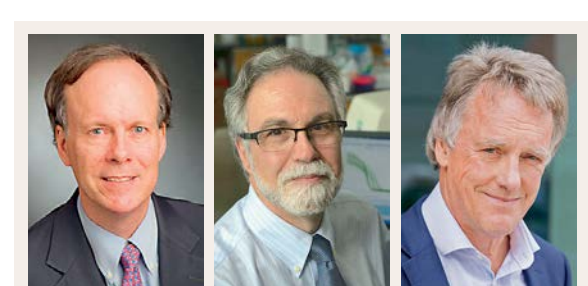
While the fact that humans need oxygen to survive has been understood for centuries, how

the body registers and responds to oxygen was little known prior to the trio's pioneering work.

"They established the basis for our understanding of how oxygen levels affect cellular metabolism and physiological function," the jury said.

Semenza studied a gene known as EPO which causes the body to create more red blood cells and isolated the specific DNA segments that help it to adapt to low oxygen levels.

Ratcliffe and Semenza then applied this knowledge to show that the oxygen sensing mechanism was present in virtually all



William Kaelin, Gregg Semenza, Peter Ratcliffe

human tissues. Kaelin identified another gene, present in patients with a genetic disorder that puts them at far greater risk of certain cancers. The gene rewires the body's ability

to prevent the onset of cancer, and it plays a key role in how cancer cells respond to low oxygen levels.

Their work has shed new light on the specific, cell-

level processes the body undergoes when low on oxygen — from helping our muscles function during exercise to adapting to life at high altitude.

Cells' oxygen-sensing ability is also essential during foetal development and in creating new blood vessels. A large number of diseases are linked to EPO, including renal failure and severe anaemia.

Cancerous tumours use the body's oxygen-regulating tools to hijack blood vessel formation and allow the cancer cells to spread. The Nobel committee that several trials were underway developing drugs to interrupt this process, potentially short-circuiting tumour growth.

"Intense ongoing efforts in academic laboratories and pharmaceutical companies are now focused on

developing drugs that can interfere with different disease states by either activating, or blocking, the oxygen-sensing machinery," the jury said.

For treatment of anaemia — where the body lacks sufficient red blood cells to carry enough oxygen to tissues — medicines in development seek to stimulate EPO creation.

This essentially tricks the body into thinking it is at higher altitude, prompting the creation of new red blood cells. One drug using EPO-stimulation for anaemia is in the market in China and others are in the pipeline. —AFP



Dasara greetings

KCR conveys Vijayadasami greetings, says the festival symbolises triumph of good over evil and holds a message to mankind



Nobel Prize for cell response to oxygen will pave ways for new interventions

— Dr Rakesh K. Mishra
CCMB Director

ASTROGUIDE

For Oct. 9

Vikari: Dakshinayanam
Tithi: Ashvayuja Suddha Ekadasi till 5.18 pm
Star: Dhanista till 11.11 pm
Varjyam: Nil
Durmuhurtam: 11.40 am to 12.26 pm
Rahukalam: 12 pm to 1.30 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Safar 8,1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.06 am
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Nabami Celebrations



Devotees take a selfie with the idol of goddess Durga in the backdrop at the Sarbojanin Shree Durga Puja organised by Defence Civilian employees at Ashoka Park in Visakhapatnam on Monday.

Start-ups mop up 10MT of waste

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

While the government has been trying to get residents to segregate their own household waste at source, a few start-ups born and bred in the city have taken charge and are succeeding at it.

So much so that they are clearing out over 10 metric tonnes of domestic waste in a single month. They work just like the local kabadiwala who pays for the waste paper, bottles and plastic you sell.

Some of these start-ups include, Toter, Crapbin and Banyan Nation in Hyderabad. While the first two collect the waste and pay citizens for it, the latter specialises in plastic recycling.

"In the last few months, garbage segregation and proper disposal have become the buzzwords. This has also sparked a keen interest in people to get rid of their waste properly," Mr Nisar Ahmed, founder of Crapbin, told Deccan Chronicle.

These start-ups provide users with a simple log in

option to their website. From there, these users can then request for a pickup, just like cab services.

After that, the agent visits your house, armed with a digital scale and weighs the items, pays you for the amount of garbage weighed and it is done.

Residents have asked the start-ups to set up kiosks in their colonies.

"We are very pleased with the kind of service they provide. This makes us environmentally conscious about the kind of waste we generate and how we should dispose of it. Also, they offer a good price for the waste," said Ms Deepa Shailender, a resident of Sainikpuri.

For Waste Ventures India, there is a lot of potential in the city and having a perceptive populace is working in its favour. "The people are going the hi-tech way to have their garbage collected. This has been happening over the last few months, maybe because the government is pushing for waste segregation," said Indra Kumar, of Waste Ventures India.

IN BRIEF

Lightning strike kills 4 in 3 places

Nellore: Four persons died after being struck by lightning in three different incidents in Prakasam district on Monday. A 60-year-old woman, Marella Seshamma, and 30-year-old Mettu Koteswaramma were taking shelter under a tree during a downpour at Pernamitta village in Santanatalapadu mandal when a bolt of lightning struck and killed them. The women worked on a chilli farm. In the other incidents, Ravi Manohar, 32, of Hanumojipalem in Inkollu mandal, and Somu Ramanamma, 50, of Papireddypalem in Veligandla mandal, were working on their farms on Monday evening when they were struck by lightning and died on the spot. Others were injured and are under treatment at the government hospital in Kanigiri.

Techie attempts to take his life

Nellore: Depressed at not being able to find a job, an engineering graduate allegedly committed suicide at his home in Pallaproluvar street in Perala, Chirala town on Monday. Akula Gurucharan, 24, had completed an engineering degree and had been searching diligently for a job to help the family since his father Bhaskar Rao who worked in BSNL had died four years ago. He was found hanging from the ceiling fan in his house on Monday. His mother Krishna Kumari rushed him to the hospital with the help of neighbours, but medical officers in Chirala area hospital declared him brought dead. Chirala Two Town SI is investigating the case.

2 DROWN IN VIZAG DISTRICT BEACH

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, OCT 7

Two youth of two different families are believed to have drowned in the blue waters at Venkatanagaram Beach in Payakaraopeta in the district on Monday. The two youth have been identified as A. Raju (24) and A. Anil (18) of Tondangi village in East Godavari district (near Payakaraopeta in Visakhapatnam).

According to the police, to celebrate Dasara nine people from Tondangi village visited Venkatanagaram Beach. They played on the beach for some time and later went in for a swim. One of the nine, Nanaji, was dragged into deep waters by a strong undercurrent. Anil and Raju went to his rescue. Though Nanaji reached the shore safely, his rescuers were missing. The police and expert swimmers started a search operation until the light failed.

Appeals delayed due to late arrival of records

Cases often get adjourned twice in a short span: Advocates

VUJJINI
VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The judiciary has noticed that the delay in reaching case records to the higher courts from the lower courts is one of main reasons for appeal cases pending for a long time in higher courts.

Legal experts say that there are many ways in which efficiency of the judiciary can be measured, whether in terms of the number of days it takes to dispose of a certain kind of case, or the ratio of filing to disposal of cases.

Lawyers say it is not easy to estimate what should be the desirable time frame within which a given case should be disposed of in the district courts and High Court, particularly on appeal side cases.

But they say one of the causes for the delay in disposal of these types of cases is waiting for lower court records.

The data from e-courts shows that most of the time is spent in the LCR/R and P (Lower Courts Records - Records and Proceedings) stage. Admission and denial by higher courts takes an average of four months, after which notices or summons are issued, and directions to call for records are also issued simultaneously.

After issuing of summons or notices calling for the records, it takes more than six months to receive the records from the lower court.

After receiving the records of the case, it takes more than a year to start the trial and submit evidence.

delay, when the case is adjourned more than twice for such a small and silly reason.

To mitigate the delay, Mr Reddy said, the Supreme Court in the case of Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency P. Ltd versus Central Bureau of Investigation, had directed that in all cases where records of the trial courts are summoned, the trial courts may send photocopy or scanned copy of the record and retain the original so that the proceedings are not held up.

He said that despite the top court's direction, there is no improvement in this regard.

In another case the Supreme Court ruled that in cases where specifically the original record is required and the photocopy will not serve the purpose, the appellate court may call for the record only for perusal and the same be returned while keeping a photocopy or scanned copy.

Mr Kontham Goverdhan Reddy, who practises in the High Court, said that

■ The data from e-courts shows that most of the time is spent in the LCR/R and P (Lower Courts Records - Records and Proceedings) stage.

■ Lawyers are of the opinion that the appellate court should find a way to not hold up court proceedings in appellate courts.

■ Mr Kontham Goverdhan Reddy, who practises in the High Court, said that there were no rules laid down to forward the records by a trial court for the possibility of appeal.



Civil cases take nearly five years on an average: Data

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

According to data from e-courts and DAKSH, a civil society organisation, a civil case takes an average of three to five years to be disposed of at the appeal stage. Admission and denial by higher courts takes an average of four months, after which notices or summons are

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He pointed out, "when the directions come from the higher courts, the concerned lower court staff puts it aside. With the work load or for any other reason, they neglect it until someone related to the case perceived the file."

Mr Goverdhan Reddy said that this is a specific issue which must be considered to speed up the disposal of cases.

Gram farmers in dire straits

RAVINDRA SESHU | DC
KHAMMAM, OCT. 7

Farmers who raised green gram are left in the lurch as marketing officials are not purchasing the produce from them. Farmers have another 15,000 quintals in their possession and are appealing that it be purchased.

Officials stopped purchasing green gram after completing their target. The Centre had declared

₹7,050 per quintal as minimum support price (MSP) for green gram. The state government fixed the target of lifting 10,500 quintals from farmers. Marketing officials lifted 5,700 quintals in the Wyra market, 4,100 quintals in the Khammam market and 500 quintals in Nelakondapalli.

Farmers have another 10,000 quintals with them. Private traders are trying to push down the prices of

green gram to ₹4,000 and ₹5,000 per quintal. Mr M. Mallajiah, a farmer from Tallada, said, "It is unjust to lift low quantities of green gram. We appeal to start lifting by increasing the target." Green gram was raised over 17,000 acres in the district and farmers achieved good yields this year because of good rains. Fifty per cent of the farmers sold their produce to private traders at less than MSP.

Adivasis oppose Ravana Dahan

PILLALAMARRI
SRINIVAS | DC
ADILABAD, OCT. 7

Adivasis for the first time are submitting memoranda to police officials requesting them not to allow 'Ravana Dahan' (the burning of the effigy of Ravana) on the occasion of Dasara since he is their god and they worship him.

Adivasis consider Ravan as their moola virat and king. There are temples to Lord Ravana in Central India, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. Adivasis say that they are Dravidians and follow Dravidian culture.

They point out that the symbol of the bison horn was found in the ancient Harappa civilisation and Adivasis wear bison horns as headgear during festivals.

Burning effigies of Ravana is insulting them and hurting their sentiments, Adivasi leaders say. Leaders of the Gondwana Panchayat Raj Centres submitted a memorandum to the local revenue and police officials. Utanoor revenue development officer Vinod Kumar and Utanoor deputy superintendent of police David held talks with the Hindu Ustava Samiti that is preparing for Ravana dahan and the leader of the Gondi

Dharma who oppose this ritual.

The RDO asked both the groups to maintain peace and to have mutual respect for each others' religious sentiments.

A team of Adivasi leaders led by old Adilabad Zilla Sarimedi Mesram Durgu also submitted a memorandum to the Utanoor police and the RDO requesting that Ravan Dahan not be allowed in their Shivakali temple near the historical Gondi king's fort.

The Adivasis allege that Ravana dahan has been recently introduced in Utanoor and is being observed for only the past five years.

Gondwana Gondi Maha Sabha leader Sidam Arju said that Adivasis are not Hindus but are followers of the Gondi Dharma of 'Pahandi Parikopar Lingo'.

He said they have been demanding that the Centre create an option for 'Gondi dharma' under the religion column in official forms and alleged that they had been forced to state their religion as 'Hindu' since there was no option for Gondi dharma in the Census.

Sidam Arju said they are trying to protect and preserve their indigenous culture and traditions and reject the influence of other religions on them.

BURIAL SPACES IN CITY SET TO GET COSTLIER

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Getting space for burials in Hyderabad within your budget is not easy given the increase in population and the shrinking of graveyard land. Custodians of graveyards can demand ₹1 lakh for providing space for a grave.

As the city began expanding, the grounds for graveyards began to get scarce as the land was appropriated for building. The practice of erecting structures on graves as a kind of memorial that would make it permanent has disappeared since it is no longer allowed.

With all the space allotted being used up, it's become very difficult to find a place for burial and the time-honoured Indian practice of greasing palms has to be resorted to in order to get permission to dig a grave.

Worse hit are the posh localities in the city where people have quite a run-around to find just 10 yards of space in a graveyard.

Many graveyards reserve space only for local residents.

Custodians of Muslim graveyards are demanding money - a minimum of ₹2,000, going up to ₹25,000 in some.

Charges for burial in graveyards that are attached to a Dargah are very high. The amount escalates if you choose a place near the shrine and can be as high as ₹1 lakh in some places.

Mohammed Iftaqr, a Wakf activist, says that though the chairman of the Wakf Board, Mohammed Saleem, has warned the mutawallis and managing committees against taking money, the practice continues.

■ A WAKF ACTIVIST says that people who are in grief at such as a time, do not want to waste time arguing with the custodians.

DASARA | VACATION Boat operators are still getting calls enquiring about booking tickets

No boat rides in Srisaillam, Nagarjunasagar

SAMPAT G.
SAMARITAN | DC
VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 7

A good number of holiday-makers are a disappointed lot this Dasara vacation as they are unable to enjoy boat rides following suspension of operation of state-run and private boats for the last three weeks in the state.

Soon after tragic capsizing of a private tourist boat at Katchuluru of Devipatnam mandal in

East Godavari on September 15, the state government imposed a blanket ban on operation of all tourist boats across AP.

APTDC and private boat operators generally make good money during Dasara vacation. A large number of holidaymakers, from AP, Telangana and other South Indian states, prefer to take a boat ride and also visit popular tourist destinations like Srisaillam, Nagarjuna-

■ OPERATORS ARE now pinning hopes on the revenue they expect from the increased tourist footfall during Karthika Masam.

■ SOME HOLIDAY-MAKERS are upset at the state government for the blanket ban on boats.

sagar, Bhavani Islands, Papikonda, Hope Island, Rushikonda Beach etc during the festive season. However, this year has not been the same due to the blanket ban on tourist boats.

While APTDC earns ₹1.5

crore to ₹2 crore per month from its fleet of boats, the revenue doubles during Dasara vacation, and reaches ₹2.5 crore to ₹3 crore per month. Private boat operator too earn good revenue during the holidays. Now, with no

boat is being operated, holidaymakers are a disappointed lot and there does not seem to be an alternative on the horizon.

Both APTDC and private boat operators are receiving hundreds of calls from holidaymakers, enquiring about booking tickets. The operators are unable to respond to their calls as uncertainty prevails over how long the state government will keep the ban in place.

S. Anil Kumar, a IT pro-

fessional from Hyderabad said, "We wonder as to how long it will take for the government to allow boat operations to resume at tourist destinations. We are forced to look for other destinations to spend our holidays."

A similar view was echoed by a large number of holidaymakers. A senior official from APTDC said, "We are ready to resume our boat operations as soon as the government lifts the ban,"





Women angry

MLA U. Sridevi demands action against TD activists for their objectionable posts, asks if Naidu has any women family members



If my status supports the cause of early detection of breast cancer, I am all for it

— P.V. Sindhu
World badminton champion

SHORT TAKES

Scholar to present paper in Portugal

Hyderabad: Mohammed Shameem P., a PhD scholar with the School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, will present a paper, 'Emprising Revival of Telangana Power Sector: Analysis from an Indian state' at the 4th Annual APEEN Conference on Energy Demand-Side Management and Electricity Markets. The conference is being organised by the department of management and economics and GAPEER, in association with the International Association of Energy Economics, at the University of Beira Interior, Covilhã, Portugal, on October 17 and 18. Mr Shameem is working under the guidance of Dr Krishna Reddy Chittedi, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad.

TRAFFIC CURBS AT TANK BUND FOR 4 DAYS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

In view of the immersion of Durga idols at the Hussainsagar, the police has imposed traffic restrictions on Tank Bund for four days from Tuesday. The restrictions begin at 6 pm on October 8 and last till the conclusion of immersion on October 12.

Traffic from Secunderabad towards Tank Bund will be diverted at Sailing Club via Kavadi Guda, Lower Tank Bund and Kattamaisamma temple.

Traffic from Liberty and Telugu Talli Junctions going to Secunderabad side via Tank Bund will be allowed on the right flank of the road.

SHEPHERD ENDS LIFE AFTER DENIED ADVANCE

DC CORRESPONDENT KOTHAGUDEM, OCT. 7

A shepherd committed suicide on Monday after his employer refused to give him festival advance to celebrate Dasara.

According to sources, 22-year-old Bhukya Vasanth was working at a sheep farmer for the salary of ₹40,000 per year. After his employer refused to give me the festival advance, Vasanth bought a pesticide bottle from the market and consumed it.

