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After BJP opts out, Governor invites Sena

While resigning from the CM's post on Friday, Mr. Fadnavis accused the Sena of cutting all communication lines, and denied that any arrangement to share the top post for 2.5 years had ever been reached in his presence. Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had hit back claiming the party was turning its back on a commitment given to seal the alliance.

Mr. Thackeray told his legislators earlier in the day that the Sena would not be a palanquin-bearer any longer. A Sainik would sit in the palanquin (of Chief Ministership). Sena MLA Aaditya Thackeray visited party legislators at a Madh Island resort on Saturday and stayed the night there. On Sunday, Mr. Uddhav Thackeray also met the legislators.

At the meeting, Mr. Thackeray reportedly told his MLAs that he had not called off the alliance and that his (party's) doors were still open, but reiterated the stand on the CM's post. Amid calls for 'Aaditya as CM', Shiv Sainiks put up hoardings outside the Thackeray residence in support of their demands.

Sena Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut told *The Hindu*, "We had given our best wishes to BJP. They were adamant on having their own CM, but could not form the government and we feel sorry about that. Today, Uddhavji has made

clear that the Sena will have its own CM."

When asked if his party would ally with the Congress-NCP, he said, "We are close to taking a decision, there is no need for too many meetings. We are in no hurry, the Governor now has to invite us as second largest party. But we will not keep Maharashtra in limbo."

Must quit NDA: NCP

Amid reports that the Sena would tie up with the NCP to form a government, the latter clarified that it should first quit the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and resign from the Union Cabinet. NCP Mumbai chief and chief spokesperson Nawab Malik said the party could not take any decision until the Sena officially made a proposal and quit the NDA.

"Let us first get the proposal. If they want our support then they have to show the willingness to quit the NDA. Only then can the talks move forward," he said.

Meanwhile, the Congress, which shifted its MLAs to Jaipur, clarified that there was no question of joining the Sena to form the government. "Our high command has clarified that there is no question of supporting the Sena. We have not won the mandate and there will be no move from us," Maharashtra in-charge Mallikarjun Kharge, told reporters in Jaipur.

Ayodhya ruling: Doval meets religious leaders

He said the invite did not mention that the meeting was related to the verdict. According to the statement, the religious leaders pledged full support to the government's efforts to maintain peace and order. "The interaction helped to strengthen communication between top religious leaders to maintain a spirit of amity and brotherhood among all communities," the statement said. "All the participants reposed faith in the rule of law and the Constitution."

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, president of Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, who attended the meeting, said, "A new channel of communication was opened. There should be no misunderstanding, and the conversation was done in a harmonious manner. The NSA appreciated the stand taken by leaders of both communities."

The other attendees included Swami Avdeshanand, Swami Paramatmananda and Swami Nirmalananda; the VHP's Alok Kumar, Champat Rai, Surinder Jain and Jiveshwar; Maulana Saeed Ahmed Noori, president of Raza Academy, Mumbai; Dr. Zahir Ishaque Kazi, president of Anjuman-I-Islam; and Pir Farid Ahmed Nizami of Nizamuddin Auliya Dargah,

Delhi. The statement further said, "The leaders resolved to honour the decision of the Supreme Court and appealed to all countrymen to abide by it [the verdict], emphasizing that the national interest overrides all other considerations. They extended their full cooperation to the government in ensuring peace and communal harmony and upholding the rule of law."

The leaders noted with satisfaction that millions of Indians displayed a great sense of responsibility, sensitivity and restraint in accepting the verdict, it said.

The Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind (JUH), one of the largest Muslim organisations, issued a statement expressing disagreement with the verdict.

It termed the ruling "unjust" and said it disregarded "the truth and evidence". The statement, issued by JUH general secretary Maulana Mahmood Madani, said, "The honourable five judges of the Supreme Court, despite admitting that the placing of idols and destruction of the Babri Masjid were serious violations of the rule of law, gave the land to those who had committed such crimes. This is a clear discrimination against the particular community, which was not expected from the court."

Long road to trial in Babri demolition

Kalyan Singh was summoned in September after losing immunity enjoyed as Rajasthan Governor

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

The trial in the Babri Masjid demolition case involving BJP leaders and others being conducted in a Special CBI court in Lucknow is at the stage of presentation of evidence by the prosecution.

The Special CBI court in May 2017 charged BJP leaders L.K. Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Union Minister Uma Bharti and others related to the Sangh Parivar with criminal conspiracy in the Babri Masjid demolition case.

Examination of witnesses has experienced delays due to the delayed framing of charges against senior BJP leader Kalyan Singh, who was exempted from facing trial in the case due to the constitutional immunity he enjoyed as the Governor of Rajasthan till recently.

Mr. Singh was the Chief



Looking back: V.H. Dalmia, M.M. Joshi, L.K. Advani and Uma Bharti, near Ayodhya on Dec. 10, 1992. ■ SHANKAR CHAKRAVARTY

Minister when mobs demolished the Mughal-era mosque in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992. After his five-year tenure as Governor ended in September 2019, Mr. Singh was summoned and charged by the Special CBI court on the 27th of that

month, days after he was re-inducted into the BJP.

The charges against him relate to criminal conspiracy, promoting enmity between different groups; imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration; state-ments conducing to public

mischievous; injuring or defiling place of worship and deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings.

Vimal Srivastava, a defence counsel, said since Mr. Singh does not have immunity now, witnesses related to his case have started to appear in court. Yet, so far only three witnesses have been examined. He estimates another 35-40 witnesses are yet to be examined.

Investigation witnesses

Overall, Mr. Srivastava said 336 witnesses have been examined in the Babri demolition case. Most fast witnesses relating to the rest of the accused, which involves many BJP veterans, have been examined, he said. The investigation officer witnesses are now being examined, he added. An informed source in the trial proceedings said

while 57 witnesses had appeared in the Rae Bareilly court, 291 witnesses had appeared in the special court in Lucknow.

The prosecution was finding it difficult to examine witnesses as they were proving hard to track down.

"Some died, others are too old and are not in a position to speak or remember things clearly," said the source, requesting anonymity.

In May 2017, the special court framed charges against Mr. Advani, Mr. Joshi and Ms. Bharti along with three others — former MP Vinay Katiyar and VHP leaders Vishnu Hari Dalmia and Sadhvi Ritambhara — under Section 120 B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

The apex court last year directed the special court to deliver a verdict by April 2020.

SC not to entertain claims against actions of Mughals

'For recourse against ancient rulers, law is not the answer'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court cannot entertain claims about the actions of Mughal emperors against Hindu places of worship, the Ayodhya verdict said.

"This court cannot entertain claims that stem from the actions of the Mughal rulers against Hindu places of worship in a court of law today. For any person who seeks solace or recourse against the actions of any number of ancient rulers, the law is not the answer. Our history is replete with actions that have been judged to be morally incorrect and even today are liable to trigger vociferous ideological debate," the Ayodhya judgment said.

With this, the court shuts its door on future claims of alleged atrocities committed by ancient rulers against



Hindu places of worship of yore.

Watershed moment

The court said differences on the basis of religion, skin colour and ancestors died with the adoption of the Constitution.

"The adoption of the Constitution marks a watershed moment where we, the people of India, departed from the determination of rights and liabilities on the basis of

our ideology, our religion, the colour of our skin, or the century when our ancestors arrived at these lands, and submitted to the rule of law," the judgment said.