When he was found by his relatives, he was dead and his mouth contained the traces of froth.

POPULAR | BRAND ■ Drug continues to be sold at retail pharmacies

Recall fails to affect ranitidine

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 5

Over-the-counter sales of ranitidine remain high as it is one of the fastest-moving medicines for controlling acidity. This is despite it being recalled from the market by major pharmaceutical companies due to traces of carcinogens being found in some ranitidine samples. It is stated its distribution at the wholesale level has been stopped.

The Food and Drug Administration of US had issued a warning against the use of ranitidine, a widely prescribed antacid. Following this, the Telangana Drug Control Authority also issued an advisory against prescription of this medicine.

But those who have old prescriptions and regularly use ranitidine have not stopped buying this drug, as

■ **THE US FOOD** and Drug Administration had issued a warning against the use of ranitidine, a widely prescribed antacid.

■ **THOSE WHO** have old prescriptions and regularly use ranitidine have not stopped buying this drug, as they are unaware of its harmful effects.

R. Gupta, a pharmacist said, "Ranitidine is not an over-the-counter drug. But it has become one as people use the same prescription again and again to buy the medicine."

"It is a widely used product and has been in the market for the last 20 years. The impurity is a cause of concern. But the medicine is

■ **FOLLOWING THIS**, the Telangana Drug Control Authority issued an advisory against prescription of this medicine.

The movement of ranitidine stocks worth crores of rupees has been stopped from the depot level. But the drug is still available with retailers. A senior drug controller

said, "We are checking various batches of ranitidine. Those that have no impurity will be considered and action will be taken accordingly."

Sources in pharmaceutical industry say impurities limited to a few batches are due to a lapse in the good manufacturing process. There is a need to have stricter checks to ensure that end products are flawless.

Another senior member of the drug control department explained, "We have been constantly getting negative inputs from Indian pharmaceutical companies. The branded generics having a good market share though there has been a sustained campaign against them in the West. As this is a very sensitive issue, we need to check and verify various batches, and that is a time-consuming process."

HMDA dusts off land pooling plan for city

Seeks to focus on Mokila, Dundigal, Keesara, Pratap Singaram

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Two years after it announced its land pooling scheme, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) will develop about 600 acres on the city's outskirts, at Mokila, Dundigal, Keesara and Pratap Singaram. The notification is expected in a couple of weeks and the land will be developed on par with the plots at Uppal Bhagat which were auctioned recently.

The developed plots will be shared between the landowners and the HMDA equally. Each reconstituted plot is guaranteed to have a minimum of 30-feet wide developed road, mandatory open spaces and other amenities.

The HMDA had earlier appealed to farmers and owners with a contiguous block of 50 acres of land to partner with HMDA.

Farmers or owners with small portions of land could form groups and partner with HMDA under the land pooling scheme. This proposal got a lukewarm response and was dropped.

After the success of the Uppal Bhagat auctions, the HMDA proposes to pool at least 150 acres of land in four areas to mop up over ₹1,000 crore and has decided to issue a fresh notification in two weeks.

A senior HMDA official on condition of anonymity told *Deccan Chronicle* that the municipal authority had identified locations at Mokila, Dundigal, Keesara and Pratap Singaram. The HMDA will serve as a facilitator and

TDR bank may begin on Oct. 15

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has decided to launch a software tool that links the building plan permission application with the property tax assessment service to reduce the time in issuing the occupancy certificate besides ensuring transparency in the system.

This apart, the corporation is setting up a transfer of development rights (TDR) bank to facilitate easy transaction between buyers and sellers. The TDR bank is likely to be launched on October 15, said GHMC commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar on Monday.

The TDR is given for a certain additional built-up area in lieu of the area relinquished or surrendered by the land owner to the GHMC. The land owner can use the extra built-up area or transfer it to another person for a sum. There

provide infrastructure, including roads, water supply, drainage, electricity, open spaces, community service area and proportionately share the developed plots with owners.

The official said that the cost of planning and providing infrastructure was

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were not many takers for TDR certificates as it was found to be unattractive by those who had to give up land for road widening and other projects. Government therefore is relaxing the rules to create a demand for TDR. Issuing TDRs reduces the burden on civic bodies as it is given in lieu of compensation which could run into a few hundred crore rupees.

Mr Kumar said that following the instructions of municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao, the corporation has taken measures to increase revenue. On the condition of roads, he said that the civic body had started filling potholes and major repairs will be taken up once the rains stop by the end of October.

covered by the land contributed by each land owner.

If a farmer gives 50 acres of land, depending on the topography, a fully developed plot is created and HMDA and the farmer will share the area equally, he explained.

The official said that

KTR: LAW SHOULD PROMISE DIGITAL HOUSE NUMBERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Municipal administration and information technology minister K.T. Rama Rao on Monday underlined that rules under the new Municipal Act be simplified, so that people could easily access various amenities.

At a meeting he held with the town planning officials, the municipal administration minister said multiple access points should be made available to people, like MeeSeva, mobile apps, kiosks and websites of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), so that they can quickly get the various permissions required from authorities.

The minister said the need for general public to physically interact with officials should be minimal. The meeting decided to have a comprehensive master plan for each urban local body, QR-based digital door numbering and a uniform call centre number for all municipal queries pertaining to the new Act.

HMDA's share of developed land will be e-auctioned as was done at Uppal Bhagat. Through the current bidding the municipal authority is confident of getting over ₹1,000 crore which is supposed to be used for developmental activities in the city.

Mightier nature



A tree gets uprooted after heavy rains near Fever Hospital at Nallakunta in the city on Sunday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

Rains loosen soil, uproot 20 trees in city in 2 days

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Twenty trees have been uprooted so far in the rains that wreaked havoc in the city this month, snapping power lines and causing long outage of power supply at Yarpal, Alwal, AOC, Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills.

The trees were uprooted because the continuous rains for two days on October 4 and 5 led to loosening of the soil. In the open areas of AOC, trees fell on the roads and traffic was disrupted for a few hours. Army personnel cleared the roads and the trees and their branches were placed on the side of the roads.

The major work of the

disaster relief team of the GHMC in the September and October rains has been to remove huge trees which have fallen on the roads, electric poles and also cars. Trees have fallen in city areas on cars as they were parked below the tree.

Mr V.J. Phani who had a Swift car parked outside the compound wall in Banjara Hills in the shade of a tree, saw it badly damaged as a big branch fell on it. He said, "It is very unfortunate that huge trees are giving way. While insurance will help us to recover the damages to the car, raising such huge trees takes a lot of time."

The roots of a huge tree gave way and brought down not only the tree,

but also the compound wall. Horticulturist Jyoti Srinivas explained, "The downpour was continuous and incessant, not allowing the water to flow away. In many low lying areas, the tree barks and roots were submerged in water for more than 24 hours and this is one of the reasons for them to give away. Most trees that fell in September and October were healthy ones."

Pruning of trees is mostly done in May as it is to protect the tree from winds. But with these post-monsoon rains there is now a need to relook into how the base of the trees must be protected so that the chances of uprooting are minimised.

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Mahatma tech

Special chief secretary B.P. Acharya inaugurates Mahatma Memorial Computer Lab to ensure that the people are equipped with new technology



We stand with TSRTC staff but government is removing them

— N. Ramchander Rao
BJP MLCA

Law must ensure digital health records stay secret

The Centre has been working on a health care act for more than four years

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

61% of apps tested shared data

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

With the increase in breaches on health apps, cyber security experts have raised concerns over the protection of health records and the data of individuals. Recently, women's menstruation-tracking app Maya has come under scrutiny for sharing confidential information and experts point out that some of the diagnostic centres also went online, sharing medical reports of users.

It might become an easy target for hackers to cash in on the black market. It is need of the hour to bring the Digital Information Security in Healthcare Act (DISHA) which is in the draft stage into implementation to curb any future cyber attacks, stated cyber security experts.

There are many digital healthcare platforms through which people can download an application, book an appointment, talk to doctors and store medical records like blood reports, MRI and CT scans and others.

Mr Sai Krishna, chairman of Global Cyber Security Forum said, "Usually these are run by people who don't have any diagnostic centre. They will make a deal with a diagnostic centre and approach people with discounts. After downloading the applications, when a customer approaches for any check up, s/he will be directed to a nearby diagnostic centre and sometimes reports will be sent online".

A menstruation tracking app called Maya has reportedly shared its information with social networking giant Facebook, according to research carried out by Privacy International.

Every single interaction between you and the app, such as when you open it, whether you have protected or unprotected sex, your period cycles, contraceptive pill use, how you're feeling, and whether you have acne or breast tenderness, can be transferred to Facebook and become public knowledge.

Women use such apps for a range of purposes, from tracking their peri-

od cycles to maximising their chances of conceiving a child.

On the Google Play store, Maya, owned by India-based Plackal Tech, has more than 5 million downloads, according to Buzzfeed News.

Out of the 36 apps the Britain-based privacy watchdog tested, 61 per cent were found to be automatically transferring data to Facebook the moment the user opens the app.

This happens whether the user has a Facebook account or not, and whether logged onto Facebook or not.

"We also found that some of those apps routinely send Facebook incredibly detailed and

sometimes sensitive personal data. Again, it didn't matter if people were logged out of Facebook or didn't have an account," the report said.

According to the research there is a reason why advertisers are so interested in your mood; understanding when a person is in a vulnerable state of mind means she can be strategically targeted.

Knowing when a teenager is feeling low means an advertiser might try and sell him a food supplement that is supposed to make him feel strong and focused. Understanding people's mood is an entry point for manipulating them. And that is all the more worrying in an age when

Facebook is having so much impact on our democracies, as the Cambridge Analytica scandal revealed.

In an email conversation with this newspaper, a Maya app representative denied the report: "Reports of Maya leaking user data or breaching it for commercial reasons are absolutely false, baseless and very very inaccurate."

"They are also one-sided and sensational. Like most apps, websites, we also use analytics and email tools like Google, Clevertap, Facebook Analytics and many more. Every website, app and platform uses analytics to improve user personalisation and experience."

Unfortunately, in India, there is no law that protects health records. The government has been working on a health care act called DISHA for more than four years. This law will help in the protection of health data by imposing strict restrictions. It will lay out a standardisation mechanism. Otherwise, there is no law for protecting the health care data and diagnostic centres.

As per the draft of the DISHA Act, the digital health data generated, collected, stored or transmitted shall be owned by the individual whose health data has been digitised.

An owner shall have the right to privacy, confidentiality and security of their digital health data, which may be collected, stored and transmitted in such form and manner as may be prescribed under this act.

A person or an entity committing a serious breach of digital health information shall be liable to pay damages by way of compensation to the owner of the digital health data in relation to

which the breach took place. "As long as they don't have standard guidelines/frameworks, they avoid investing in protecting data. Most mobile healthcare applications do not have proper protection. As there are no guidelines from the government, we can't even question them," explained Mr Krishna.

Explaining further, he said, "For example, if a cancer drug manufacturer wants to know about the statistics of a particular area, like how many in that area are affected by cancer, what type of cancer and other specific details of the patients, to target the launch his product, to identify people suffering with cancer,

he can directly buy the data from hospitals and access the contacts of those suffering. Subsequently they can directly target these patients according to their needs by approaching them, offering discounts."

If there is no proper protection, cybercrooks might target these applications and cash them by selling the data in black market.

Even health records in hospitals don't have protection.

For commercial purposes, this data can be sold to medical manufacturing companies, pharmaceuticals and social media, so that they can target them with multiple advertisements.

BRIEF

CITY WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE IN USA

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD OCT. 7

A 38-year-old married woman from Hyderabad was found dead in suspicious circumstances in her house in North Carolina in the United States on October 4.

According to a complaint from her father Gajam Krishnaiah, a resident of Sainagar, Nagole with LB Nagar police, Gajam Vanitha, 38, married Rachakonda Shiva Kumar about 15 years ago. The couple has two children.

Reportedly the couple had some marital disputes for several years. In June, Vanitha went to the USA to live with her husband. On Sunday, her father was informed by his relatives that his daughter had committed suicide by consuming some tablets on Friday.

Vanitha's parents alleged that she was not allowed to call her parents as her husband restricted her from doing so. They alleged that their daughter had committed suicide due to the harassment and torture of her husband and in-laws.

WIFE OF MAN IN KUWAIT SEEKS GOVT HELP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Chityala Sunanda, wife of Chityala Rajesh, a migrant from Jagtial stranded in Kuwait, approached Jagtial District Collector A. Sharath on Monday seeking government's intervention in getting him back to the country.

She alleged that Rajesh, who migrated to Kuwait in June 2016 in search of livelihood, was living in inhuman conditions without proper food. He was being made to work for more than 14 hours a day and also subject to physical abuse.

Sunanda said Rajesh was working as car driver of Faleh Kamees Sulwarab Al Ajmi, who was not even providing her husband annual leave despite completing three years of duty. She sought government's help in ensuring that Rajesh returns to India.

■ THE WIFE alleged that Rajesh, who migrated to Kuwait in June 2016 in search of livelihood, was living in inhuman conditions without proper food.

Keeping the faith



Custodian of Dargah Hazrath Mahboob-E-Subhani Shaikh Abdul Khader Jeelani (Baghdad Shareef) Shaikh Syed Khaled Mansooruddin Al Gilani visits the Jamia Nizamia in Hyderabad on Monday. —P. SURENDRA

TMREIS rejects link with NGO collecting donations

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society has disassociated itself from Salamah, a city-based NGO that has been collecting donations stating it would provide copies of the Quran, Arabic primer and life of the Prophet, prayer mats, and head scarves for girls.

TMREIS secretary B. Shafulullah said he was not aware of any such NGO, which has started the project in the name of the society. He maintained that TMREIS has no association with Salamah or any other organisation to distribute any articles.

He clarified that parents themselves provide the holy Quran and other religious books to their wards. "We are contemplating to take legal action against the organisation if it is found collecting amounts

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in the name of TMREIS," Mr Shafulullah stated.

Meanwhile, the NGO has prepared an estimate of ₹1.51 crore for providing these materials and has also printed a brochure seeking donations from the general public. It is also depicting the emblem of TMREIS without intimating and getting prior permission from the society.

The brochure being circulated says 56,000 Muslim boys and girls have access to free boarding, lodging and education up to junior college level. However, owing to their secular nature, there is lack of organisation for Islamic knowledge among Muslim students. The NGO claimed that

basic texts, such as Noorani Qaida (Arabic primer) are not made available to students, nor do they have copies of the Quran or prayer mats. Muslim girls also do not have head scarves, it claims. It thus contemplates to provide 10,000 Noorani Qaida, 50,000 holy Quran copies, 200 prayer mats, 20,000 books on the life of Prophet and 25,000 head scarves for girls.

Mr Nazimuddin Farooqi, one of the promoters of Salamah, said before launching the project, they contacted community organisations and requested them to take up the project of providing holy Quran and other religious books to inmates of residential and other government schools. But no one came forward. They thus took up the responsibility of supplying copies of the holy Quran and prayer mats, along with Noorani Qaida and head scarves.

HC: No bail for former Airman

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The Telangana High Court has refused bail to former Indian Air Force employee G. Raj Shekar Reddy, who has been in jail since October 2016 for allegedly manufacturing and distributing amphetamine, a psychotropic substance.

Justice Ghandikota Sri Devi said the court was not inclined to grant bail taking into consideration the serious nature of allegations and the gravity of his offence despite being an IAF officer. The court said no changed circumstances had cropped up since the earlier bail applications were rejected.

Raj Shekar Reddy is accused of manufacturing amphetamine by establishing a unit in rented premises at Vayupuri, Secunderabad. He was

charged with offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and IPC Section 464.

He was arrested on October 4, 2016, by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and has been in jail since. Before he was taken into custody, two of his aides were caught with 231.015 kg of amphetamine. Following their interrogation, the NCB arrested Raj Shekar Reddy. The NCB seized additional 9.1 kg of amphetamine in his manufacturing unit.

Raj Shekar Reddy's counsel said his client had been implicated based on the statement of co-accused and there was no proof. He said one of the co-accused had been granted bail.

NCB counsel said if Raj Shekar Reddy was released on bail, he may flee to another state and indulge in similar crimes.

GHMC GARBAGE COLLECTOR STEALS MOBILE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

A GHMC garbage collector was on Monday arrested for stealing a mobile from a house on the pretext of collecting garbage.

Malkajgiri police said Mekala Babu, 24, entered the house of M. Shilpika, a housewife, for collecting garbage. While doing so, he saw a mobile lying there and stole it.

Finding the mobile missing, Shilpika lodged a complaint with the police. They booked a case and following investigation nabbed the accused for theft.

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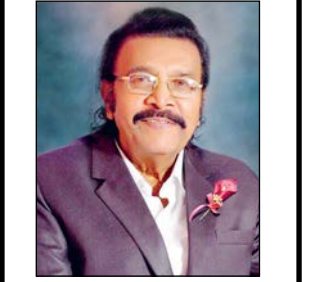
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ONE MONTH REMEMBRANCE

"I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever" Ps. 23:6



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Mom - "You are missed each & every day, for you were some one special who meant more than words can say." We Love You
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8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"They can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection." - Luke 20:36



CH. MANIKYA
DOB: 03-03-1960 DOD: 08-10-2011
For every flower that I place on your grave, I think of all those things you did to make my life as beautiful and fragrant as a bed of flowers.
We Miss you.
Inserted by: Vijay Kumar K. (Son-in-Law)
Priyadarshini K. (Daughter)
James & John (Grand Sons) Ph: 9572202258
(S/1920/D01012)

10th ANNIVERSARY

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. (Psalm 116:15)



Late M. MOSES
Retd. Dy. Director of TRG (A.T.I.)
D.O.D: 8-10-2009
Inserted by:
Mrs. Yeshoda Moses
Sons & Daughter
9399976735, 7013942416
(S/1920/D01011)

14th ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. VEESAMSETTY DATTATREYA KUMARI (Expired on 12th Oct. 2005. (Dassera)
Inserted by:
Veesamsetty Krishna Murthy (Husband)
Bhargavi (Daughter) Vikram (Son-in-law)
Jaikrit (Grandson) Sai Krithik (Grandson)
Ph: 9889448118
Sri Anantha Lakshmi Hardware & Paint store and B.Party Items, General Bazar, Secunderabad.
(S/1920/D01046)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance Ps 112:6



D.S. JULIANA ALEXANDER
W/o. N.S. Alexander
Retd. Teacher of St. Francis High School, Sec'bad.
We still remember your values & comfort words towards everyone!
We Miss You!
Sons, Daughters-in-law, Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grand Children
(S/1920/D01007)

SHRADDHANJALI
Mrs. NIMISHA MISHRA
Passed away on Saturday, 5th October 2019
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2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In ever loving memory of
BENOJ KURIAKOSE
03-09-1966 - 08-10-2017
Your memories, love and blessings remind us of your presence in every moment of our lives.
Inserted by: Loving family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Smt. Pratibha Rani Srivastava
Expired on: 19th July 2017
Maa apki yaadain har pal hamare saath hai, apse bhichadne ka gam hamesha hai, apki khushboo se mahoke hai har ghar aagan, hamari saans mai apka pyaar hai, sap hum per apni ashish banaye rakha.
Inserted by: Daughters, Son-in-Laws & Srivastava Family

10th DAY CEREMONY
Late JANGALA VIJAYALAXMI
DOB: 6-2-1947 DOD: 29-9-2019
Inserted by:
Husband: J.P. Krishna
Sons - Daughters-in-law
Daughters - Sons-in-law
Grand Children
And Jangala Family Members.
Place: Date: 9-10-2019, 1.00 p.m. at Mudiraj Bhavan, Opp. Gandhinagar P.S., Boguda, Sec'bad.
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Praise the Lord 5th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
PULLELA MURALI MOHAN, IPS
Addl. D.G.P (Madhya Pradesh)
D.O.D: 08-10-2014
Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you, because you are my followers. Be happy and glad for a great REWARD is kept for you in HEAVEN.
Matthew 5:11,12
Love You and Miss You... Aaaa

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Late MALLELA SAI CHAITANYA
DOB: 10-10-1990 DOD: 08-10-2013
"Your memories are always in our hearts for ever"
Inserted by: Father - M. GOPAL
Mother - M. JAYA and FAMILY MEMBERS
Sree Venkata Sai Engineering Works
Auto Nagar, Vanastalipuram

80th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Smt. M.R. KRISHNA VENI
D.O.B: 8-10-1939 D.O.D: 18.1.2019
To our dearest mother in heaven with lots of love on your birthday from all of us on earth. We cherish your sweet memories and miss you always.
Daughters - Sons-in-law
Sons - Daughters-in-law and Grand Children

7th ANNIVERSARY
Late Smt. T. YASHODABAI YADAV
Age: 96 Yrs W/o Late Tulsiaram Yadav
DOD: 9-10-2012 APSRTC Retd. Driver
Your memories are always in our hearts.
Inserted by: Smt & Sri T. Servan Yadav
Smt & Sri T. Shankarlal Yadav
Smt & Sri S. Rajesh Yadav
Smt & Sri S. Raithan Yadav
Grand Children, Great Grand Children & BITOLIA FAMILY. Ph: 9883609098

22nd ANNIVERSARY
ISRAEL (M.S. ALI)
DOB: 22-10-1951 DOD: 08-10-1997
You will be always be in our hearts because, in there you're still alive.
Inserted by: Family Members
(S/1920/D01008)

41th ANNIVERSARY SHRADDHANJALI
Late Sri Saike Nagender Rao
REMEMBRANCE
Salike Sulochana & Family
Mahaveer Poly Plast



Stash data

Kishan Reddy says India received first tranche of Swiss banks details which involve residents under automatic exchange of information deal

Strike isn't illegal, argue RTC staff

Say most staff fail to resume duty despite sacking threat; demand talks with management

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The Joint Action Committee (TSRTC JAC) of the employees unions of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation have come down heavily on the decision of the state government to ignore their demands, which includes merging of RTC into the government.

RTC JAC convenor Ashvathama Reddy, S. Babu, president and K Raji Reddy, general secretary of TSRTC employees union, Hanumanth Mudiraj, convenor of the Telangana Jathiya Mazdoor Union, and others have said that they will not back off and demanded that the government should call them for talks.

"We believe in the judiciary. In the past, the court has given a fitting reply to Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao in the case of Errum Manzil and Bison Polo ground. Removing over 45,000 employees with the stroke of a pen and leaving their families on the road, is that a decision for the welfare of the people or to satisfy one's ego?" asked one of the employees.

It has become TSRTC employees versus the state government and the employees are questioning the Chief Minister's intervention as the matter is still in court and sub judice. Salaries of thousands of employees who went on strike were halted in the festive month of Dasara. Rendering 45,000 workers jobless will be felt by lakhs of people in the state.

The employees are still firm on their stand and are demanding that the government fulfil their demands. About 99.70 per cent of employees have not turned up for work since the strike started. On the third day of the RTC employees strike, meanwhile, 11,000 buses were on the roads, which includes, RTC buses, buses of educational institutions, and private buses.

South Central Railways ran MMTS additional services in the city, while Hyderabad Metro increased its frequency, according to officials. Though buses were running, occupancy was low and major bus stations such as Jubilee Bus Station, Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station at Imlibun had few waiting passengers.



Private buses make money by running alternative bus services from Hyderabad to different locations following an indefinite strike by TSRTC workers unions. —

Opp. criticises KCR, backs unions

AVINASH PUJARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 6

The BJP alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao was eyeing the RTC's valuable lands, the Congress said the government's ₹2 per litre VAT on diesel was burdening the RTC and driving it into losses.

The CPI said it would hold a meeting in the next couple of days to decide on its alliance with the TRS for the Huzurnagar byelection. This was the fall out of Mr Rao firmly refusing to negotiate with striking employees and denying their main demand of the RTC merger with the government.

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take action against striking workers. "KCR is conspiring to privatise the RTC," he said.

BJP spokesperson Krishna Saagar Rao said, "There's a well-thought-out plan. TSRTC has very valuable assets in the form of high-value land across the state. The decision to dismiss almost all RTC employees is only optics. It's to create fear and uncertainty amongst the employees and bring division within the unions. It's certain that KCR will eventually propose a merger and make it look like he is heeding to the demands of the employees."

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the party may review its decision following the government's stand on the RTC strikers.

CPI state secretary C. Venkat Reddy said, "supporting the TRS is a political decision but we support the employees as the CPI is a labour-oriented party. Hundreds of CPI members supporting the RTC employees have been arrested across the state."

Asked whether the CPI would withdraw support, Mr Reddy said, "We are observing the situation. In one or two days a meeting will be held if any decision would have to be taken by the party."

Congress leaders came forward and condemned the sacking of 48,000 RTC employees.

Congress Legislative Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka alleged that Mr Rao was conspiring to privatise the TSRTC by showing losses. He pointed out that the government was collecting Rs 2 VAT on each litre of diesel, which was a big burden on the RTC which con-

sumes 20 crore litres of diesel.

Addressing a protest by RTC employees at the Kamareddy bus depot on Monday, senior Congress leader Shabbir Ali said "KCR announced the decision as if he was the dictator of Telangana and he would punish anyone who refuses to listen to his orders." He said the government had not appointed even 48 employees in the RTC.

"His decision was insane and insensitive and will not be tolerated. RTC staff have a democratic right to protest and go on strike seeking fulfillment of their demands. The Congress will support RTC workers till their demands are met," Mr Shabbir Ali said.

Tollywood actor and Jana Sena chief Pavan Kalyan expressed concern over removal of 48,000 staff and extended support to the RTC employees. He appealed to the Chief Minister to sympathetically consider the demands of RTC employees.

DGCA: SECOND PILOT IN CRASHED PLANE HAD NO FLY PERMIT

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Aviation regulator DGCA has found that one of the two pilots on board the Cessna 172 aircraft, which fatally crashed at Vikarabad on Sunday, was not authorised to be in the plane, a senior official said on Monday.

After a preliminary probe, the regulator issued a show cause notice to the pilot training academy, Wings Aviation Private Limited, and barred its Deputy Chief Flight Instructor (Dy. CFI) Raunak Cyril from training, the official added.

The two pilots, Amanpreet Kaur and Prakash Vishal, died on Sunday afternoon when their aircraft crashed in Sultanpur in Vikarabad district amid heavy rains.

"Their flight was authorized by Cyril. As per the authorisation book entry, the flight was to be operated by Kaur only," the senior official of DGCA said.

"The presence of another pilot (Vishal) shows that Cyril failed to perform his duties as laid down in training and procedure manual of the academy. Therefore, he has been barred from functioning as Dy. CFI of the academy until further orders," the official added.

According to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Wings Aviation Private Limited has a licence to function as a flying training academy till October 26, 2020.

A senior pilot, on condition of anonymity, said, "The plane was going from east to west. Clouds were coming from the west. Due to this, the turbulence was very high. The Cessna is a light aircraft and when they come in contact with such turbulent weather conditions, mishaps can occur."

According to safety norms to be followed by pilots, there must be clear visibility of about five kilometres before take-off.

— Agencies

Dismissing of 48,000 RTC employees is undemocratic and unconstitutional

— Uttam Kumar Reddy
TPCC president

BRIEF

LIQUOR VENDORS SEEK STRIKE AGAINST RAIDS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Retail liquor vendors in Telangana are putting pressure on the State Retail Wine Merchants Association to declare a state-wide closure of liquor shops in protest against the 14 per cent licence fee for the extended licence period of one month, and also raids by the vigilance department on shops that are alleged to be selling liquor in excess of the MRP.

Several liquor vendors have closed shops themselves ahead of the profitable Dasara day to protest the vigilance raids in various parts of the state.

The vendors want to show their displeasure at the liquor policy and want to shut their shops in protest, but the Association said the liquor vendors cannot go on strike against the excise policy and the state government.

Mr Venkateswarlu, the president of the Association, told this correspondent that the state government has extended the licence period of liquor shops by one month and for the extension it has charged 14 per cent fee for that month.

He said the retail dealer is in deficit of around 8 per cent of sale in the month due to higher fees.

He said this is the cause of "heart burn" for the vendors. When extending the licence period for a month, excise authorities had orally permitted the retailers to collect price which is more than MRP. But now they are raiding the shops and booking cases against the retailers.

Mr Venkateswarlu said the Association will meet in a day or two to take a final call on the demand of the members of the Association.

WAKF BOARD TOLD NOT TO CREATE A ROW

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Reacting to the news on stoppage of certificates, the Anjuman-e-Qazat Telangana State, an association of qazis, warned the Wakf Board not to create unnecessary controversies.

Congress leaders too submitted a memorandum to the Wakf Board authorities requesting revival of the services to avoid difficulties to the needy.

Anjuman-e-Qazat president Qazi Meer Mohammed Quader Ali reacted sharply to the report and said that the act was an unnecessary complication that is lead to confusion among the general public.

He clarified that the Act recently passed by Parliament criminalises talaq-e-biddat or any other similar form of talaq having the effect of instantaneous and irrevocable divorce pronounced by a Muslim husband, while it is silent on the kind of divorce permissible in Shariah. It does not prohibit divorce on the initiation of the woman called 'khula'.

Mr Quader Ali also clarified that the Wakf Board does not issue any certificate on its own if the application is filed by only one of the conjugal partners. Such a certificate is issued only if the application is accompanied by confirmation certificate issued by any recognised qazis and after satisfying all verification in accordance with the prevailing laws of land and the shariah.

Meanwhile, a delegation of Congress leaders, led by Mr Osman bin Mohammed Al-Hajiri and Mr Mohammed Sohail Quadri, called on TS Wakf Board chairman Mohammed Saleem and submitted a representation requesting him to revive the process of issuing talaq and khula certificates as the general public was suffering.

RTC leaders' protest foiled

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Police on Monday took into custody TSRTC JAC convenor Ashvathama Reddy and 30 others who went to pay homage at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park in front of the State Legislative Assembly.

A huge police force was deployed at Gun Park, Dharna Chowk Park and all RTC union offices. Tension prevailed when a large number of RTC workers flocked to Gun Park and police took Ashvathama Reddy and others into custody.

Criticising their arrest, JAC leaders said it was a blatant violation of human rights. "Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao is behaving like an autocrat," one of them said. Employees who were detained were shifted to different police stations in the city and later released. Police maintained that it has not given any permis-



One of RTC union leaders is being arrested by police after they attempted to stage dharna at Gunpark on Sunday. — DC

CM: New employees will have to give an undertaking that they would not join unions.

Unions: Is that even legal? Why is the TRS running trade unions?

sion to conduct dharnas or protests. "We took the RTC leaders into custody as a precautionary measure and

released them on personal bond," a police official said.

Earlier, JAC leaders approached Central Zone DCP Vishwappasad for permission to go on a hunger strike to protest against the Chief Minister's decision to sack more than 48,000 workers. The permission was, however, denied.

Ashvathama Reddy said the JAC for now would postpone its protests and discuss its future plan of action.

CPM SUSPENDS ITS CANDIDATE FOR DEFECTIVE PAPERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

The Communist Party of India (Marxist)'s Telangana unit on Monday suspended its nominee for Huzurnagar byelection, Sekhar Rao, for filing defective nomination for one year from the party.

In view of the disqualification of the party nominee, the CPM state committee has decided to support the Telangana Praja Party candidate Sambasiva Goud in the byelection.

Speaking to media persons, CPM state secretary Tamminen Venkatesh said the party's state committee has taken a serious view of this.

He said the party has removed Ramulu from the post of the district secretary.

Though the Telugu Desam sought its support, the state committee has decided against supporting the TD candidate in the byelection.

AP CJ swears twice due to official's error

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 7

Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheswari was on Monday sworn in as the new Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan administered the oath to Justice Maheswari.

However, Justice Maheswari had to take the oath a second time following an error during the first oath.

An inadvertent mistake by the officials meant that the Mr Maheswari took oath as the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh instead of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

He later repeated the oath in the VIP room of the venue — Tumalappalli Kalakshetram.

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also attended the ceremony. It was Governor's special secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena who had noticed the error and arranged the second oath taking in the VIP room.

Before being sworn in as the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court, Mr Maheswari was a judge in Madhya Pradesh High Court.

While the High Court of the state had been functioning since January, Justice C. Praveen Kumar had been acting as the Chief Justice.



Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan presents a bouquet to new Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheswari after his oath taking ceremony on Monday in Vijayawada. — DC

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Welcome move

UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Monday said all will respect the Supreme Court's decision on the title suit over the 2.77 acre of disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land.



Gehlot has insulted Gujarat and its people by calling them drunkards

— Vijay Rupani Gujarat CM

Woman asked to dress properly

Bengaluru: In an incident of moral policing in Bengaluru, a video of a man purportedly seen castigating a woman in shorts asking her to wear "proper Indian dress", has gone viral. The undated video shows an unidentified man parking his vehicle by the roadside and scolding her in English for her dress sense whereas her male friend is defending her and reprimanding him for his unwanted advice.

NIA arrests NSCN-IM member

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a self-styled sergeant major of NSCN-IM group in connection with the killing of Arunachal Pradesh MLA Tirong Aboh in May this year, an official spokesman said here on Monday. The 37-year-old Elie Ketok was arrested on Sunday from Nagaland's Dimapur district by a joint team of the terror investigating agency and the Army, the spokesman said. He said the accused was a part of a killing team, and actually fired on Aboh and others on May 21 this year.

TALIBAN FREES THREE INDIAN HOSTAGES

Islamabad, Oct. 7: The Afghan Taliban said it has freed three Indian engineers held hostage for over a year in an exchange for securing the release of 11 of its members, including some high-ranking officials of the militant group, according to media reports on Monday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, two Taliban officials refused to say who the militant group exchanged the prisoners with and whether the freed Taliban members were being held by Afghan authorities or US forces in Afghanistan, The Express Tribune reported.

However, the Associated Press reported that the 11 militants were released from Afghan jails. The prisoner swap happened on Sunday, the paper quoted the Taliban officials as saying, but it did not disclose the location. Seven Indian engineers working for a power plant in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan Province were kidnapped in May 2018. One of the hostages was released in March. —PTI

CORPORATOR, FAMILY SHOT IN JALGAON

Mumbai, Oct. 7: Five persons, including a local Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) corporator and his family members, were shot dead around 9.30 pm in Jalgaon on Sunday. The accused ambushed the family of Ravindra Kharat with firearms and knives at their Bhusaval residence. They surrendered to the police following the incident and are being questioned in connection with the conspiracy.