To the question then why the Supreme Court entertained the appeals on the civil suits for determination of title and possession of the Ayodhya land, the judgment reasons that "this court can adjudicate upon private property claims that were expressly or impliedly recognised by the British sovereign and subsequently not interfered with upon Indian independence." "With respect to the disputed property, it is evident that the British Sovereign recognised and permitted the existence of both Hindu and Muslim communities at the disputed property upon the annexation of Oudh in 1856," the judgment observed.

Ruins don't always indicate demolition, observes SC

'ASI report merely says mosque was not built on vacant land'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The ruins of an ancient religious structure under an existing building does not always indicate that it was demolished by unfriendly powers, the Supreme Court held in its 1,045-page judgment in the Ayodhya case.

"Existence of the ruins of an underlying structure is not a reason in itself to infer that it was demolished for the construction of a new structure which rests on its foundations," it held.

The observation is significant, and will form the basis of an argument against future claims that Hindu places of worship were destroyed centuries ago by rulers to build structures of other religions.

The Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, was dealing with the question of whether a Hindu religious struc-



A view of the Babri Masjid before it was razed. ■ THE HINDU ARCHIVES

ture was demolished to build the Babri Masjid in the 16th century.

The court agreed with the Allahabad High Court's reasoning that "when a structure has been constructed several hundred years ago, it is difficult to conclude with any degree of certainty whether the underlying structure on whose foundations it rests had collapsed due to natural causes or whether the structure was demolished to give way for the structure of a mosque."

The judgment noted that

the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) report merely says the mosque was not built on vacant land and there was an underlying non-Islamic structure of large dimensions. It does not touch upon how that structure went to ruins.

"The ASI report has left unanswered a critical part of the remit made to it, namely, a determination of whether a Hindu temple had been demolished to pave the way for the construction of the mosque," the Supreme Court said.

Opinion divided in Congress over backing for temple

Section of party leaders says public articulation went beyond the resolution adopted by the Congress Working Committee

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

The Congress's categorical assertion in support of a Ram temple at Ayodhya seems to have evoked mixed reactions within the party, with a section of party leaders asking if the public articulation went beyond the resolution adopted by the Congress Working Committee (CWC).

The CWC, moments after the top court delivered its verdict, came out with a measured response and did not explicitly talk about temple construction. But at the press conference to read out the resolution, the party's chief spokesperson, Randeep Surjewala, made a categorical assertion backing the

construction of the temple. "There is no ambiguity in the court order and it has clearly talked of setting up a trust to build a temple. Why should we go around in circles and avoid taking stand?" said a senior leader from Madhya Pradesh.

Differing views

The leader argued that the Congress's categorical stand in favour of the temple would not only help the party in the Hindi heartland States such as Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, where it is in power, but will also put the brakes on the BJP from "portraying the Congress as a party that only appeases Muslims".



Party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala on Saturday made a categorical assertion backing the construction of the temple.

A section of the party, however, differed with such public articulation and argued that the Congress could never win over the BJP voters with its "soft Hindutva", but could end up losing other

supporters in non Hindi-belt States.

Party insiders say the CWC discussed threadbare all the possible scenarios, including a split verdict, where different judges could give

Sonia should apologise: BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Sunday sought an apology from Congress president Sonia Gandhi for the statements made by the party's Punjab MLA, Navjyot Singh Sidhu, in Pakistan on Saturday, and for the *National Herald* piece comparing the Supreme

Court to the apex court of Pakistan in the wake of the Ayodhya verdict.

Addressing a press conference, party spokesperson Sambit Patra demanded an "apology from Soniji" for Mr. Sidhu speaking favourably about Pakistan PM Imran Khan, while maligning India.

77 arrested in U.P. for 'offensive' posts

Action taken against 8,275 social media posts, including 4,563 over the past 24 hours

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Seventy-seven persons have been arrested across Uttar Pradesh for posting "offensive" content on social media regarding the Ayodhya verdict, the police said on Sunday.

The police have been monitoring social media for posts that it says could "spoil communal harmony."

Apart from the 77 arrested, the police have also registered 34 cases. Of these, 22 FIRs were lodged and 40 persons arrested in the past 24 hours.

The police took action against 8,275 social media posts, including 4,563 over



In print: People catching up on news in Ayodhya on Sunday. ■ AP

the past 24 hours, the U.P. DGP headquarters said in a statement. The action included removing the posts, asking the users to delete "offensive" posts and also

suspending the profiles, if needed.

The posts were mostly put up on Twitter, as per the police data, with action taken against 2,869 of them since

Saturday. A total of 1,355 posts on Facebook and 98 videos and profiles on YouTube were also flagged.

Monitoring to continue

"The monitoring of offensive posts and videos on social media and action against them will continue," the police said. DGP O.P. Singh on Saturday hailed the people of Uttar Pradesh for showing restraint and keeping the State "totally peaceful".

"All sections of society have risen to the occasion and displayed exemplary solidarity, respect, restraint & cooperation," the DGP tweeted, while appealing for communal harmony.

'Develop temples as cultural heritage centres'

Kanchi Acharya calls for focus from all

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
TIRUCHI

Welcoming the verdict in the Ayodhya case, Kanchi Acharya Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi on Sunday called for developing temples as centres of cultural heritage.

In a statement, he said, "After many years, with the collective devotion, dedication, servitude, wishes, sacrifice, tolerance, unstinting efforts, ability of many people and with divine benedictions of sant mahatmas, this situation has advanced. With the blessings of Kanchi Paramacharya, the interest and efforts of Sri Jayendra

Saraswathi Swamigal in this endeavour are very significant and important."

"Going forward, temples need to be developed in such a way, wherein they are centres of culture, spirituality, heritage and harbingers of divine blessings."

"Everyone including government, private and individuals must participate and devote adequate attention. For temples to attain their fullest potential, we must evince interest to positively develop them with necessary financial help, spiritual education, proper religious framework and sound administrative mechanism."

Security for judges beefed up

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The security of five judges who delivered the verdict in the highly-sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case has been enhanced with the deployment of additional troops,

barricades and mobile escort teams, officials said.

"Security of the honourable judges has been enhanced as a precautionary measure. However, there has been no specific threat to anyone of the judges," a senior official said.

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Sendrayal

Indian seafarers abandoned and adrift on land

Well trained and sought-after sailors in distress after getting entangled in illegal operations of owners; families pursue cases abroad

M. KALYANARAMAN
CHENNAI
When the marriage proposal came, Gagandeep Kaur's folks felt her prospective husband had a "good, standard" job. After the wedding in 2014, Ms. Kaur realised her husband's job involved much hard work. But little was she aware of how risky his merchant marine profession was.

On November 3, Ms. Sidhu, a resident of Ludhiana, landed in Shanghai along with her father Charanjit Singh, a farmer in Jalandhar. She had left her two-year-old son with her in-laws. She had waited for nearly three months, hoping that her husband, Captain Jagvir Singh Sidhu, detained in Ningbo, China, would be released.

Smuggling charge
Captain Sidhu was arrested by the Chinese police and Coast Guard in July on charges of smuggling in frozen cargo at Ningbo on the vessel *MV Hai Yue*. Ms. Sidhu realised that the vessel's owner and the manning agent who had recruited her husband had washed their hands of the case.

Yogini Deshpande's WhatsApp status message recalls the Hindi film song *Jindagi, ek safar he suhana*, which urges the listener to stay in the moment, because life is unpredictable. Ms. Deshpande, a resident of Pune, has been married for 10 years and knows that her husband's job involves long periods away from home. But nothing had prepared her for the ordeal ahead.