The police said that apart from Kharat, the other deceased were identified as his brother Sunil (56), sons Premeasgar (26) and Rohit (25) and friend Sumit Phedre.

"The attackers killed two of the victims on the spot. We have detained some suspects who are being questioned," said superintendent of police Panjabrao Ugale. The officials at Bazarpath police station suspect that the attack was the outcome of a personal grudge, but other angles are being probed, the police said.

Kharat had a few cases registered against him and the possibility of political enmity ahead of the Assembly election has not been ruled out, police said.



A man cuts a tree branch at the construction site of a metro train parking shed at Aarey Colony, Mumbai, on Monday. Cutting of trees has been halted till October 21.

SC halts axe, Maha says Aarey job done

Free those held for protesting against cutting of trees: Court

PARMOD KUMAR I DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 7

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Maharashtra government not to cut any more trees in Aarey Milk Colony area of Mumbai. But its order came amid an admission by the Maharashtra government that whatever was required to be cut has already been done.

Aarey Colony is a contiguous part of the larger Sanjay Gandhi National Park and a part of it is being cleared by cutting 2,646 trees to create space for the construction of Mumbai metro rail shed.

"As undertaken, status quo be maintained till the next date of hearing with respect to cutting of trees", a special bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice Ashok Bhushan ordered. While passing the order, the bench took on record a statement by solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for Maharashtra government and the Mumbai

civic body, who said, "Whatever was to be cut has been cut," and added that "there will be no more cutting of trees." Since Friday, 2,141 trees have been cut.

The court also ordered the release, forthwith, of those arrested for protesting against the cutting of the trees.

Mr Mehta told the court that he had spoken with the Mumbai police commissioner and was informed that all those arrested for protesting against the cutting of trees have been released.

The order for status quo was given by the two-judge bench specially constituted after the apex court took suo motu (on its own) cognisance of a letter petition addressed to Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi by law student Rishav Ranjan seeking a stay on felling of trees in the colony. The apex court is on a week-long Dussehra break from Tuesday.

The letter was received by the CJ's office on

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Sunday and later in the evening it was directed to be listed for an urgent hearing.

The court on Monday permitted the students to file a formal petition relating to the issue.

Mr Mehta sought to defend the cutting of trees by saying that the entire area under forest cover is more than 3,000 acres and the area that is being cleared of trees is less than two per cent. But an unimpressed Justice Bhushan said, "Whether it is 1 per cent or 2 per cent is not relevant. The question is whether it can be done legally or not".

At the next hearing, set

for October 21, the court is likely to examine the legality of cutting of trees. The bench ordered status quo even as solicitor general Mehta repeatedly urged the court to record his statement that there would be no further cutting of trees but not pass status quo order.

Apparently displeased with Mr Mehta hammering against the status quo order, Justice Mishra said, "You can't dictate... you are making it very light."

Informing the court that the loss of trees would be made good by planting as many trees, Mr Mehta said that Mumbai Metro has already planted 2,900 trees. This was in pursuance to our order two years ago, Justice Mishra pointed out and sought a report on "how many of them are surviving today." "Submit the report," Justice Mishra said in response to Mr Mehta's statement that the survival rate is 95 per cent.

Cong-NCP promise loan waiver

BHAGWAN PARAB I DC MUMBAI, OCT. 7

Complete loan waiver for farmers, monthly unemployment allowance of ₹5,000 to the jobless and reserving 80 per cent of the jobs for locals... These are the major promises that the Congress-Nationalist Congress Party alliance has promised to fulfill if they come to power after the Assembly polls in the state.

The Congress and NCP, which are battling for survival against the might of the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena alliance, released their joint manifesto 'Shapathnama' on

Monday. The parties have resorted to 'please all' approach by targeting a wide range of issues, including indebtedness among farmers, youth unemployment, environment and urban and rural development.

In addition to the three major promises, the two parties have promised free education until graduation for students in government-run and government-aided colleges, and universal health insurance across the state.

Congress-NCP leaders reiterated their long-standing promise of providing 80 per cent jobs to 'sons of the soil'. "We

will reserve 80 per cent jobs in industries for locals. This will be implemented by bringing a required legislation," said Balasaheb Thorat, state Congress president.

State NCP chief Jayant Patil said that a blanket loan waiver would be given to farmers immediately after the Congress-NCP combine comes to power.

"We will focus on making agriculture a lucrative profession. To make this possible, all their debt will be waived off in the first four months. Increasing agricultural productivity and providing proper remuneration

for their produce will be our priority," said the manifesto.

The joint manifesto promised to implement a policy, whereby jobless youth across the state could receive a regular allowance of ₹5000.

"For 32,000 vacancies, the Maharashtra government has received 32 lakh applications, which shows that the unemployment rate is high," he said. The Assembly polls for 288-member Maharashtra legislature will take place on October 21. The counting of votes will take place on October 24. The term of the 13th Assembly ends on November 8.

Goons thrash old woman

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY I DC BHOPAL, OCT. 7

An old woman in a Madhya Pradesh town was brutally assaulted by members of a family "for not selling her land to them", police said on Monday.

A video showing the 65-year-old woman, a vegetable vendor, being beaten with sticks by family members of one Lakhon Upadhyaya in the local market has gone viral, prompting the police to register a case in connection with the incident.

According to the police, the victim, Benibai Kushwaha, was attacked by the same family members of Lakhon Upadhyaya with sticks in the market in district headquarters of Chhatrapur on Sunday afternoon for selling her lands to others, not to them. Benibai received bleeding injuries on her



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head and was rushed to the nearby hospital. Incidentally, no one dared to come to her rescue as the goons were showering blows on her. "Four people have been booked in connection with the incident", local police said.

A video showing the 65-year-old woman being beaten with sticks and rods by family members of one Lakhon Upadhyaya in the local market has gone viral.

Ahead of Modi-Xi meet, China refuses to budge on Kashmir

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI I DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 7

China has apparently conveyed to India that it "has not changed its position on the Kashmir issue" and that it wants the issue to be resolved in a peaceful manner bilaterally between India and Pakistan.

With both sides being in touch with each other in the past few days amid hectic diplomatic parleys, the decks have finally been cleared for the holding of the Second Informal Summit between PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at

Mahabalipuram (also known as Mamallapuram) near Chennai on October 11-12, with an official announcement by India expected by Tuesday. The delay in announcing the dates and venue of the meeting caused intense speculation about whether the meeting would be held.

Sino-Indian ties were strained following Beijing's support to Pakistan at the United Nations recently on the Kashmir issue after India abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated J&K State in early-August.

China was upset at the Indian Army holding exercises in Arunachal Pradesh,

which Beijing regards as part of its territory. India was unhappy with China backing Pakistan at the UN on the Kashmir issue and also with Beijing pushing for informal discussions on the Kashmir issue by the member-countries of the UN Security Council at the behest of Pakistan a few weeks ago.

As reported earlier by this newspaper, October 11 will see a walk-through by the two leaders on the beach where the famed ancient Shore Temple is located. The main informal summit will be on October 12. The two leaders are expected to discuss a range of issues.

PDP TEAM DEFERS VISIT TO PARTY CHIEF MEHBOOBA

YUSUF JAMEEL I DC SRINAGAR OCT. 7

A 10-member delegation of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) which was to visit its incarcerated president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti at a detention centre here on Monday has deferred the meeting. Sources said that the meeting was postponed as the dominant view in the party is that it could be "exploited" by the authorities as a sign of return of normalcy in the Valley.

The Governor's administration had granted permission for the meeting on Sunday evening. Earlier during that day, a National Conference (NC) delegation has met its president Farooq Abdullah and his son and party vice-president Omar Abdullah.

The PDP delegation that was to meet Ms. Mufti would have been led by the party's general secretary Ved Mahajan. PDP spokesperson Firdous Tak had said the party had requested Governor Satya Pal Malik to allow the meeting.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE No: 95 / 2019
Modification of Addendum No:-38/2019 dated: 25.09.2019 related to Important Notice for PWBBD candidates to Register themselves for Recruitment Examination to the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS - Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur
In continuation with the Advertisement No. 78/2018 dated 27.09.2018 published in leading newspapers and subsequent Notice No. 82/2018 dated 12.10.2018, Notice No.84/2018 dated 31.10.2018, Notice No.88/2018 dated 16.11.2018 and Notice No. 102/2018 dated 28.12.2018 regarding Recruitment Examination for the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS - Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna & Raipur the Competent Authority has decided to allow all categories of disabilities as mentioned in Section 32(1) of PWD Act 2016 including the acid attack victims under the reserved categories to apply for the posts of Nursing Officer, if eligible are provisionally allowed to appear for Recruitment Examination to the post of Nursing Officer for AIIMS, Bhopal, Jodhpur, Patna and Raipur.
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Birthday boy

Putin, who turns 67 on Monday, spent a mini-break in mountains above the Yenisei River in Siberia.

Turkey set to invade Syria

President Erdogan says operation in northern part can come at any moment



Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkish plans have Trump's blessing

Washington, Oct. 7: Donald Trump on Sunday gave his blessing to a Turkish operation targeting Kurdish militants in northern Syria, saying the United States will stand aside as Ankara launches its "long-planned" operation.



Donald Trump

The move marks a major shift in US policy, and effectively abandons an American ally in the battle against the so-called Islamic State group that took over swathes of Syria. "Turkey will soon be moving forward with its long-planned operation into Northern Syria," a White House statement issued late Sunday evening said.

The US president and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, also criticized "France, Germany, and other European nations" for what it said was their refusal to take back citizens detained in northern Syria. "Turkey will now be responsible for all ISIS fighters in the area captured over the past two years in the wake of the defeat of the territorial 'Caliphate' by the United States," the statement said. Erdogan and Trump agreed to meet in Washington next month.

Istanbul, Oct. 7: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Monday that his army was ready to launch operations against Kurdish militants in Syria at any moment following the US announcement that it would not stand in the way.

"There is a phrase that we always say: we can come any night without warning," Erdogan told reporters in televised remarks. "It is absolutely out of the question for us to further tolerate the threats from these terrorist groups," he said, referring to Kurdish militants.

The White House on Sunday said Turkey would "soon be moving forward with its long-planned operation" in northern Syria. It also said Turkey would be "responsible for all ISIS fighters in the area captured over the past two years," using an acronym for the Islamic State group.

Erdogan said he would work with European governments to deal with foreign Islamic State prisoners in the region.

"There are (IS prisoners) from France, Germany, other countries. They say 'We don't want to have control over them,'" Erdogan said. "We can't look after

them. What can be done about this? They are going to work on that and I instructed our colleagues to work on that too," he added.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) says a Turkish attack against them could reverse years of successful operations to defeat the Islamic State group and allow some of its surviving leaders to come out of hiding.

The SDF holds thousands of Islamic State fighters and their families in prisons and informal settlements across northern Syria. It has been a key US ally against the Islamic State group but is seen by Ankara as a "terrorist" offshoot of Kurdish insurgents inside Turkish territory. — AFP

2 charged in HK's new mask ban

Hong Kong, Oct. 7: Two protesters were charged Monday with violating Hong Kong's new ban on wearing masks at rallies, a move likely to add to a backlash that has thrown the semi-autonomous Chinese territory into deeper crisis.

An 18-year-old student and a 38-year-old unemployed woman were the first to be prosecuted under the ban, which came into force Saturday under sweeping emergency powers aimed at quashing violence in the protests for more democratic freedoms.

Detained early Saturday shortly after the ban took effect, the two were also charged with taking part in unlawful assembly, which carries a heavier penalty of up to five years in jail. A conviction under the mask ban is punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine. They were both released on bail pending trial.

Instead of deterring rioting and calming the anti-government demonstrations that have rocked the international financial hub for four months, the mask ban has led to more anger and redoubled the determination of both peaceful marchers and more radical protesters. — AFP

INTERNET CURBS LIKELY TO CHECK UNREST

Hong Kong, Oct. 7: Hong Kong's government may curb access to the internet in a bid to contain months of increasingly violent pro-democracy protests, a cabinet member told AFP on Monday, after an emergency-law ban on demonstrators wearing face masks failed to quell the unrest.

The warning came as the international financial hub remained partly paralysed from three days of protests in which the city's rail network and business outlets seen as pro-China were badly vandalised.

The protest were sparked by a proposed law that would have allowed some criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial, but have since morphed into a larger anti-government movement.

Protesters are upset at what they say are Beijing's increasing influence over the former British colony. — AFP



Boris never, ever gave me favoritism. I care about him deeply as a friend.

— Jennifer Arcuri
US businesswoman

10 killed in attack on Afghanistan bus

Jalalabad: At least 10 people were killed and 27 wounded Monday when a bomb hit a bus carrying army recruits in Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan, an official told AFP. A bomb had been left in a motorcycle that detonated as the bus passed, Nangarhar governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani said. "Unfortunately, 10 civilians including a child were killed and 27 were wounded in this incident," he said. It was not immediately clear how many army recruits had been wounded, or if they were being counted as civilians.

Journalist held for visa violations: Iran

Tehran: A Russian journalist arrested in Tehran last week was taken into custody over alleged visa violations, Iran's government spokesman said on Monday. Yulia Yuzik, 38, was apprehended at a hotel in the capital on Thursday, according to Russian media reports citing her ex-husband Boris Voitsekhevsky, who is also a journalist. At the time, a spokesman for the Russian embassy in Tehran said she was "accused of working for Israeli secret services". But Iran's government spokesman Ali Rabiee denied on Monday that she was held for alleged espionage. "As far as I know, the case is about this lady's crimes regarding visas and other crimes," Rabiee told a news conference in Tehran. "The case is not related to counter-espionage," he said in remarks aired live on state television, adding that "it is being dealt with swiftly".

Portugal Socialists win election

Lisbon: Portugal's incumbent Prime Minister Antonio Costa's Socialists won a general election marked by low turnout on Sunday after presiding over a period of solid economic growth following years of austerity. The Socialist Party (PS) took 36.65 percent of the vote, followed by the centre-right Social Democrats (PSD) with 27.9 percent, according to near total results from the interior ministry. That left the PS, which has governed for the past four years with the support of two smaller hard-left parties, with 106 seats in the 230-seat parliament, up from 86 seats in the outgoing assembly and just ten seats short of an outright majority. Four seats still must be attributed according to the results of votes cast abroad. The election bucks the trend of declining centre-left fortunes.

FAKE NEWS PANICS QUAKE VICTIMS

Jakarta, Oct. 7: Thousands of Indonesians are still in shelters nearly two weeks after a deadly earthquake sparked a stream of fake news and hoaxes warning that an even bigger disaster was looming, the government said Monday. The local government has declared a state of emergency until Wednesday, with nearly 135,000 people in evacuation shelters and tents. Many displaced people are too scared to return to their homes in the remote Maluku islands after the area suffered more than 1,000 aftershocks following a 6.5-magnitude quake on September 26 that killed dozens and damaged scores of homes and other buildings, the agency said. Terrified residents ran into the streets following the quake, which sparked landslides that buried at least one of the victims. The strong jolt killed 37 people. — PTI

SECOND TRUMP WHISTLEBLOWER COMES FORWARD

Washington, Oct. 7: A second whistleblower has come forward, this one with first-hand information about events that triggered an impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump, the informant's lawyer said Sunday.

The original whistleblower alleged Trump abused his power as president by attempting to withhold US military aid to pressure his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky into seeking damaging information on political rival Joe Biden.

As pressure mounted over the weekend, Trump pushed back in typical fashion Sunday and accused House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who announced impeachment proceedings last month, of being guilty of "treason", and called for her to be impeached.

Earlier, the original informant's lawyer Mark Zaid, tweeted confirming an ABC News report that a second whistleblower was represented by our legal team. They also made a protected disclosure under the law and cannot be retaliated against. This Wber has first-hand knowledge," he said. Earlier, Zaid's co-counsel, Andrew Bakaj, said his team "represent multiple whistleblowers" in the case. However it was unclear whether Bakaj was using multiple to refer to over two whistleblowers, typically, several officials would listen in on a presidential call and a foreign leader. — AFP

Save Planet



Protesters in costume gather at Marble Arch in London at an opening ceremony to mark the beginning of the International Rebellion on Monday, an event organised by Extinction Rebellion. The protesters are planning to bring disruption to 60 cities around the world in a fortnight of civil disobedience, warning of an environmental "apocalypse". — AFP

FORMER EX-SPEAKER OF NEPAL HELD IN RAPE CASE

Kathmandu, Oct. 7: Former Speaker of Nepal's Parliament Krishna Bahadur Mahara has been arrested for allegedly attempting to rape a woman staffer in the federal parliament secretariat. Police took Mahara into custody from the official residence of the Parliament speaker in Baluwatar in the outskirts of Kathmandu following the Kathmandu District Court's permission based on a First Information Report lodged on Saturday, officials said. The police said a case has been filed against the former speaker under attempt to rape and acts of violence. On Tuesday, Mahara resigned as the speaker of Nepal's Parliament over the allegations. — PTI

Saudi Crown Prince snubs Pak PM

Islamabad, Oct 7 Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman was so upset by some actions of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in New York that he reportedly "snubbed" him by ordering his private jet to "disembowel" the Pakistani delegation. Prince Salman gave Prime minister Khan his private jet to travel to the US on a week-long visit and to attend the 74th ses-

PRINCE MOHAMMAD Bin Salman was upset by some dimensions of the Pakistani prime minister's diplomacy in New York.

sion of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York last month. Khan went to Riyadh and held talks with the Crown Prince first before leaving for the US. It was reported that the special jet developed a "technical glitch" as Khan

per *The Friday Times*, the Crown Prince recalled the plane as he was unhappy with some of Khan's actions.

Pakistan, however, has categorically dismissed as "utter fabrication" the report published in the newspaper. "It is totally false and absolutely carries no truth whatsoever," a government spokesman said in a statement issued here on Sunday. — PTI

Social media reacts in a patriarchal country where women are exploited

Outrage as Pak official buys burqas for students

Peshawar, Oct. 7: Pakistani social media was fuming on Monday after pictures showing girls in burqas bought for them by local authorities went viral, igniting anger in a deeply patriarchal country where women have fought for their rights for decades. A district councillor in the small village of Cheena, in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, used some 90,000 rupees (\$570) of local government funds to buy around 90 burqas for students at the government-run middle school in the village. The region is deeply conservative, and many

women there traditionally wear burqas which cover them from head to foot -- including their faces. The official, Muzafar Shah, said he had bought the garments at the request of parents who could not afford them as one of his final acts before stepping down from his four-year tenure. "Around 90 percent of the girls already wear burqas, so I thought these poor girls should have new burqas," he told AFP, adding that previously he had used the funds to buy the school a solar panel, build a washroom, and purchase new furniture. But he snapped two pictures -- one showing a



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classroom full of girls wearing the burqas, and a second showing them piled on a desk -- which swiftly ignited outrage on social media. The garments were purchased "instead of focusing on improving quality of education, enforcing strict and exemplary punishments for: harassing,

abusing and raping," tweeted one user; Fatima Wali. Gulalai Ismail, a Pakistani women's rights activist who fled the country recently for New York, cheered the outrage. "I'm glad to see time is changing and now more & more people are standing up against objectification of women in the garb of protection," she wrote. Shah said he did not understand the criticism. "The people of the area are very happy with me... had I distributed jeans among the girls, the media and liberals would have praised me," he said. Provincial minister of education Zia Ullah

Bangash said an inquiry has been launched in the matter, and stressed that the garment is not part of the school uniform. "Our dress code includes white trousers and a loose blue tunic, however it is up to girls if they want to dress a burqa over the uniform. We can't force them," he said. The move came weeks after government was forced to scrap an order for female students to wear veils in two other conservative districts of the same province. Burqa-wearing was common for centuries in the ultraconservative ethnic Pashtun heartland and other areas also. — AFP

TRUMP MUST PRODUCE TAX RETURNS: JUDGE

New York, Oct. 7: A US federal judge in New York on Monday dismissed President Donald Trump's efforts to block access to years of his personal and corporate tax returns, saying sitting presidents are not immune from criminal investigations. The judge rejected Trump's argument, saying such vast immunity would operate to frustrate the administration of justice by putting the president's personal and professional affairs off-limits. Payments made by Michael Cohen, Trump's former personal attorney is being probed. — AFP

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KCR fires, Jagan hires, in record numbers

During a single week, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy appointed 1,26,728 new government employees at newly instituted ward and village secretariats and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao announced the firing of 48,140 striking road transport employees, both records for any government in Independent India as single-day hiring or firing numbers go.

The two Telugu CMs met Prime Minister Narendra Modi this week to seek additional Central funds for their welfare schemes, at a time when both states are flirting with fiscal risk.

Where Mr Reddy is pushing AP into an economic quandary, even perhaps a trap, Mr Rao is laying a strong foundation for an economically vibrant Telangana; counterintuitive as it might seem.

Mr Reddy, who has not focussed on growth, reforms or investments since coming to power, in a state without a capital, or an industrial base, has done everything that scares an investor — reserving 75 per cent of all jobs for locals, quashing power purchase agreements (PPAs) signed by the previous Telugu Desam government despite warnings from the Centre, imposing a reverse tendering process to renegotiate all government contracts, hinting at cancelling the new capital — Amaravati project — without pausing to see their impact, or heed to any counsel.

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Mr Reddy, in a way, precipitated the road transport crisis in Telangana when he agreed to the demand of APSRTC unions to merge over 54,000 staff into the government. Their counterparts in Telangana hoped a little pressure would help get a similar deal. They declared a strike a few days before Dasara festivities, ignoring Mr Rao's chilling warning that all striking employees would be fired.

Whereas Mr Reddy chose to pursue populist welfare schemes without the means to pay for them, risking destroying any investor interest at a time when the coun-

try's overall growth is spiralling down — Mr Rao has chosen the harder path of reform, restructuring, discipline and hard decisions.

Where Mr Reddy is pursuing the next day's headlines, Mr Rao is going after results for the next generation. While Mr Reddy will make more visits to Delhi, trying to sell titular sponsorship schemes to Mr Modi — yes, a YSR-Modi scheme for a fee was on offer — Mr Rao is transforming governance with plans to bring in a PPP model for RTC, privatising municipal administrative functions like maintenance of Hyderabad roads, a new revenue act which will include mass-firing of village revenue officers (VROs) to cleanse the land revenue system of institutionalised corruption.

Smart win for Team India

Team India's convincing victory against the South Africans in the first Test of three was outstanding as it was marked by quite a few phenomenal individual performances. Cricket is a team game that offers great scope for individual players to shine and India had a whole crop of them in Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Ravichandran Ashwin, Mohammed Shami and Ravindra Jadeja. Their performances helped beat a bit of wet weather, a slow Visakhapatnam pitch and doughty displays by visiting batsmen Dean Elgar and Quinton de Kock.

The standout performer was, of course, Rohit Sharma whose first Test as opening batsman saw him complete a dream double of a century in each innings, the first ever by one opening in a Test for the first time. Moulded in the slam-bang modern game of frenetic limited-overs cricket, his natural aggressiveness was Rohit's best suit. His determination to make good his streak of form in the World Cup in which he scored five centuries, Rohit has now cemented his Test place too. Batsmen of his instinctive striking power make the game what it is today, while facilitating results in the longer format. Ashwin had not been on the boil since a tour of Australia in 2017-18. He made his case for a specialist finger spinner being a match winner in Test cricket with his seven-wicket haul in the first South African innings when conditions were favouring the bat. His disciplined line with subtle variations saw Ashwin recapture wicket-taking form. His partner-in-spin, Jadeja had his moments too, teasing the batsmen on a wearing pitch. Shami was the wrecker-in-chief of the South Africans in their second essay. He broke the stereotype of sinuous tweakers spinning a web on dusty pitches with seam bowling in which reverse swing was the key component. He struck timber to hasten the Proteas' defeat, his performance on the final day being the icing on the cake.

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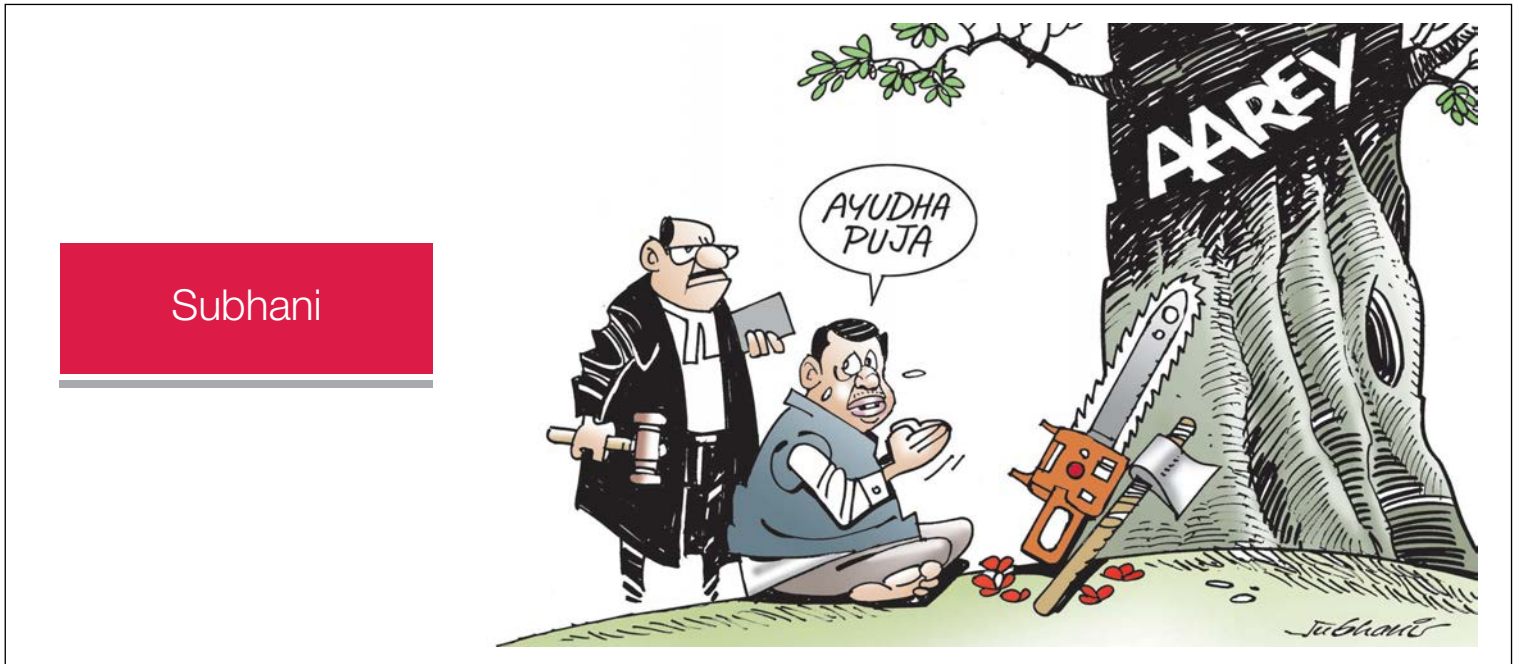
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Is it an insult to tell one to go back to Afro-Asia?



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Reflections

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has been let off the hook on racial discrimination, but the deeper implications of the Naga Munchetty affair bear inquiry, not because the BBC's impartiality is suspect but because of what the episode reveals of Afro-Asian complexes regarding white people. It's a deadly insult with grave racial, political and civilisational overtones to tell an Afro-Asian to go back where he came from. Yet, telling a white to make the reverse journey has no sinister overtones because he doesn't need to regret his origins.

When Enoch Powell, the right-wing British Conservative politician who sought to end Afro-Asian immigration, was ranting in the 1960s about repatriating "foreigners" to their home countries to avoid "rivers of blood" in race riots, the weekly *New Statesman* published a cartoon of Queen Elizabeth II packed for despatch with a "To Germany" label. The same tag would suffice for Donald Trump, whose tirades against four outspoken Democratic Congresswomen — Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley — invited criticism in the House of Representatives, a reprimand from Theresa May, who was then Britain's Prime Minister, and provoked the Munchetty controversy.

Under the pained heading, "I know how it feels to be told to go back where I came from", Britain's ethnic Pakistani chancellor of the exchequer, Sajid Javid, recently described in the *Daily Telegraph* some of the racist attacks he had suf-

fered. He felt "angry and confused" when told by white racist thugs "to go back where I came from". No one has ever said the Queen felt "angry and confused" because of the *New Statesman* cartoon.

Subha Nagalakshmi Munchetty-Chandriah, to give her little-used full name to the attractive and vivacious host of the BBC Breakfast show who looks younger than her 44 years, was condemned for breaching editorial propriety by interjecting personal opinion when criticising Mr Trump's diatribe against the four Congresswomen known on Washington's Capitol Hill as "the Squad". According to him, they "originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe". He tweeted that they should "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came." Three of the women were born in New York City, Detroit, and Cincinnati; the fourth came to the US as a child refugee from Somalia and, as American commentators have pointed out, has been a US citizen since she was a teenager, longer than Mr Trump's wife, the US first lady.

The controversy erupted over Ms Munchetty's comment on Mr Trump's comment. We old time journalists were brought up on the

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rule that readers or viewers should not be able to discern our personal views from what we write or say, except when we are admittedly pontificating, as in a signed column. It's called the difference between reporting and editorialising. But the dividing line is not very clear when it comes to an emotive subject like race, and Ms Munchetty stepped into this dangerous grey area.

"Every time I have been told as a woman of colour, to go back where I come from, that was embedded in racism," she said during a broadcast chat with her co-host Dan Walker on the famous red sofa on which these highly illuminating and often entertaining morning conversations take place. "Now, I'm not accusing anyone of anything here, but you know what certain phrases mean."

When Mr Walker asked how she had felt when she heard Mr Trump say what he did, Ms Munchetty replied at once, "Furious. Absolutely furious, and I can imagine lots of people in this country will be feeling absolutely furious that a man in that position thinks its okay to skirt the lines by using language like that." Perhaps then, remembering the golden rule of journalism, she added, "Anyway, I'm not here to give my opinion."

Of course, she had done exactly that. A viewer complained, and the BBC ruled that Ms Munchetty had indeed broken the rules. Of course, Mr Trump's comment about the Congresswomen was "widely condemned as racist" — of course, Ms Munchetty was "perfectly entitled to give a per-

sonal response" — and of course, there was no question of punishing her with a reprimand or any other disciplinary action. But there was no doubt that her comment went "beyond what the guidelines allow".

All hell broke loose at that condemnation. Ms Munchetty's colleagues and several BME (black and minority ethnic) celebrities rallied to her defence. More than 40 well-known actors, journalists and broadcasters sent an open letter to the BBC warning that its decision had "implications for the entire media landscape in the UK and those who work within it". The organiser was quoted saying, "This ruling legitimises racist opinions by suggesting that they should be treated impartially. By saying that Naga Munchetty breached the guidelines of impartiality by clearly expressing an opinion on the author of these remarks, the BBC is suggesting that we should take comments like President Trump made — which are acknowledged throughout the mainstream media worldwide as racist — and not express a view."

Lord Hall, the BBC's chairman, has since reversed the condemnation. But there would have been no row if someone was sent back to New Zealand or Norway. The agony and anguish are reserved only for those who must suffer repatriation to Pakistan or Somalia. Movement from Afro-Asia to Europe or the US is promotion. Movement from Europe or the US to Afro-Asia is demotion. That's not a white view: it's what most Afro-Asians think. The London-born Ms Munchetty would no doubt regard it as a severe deprivation if she were threatened with a return to Mauritius where her Indian parents settled. Disraeli called race the "ultimate reality". Today, he would have said colour.

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LETTERS

RTC STRIKE

I think it's not fair for both — the government and RTC unions — to be harsh with each other and I strongly believe both are equally responsible for the crisis (*KCR sacks 48,140 striking RTC staff, Oct. 7*). The common people are suffering in between especially during the festive season when people travel. Both parties must come to one understanding at the earliest.

Thakur Satyajeet Singh
Hyderabad

Striking RTC workers have no right to disturb the festive mood of four crore people of Telangana, as their services are essential for daily travel. During Dasara, many people desire to celebrate festivals at their home towns with family members. I request them to call off the strike immediately and take up talks to settle the issue.

D.N. Rao
Hyderabad

NOT FAIR

Mr Anand K. Sahay appears to have sound knowledge about the history of Kashmir, but he has failed to mention the fact that Hindus he was talking about was driven away from their motherland (*Political Hinduism has won the day in Kashmir, Oct. 7*). No politician worth his salt did anything about this genocide then. This article shows the bias of the writer.

Veekayvee
Secunderabad

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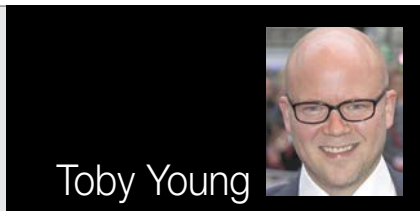
Australian admits burning Al Aqsa

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7.

In a surprise move today, Australian Michael Denis Rohan admitted he started the August 21 fire in the Al Aqsa mosque but pleaded "mental illness."

The 28-year-old Rohan admitted several other "facts" listed in the charge-sheet against him.

His defence attorney Yitzhak Tunik made the announcement a few minutes after the second day of the proceedings opened before a panel of three Israeli Judges.



Toby Young

Is it time to revive our play about Boris' sex life?

I'm writing this from the Conservative Party conference where Boris' attempt to ram home the message that he's the only party leader capable of getting Brexit done is being drowned out by the claim by Charlotte Edwardes, a *Sunday Times* columnist, that he squeezed her thigh under the table at a *Spectator* lunch 20 years ago. In the #MeToo era, this is a bigger news story than our imminent departure from the EU. Or perhaps just a blessed respite from the relentless Brexit coverage.