Her husband, Mithun Vasudev Deshpande, was a second officer on board *MT Riha* when the ship was

apprehended by Iranian authorities in the Strait of Hormuz on July 13. The charge: illegal travel through their waters, later changed to oil smuggling, she says.

House arrest
Her husband is under house arrest in Qeshm Island along with two others. Iranian courts have sentenced him to three years in prison or to pay a fine of \$13 million. Ms. Deshpande says their lawyer has stepped away, citing non-payment of legal fees by the ship's charterer. Since his arrest, she has spoken to her husband for just a minute over phone.

Meanwhile, in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, R. Thandapani has been trying to pick up the threads of his life. His ship, *Seaman Guard Ohio*, was seized by the Indian Coast Guard in October, 2013 and brought to Thoothukudi. Mr. Thandapani was among 11 Indians and 23 foreigners charged with illegally procuring fuel while in Indian territorial waters, conspiracy and illegal possession of weapons. Facing action from the Coast Guard, the ship and its crew were abandoned by the owner, AdvanFort.

Mr. Thandapani, a certified Able Seaman, has been working in a printing press since his release by the Madras High Court in November 2017 after it found him to be innocent. After nearly two years, a company has offered him a shipping job. As part of the process of placement, the company asked him to obtain a US CI/D visa that is needed for seafarers joining a ship in the U.S.

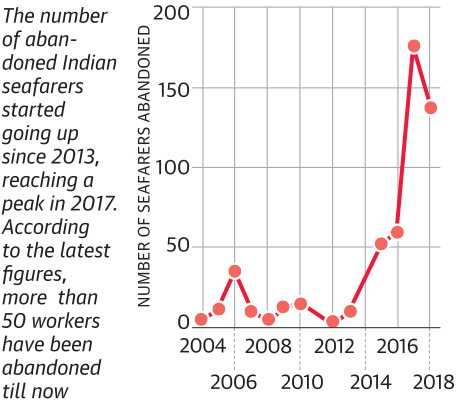
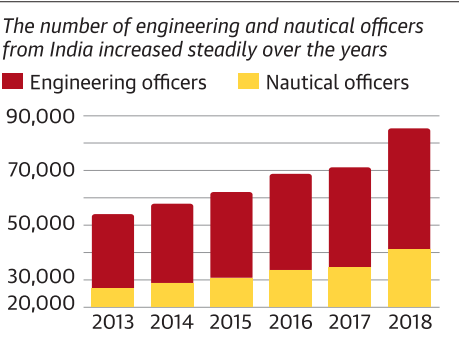
The three cases are illus-

Like deserting a sinking ship

The number of Indian seafarers grew 1.5 times between 2013 and 2018, reaching 2.1 lakh workers. Indians now form 10% of the total seafarers employed globally. While the volume of workers grew, the number of Indian seafarers abandoned also saw a sharp spike



Captain Jagvir Singh Sidhu who was arrested in July this year by the Chinese coast guard, with his wife Gagandeep Kaur and son Avinoor in a file photo. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME FEDERATION, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORG., DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING

trative of what has accompanied a boom in jobs for Indians on merchant ships — seafarers being recruited by dodgy owners and their manning agents in India.

The boom has its roots in labour arbitrage. Indian seafarers were relatively less expensive but well trained. Also, Indian certificates of competency for these professionals are valued worldwide.

Today, some 2.1 lakh Indian seafarers, forming 10% of the global seafarer population, are in the job market on one lakh ships.

Some seafarers get entangled in illegal operations by the owner, as with Captain Sidhu. Under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, a seafarer is deemed to be abandoned if the ship owner fails to cover the cost of

his or her repatriation, does not provide necessary support, or unilaterally severs ties with the seafarer.

In the case of *MV Hai Yue*, says Vikram Singh, who was the Chief Officer of the ship, "The Captain is innocent. It was the second officer who was acting as the *de facto* master."

Suspicious moves

The owner of *Hai Yue*, a relatively small ship, some 76 metres long, with one cargo hold, is in Henan province of China, and the vessel is operated by V-Star Ships of Hong Kong.

Vikram Singh and six other Indians including Captain Jagvir joined the vessel in Taiwan on June 17. They were recruited by Marvin International Ship Management of Mumbai. Within five

minutes of the crew boarding the vessel, *Hai Yue* departed, Mr. Singh says.

There was a Chinese second officer on board who told the crew that they were sailing to China. Throughout, he was either on the satellite phone or, if the vessel was close to the coast, on his cell phone, taking orders from the owner, Mr. Vikram Singh says. The second officer said the owner knows only Chinese, not English.

Two or three days later, the Chinese second officer said provisions would have to be taken and two pilots would take the vessel to port. "I saw two people coming in a fishing boat, not a pilot boat. They didn't look like legitimate pilots," Mr. Singh adds.

He says the second officer asked the captain to leave

the wheelhouse. The Indian chief officer saw the vessel going alongside at what he calls a "blackout port", with a warehouse or a factory nearby.

When Captain Jagvir and Mr. Vikram Singh went to check, the second officer told them to leave. At this point, the Captain argued with the second officer. The Chinese officer told him that these were the owner's instructions. In a few hours, the cargo was discharged and the second officer ordered the ship to move.

When the vessel had sailed some 15 to 20 miles, the second officer asked that the ship drop anchor for repairs. After two days, the second officer said the owner had called him and told him to rush to Taiwan since a warship and Chinese authorities were coming. "The second officer cut the anchor chain with a grinder and set sail to Taipei," Mr. Singh says.

The Captain and six others then told the Chinese second officer that something illegal was happening and all the Indian crew wanted to sign off, he recalls. The second officer said they would be signed off at Busan in Korea, Mr. Singh says.

During the voyage from Keelung, Taiwan, to Korea, the vessel was again adrift, as per the owner's instructions, near Ningbo. This was when the Chinese Coast Guard seized it.

Flew to Delhi

The six detained Indian crew were at a hotel for nearly a month until August 14 when they were released and they flew to Delhi. The Chinese Coast Guard took care of the crew and paid for

the flight, he said. They did not allow Marvin International representatives to meet them or talk to them. The Captain remains under detention.

Gagandeep Kaur Sidhu says she tried to meet Marvin staff in Mumbai several times. "They did not refuse to help but did not do much either, and wasted nearly two months," she says. She sought assistance from Sanjar Parashar, chairman of the International Maritime Federation.

Finally, Marvin engaged a lawyer with whom she was in touch over WeChat. When the lawyer said the company had not paid her dues, she decided to go to Shanghai.

In the week of November 4, Ms. Sidhu met Indian consular officials in Shanghai including the Consul-General, Anil Rai, and the Ambassador to China, Vikram Misri, who also promised help. "Indian consular officials are saying that the matter should have been resolved by the owner or agent before it reached the courts," she says. On November 9, Mr. Rai assured her that Mr. Sidhu would get consular access and medical assistance.

Ms. Sidhu met the Chinese lawyer who, she said, told her she would continue to handle the case. She then wrote to the Directorate General of Shipping, which had suspended the licence of Marvin International. Marvin is among some 400 Recruitment and Placement Services (RPS) agencies for Indian seafarers.

In the case of *Hai Yue*, the DG Shipping has told Ms. Sidhu that Marvin does not have a relationship with the owner. "Marvin has an agreement with an agency

in Vietnam for placement of seafarers for a Chinese-owned vessel but the relationship between the Vietnamese agency and the owner is not established," Mr. Parashar says.

The email notes that the documents submitted by Marvin do not show evidence of Protection & Indemnity insurance (P&I) Club cover for the vessel, which could have helped Ms. Sidhu, he adds.

In its note to Ms. Sidhu, the DG Shipping has said the legal fees could be paid by cashing the bank guarantees of Marvin International. Ms. Sidhu hasn't met her husband who continues to be under detention in Ningbo.

Yogini Deshpande went to the Indian consulate in Dubai where officials arranged a meeting with one of the three charterers of *Mt Riha* on October 22. She said the officials had told the charterer to either go on appeal or negotiate the fine.

Visa interview

When he got the job offer in September, Mr. Thandapani felt he was seeing light at last. He attended the U.S. visa interview on September 13 and gave his biometrics. During the interview, he told the interviewer about the *Seaman Guard Ohio* case and submitted all the relevant documents and the release order. His shipping company told him he was to join the ship at Ennore on October 25. The previous day, Mr. Thandapani went to the consulate. He wanted at least to collect his passport, with or without the visa. But, he couldn't succeed. And without the passport, he could not join the ship either.

BJP names candidates for 52 seats in Jharkhand

List includes 31 incumbents

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Sunday named candidates for 52 of the 81 seats in the Jharkhand Assembly election that will begin on November 30.

The list includes 31 incumbents. Ten sitting MLAs have been dropped, BJP national general secretary Arun Singh said at a press conference here.

The BJP's central election committee, at a meeting chaired by party president Amit Shah and attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the names, including 13 "youth" candidates and five women, he said.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das will contest the Jamshedpur East seat.

'Sure of good results'

BJP working president J.P. Nadda said Jharkhand was earlier known for "corrup-

Congress releases first list of five candidates

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Sunday announced its first list of five candidates, all from seats that will go to polls in Jharkhand in the first phase on November 30. It has fielded its State unit chief Rameshwar Oraon from Lohardaga. The Congress will contest 31 seats out of the 81 Assembly seats. The JMM (contesting seven seats), Congress and RJD (contesting 43 seats) had recently announced a pre-poll alliance. PTI

tion and instability", but the Raghubar Das government had changed the situation in five years.

He said the BJP had faith in the leadership of Mr. Das in the State and Mr. Modi nationwide, and was sure of "good results" in the elections.

Congress divided in Maharashtra

Ashok Chavan says party undecided; Kharge says it will sit in Opposition

MOHAMMED IQBAL
JAIPUR

Amid the political uncertainty in Maharashtra, the newly elected Congress MLAs from the State, staying at a luxury resort, near here, on Sunday authorised party president Sonia Gandhi to nominate the leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP).

The party declared that it had accepted the mandate to sit in the Opposition.

Senior Congress leader and former Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde arrived in the evening to convey Ms. Gandhi's message to the MLAs and interact with them to get their views on the party's stand on the formation of a government.

Chavan stand

Senior Congress leader and former Chief Minister Ashok Chavan, who is in Jaipur, however, said the party had



Amid political uncertainty, Congress shifted its 44 MLAs-elect to a resort to avoid "poaching" attempts. ■ ANI

"not yet decided anything".

"We are keeping an eye on the recent developments. We are discussing all the options before us. We have not decided anything yet," Mr. Chavan told ANI over the phone.

He said the Congress wanted a stable government and not President's Rule.

The party's Maharashtra in-charge, Mallikarjun Kharge, who met the MLAs, told presspersons that people had given the Congress

the mandate to sit in the Opposition, which the party had accepted.

The party's core committee met twice on Sunday to discuss the Governor's invitation to the BJP to form a government in the State.

Considering the threat of "poaching" amid a political impasse in Maharashtra, the Congress shifted its 44 MLAs-elect on Friday and Saturday to the resort on the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway, about 20 km from the

Come out of NDA, NCP tells Shiv Sena

MUMBAI

The Nationalist Congress Party Mumbai president and chief spokesperson Nawab Malik on Sunday said that the Shiv Sena would have to resign from the Union Cabinet and quit the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for the NCP to consider supporting the Shiv Sena in forming a government.

city. They include the senior leaders Ashok Chavan, Prithviraj Chavan and Balasaheb Thorat.

At the CLP meeting in the resort, the MLAs passed a brief resolution favouring the continuation of the alliance with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and authorised Ms. Gandhi to nominate the CLP leader. After the meeting, several of them left for places of worship in Ajmer and Pushkar. (With ANI inputs)

Release Kashmir leaders from detention: DMK

'Valley converted into an open prison'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The DMK's general council meeting on Sunday condemned the arrest of senior Kashmiri leaders including National Conference's Farooq Abdullah after the Centre withdrew the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370. The party said the Valley was converted into an open prison.

Resolution passed

A resolution adopted at the meeting attended by party president M.K. Stalin said the special status was removed without seeking the opinion

of the people of the State and the Assembly.

"The State has been converted into a prison without space for democracy and leaders are confined under house arrest. All the leaders should be released immediately. Democracy and the aspirations of the people should be respected," a resolution adopted at the meeting said.

Though Mr. Stalin on Saturday expressed his opinion on the Supreme Court order on the Babri Masjid-Ramjanmabhooni dispute, the party general council steered clear of the subject.

The man who cleaned up the Indian electoral system

As CEC, he saw to it that the model code of conduct was taken seriously by political parties and candidates

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

T.N. Seshan, as Chief Election Commissioner during 1990-96, initiated the process of cleaning up the electoral system. The introduction of electors' photo identity cards was a measure towards this direction. He also saw to it that the model code of conduct, till then considered a document of academic interest, was taken seriously by the parties and candidates. Despite facing a volley of criticism that he had exceeded his brief, Mr. Seshan had demonstrated to the outside world that his post was no pushover.

Born on December 15, 1932 in Palakkad, Kerala, Mr. Seshan belonged to the 1955 batch of Tamil Nadu cadre officers of the IAS. An alum-



T.N. SESHAN: 1932-2019

nus of the Madras Christian College, he, as an IAS officer, did a year-long course in management at Harvard University in the 1960s.

Anti-Hindi agitation

Though the Tamil Nadu part of his career was largely regarded as uneventful, he, as

Madurai District Collector during 1965-67, came into public attention when he dealt sternly with participants of the anti-Hindi agitation. According to K. Govindan Kutty's biography *Seshan: An Intimate Story* (1994), the then Chief Minister, M. Bakthavatsalam, was

"flooded with complaints of suppression of civil rights" in the district. Yet, Mr. Seshan was left intact.

In the Tamil Nadu government, he held positions such as Industries Secretary and Agriculture Secretary during M.G. Ramachandran's first innings (1977-80) as Chief Minister. His differences with his political masters forced him to opt for a Central posting.

His batchmate-friend and former Vigilance Commissioner in Tamil Nadu P.N. Vedanarayanan said he was not surprised by what Mr. Seshan did as CEC. "His qualities as an administrator were clearly evident when he was part of the State government," he recalled.

At the Centre, Mr. Seshan held several positions, in-

cluding Environment and Forests Secretary, Defence Secretary and later, Cabinet Secretary.

Meant business

When Chandra Shekhar became Prime Minister with the support of the Congress, Mr. Seshan was made CEC in December 1990. Soon, he had shown that he meant business.

He was known as a no nonsense CEC and one who had enforced, in his own way, discipline on political parties and contestants. He earned the wrath of several politicians including former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa who had once described him as an "embodiment of arrogance."

During the Karnataka Assembly elections in Decem-

ber 1994, he famously pulled up Union Ministers Sitaram Kesri and Kalpnath Raj for "attempting to influence voters".

It was during Mr. Seshan's period that the Commission was made a multi-member body in October 1993.