I didn't help by making a throwaway gag on Monday at a fringe meeting organised by the TaxPayers' Alliance where I was a panellist. A blue rinse in the audience said she'd been groped by an older man two decades ago and asked the panel if we thought she needed psychological counselling. That got a big laugh and I responded by telling her that things were a lot more relaxed in the late 1990s:

"Back then at the *Spectator*, in those raucous days, people complained if Boris didn't put his hand on their knee."

That, too, got a laugh and it was clearly a joke, not a statement of fact. But a beady-eyed hack at the back of the room started scribbling in his notepad and about an hour later I was trending on Twitter. For those unfamiliar with the fo-faced digital outrage machine, that means more people in the UK were tweeting about me than any other topic.

"Toby Young defends Boris Johnson by boasting about the sexist culture that existed under his editorship of the *Spectator*," fumed Labour MP David Lammy. "This crowd should be nowhere near power, let alone in No. 10."

Aaron Bastani, a Corbynista who works for a Communist website, went even further. Above the report of my comment, he tweeted: "Here's Toby Young explaining Johnson's actions by... admitting

there was a culture of pervasive sexual harassment and assault at the *Spectator*."

Pervasive sexual harassment and assault?!? Yeah, Aaron, that's exactly what I said. It was a bloody joke, for Pete's sake. But since the Boris-haters are using what I said to pretend to be offended on behalf of his "victims", let me be clear. I worked for Boris at the *Spectator* for the five years he was editor and attended several lunches and lots of parties at the magazine's offices and never once did I witness Boris putting his hand on anyone's knee or thigh or any other part of their anatomy apart from their shoulders. Nor did I ever hear any reports of him doing so. He was not a groper.

For some of that period he was having an affair with Petronella Wyatt, the deputy editor, and Lloyd Evans and I wrote a farce called *Who's the Daddy?* about that and other sex scandals to beset the magazine in 2004. We depicted Boris as

an inveterate shagger and at the end the female publisher gives birth to three blonde triplets. But we made nearly all of it up. Although, having said that, Lloyd came up with an interesting idea this week. We revive the play, but in order to avoid the deluge of negative reviews by male theatre critics anxious to prove they're "allies" of women and other oppressed groups, we make Charlotte Edwardes a co-author and bill it as a drama-documentary about white privilege and misogyny in a heteronormative work environment told by eye-witnesses and survivors. It would probably run for longer than *The Mousetrap*. Seriously, though, the sheer amount of confected righteous indignation generated by Boris' opponents, whether on the Opposition benches or in the Newsnight studio, is staggering. I'm not defending sexual harassment — if Boris did grab Charlotte's thigh, that was wrong.

But, surely, he should be extended the presumption of innocence? He has issued a strong denial, breaking his usual rule of not commenting on private matters, and I'm inclined to believe him.

I've known Charlotte for 25 years and like her very much and I genuinely don't think she'd lie about something like this. As anyone who's done jury service knows, memory is notoriously unreliable. People can't accurately recall what they did last month, let alone 20 years ago. There's a huge volume of psychological literature about this. In the absence of corroborating witnesses, we should move on to discussing more important things, like the biggest political crisis in Britain's history since Suez. Boris has a plan to get us out of this mess. We should let him get on with it.

By arrangement with the *Spectator*



Oh boy

Early OnePlus 8 leak hints at hole-punch display and wireless charging

SHORT TAKES



PS4 TO SUPPORT REMOTE PLAY ON ANDROID

New Delhi, Oct. 7: In an announcement, Sony, which will start to roll out the new PS4 software update later this week, said the console will now support Remote Play feature on any Android devices running version 5.0 and above. Earlier, this year Sony had added iOS compatibility.

Meanwhile, the party chat feature has doubled the number of users from eight to 16 and should have better connectivity and audio quality, Sony says. There's also a new voice-to-text feature that transcribes text and displays it on the PS4 Second Screen mobile app, though it'll only be available in the US for now. Sony didn't say whether the feature will come to other regions.

— Agencies



D-LINK WON'T PATCH ROUTER VULNERABILITY

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Despite a range of D-Link routers having a severe remote code vulnerability, the company has decided against rolling out patches for the devices, Zdnet reports.

According to the report, researchers disclosed the vulnerability last week. However, the flaws were discovered in September 2019. According to the Fortinet researcher Thanh Nguyen Nguyen, the unauthenticated command injection vulnerability impacts D-Link firmware in the DIR-655, DIR-866L, DIR-652, and DHP-1565 product lines.

The vulnerability is described as an RCE prompted by attackers sending arbitrary input to a "PingTest" gateway interface, leading to command injection and full system compromise. The company said that the devices — and their firmware — all have an expiry date and eventually support does end, and therefore users of these routers should consider replacing their aging products to mitigate the risk of exploit.

— Agencies



BOSE SLEEPBUDS KILLED AFTER 16 MONTHS

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Following complaints of power issue, Bose has discontinued its weird noise-generating earphones that help users to fall asleep, reports Android Police.

Dubbed as sleepbuds, the device was quite a divisive product when it launched, given that they paired with a phone but still couldn't even play music. After being on the market for only 16 months, Bose is now discontinuing the sleepbuds. The sleepbuds started life as a crowd-funded Indiegogo project before going on sale in June of 2018. Priced at \$250, the product promised to help people fall asleep faster and stay asleep longer by playing various white noise sound effects directly in your ears to block out ambient noise.

In the following months, new features like a "Phone-Free Mode" were delivered via updates.

— Agencies

CYBERSECURITY THREATS THAT CAN SNEAK UP ON YOU

WHILE COMPANIES ARE TAKING SPECIAL CARE TO NOT ALLOW ANY BAD ACTORS TO GET HOLD OF CUSTOMER DATA, USERS TOO NEED TO BE CAREFUL. HERE ARE A FEW THING THAT MUST BE KEPT IN MIND

PORTABLE USB DRIVES

Such device may look harmless, but can be quite troublesome if they've been engineered to cause havoc as soon as it is plugged in.

ZOMBIE ACCOUNTS

With new apps launching every other day, users looking to experiment with them often create an account and forget about them. Such Zombie Accounts can cause a lot of trouble as users usually type in a lot of their personal data while creating an account. Users must delete the accounts that they aren't used.

BROWSER EXTENSIONS

While browser extensions are quite handy and often useful, unknown extensions can be selling your browsing data, harassing you with pop-up ads, or installing unwanted software.

ONLINE QUIZZES

Avoid playing such quizzes on Facebook or on other social media platforms. These quizzes can be used to harvest personal data.

SMART HOME SNOOPING

With our dumb devices getting smarter, the threat of smart home snooping looms large. Pick a long and difficult-to-guess password that you aren't using anywhere else. Turn on two-factor authentication, if available, as an extra layer of protection.



CHARGING CABLES

While charging cables are common, specially engineered cables that look very similar can do much more. The fix is to only use the cables that come with your devices, or from reputable sources — something you should do anyway for the well-being of gadgets.

APPLE COPIED FEATURE, CLAIMS AN APP MAKER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

Well, Apple, which recently launched its 'Sign in With Apple' tool, seems to have run into legal troubles after an app maker, Blix, has filed a suit against the tech giant over violation of patents, reports Washington Post.

According to the report, Blix, which is the developer of the email client Blue Mail, isn't the first to have complained that Apple borrows their ideas and competes unfairly. However, it's rare for software developers to confront Apple, much less file suit.

The biggest tech companies, including Apple, are under the scanner for how they wield their market dominance. Last month, Apple was asked to turn over information on how it decides which apps and features to copy and why.

Blue Mail, which offers the ability to create and use random email addresses, alleges that Apple's sign in tool, which also features a similar tool, but didn't reveal much in the suit.



YT SUSPENDS CHANNELS OF 'PICK-UP ARTISTS'

London, Oct. 7: Following a BBC investigation, YouTube has suspended two channels — Addy A-Game and Street Attraction — for violating its rules on nudity and sexual conduct.

The two channels, which had hundreds of video, claims to sell the secrets to picking up women.

The investigation for Panorama and BBC Scotland's Disclosure examined the global "game" business that claims to sell the secrets to picking up women.

It looked into channels that host videos of the sexual exploits of so-called pick-up artists, including what they claim are secret recordings of women having sex.

In September, Adnan Ahmed, who ran the Addy A-Game channel, was convicted of threatening and abusive behaviour towards young women. Street Attraction's coaches insist that they have done nothing wrong. YouTube said it had terminated the channels Addy A-Game and Street Attraction. It added: "YouTube strictly prohibits explicit sexual, graphic or harassing content. Nothing is more important than protecting the safety of our community."

Russian hackers tweak browsers to track traffic

The group used a two-pronged approach as a failsafe

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs HYDERABAD, SEPT. 7

While most hackers look to exploit known vulnerabilities in web browsers, a Russian cyber-espionage hacker group, according to Kaspersky, has taken it to the next level by patching browsers like Chrome and Firefox to monitor TLS-encrypted web traffic.

The novel approach begins with group, alleged to be Turla, infects a system with Remote Access Trojan (RAT) to gain access of the system. It then install fake certificates to intercept TLS traffic from the host and then patching the pseudo-random number generation that negotiates TLS connections, reports Zdnet.

The group Turla, which is believed to operate under the protection of the Russian government, likely introduced the method as a failsafe.

The group is sophisticated enough to have compromised Eastern European internet providers in the past to infect otherwise clean downloads.

This may be an attempt to snoop on dissidents and other political targets using a method that's difficult to thwart.

However, this is not the first time that Turla has altered a browser component to deploy malware on infected hosts.

The group previously installed a backdoored Firefox in 2015.

- Last week, it was widely reported that Google has come under the antitrust scanner for the use of DNS-over-HTTPS (DoH)

- While both Chrome and Firefox are expected to soon roll out DoH, experts believe that DoH is just a marketing jargon to create an aura of privacy.

- Companies and organizations that have DoH-capable products have been advertising DoH as a way to prevent ISPs from tracking users' web traffic and as a way to bypass censorship in oppressive countries.

- Experts like Zare and PowerDNS recommend that users in oppressive countries use DoH-capable apps in combination with Tor or VPNs, rather than using DoH alone.

- While DoH prevents the ISP from viewing a user's DNS requests, DNS is not the only protocol involved in web browsing. There are still countless other data points that ISPs could track to know where a user is going. By design, ISP can see to what IP address the user is connecting when accessing a website.

- For enterprises, DoH has been a nightmare ever since it's been proposed. DoH basically creates a mechanism to overwrite centrally-imposed DNS settings



DNS-OVER-HTTPS LIKELY TO CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVES

- Experts say that ISPs won't be inconvenienced by DoH, at all, because they can easily look at these HTTPS portions that are not encrypted -- such as SNI fields and OCSP connections is the greatest thing since sliced bread. Security researchers also understand the need to protect DNS queries from snooping eyes

and allows employees to use DoH to bypass any DNS-based traffic filtering solutions.

- The protocol upends hundreds of cybersecurity solutions, which will become useless once users begin using DoH inside their browsers, blinding security tools from seeing what users are doing.

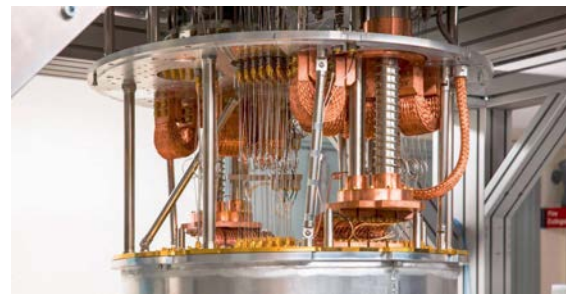
Brace for 'Quantum Apocalypse'

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs HYDERABAD, OCT. 7

While governments and companies are racing to develop the first quantum computer, experts believe that the new era of super-fast computers will not only transform everything but also create its own set of problems.

In an article on *The Independent*, Anthony Cuthbertson writes that the first of such computers is likely to arrive sooner than expected due to recent breakthroughs.

However, Tim Callan, a senior fellow at cybersecurity firm Sectigo, warns



that the advent of such machines could result in "quantum apocalypse". The current encryption technologies to banking transactions would be at risk from being exposed to cyber criminals, hackers and spy agencies.

"While no one can definitively say when quantum computers will reach the point of defeating RSA and ECC, many estimates place that date in the next 10 or 15 years," Mr Callan tells *The Independent*.

However, work is already underway to create quantum-resistant algorithms

that would protect against the end of our digital world as we know it.

More than 20 potential algorithms are already being scrutinised by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (Nist) in the US, though it is too early to know if even one of them is suitable for the task.

The biggest challenge is for the encryption technology to not only protect against cyberattacks from quantum computers, but to also work with traditional computers and smartphones running on the current network infrastructure of the internet.

Algorithm can adapt to listeners' mood

DJ-MC organises songs intelligently to provide an "DJ-like" sequence

Houston, Oct. 7: Researchers have developed a "DJ-like" algorithm that can create ultra-personal music playlists which adapt to listeners' changing moods.

The algorithm called DJ-MC could outdo streaming music services by making playlists that change depending on each individual's shifting emotion, according to the research published in the journal *MIS Quarterly*.

"Whether you're getting into the car after a long day of meetings, or you're getting out of bed on a weekend morning, it should tailor its recommendations to your changing moods," said Maytal Saar-Tschemansky, a profes-



sor at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin in the United States.

The programme runs a series of feedback loops. It

tries out a song, the listener rates it, and the programme heads that rating in choosing the next song. "Then you alter the

model accordingly," said Elad Liebman, a PhD student in computer science at UT Austin, who conceptualised the programme.

DJ-MC adapts to the listener's mood, considering not only which songs they will enjoy, but also in what order, the researchers said. Songs are organised intelligently, leading to an expressive, "DJ-like" sequence, instead of a random, arbitrary-sounding one, they said.

According to the researchers, DJ MC plans its moves 10 songs ahead, like a chess player.

While one song is playing, the programme generates tens of thousands of possible sequences, and it predicts which one will

please the listener the most, they said.

The programme serves up the next song on that playlist — and while that song is playing, it creates and tests new sequences.

The researchers noted that in machine learning, the mechanism is known as a Monte Carlo search which inspired the name of the programme: DJ-MC. The programme could be adapted to other kinds of media, from news stories to videos, they said.

"Learning algorithms don't have taste, they just have data. You can replace the dataset with anything, as long as people are consuming it in a similar fashion," Liebman said. — PTI



SoftBank's
Son is
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by recordMore sellers
and few
takers for
NBFC bondsquick
BITES

INDICATORS		%
Sensex	37,531.98	-0.38
Nifty 50	11,126.40	-0.43
S&P 500	2,954.05	+0.07
Dollar (₹)	71.02	+0.20
Pound Sterling (₹)	87.49	+0.24
Euro (₹)	77.95	+0.30
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	39,210.135	-0.34
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	59.09	+1.23
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.669	-0.010
US 10-Yr T-bill yield	1.543	+0.029

* As of 9:30 pm IST

Volvo selects
Infosys as digital
services supplier

Infosys said Swedish carmaker Volvo has selected it as the main supplier to deliver Volvo Cars' digital transformation services for its enterprise applications and products. Infosys will offer next-gen application services to Volvo leveraging its global delivery model, automation and other service optimisation levers to deliver effective service operations.

EVI, Hilleman Lab
partner for
Shigella vaccine

The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) will give a grant of 8.6 million euro for developing a Shigella vaccine, India-based Hilleman Laboratories and the European Vaccine Initiative (EVI) said. Shigellosis is an infection caused by consumption of contaminated food and water. It is one of the leading causes of diarrhoea, EVI & Hilleman said.

Foreign investors
keen on REITs,
InvITs: Sebi

Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi and other officials met scores of foreign investors in the US last week and saw keen interest from them in emerging areas such as REITs and InvITs, which have a total asset size of more than \$10 billion. The interactions were held in New York, Boston and Washington DC during the week from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, Sebi said.

Skoda drives in
Kodiaq Scout at
spl price of ₹34 L

Skoda Auto India, which forayed into the full-size SUV segment in India with the Kodiaq in 2017, has come out with the new Kodiaq Scout at an introductory price of Rs 33.99 lakh, a release said. Zac Hollis, Director-Sales, Service & Marketing, said, "The Kodiaq range caters to a growing class of discerning customers with the penchant for luxury as well as the right 'value for money' proposition."

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Vision Fund, Lightspeed, Sequoia to invest \$800 mn Oyo to raise \$1.5 bn at \$10 bn valuation

SARITHA RAI
OCT. 7

Oyo Hotels and Homes is raising \$1.5 billion from Founder Ritesh Agarwal, SoftBank Group Corp. and other investors as the India lodging startup expands into foreign markets such as the US and Europe.

Agarwal, 25, will spend \$700 million to buy new shares in the company as part of a previously reported \$2 billion plan to triple his ownership stake. Existing investors SoftBank's Vision Fund, Lightspeed Venture Partners and Sequoia India will contribute the rest of the current round.

Agarwal, who founded Oyo in 2013, has built it into India's second-most valuable startup with a valuation of about \$10 billion. Its service covers 1.2 million rooms in over 80 countries, including 5,90,000 rooms in China. It entered the US earlier this year and now has 7,500 rooms in 60 cities.

"We truly believe that we will be able to build a truly global brand out of India, while ensuring that the business is run efficiently and with a clear path to profitability," Agarwal said in a statement.