Briefly in the mid-1990s, Mr. Seshan was seen as a crusader against corruption and electoral malpractices. His work was recognised internationally when he was given the Ramon Magsaysay award for 1996.

In July 1997, Mr. Seshan unsuccessfully contested the presidential election against K.R. Narayanan. Two years later, in the Gandhinagar parliamentary constituency, the Congress fielded him against then Union Home Minister L.K. Advani but he lost.



Sirisena pardons killer of Swedish teen, sparks row
COLOMBO
Sri Lanka's President has pardoned a death-row prisoner, who murdered a Swedish teenager, just a week before he leaves office, Sparking national outrage. Convicted killer Jude Jayamaha, from a high-profile family, walked out of Welikada prison on Saturday. The court had been told the victim's skull was fractured into 64 pieces. PTI

Iran announces discovery of massive oil field
TEHRAN
Iran has discovered a massive new oil field, President Hassan Rouhani announced on Sunday, a find that would boost its proven reserves by about a third in a rare piece of "good news" for an economy battered by U.S. sanctions. The 80-metre deep reservoir stretches nearly 200 km from Khuzestan's border with Iraq to the city of Omiydeh, he said. AFP

U.S. court refuses to ban work permits for H-1B holders' spouses

Obama-era rule has been challenged by Saves Jobs USA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON
In a temporary relief to thousands of Indians living in America, a U.S. court has refused to strike down, for the time being, an Obama-era rule that allowed spouses of H-1B visa holders to work in America.
The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows the U.S. companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations.
A 2015 rule issued by U.S. President Donald Trump's predecessor Barack Obama allowed work permits for certain categories of H-4 visa

Bolivia's President agrees to new polls after damning OAS audit

The report found 'clear manipulations' in October 20 election won by Evo Morales

REUTERS LA PAZ
Bolivian President Evo Morales agreed on Sunday to hold new presidential elections after an audit of the disputed October 20 vote found serious irregularities, while pressure mounted on the left leader to step down.
The Organization of American States' (OAS) report, issued on Sunday, said the vote should be annulled after it had found "clear manipulations" of the voting system that called into question Mr. Morales' win, with a lead of just over 10 points over main rival Carlos Mesa.
New electoral body
Mr. Morales, speaking at a press conference in La Paz, also said he would replace the country's electoral body. The department has come under heavy criticism after an unexplained halt to the vote count sparked wides-



Political crisis: Police officers taking part in a protest march against President Evo Morales in Santa Cruz. ■ AFP
pread allegations of fraud and prompted the OAS audit.
Mr. Morales, who came to power in 2006 as Bolivia's first indigenous leader, has defended his win but had said he would adhere to the findings of the OAS audit.
The weeks-long standoff over the disputed election escalated over the weekend as police forces were seen

"The first round of the elections held on October 20 must be annulled and the electoral process must begin again," the OAS added.
Voting should take place as soon as conditions are in place to guarantee it being able to go ahead, including a newly composed electoral body, the OAS said.
Morales should resign
Luis Fernando Camacho, a civic leader who has become a symbol of the Opposition, said the report clearly demonstrated election fraud and reiterated his call for Mr. Morales to resign.
Mr. Mesa said Mr. Morales and Vice-President Alvaro Garcia Linera should not preside over the electoral process or be candidates.
Meanwhile, Bolivia's Attorney General's office said that it had ordered an investigation into the members of the electoral tribunal.

Afghan presidential candidate boycotts recounting of votes

Won't accept addition of suspicious votes: Abdullah Abdullah

REUTERS KABUL
The result of the Afghan presidential election may be further delayed, two officials said, after the main challenger to incumbent Ashraf Ghani said on Sunday he would not agree to the addition of hundreds of thousands of what he called suspicious votes to a planned recount.
The Afghanistan Independent Election Commission (IEC) said on Saturday that it would recount ballots from more than 8,000 polling stations – almost a third of the total – due to what it called discrepancies in their system.
But Abdullah Abdullah, who currently shares power with Mr. Ghani in a unity government, said Mr. Ghani's side was pushing to include some 3,00,000 additional votes which did not come through biometric devices used in polling and which



Number game: Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah addressing his supporters in Kabul on Sunday. ■ AP
must be nullified.
"The recounting process should stop, and if the Election Commission continue with recounting process without our observers, we will act," Mr. Abdullah told a cheering crowd of supporters in Kabul, accusing Mr. Ghani's camp of fraud, which Mr. Ghani denies.
"Abdullah's camp is afraid of the recount because they would lose," Daoud Sultan-zoy, a senior Ghani campaign leader, told Reuters.
The standoff is likely to deepen the political crisis in Afghanistan after the September 28 presidential election, which was marred by allegations of fraud.
Preliminary results scheduled for later this week might be delayed again, according to two officials at the EC, who declined to be named as they are not authorised to speak publicly about the count.

Spain votes to end political stalemate

Opinion polls show the Socialists in the lead but with fewer seats than April's election

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MADRID
Spain voted on Sunday in its fourth general election in as many years amid heightened tensions over the separatist push in Catalonia that has fuelled a surge in support for upstart far-right party Vox.
The repeat polls were called after Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez failed to secure support from other parties following an inconclusive election in April which saw his Socialist party win the most votes, but no working majority in parliament.
However, opinion polls suggest this new election will fail to break the deadlock. Neither the left nor the right look likely to win a ruling



Poll equations: Christian nuns casting their ballot papers for the general election in Barcelona on Sunday. ■ AP
majority in Spain's 350-seat Parliament.
The Socialists are on track to finish top again, but with slightly fewer seats than April's election, while the main opposition conserva-

tive Popular Party (PP) may strengthen its presence.
But the most striking development could be the rise of the far-right Vox party, which could even jump to third-largest in Parliament, according to polling.
The last election produced a near-record 76% turnout, which helped Mr. Sanchez, who had mobilised left-leaning voters to oppose Vox but analysts warn the numbers will likely drop this time.
The election comes as Spain finds itself increasingly polarised by the Catalan crisis, which has deepened in recent weeks.
Less than a month ago, the Supreme Court sentenced nine Catalan separatist leaders to lengthy jail terms over their role in a failed 2017 independence bid, sparking days of angry street protests in Barcelona and other Catalan cities.

Former FBI agent still missing: Iran

REUTERS DUBAI
Iran's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday that the whereabouts of former FBI agent Robert Levinson, missing since visiting Iran's Kish Island in 2007, remain unknown, and it denied a report that Tehran had opened a criminal case against him.
Mr. Levinson disappeared while on a trip to the island in the Persian Gulf. Iran has repeatedly denied knowledge of his disappearance or of his whereabouts. "Levinson has a judicial case in our country as he is missing," Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said.

Violence mars Hong Kong's New Territories

Pro-democracy protesters vandalise train station, shopping malls and block roads

REUTERS HONG KONG
Police fired tear gas to break up rallies as black-clad activists blocked roads and trashed shopping malls across Hong Kong's New Territories on Sunday on the 24th straight weekend of anti-government protests.
Protesters vandalised a train station in the central new town of Sha Tin and smashed up a restaurant perceived as being pro-Beijing, overturning banqueting tables and smashing glass panels, two weeks before district council elections in the



A protester being detained by the police in Hong Kong. ■ REUTERS
Chinese-ruled city.
Violence spilled out onto the streets of Tuen Mun outside the "V city" mall, with running battles between riot

planned shopping mall protests throughout the territory. Shopping districts across the harbour on the main island were quiet.
"Radical protesters have been gathering in multiple locations across the territories," police said in a statement.
The violence later spread to the Kowloon district of Mong Kok, one of the world's most densely populated areas. Police used water cannon to try to clear the main artery of Nathan Road, which runs south to the harbour.

Jordan to retake lands leased by Israel

King Abdullah II announces Ghumar and Al-Baqoura's return to 'full sovereignty'

REUTERS NAHARAYIM
Jordan has pulled out of a 25-year-old landmark agreement that allowed Israeli farmers to cultivate in two pieces of agricultural land that was leased by Israel.
Under the deal, part of the 1994 Jordan-Israel peace treaty, two territories straddling the border were recognised as under Jordanian sovereignty but with special provisions allowing Israeli farmers to work the land and visitors to tour the Isle of Peace park in the area.
But in 2018, Jordan said it did not want to continue the

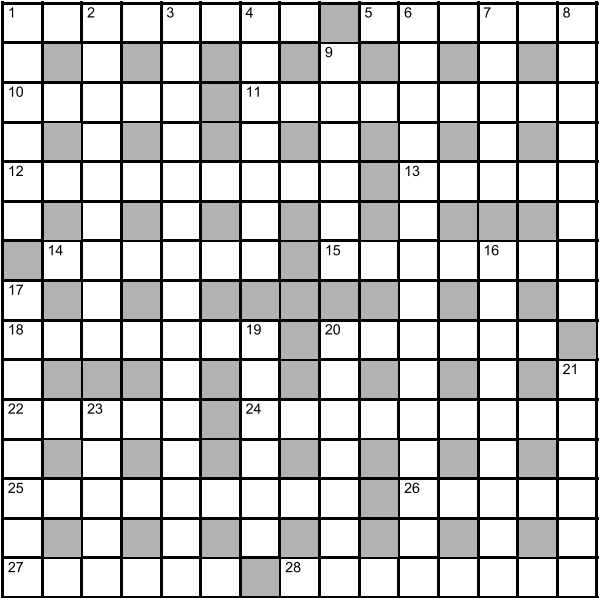


Jordanian soldiers gathering around a tent ahead of a ceremony at Naharayim on Sunday. ■ AFP
arrangement, in what was widely seen as a sign of increasingly strained diplomatic relations.
King Abdullah formally declared on Sunday the end of the special regime, which most Jordanians saw as a hu-

miliation that perpetuated Israeli "occupation" of Jordanian territory.
"I announce the end of the work in the special annex in the two areas Ghumar and Baqoura [Naharayim in Hebrew], in the peace treaty and impose our full sovereignty on every inch of them," the king said in a speech marking the start of a new parliamentary session.
For the Israelis farming the land, the agreement's expiry is a sharp blow. "It was like a punch to the face," said Eli Arazi, 74, a farmer whose community worked one of the land parcels in Baqoura.

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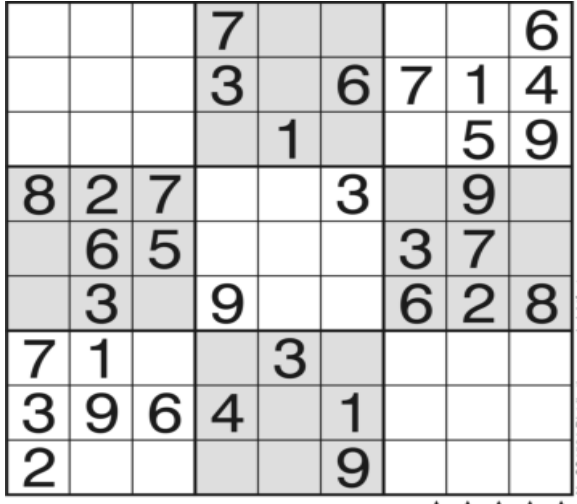


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- **ACROSS**
- 1 Revised total contains only a little error (8)
 - 5 Information concealed by Anti-Terrorism Squad operatives (6)
 - 10 Almost mention about eating beef! That's dangerous (5)
 - 11 Confusing and clamorous after English exit without agreement finally (9)

- (set by Dr. X)
- 12 Actress flying first-class enters flight (9)
 - 13 Fish in river snatched by hawk (5)
 - 14 Silly sot, entering drunk, went berserk (4,2)
 - 15 Rushed to drink peg, getting soused (7)
 - 18 Charge to consume alcoholic drink? On the contrary, it's on the house (7)
 - 20 Insane Conservative ruined (6)
 - 22 Ready to eat special American dish (5)
 - 24 Immature one lost temper after a little objection typically (2,7)
 - 25 Restraining journalist interrupting band (9)
 - 26 Germanic God triumphed, conquering capitals of Troy and Asgard (5)
 - 27 Reckon one million spent for property (6)
 - 28 Accepting suggestion on reflection, agree to resolve unclear situation (4,4)
 - **DOWN**
 - 1 Short mock trial is most appropriate (6)
 - 2 Put together project to secure vote by bit of artifice and pretence (9)
 - 3 Model cut by English rogue now welcomes impulsive one providing reassurance (8,7)
 - 4 Member wearing dress, neat and fashionable (7)
 - 6 Reveal a plan to spill a crucial catch perhaps? (4,3,4,4)
 - 7 Found in kitchen, a chocolate tortilla chip (5)
 - 8 Very drunk, perhaps due to loneliness (8)
 - 9 Force groom to accept union (6)
 - 16 Inferior lyricist and writer, a little trashy, rates poorly (9)
 - 17 Operation to rescue couple of fellows on precarious site away from regular ski runs (3-5)
 - 19 Stimulating quote about admitting errors essentially (6)
 - 20 Outrage after college student's indiscretion (7)
 - 21 Girl in a messy medical problem (6)
 - 23 Hardly any study time (5)

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Solution to puzzle 12776												
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FAITH

Greatness of Acharyas

Service to one's Acharya is superior to serving God Himself. And this is demonstrated in Sabari moksha, said Akkarakkani Srinidhi, in a discourse. Sabari had served Matanga maharishi with great devotion. Moksha, therefore, was guaranteed to her. She stayed on in the ashrama, knowing Rama would arrive, and she welcomed Him with offerings of fruits, which Rama gladly accepted, because He was pleased with her Acharya bhakti. When Sabari departed from the earth, she asked Rama to be witness to her departure. So, it was her devotion and service to her Acharya, sage Matanga, which earned moksha for her. Vedanta Desika observed that what an Acharya confers with his two eyes, what even three eyes, eight eyes or a thousand eyes cannot do. The usual interpretation is that Siva, the three eyed deity and Brahma is the eight eyed one, and Indra is the thousand eyed one.
But scholar Prativadhi Bhayankaram Annangarachariar came up with a unique interpretation of Desika's verse. He said that having mentioned Brahma and Siva, there would be no point in mentioning Indra, who was lower down in the hierarchy than Siva and Brahma. So, the thousand eyes must be a reference to Vishnu. What Desika is saying is that even Siva, Brahma and Vishnu cannot do for us, what an Acharya can do. Such is the greatness of an Acharya. Vaishnavite Acharya Thirukkoshthiyur Nambi said that an Acharya imparts a glow to his disciple, so that when the jivatma reaches Sri Vaikuntha, it shines like Sri Devi Herself!
When Ramanujacharya went to Thirukkurungudi, the deity of the temple there marvelled at people paying attention to Ramanuja, while they had not paid heed to the Lord Himself. So, He asked Ramanuja to be His teacher. Because of this, the deity came to be called Vaishnava Nambi.