The young founder made headlines in July with plans to spend \$2 billion to raise his stake in the company to 30 per cent from about 10 per cent. Japanese

INDIA'S GLOBAL BRAND

- ▶ Ritesh Agarwal founded Oyo in his teens after dropping out of college
- ▶ Started in 2013, Oyo is now valued at around \$10 bn
- ▶ It is No. 2 in valuation after Paytm, as Flipkart is now part of Walmart



- ▶ Now aged 25, Agarwal will spend \$700 mn to triple his Oyo stake to 30%
- ▶ Japan's Mizuho and Nomura are bankrolling Agarwal's share acquisition



banks Mizuho Financial Group Inc. and Nomura Holdings Inc. are bankrolling Agarwal's share acquisition, according to people familiar with the deal. He is buying some of those shares from Sequoia and Lightspeed, and will carry out the transaction through an entity called RA Hospitality Holdings, Oyo said.

"Oyo's valuation signals its scale and growth," said

- ▶ Oyo helps hotels upgrade facilities and support to train staff
- ▶ In return, it gets a cut of roughly 25 per cent of every booking

- ▶ Its service covers 1.2 mn rooms in over 80 countries
- ▶ It covers 5,90,000 rooms in China and 7,500 rooms in US in 60 cities

Ujjwal Chaudhry, the Bengaluru-based Director at RedSeer Consulting. "The quality of the experience is not top-notch but it's improving."

Agarwal is tripling down on the company he created at a time WeWork's internal tumult and a string of disappointing IPOs are raising questions about startup price tags. The \$10 billion valuation makes Oyo India's most valuable start-

up after One97 Communications, the parent of digital payments pioneer Paytm. E-commerce giant Flipkart Online Services was acquired by Walmart Inc. last year in a \$16 billion deal. SoftBank's investments lifted the valuations at Oyo, Paytm and WeWork.

Agarwal founded the startup in his teens after dropping out of college and roaming India on a shoestring budget. The wild, erratic standards at hotels and guest houses he encountered inspired him to start the online service, and the brand now aims to provide travelers a consistent experience.

Oyo mainly signs on hotel owners and then helps them upgrade everything from bathroom fittings to furniture and bedding, and then provides them standardized supplies like sheets and toiletries, and support to train their staff.

It employs hundreds of people in the field who evaluate properties on some 200 factors, from the quality of mattresses and linens to water temperature. To get a listing, along with a bright red Oyo sign to hang street-side as a seal of housekeeping approval, most hoteliers must agree to a makeover that typically takes about a month. Oyo then gets a cut of roughly 25 per cent of every booking. Rooms usually run between \$25 and \$85.

— Bloomberg

India gets first set of Swiss A/C details

New Delhi/Berne, Oct. 7: India has got the first set of Swiss bank account details of its nationals under a new automatic information exchange pact, a major milestone in the government's fight against black money stashed abroad.

India is among 75 countries with which Switzerland's Federal Tax Administration (FTA) has exchanged information on financial accounts within the framework of global standards on AEOI, an FTA spokesperson told PTI.

The next exchange would take place in September 2020, the spokesperson added.

This is the first time that India has received details from Swiss authorities under the AEOI framework, which provides for exchange of information on financial accounts, currently active as well as those accounts that were closed during 2018, the year in which the framework agreement became effective.

However, the information exchange is governed by strict confidentiality clauses, and the FTA officials refused to disclose specific details on the number of accounts or about the quantum of financial assets associated with the Indian clients of Swiss banks.

However, the AEOI only relates to accounts that are officially in the name

of Indians and they might include those used for business and other genuine purposes.

Overall, the FTA has sent information on around 3.1 million financial accounts to the partner states and received information on around 2.4 million from them.

The exchanged details include identification, account and financial information. These include name, address, state of residence and tax identification number, as well as information concerning the financial institution, account balance and capital income.

Separately, the Swiss government said in a statement that the number of countries with which the AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) has taken place this year is 75, out of which there was reciprocity with 63 countries.

In the case of 12 countries, Switzerland received information but did not provide any, either because those countries do not yet meet the international requirements on confidentiality and data security (Belize, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Curacao, Montserrat, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Cyprus) or because they chose not to receive data (Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands).

The data was collected by the FTA from around 7,500 institutions including banks, trusts and insurers.

"The largest exchange was with Germany, as was the case in the previous year. The FTA cannot provide any information on the amount of financial assets," the statement added.

Asked about specific details relating to India, the FTA spokesperson said, "the communication of statistical data is subject to the confidentiality clauses as well."

To another query on the next exchange of information with India, the spokesperson said, "according to the international agreement in place, the exchanges have to take place within nine months after the end of the respective calendar year. This means the exchange takes place in September, except for corrections."

The Swiss government said Switzerland has committed itself to adopting the global standard for the international automatic exchange of information in tax matters.

The legal basis for the implementation of the AEOI in Switzerland first came into force on January 1, 2017. "The exchanged information allows the cantonal tax authorities to verify whether taxpayers have correctly declared their financial accounts abroad in their tax returns," the FTA said.

—PTI

CDSL freezes DHFL promoter holdings

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Leading depository CDSL has frozen shareholding of the promoters of debt-ridden mortgage lender DHFL due to delay in announcement of the company's financial results, sources said on Monday.

The decision has been taken after the company failed to announce its first quarter results, they said.

However, sources close to Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) said the company results are expected to be announced in the next few days, for which the board meeting would be called.

In a filing to stock exchanges, DHFL said the board meeting is scheduled on October 17 to consider and approve the unaudited results for the first quarter. The delay in submission of the financial results by

the company is on "account of resignation of the erstwhile statutory auditors and reasonable time required by the new statutory auditors to review the financial results".

The company has approved the appointment of K. K. Mankeshwar & Co. as the statutory auditors after the resignation of previous statutory auditors.

DHFL, which has been severely impacted by the NBFC crisis which unfolded late last year following the IL&FS bankruptcy, has defaulted on multiple commitments.

The Wadhawan family, which owns over 39 per cent in DHFL, has been looking at various ways of coming out of the stress.

These include selling stakes in group entities, including giving up half their stake in DHFL.

Sources said CDSL, which allows investors to deposit securities by opening an account in electronic form (demat), has frozen the entire shareholding of DHFL promoters after the firm delayed announcement of financial results.

A depository can freeze the entire promoter shareholding of a firm in case of non-compliance with listing rules.

According to market experts, if any listed entity's results is delayed, the exchanges hold "on-account" the shareholding of the promoters. —PTI

A depository can freeze the entire promoter holding in case of non-compliance with listing rules

Unilever to reduce plastic waste; halve use of virgin plastic by 2025

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Anglo-Dutch FMCG giant Unilever on Monday announced new commitments to reduce plastic waste and said by 2025 it will eliminate more than 1,00,000 tonnes of plastic packaging besides collecting as well as processing more plastic packaging than it sells.

Unilever said by 2025, it will halve its use of "virgin plastic", by reducing its absolute use of plastic packaging by more than 1,00,000 tonnes and accelerate the use of recycled plastic.

Virgin Plastic, is produced directly from the petrochemical feed-stock, like natural gas or crude oil, which has never been used or processed before. The company further



noted that it will also help in collecting and processing more plastic packaging than it sells.

At present, Unilever's plastic packaging footprint is around 7,00,000 tonnes annually.

"This commitment makes Unilever the first major global consumer goods company to commit to an absolute plastics reduction across its portfolio," the company said

in a statement.

Unilever said it is already on track to achieve its existing commitments to ensure all of its plastic packaging is reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025, and to use at least 25 per cent recycled plastic in its packaging by 2025.

"We can only eliminate plastic waste by acting fast and taking radical action at all points in the

plastic cycle. Our starting point has to be design, reducing the amount of plastic we use, and then making sure that what we do use increasingly comes from recycled sources. We are also committed to ensuring all our plastic packaging is reusable, recyclable or compostable," Unilever CEO Alan Jope said.

Unilever said its commitment will require the business to help collect and process around 6,00,000 tonnes of plastic annually by 2025.

"This will be delivered through investment and partnerships which improve waste management infrastructure in many of the countries in which Unilever operates," it added. —PTI

Pharma R&D spend to stay low this year

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, OCT. 7

Research and development (R&D) spends of Indian pharma companies have been coming down since FY17 and are expected to remain low in FY20 as well due to challenging market conditions in the US.

Between FY11 and FY17, several Indian pharma companies have been ramping up their R&D spend, targeting the US market. The aggregate R&D spends of top few domestic companies had increased from 5.9 per cent of sales in FY2011 to close to 9 per cent in FY2017.

However, the trend started reversing thereafter. R&D spends moderated to 8.8 per cent during FY18 and further to 7.8 per cent in FY19. The aggregate R&D spends of top few domestic companies further moderated to 6.9 per cent in Q1FY20. Rating agency Icria expects R&D budgets to remain at 7-8 per cent in FY20.

This trend reversal is led by challenging US market conditions characterized by steep pricing pressures, high competitive intensity led by faster ANDA approvals and lower than expected revenue growth.

Consolidation of the distribution supply chain and the increasing number of abbreviated new drug applica-



tion (ANDA) approvals given by US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been increasing the pricing pressure on generics sold in the US market, which accounts for 35 per cent of India's pharma exports.

Around 90 per cent of the generic pharma drug purchases are now controlled by three large buying consortiums. With majority control of the supply chain, these consortiums have been bringing down prices of generic drugs. Further, US FDA has been granting approvals for more number of ANDAs and more number of ANDAs mean more players competing for the same drug in the market, putting further pressure on the pricing.

The pace of ANDA approvals has increased by 44 per cent over the CY2015-18 period and the pace of official action post USFDA audit has also increased during the 8 months of CY2019 with 11 warning letters compared to seven in CY2018.

In this competitive environment, Indian companies are exiting product development of easy to manufacture, simple generics and focusing on complex generics, specialty products and niche molecules. They are also optimising their R&D spend due to the pricing pressure.

"The key sensitivity to Icria's view remains productivity of R&D expenditure, increasing competition in the US generics space and operational risk related to increased level of due diligence by regulatory agencies," said Gaurav Jain, Vice President and Co-Head, Corporate Ratings of Icria.

However, lower R&D spends has lowered the pressure on margins to some extent. According to Fitch Ratings, a prudent risk management approach to R&D should help maintain financial flexibility, especially for smaller companies. Fitch finds that lower R&D expenditure as a percentage of sales limited deterioration in Glenmark's Ebitda margin amid continued pricing pressure for generic dermatology products in the US.

HSBC to cut 10,000 jobs in drive to slash costs

SHUBHAM KALIA
BENGALURU, OCT. 7

HSBC Holdings Plc is planning to cut up to 10,000 jobs, more than 4 per cent of its workforce, as interim Chief Executive Officer Noel Quinn seeks to reduce costs across the banking group, a news report said on Sunday.

The plan represents the lender's most ambitious attempt in years to cut costs, the *Financial Times* said, citing two people briefed on the matter. It said the cuts will focus mainly on high-paid roles.

HSBC declined to comment on the report. The bank had 2,37,685 full-time employees at the end of June 2019, according to its 2019 interim report.

HSBC could announce the beginning of the latest cost-cutting drive and job cuts when it reports third-



quarter results later this month, the report said, citing one person briefed on the matter.

Quinn became interim CEO in August after the bank announced the surprise departure of John Flint, saying it needed a change at the top to address "a challenging global environment."

Flint's exit was a result of differences of opinion with Chairman Mark Tucker over topics including

approaches to cutting expenses, a person familiar with the matter told Reuters in August.

Any job cuts implemented as part of the latest plan would come on top of the redundancies announced earlier, the report said.

HSBC said it would be laying off about 4,000 people this year, and issued a gloomier business outlook due to an escalation of a trade war between China and the United States, an easing monetary policy cycle, unrest in its key Hong Kong market and Brexit.

Former HSBC Group CEO Stuart Gulliver announced plans to cut 30,000 jobs when he took the job in 2011 as part of a programme to cut \$3.5 billion in costs over three years and raise the bank's return on equity to 12-15 per cent.

— Reuters



Back home

Steve Smith and David Warner (in pic) will play their first domestic matches in almost two years when they turn out on Thursday for New South Wales against Queensland



NO FEAR!

Laxman is all praise for Mayank's courageous approach to batting

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Former India great VVS Laxman feels Mayank Agarwal's "fearless" approach in batting resembles a lot with the maverick Virender Sehwag, who has been the Karnataka opener's idol.

Agarwal had come into the limelight with twin half-centuries in his maiden Test tour of Australia but maiden double hundred (215) against South Africa has consolidated his position in the national team, feels former India spinner Harbhajan Singh.

"He is a solid batsman and has approached this game like a domestic cricket match. Players usually change the way they play in domestic and international cricket, but he managed to maintain his style in both forms of cricket. Mental toughness and stability are his strengths and he plays fearlessly just like his favourite, Virender Sehwag," Laxman commented on Agarwal's performance.

Harbhajan on his part felt that years of grind in domestic circuit has paid dividends as Mayank is aware of what is expected of him.

"Mayank uses his feet well when he comes forward and hits and also executes the reverse sweep shots. He has a lot in store and plays them when and where needed. He is a hardworking player; the players who come from domestic cricket background have learned a lot," opined Harbhajan.

"They come in late but have so much knowledge and expe-

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— VVS LAXMAN
former India cricketer

rience of the game that they value and understand every opportunity that the game brings to them," said Harbhajan.

Harbhajan also feels that Mayank did well because he was sure about his role in the team. "Once a player is confident about his role and place in the game, he only needs to focus on his performance. Rohit was trying (to play) a different game but Mayank Agarwal stuck to his game."

Rohit reaches his career-best rank

Meanwhile, India batsman Rohit Sharma, who became the first player to score a century in each innings of his maiden Test as opener, on Monday jumped to a career-best 17th position in the ICC Test Player Rankings.

Rohit, who now has five centuries from 28 Tests, gained a whopping 36 slots after his knocks of 176 and 127 in the first Test against South

Africa in Visakhapatnam helped India win by 203 runs and take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

The opener, Mayank Agarwal, has also attained a career-best 25th position after his first innings double-century lifted him 38 places.

Captain Virat Kohli, who retained his second spot, has dropped below the 900-point mark for the first time since January 2018. He is now on 899 points, 38 behind top-ranked Steve Smith of Australia.

Among the bowlers, off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has made a comeback to the top 10 after his match haul of eight wickets, which included figures of seven for 145 in the first innings.

The formerly top-ranked bowler has moved up four places from 14th position and also into the top five among all-rounders.

Fast bowler Mohammed Shami has reached a career-best 710 points that took him from 18th to 16th, two below his career-best 14th rank, while Ravindra Jadeja has leap-frogged Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan to take second position among all-rounders.

For South Africa, centuries Quinton de Kock (7th) and Dean Elgar (14th) have progressed. — PTI

Indian opener Mayank Agarwal acknowledges cheers after reaching his double century during the first Test against South Africa in Visakhapatnam.



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— Misbah-ul-Haq, Pak coach

SHORT TAKES



Chris Silverwood

Silverwood is England coach

London: England cricket chiefs have named Chris Silverwood as their new head coach to replace Trevor Bayliss, who stepped down last month at the end of his contract.

The 44-year-old, who has spent the past two years serving as fast bowling coach under Bayliss, will take charge for the tour of New Zealand, which includes a five-match Twenty20 series, starting on November 1, and two Tests.

While former India and South Africa coach Gary Kirsten and Surrey's director of cricket Alec Stewart emerged as contenders to succeed Australian Bayliss, managing director of England men's cricket Ashley Giles described Silverwood as the "standout candidate".

"I believe he is what we need to take our international teams forward. He is somebody we know well, but it is his intimate understanding of our structures and systems and his close relationships with Test captain Joe Root and white-ball captain Eoin Morgan that will help us develop our plans for the next few years," he said. — AFP

Indian women stretch their lead

Dubai: India not only maintained their second position but also increased the points lead over third-placed England in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings released on Monday. The Indian women's team (125), led by Mithali Raj, has widened the gap over England (122) from one to three points.

In the T20 International ranking, India are placed at the fifth position, the ICC said in a statement. Australia's consistent performances have ensured their tight grasp on the top spots in both the women's ODI and T20I rankings tables, introduced in October last year.

In ODI rankings, the West Indies have lost five points and are now just two points ahead of Pakistan in seventh place. Australia, who won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the West Indies last year, have increased their lead over England from 10 to 14 points in the T20I Player rankings, a table that has increased from 46 to 55 teams over the past year. — PTI

RAJAPAKSA LETS IT RIP FOR LANKA

Lahore: Bhanuka Rajapaksa smacked an aggressive maiden half-century as Sri Lanka made 182 for 6 against Pakistan in the second Twenty20 international in Lahore on Monday.

The 27-year-old left-hander, playing only his second T20 international, blasted 77 off 48 balls in an innings featuring six sixes and four boundaries after Sri Lanka won the toss and batted.

Rajapaksa added 94 for the third wicket with Shehan Jayasuriya, who made a 28-ball 34 with four boundaries. Sri Lanka lead the three-match series 1-0 after winning the first match by 67 runs on Saturday, also in Lahore.

The final match will be played at the same venue on Wednesday. — AFP

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 182 for 6 in 20 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 77, Shehan Jayasuriya 34, Shanaka 27, Imad Wasim 1/27, Wahab Riaz 1/31, Shadab Khan 1/38).

Enoch echoes Guardiola gameplan

Visakhapatnam, Oct. 7: Iconic football manager Pep Guardiola's belief in his "system" and desire to produce "better human beings" is something that resonates with South Africa's interim cricket coach Enoch Nkwe, who wants to create a foundation that will leave the struggling team in a better place.

Spanish football manager Guardiola, who has guided FC Barcelona to multiple Champions

League titles and has helped Manchester City win English Premier League titles, is revered for his coaching philosophy.

"He (Pep Guardiola) is a special human being. He has produced special performances and (I like) the belief he has in his system. Just the drive he has to improve systems, improve human beings to be better and better all the time," Nkwe said when asked what is about

Guardiola that he liked after the crushing 203-run loss to India in the opening Test here on Sunday.

When asked if he would like to imbibe some of his generic coaching philosophies, Nkwe said: "Just his total passion about the game. It is something that resonates within me. I feel I have so much to offer to the game. My biggest drive is to make a difference to human beings. I am in a position and I am grateful for that."

Just like ball possession, which can drain the opposition, has been a foundation of Guardiola's strategy, Nkwe said controlling 80 per cent of the sessions in a Test match is the key to victory. "I suppose every coach has a different philosophy to rub off strongly on the team. My philosophy is to control sessions for a longer period of time and also be a lot smarter in the certain situations. Football's possession is different from

cricket but in cricket we want to reach the 80 per cent mark of controlling sessions," Nkwe said.

On the personal front, he wants to work on building a foundation for the next four years at a time when South African cricket is going through a phase of turmoil.

"It didn't affect me at all. I have embraced the situation and my biggest focus is to create a strong foundation," he said. — PTI

Irfan speaks of his Gambhir control

Karachi, Oct. 7: Pakistan's out-of-favour left-arm pacer Muhammad Irfan has recalled how Gautam Gambhir's distinct discomfort while facing him during the 2012 bilateral series literally finished the Indian opener's white-ball career.

Standing tall at 7ft 1 inch, Irfan dismissed Gambhir four times during that limited overs series (T20s and ODIs) and the southpaw played only one more white-ball series for India (vs England) before being dropped.

"When I played against India, they were not comfortable batting against me. Some of them told me in the 2012 series in India that they couldn't sight my ball properly because of my height and also didn't read my pace," Irfan told the *Samaa* channel.

Irfan claimed that it was that particular series that ended Gambhir's career. "He (Gambhir) didn't like to face me in match or when both teams had nets, I always felt he avoided eye contact with me. I remember I got out him four times

in the 2012 limited over series and he was unnerved against me," Irfan said.

Gambhir played his last T20 for India against Pakistan at Ahmedabad in that series. He also appeared in just one more ODI series against England after facing Pakistan in the winter of 2012-2013 and was never picked in white ball format by India again.

He recalled in the interview that Virat Kohli had told him while batting against him, that he didn't read his pace properly.

"He told me he thought I would be around 130-135 kph but I had increased my pace and I was bowling around 145 kph and he had problems picking me up. Once when he was batting he tried to pull a good length ball and missed. Yuvraj (Singh), who was at the other end told him in Punjabi. Don't try to pull him, rather try to cut him. Off my third ball, he went for a pull and was caught behind. Yuvi Paji told him... now go back," Irfan recalled. — PTI

Puja & Pujara



Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara arrives at the airport in Pune with his wife Puja and daughter Aditi on Monday, ahead of the second Test against South Africa beginning on Thursday. — PTI

Be patient with players, Misbah to critics

Karachi, Oct. 7: Pakistan's head coach Misbah-ul-Haq has urged the critics to show some patience with changes and experiments being done as it takes some time to yield results.

The former Pakistan skipper, who is also the chief selector also said that it is his duty to support the under-pressure

current captain Sarfaraz Ahmed.

"There is no need to press the panic button. I would ask the critics to go easy on the players who fail. When a player makes comeback, he needs time to settle down again and perform," Misbah told the media in Lahore ahead of the second T20 against Sri Lanka on Monday.

Critics were harsh on comeback men Ahmed Shehzad and Umar Akmal, who failed to get going in the first T20 against Sri Lanka.

Shehzad back in the T20 team after over a year made just four runs while Umar playing in this format for the national team for the first time since late 2016, was out for a first-

ball duck as a second-string Sri Lankan side upset Pakistan.

The head coach said that all experiments are being done keeping the next year's World T20 in mind.

"I think when you experiment keeping in mind next year's World T20 in Australia, one has to be patient with the recalled players and allow them to

perform in order to get positive results. Results will not always go your way but we have to be patient. I am confident that we can comeback in the series strongly," the former Test captain said.

He defended the selection of Akmal in the T20 squad pointing out he was picked on basis of his past performances. — PTI

VIJAY | HAZARE

Sandeep, Siraj shine for Hyd

Bengaluru, Oct. 7: Karnataka dished out a clinical show as they beat Andhra Pradesh by 53 runs in their Elite Group 'A' match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Monday.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad defeated Goa by five wickets in another Elite Group 'A' match, while Chhattisgarh, riding on slow left-arm orthodox bowler Sumit Ruikar's five-wicket haul, trounced Saurashtra by 65 runs.

Batting first, Goa were all out for 122 as left-arm spinner B. Sandeep took four wickets while conceding just 13 runs and pacer Siraj got 4 for 20.

In reply, Tanmay Agarwal led the charge with an unbeaten 66 as Hyderabad romped home with five wickets in hand.

Put into bat, Karnataka posted a respectable 278/7 on the board, riding on useful contributions from their frontline batsmen.

Later, their leggie Shreyas Gopal (4-48) spun a web around Andhra batsmen as the visitors folded up at 225, handing the hosts a comfortable 53-run victory.

Karnataka openers K L Rahul (33) and Devdutt Padikkal (44) gave their side a brisk start, putting up 68 runs for the opening wicket.

One down Karun Nair (24) could not convert his

start, but then it was skipper Manish Pandey, who rallied the innings after both Padikkal and Nair fell in quick succession.

Pandey (50) made a patient half-century in 56 balls, with a lone four and a six to his credit. It was then a quick-fire, unbeaten 45 from 38 balls by their wicket-keeper B. S. Sharath and a blazing 34 off 16 balls by K. Gowtham that ensured that they went past the 275-run mark. The duo put up a crucial 60-run stand for the seventh wicket.

The chase was horrendous for Andhra as opener Ashwin Hebbur was cleaned up by pacer M. Prasad Krishna (3-40) for a duck. — PTI

BRIEF SCORES

■ Karnataka 278/7 (Manish Pandey 50, B. R. Sharath 45 not out; Ashwin Hebbur 2/27) bt Andhra 225 (D. B. Prashanth Kumar 78, K. S. Bharat 38; Shreyas Gopal 4/48).

■ Goa 122 (Amogh Desai 55, Amit Verma 29; B. Sandeep 4/13, Mohammed Siraj 4/20) lost to Hyderabad 126/5 (Tanmay Agarwal 66 not out, J. Mallikarjun 30; Heramb Parab 1/21).

■ Chhattisgarh 246/8 (Amandeep Khare 53, Shashank Chandrakar 53; K. D. Patel 3/47) bt Saurashtra 181 (Shedlon Jackson 75, Arpit Vasavada 36; Sumit Ruikar 5/32).

SAMARTH AND AKSHDEEP SCRIPT UP'S 7-WKT WIN

Vadodara, Oct. 7: Captain Samarth Singh and Akshdeep Nath struck a half century each to help Uttar Pradesh record an easy seven-wicket win over Baroda in an Elite Group 'B' match of Vijay Hazare Trophy One-Day tournament here on Monday.

Chasing 213 for a win, Samarth scored 62 from 79 balls at the top of the innings before Akshdeep took UP home with 2.2 overs to spare with an unbeaten 75 which he hit from 107 deliveries. Samarth had five fours and a six in his innings while Akshdeep struck nine boundaries during his knock. — PTI

BRIEF SCORES

■ UP 213/3 in 47.4 overs (Samarth Singh 62, Akshdeep Nath 75 not out) bt Baroda (Vishnu Solanki 58, Yusuf Pathan 55; Ankit Rajpoot 3/43).

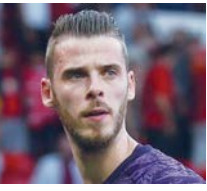
■ Himachal Pradesh 184/4 in 38.4 overs (Prashant Chopra 82; Yash Thakur 2/21) bt Vidarbha 183 (Ganesh Satish 67; Rishi Dhawan 4/35).

■ Odisha 260/7 in 49.1 overs (Subhranshu Senapati 119 not out; Azim Kazi 2/45) bt Maharashtra: 259/8 in 50 overs (Rahul Tripathi 69, Kedar Jadhav 62; Suryakant Pradhan 3/50).



Manchester divided

Former Manchester United defender Gary Neville blames poor planning by the club's board for their on-field woes



Yes, it probably is the most difficult time since I've been here. — David de Gea, Manchester United goalkeeper after they slumped to a dismal 1-0 defeat at Newcastle

SHORT TAKES

Verma bros ready for Dutch Open

Almere, The Netherlands: Verma brothers — Sourabh and Sameer — will look to put their best foot forward as they start their respective campaigns at the \$75,000 Dutch Open Super 100 tournament beginning on Tuesday. The Verma brothers come into the tournament with contrasting results. While top seed Sameer have been battling fitness issues which forced him to pull out of the events in China and Korea, Sourabh had clinched the Vietnam Open Super 100 title last month. — PTI

Thapa, Ashish book last 8 spots

Baddi: Shiva Thapa (63Kg) and Ashish Kumar (75Kg) lead top boxers ensured quarter-final positions while boxers from the Services — Vinod Tanwar and Naveen Boora — caused surprise upsets to oust Neeraj Swami (49 kg) and Dinesh Dagar (69 kg), a podium finisher from last year in the ongoing 4th Elite Men's National Boxing Championships here on Monday. While the day witnessed 80 bouts with the first bout registering an upset as President's Cup gold medalist Neeraj (49kg) lost 1-4 to Tanwar. Thapa (63kg) after failing to make a cut in the World Championships team earlier in the year, is participating in the fourth edition of the Nationals with a quest to win the Championship. — Agencies

RED DEVILS ARE FEELING BLUE



Newcastle United's Andy Carroll (left) vies for the ball with Marcos Rojo of Manchester United in their English Premier League match on Sunday. — AP

United slump to third straight loss at Newcastle

Newcastle, Oct. 7: Newcastle teenager Matthew Longstaff added to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's problems as he marked his Premier League debut with the superb strike that sealed a shock 1-0 win over woeful Manchester United on Sunday. Solskjaer's side paid the price for their latest lethargic display as Longstaff bagged his first goal for Newcastle in the second half at St James' Park. United are languishing

just two points above the relegation zone in 12th place after their third successive league game without a win. This was a wretched display from United, especially given the paucity of the opposition provided by a Newcastle team who had fared even worse in the opening weeks of the season. Alarmingly, United's only victory in their last five matches in all competitions came on penalties against

THE RESULT

Newcastle (M. Longstaff 72) 1 Manchester United 0

Rochdale in the League Cup. While it is surely too soon for Solskjaer to face the sack, the beleaguered United manager goes into the international break knowing results must improve quickly. United haven't won away

from Old Trafford since beating Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League in March. They are winless in eight consecutive top-flight away fixtures for the first time since a run of 11 from February to September 1989. Their haul of nine points after eight games is their worst tally at this stage of a top-flight campaign since the dark days of 1989. Newcastle are only one point behind United after their second win in nine matches in all competitions this season. In his 400th game as a Premier League manager, Magpies boss Steve Bruce ended a run of 21 games without a win against the club he served with distinction as a player. Those United glory days seem a distant memory now and their travelling fans were quick to show their frustration as they called for owners the Glazer family to sell up. — AFP

SPANISH LEAGUE

Barca run riot against Sevilla

Madrid, Oct. 7: Barcelona are back in form and La Liga's big three are back at the top of the table after the defending champions put on a finishing masterclass to thrash Sevilla 4-0 on Sunday. Lionel Messi scored his first goal of the season by curling in a brilliant free-kick at Camp Nou after three goals in eight minutes from Luis Suarez, Arturo Vidal and Ousmane Dembele had already put Sevilla out of sight. Suarez launched the flurry, his stunning left-footed bicycle kick arguably even better than the volley he scored in the Champions League win over Inter Milan on Wednesday. Vidal then finished a superb passing move that involved all 11 Barca players and Dembele powered through to make it three before Messi added a fourth in the second half. The match descended into farce late on as Barcelona's Ronald Araujo was sent off and Dembele followed after collecting a second yellow card for dissent. — AFP

THE RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Rows include Mallorca (Budimir 37, Sevilla 73) 2-0 Espanyol, Celta Vigo (Aspas 74) 1-0 Athletic Bilbao, Real Valladolid 0-0 Atletico Madrid, Real Sociedad (Merino 5) 1-0 Getafe (Mata 69, Maksimovic 89) 2-0, Barcelona (Suarez 27, Vidal 32, Dembele 35, Messi 78) 4-0 Sevilla.



Barcelona's Lionel Messi shoots to score against Sevilla in their Spanish league match at Camp Nou in Barcelona on Sunday. The hosts won 4-0. — AP



British Deputy High Commissioner Dr Andrew Fleming (second from left) poses with Academia Sports Village COO Durdana Arshi (left), CEO Mohammad Shamsuddin (right) and Mohammed Ilyasuddin Khan (second from right) after unveiling the foundation stone for four tennis clay courts of international standard at the HPRC Complex in Aziz Nagar.

State-of-the-art clay courts to come up at Hyd Riding Club

DC CORRESPONDENT

Hyderabad-based Academia Sports Village made their third anniversary memorable on Monday by laying the foundation for four modern tennis clay courts to match international standards at the Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club at Aziz Nagar in Moinabad. Dr Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner to Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, along with Academia Sports Village CEO Mohammad Shamsuddin and COO Durdana Arshi unveiled the stone that announced the upcoming facility. "Apart from our own coaches to handle the sessions to the trainees on a regular basis, we will be conducting a tennis clinic from October 25 to 27 with

Croatia's Duje Tomasovic, who has coached his countryman and former World No. 3 Marin Cilic," Shamsuddin said, adding "we will also provide free horse riding classes for Under 19 trainees." "Hopefully we will be successful in grooming a future world champion," he said. "It's nice to keep coming back to the same place and see it growing. Two years ago, I had come here to inaugurate the gym. Now, it's exciting to be here for the development of tennis courts. We need to see more of this kind of opportunity in the city," Dr Fleming said. "Sports is a good unifier. You get to meet new people and make friends. It breaks down barriers," he added. A keen follower of sport, Dr Fleming said: "I have been a football referee for seven years — between 14

and 21 — before work got in the way. I am interested in any kind of sport. Next Monday, I might watch my first kabaddi match in Ahmedabad." COO Durdana spoke of the dream to set up more such facilities. "The cities are getting crammed and we need a place where kids can play. This should be a one-stop shop for fitness and various sports. We would like to have branches all over Hyderabad," she said. At HPRC, Sports Village aims to develop a multipurpose sports centre. The idea is to provide international flavour, thereby helping young players understand the techniques prevalent on the global platform (via their association with leading clubs and academies in Europe) and save them the costs of going abroad for the purpose.

WORLD ATHLETICS

US add three golds to finish on top

Doha, Oct. 7: Sprint hurdler Nia Ali led a final day gold rush for the United States as the curtain came down on the World Championships on Sunday. Ali powered to victory in the 100 metres hurdles to upset world record holder Keni Harrison with a time of 12.34sec at the Khalifa Stadium. "I've been training really hard, especially coming back from having my kids," said 30-year-old mother-of-two Ali, who was accompanied by both of her children on her lap of honour. "These ladies have been raising the bar all year so I knew what I had to do." Ali's win was one of three final day gold medals for the USA, who finished on top of the

medal table with 14 golds, 11 silver and four bronze. Kenya, meanwhile, finished in second spot with five golds, two silvers and four bronze. The final day's action drew a line under 10 days of competition at the championships, held in the Middle East for the first time. Despite problems at the start of the championships with sweltering heat and humidity and swathes of empty seats, Sunday's action played out to a packed house. "It is pretty clear to us that on athlete performance, this is the best world championships that we've ever had," International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) President Sebastian Coe

told reporters. The United States' other gold medals came in the 4x400m relay events, with comfortable victories for their men's and women's quartets. The women's relay victory meant a second gold medal for Dalilah Muhammad, who swept to victory with a world record-breaking display in the 400m hurdles on Friday. Muhammad ran a blistering third leg for the USA to help set up a win in 3min 18.92sec. The USA win also saw Allyson Felix extend her record tally of world championship gold medals. The 33-year-old American, who did not run in the final but featured in the heats, now has 13 golds. — AFP



USA's Nia Ali celebrates with her child after winning the women's 100m hurdles at the Athletics Worlds in Doha on Sunday. — AFP

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