■ MADHUMITHA SRINIVASAN

Wholesome education is what most educational institutions attempt, but fail to deliver. This is because of barriers in execution that include conceptual mismatch, impeding policies, lack of resources and intent. Despite these impediments plaguing the education sector, Krea Univeristy is off to a promising start in its endeavour to “prepare students for the 21st century world and to re-imagine the university experience”.

Located in Sri City, north of Chennai, the sprawling campus houses the School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences (SIAS) and the IFMR – Graduate School of Business (IFMR GSB). SIAS offers B.A. Honours/B.Sc. Honours degree programmes in the humanities, social sciences, literature, arts, and sciences, based on the principles of interwoven learning.

It is backed by some of the best minds and thought leaders in the country, including former RBI governor, Raghuram Rajan, who was in the city recently to address the first batch of students at SIAS, in his capacity as Governing Council Member, Krea, as well as an educationist.

Raghuram Rajan speaks exclusively to *Education Plus* about his association with the University and his views on education.

What was the thought behind the idea of offering interdisciplinary courses?

Problems need solutions which span various disciplines. Education, in some sense, has to prepare you in various disciplines but at the same time, you have to have the ability to look across disciplines so that you understand how things look like when looked at from the other side.

The point is to excite people's minds. I can give you information, but that information is going to become outdated soon. But if I teach you, how to think about it, the love of knowledge stays with you. That is what we are trying to do.

SIAS has its first batch of undergraduate students. How are you going to eventually measure the university's success?

Measuring in terms of place-

‘It’s a great time to be a student’

Raghuram Rajan, economist and academican has used his experience to help set up a university that promotes a new paradigm of learning. He hopes to create nation builders with open minds



ments is narrow. That is certainly what parents want. However, I would hope that what we have done is ignite minds so these students become the intellectual, political and business leaders of tomorrow. So, I would rather we measure it 20 years from now when they graduate than on the point of graduation, and see how many university professors, how many CEOs and how many top politicians we have from the batch. We want to create nation builders, especially those whose minds are wide open rather than fully closed.

What do you think India needs to set up world-class universities?

We don't need one Krea; we need 50 or 100 Kreas. Everybody should have a chance at such an education, and the reality is we need far more resources being applied to education so that this becomes possible. And some of it will come from the private sector, but the government should perhaps think about how this could be replicated. We are not the only university – there is Ashoka and others like that – but each one should have the ambition to be really unique and add value. There is no common model we should be following, but to the extent the government can, it should ignite more such institutions.

The Draft National Education Policy throws light on the issue of a steep rise in teacher shortage, lack of professionally qualified teachers, and so on. How can a university overcome this issue?

The initial repository of faculty has to be from other institutions in India but that's the zero-sum game – we just take from them. But it is also about identifying young Ph.D.

students and young faculty elsewhere who can be drawn here. Now, you can't compete only on salaries because ultimately that is a game you cannot win – you don't have the kind of resources that western universities might have, so, you have to offer something else. It has to be a combination of adequate compensation and also adequate freedom to do what they enjoy doing and to do it in an environment where they feel like they are making a difference in people's lives.

Is there anything in particular that you think needs to be relooked in the Indian education system?

Lots of resources are coming from the private sector, but the licensing process is really still incredibly difficult in India. Why is it easy for some people to get educational licenses while the quality of the education that they offer is mediocre at best, while others find it really hard to get the go ahead even though they bring many resources to the table? We have to look into that because it seems like a place that needs quality control.

Do you think now is a good time to be a student?

There is a lot of pressure today on students and I don't think that is going to go away because technology demands stronger and stronger skills. You have to be better than technology and be creative in many ways. But if I go to the right place, then it is a great time to be a student. If I had to write those competitive exams today – I studied at IIT where I had to compete for my spot – I don't think I would be in a good place (laughs). I mean, the kind of effort people have to put in to be successful in those exams is frightening – going to these coaching classes and basically abandoning your 11th and 12th grade in order to do well in these exams...we put our students through a lot of pressure. But if you are in the right place, it is a great time to be a student. But how do you get to the right place?

For the full interview go to <https://www.thehindu.com/education/its-a-great-time-to-be-a-student/article29929944.ece>



Kapil Viswanathan, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and Governing Council Member, and President, IFMR, speaks about the Krea experience:

Faculty

The fact that this is a clean slate approach and the opportunity to think from the ground up, and to design an entirely new paradigm of learning, has really helped us attract a very strong line of faculty, and these are not simply faculty from the MITs and Harvards of the world but from Indian institutions as well. There is a good mix of young and old, Indian and overseas.

Learning outcome

We are looking at education not just as a career but a preparation for life and life in a very changing world. There are four outcomes we would like to see in our students: adaptability and resilience, societal impact – how does an individual's thought and action impact the society, sense of purpose – why do we do what we do, and finally, a sense of ethics. We believe if our students leave with these outcomes, then they are set to lead happy and successful careers in a changing world.

Admission

What we look for in students is a holistic set of attributes. As part of the admission process, we took students to live sites. For example, in Mumbai, they rode the local train and in Chennai they went to Adyar Poonga for the first half of the day in groups of 10 or 12 with a couple of faculty members, identifying problems to solve. And the second half of the day they spent thinking of solutions for the problem. The thing that gives the best sort of window into their minds is the essay we asked them to write which was 'what does this day mean to you'. The intent was also to give the students a flavour of what life at Krea would be like.

Give your ideas some shape

Find a particular vantage point that no one (that you have come across) has dealt with



USHA RAMAN
BACKPACKER'S GUIDE



It is a problem many of us have faced, often, and to our frustration. You are asked to come up with an idea, for a project, story, research study, or a product. All of a sudden, your mind goes blank. That space where multiple thoughts normally jostle for attention is now completely still; it feels empty.

Last week, a student asked me whether, in this age of information overload and content proliferation, it is even possible to come up with original ideas. The fact that there is so much material out there, from so many different points of view and on practically every subject under the sun, makes it extremely difficult to find unexplored territory. But note, difficult is not the same as impossible.

Form connections

Let us turn this around a bit. When you are asked to come up with an idea, what exactly is expected? Most of the time (unless you are working in the startup space or in fundamental research) you are not being asked to come up with something completely new or ground-breaking (if you ac-

tually do, that is a huge bonus). You are being asked to draw on your own intellectual resources and experience to arrive at a workable concept for that project/story/study. And this may not be unique, but it has an element of uniqueness in that it comes from a perspective that is yours alone. But that is just the start. Then, you have to go about linking this idea with the larger world and seeing how it might be interpreted or fleshed out. Think about it like placing an object on a table and examining it from different angles, checking to see how it does in different kinds of light and under different conditions. You must end up finding a particular vantage point that no one (that you have come across) has dealt with. Are there unexpected or odd connections that you can find between this idea and older concepts?

It is well known that good ideas come to prepared minds. Preparation is

about exposing oneself to a lot of good material in any form – fiction, art, information, news – and keeping your mind open to the possibility of relevance. All exposure has the potential to spark connections between seemingly unrelated things. But again, it doesn't stop there. You need to play with the ideas and play with the connections. Remember that object on the table? Now flip that around, see how it works when placed alongside other ideas and information you have access to.

Ideas don't emerge fully formed. They need to be seeded, nurtured, shaped and pruned before they gain shape. It is in each of these stages that your own effort, the richness of your thinking, turns it into something you can claim as yours.

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SCHOLARSHIP

■ Monash Humanitarian Scholarship

International students pursuing an undergraduate degree from the Monash University can avail of this scholarship. It is aimed at supporting meritorious students in their higher education and offers full tuition cover and yearly allowance.

ELIGIBILITY: International students who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree at Monash University can apply.

PRIZES AND REWARDS: Selected applicant will be eligible to receive full course fees for the duration of the course along with an annual allowance of AUD 5,000.

DEADLINE: November 29

APPLICATION: Online
<http://www.b4s.in/edge/MHS2>

■ UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers' Fellowship Programme

UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers' Fellowship Programme is an initiative to support the outstanding researchers in environment, Intercultural Dialogue, Information and Communication Technologies and Peaceful conflict resolution. Winners will receive a financial award.

ELIGIBILITY: Postgraduate researchers with a masters degree, under the age of 40 years can apply.

PRIZES AND REWARDS: Selected fellows will receive a lumpsum fellowship of \$ 10,000.

DEADLINE: November 29

APPLICATION: Online
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Here is an exclusive networking platform to help teachers learn and grow

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Teachers have the power to nurture and unleash the potential of their students. TREE, a platform solely for educators, believes in this power of the teachers to transform children's lives and positively impact society.

Maya Thiagarajan, the founder, who has worked as a teacher in the U.S., Singapore and India, decided to work full-time with teachers after returning to her hometown, Chennai and thus started TREE, which recruits, develops, trains, supports, and inspires teachers over the span of their careers.

Features

One of the many aspects they work on is helping teachers find a job as well as helping schools find the right teachers for them. Many schools often struggle to find the right educator that suit their environment and institution.

"We're also trying to convince young, bright and talented people to become teachers and bring more talent into the field, and get them to want to teach while changing the whole narrative and rhetoric around teaching," says Maya "We want people to see it as a complex, challenging and creative job that it is."

Another area that TREE focuses on is teacher development. Maya and her team go to schools and help them think through what their needs are, find which are the high leverage needs and then design a strategic plan that helps develop their teachers and their programme. They also conduct workshops, courses and events by bringing in resources from across the board, as a way to help teachers to think outside of the typical narratives, encouraging them to use new ways of thinking to teach.

"The idea is to get teachers to question things, to think, to get inspired and to get excited," adds Maya. "One of our goals is to



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

With the teacher in mind

create an intellectual ecosystem for teachers so that they can also see themselves as intellectuals, as learners and as professionals who are doing really important work."

Peer connect

One of TREE's latest ventures is an online community for teachers. "We feel that teachers need to be able to collaborate with each other and know what is going on in the field of education, staying aware of any events or

workshops."

It is a pan-India online community, but currently more focused on the south, where there is specially themed and curated content for teachers uploaded fortnightly, information on conferences, courses, job postings for various educational roles, a calendar of events for educators (not just the events organised by TREE but external events from courses to literary fairs, cultural events and so on), to cultivate their own



intellectual life.

Teachers can use this community as a way to stay connected. The platform encourages teachers to submit their own content as well. Moderated forums are also being introduced where educators can host discussions based on each other's questions. Those who register on the website (www.treelearning.co.in) have to go through an approval process,

to ensure that those within the community are legitimate educators. TREE often organises public events with themes or topics for teachers from a wide range of schools, as well as events for principals. Many of the events are completely teacher driven where they have the space to talk to each other or collaborate. While currently mostly focused on Chennai-based schools, they do hope to branch out further as time progresses. "We really are a one-stop-shop for teachers and schools," Maya concludes.

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Stay connected



OFF THE EDGE
NANDINI RAMAN

I am 20, and currently pursuing bachelor's in journalism and mass communication I need to make a decision for my master's. I have four courses in my mind which I want to pursue – sociology, psychology (clinical or counselling), film direction, and cultural and media studies. I am confused about which one to choose. I have studied psychology in class XI and XII, but I am new to the other courses. I am more creative and do not want to shift from the field that I am currently pursuing. I wish to do something which is more or less related or connected to my field. Which course should I be pursue? – Athul Raj

Dear Athul,
You have answered your own question. Since you feel you are creative and don't really want to shift from your current field, film direction/cultural and media studies would be a good choice. You can always stay connected with psychology and sociology as a passionate hobby and subjects that interest you. Stay in touch with the latest in the field via your readings and perhaps join some clubs and associations that keep you abreast the new research findings in the field/s.

I am 22 and pursuing my second year bachelor's degree with History, in a rare combination, as a non-collegiate. My goal is to be an IFS official. I wanted to pursue my postgraduation from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, but I am confused between selecting the PG subject between International Relations (IR) studies and History, as I am interested in both of them. However, I am also sceptical about the scope of IR. What subjects do I choose for my PG, which will also secure my future? – Latheef Abbas

Dear Latheef,
Since your goal is joining the IFS, doing your master's in IR and learning more about international, global studies, or global affairs, studying the interconnectedness of politics, economics and law on a global level will be very helpful. The Indian Foreign Service (IFS), deals with the external affairs of the country, which includes diplomacy, trade, and cultural relations. IFS officers are responsible for framing and implementation of policies that govern India's relations with other countries. Other International Relations jobs also include diplomacy work, lobbying, political analysis, international law and intelligence. You could also become a diplomat or a political analyst or an intelligence specialist. Good Luck!

Disclaimer: This column is not a substitute for long-term therapy. It is merely a guiding voice. Some issues may need medical intervention.

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LIVE LIGHTLY
NIVEDITA DAS NARAYAN

'I don't know where the limits are; but I would like to go there' was tweeted by Eliud Kipchoge, the Kenyan marathon legend, before he set off on his history defining run in under two hours in Vienna last month. This was his second attempt. The fact that we witnessed this human feat in this lifetime is a lesson in humility and resilience. There have been many defining moments in sports such as Nadia Comaneci's perfect 10 in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games or the eight golds won by Michael Phelps at the 2008 summer games in Beijing. This was one such. The commentators on the live telecast eulogised his feat as akin to Neil Armstrong's first walk on the Moon back in 1969, the 'one giant leap for mankind'.

As I watched I couldn't help but marvel at the audacious quality to Kipchoge's feat. As many would have, I have found myself trying to imagine how the thought would have first struck him and how the daring idea journeyed inside him until the decision to go for it. Such courageous pursuits that redefine our perception of what is possible for a human being to achieve must be born in brave minds, inside



Take that big STEP

Giant leaps come from large hearts and bold dreams

rare souls.

There is one aspect that differentiates a feat like Kipchoge's from the mere breaking of an existing record – breaking the mental barrier of what is individually possible and pinning your fame to it, is a large-hearted dimension. We can assume that the possibility of failure always underpinned his attempt, but that was not going to deter this extraordinary athlete.

Who are these souls who willingly put their heads on the block? Who are they who

boldly declare their intention for unsurpassed goals? Their motivation must be beyond fame, beyond the lure of the limelight. The driver of their individual brilliance lie beyond the full stop – in a searing hunger to put their personal limit to trial.

Big leaps

Can we, lesser mortals, repli-

The phrase 'play safe' has no bearing in the context of unsurpassed feats.

cate 'big leaps' within our own measure?

The superhero movies are replete with instances of heroes acting in anonymity, like Bruce Wayne's intense discomfort with being found out as Batman, the saviour of Gotham city. Their motivations are beyond fame; beyond failure, and they do fail; yet having quashed fear and shame, they arrive unflinchingly and undeterred.

It can be much the same for us once the goal is to better our personal best. When we bet on the possibility of surpassing our proven excellence, when we challenge our perceived limitations, when we decide to work the hardest ever, with clairvoyance to visualise the last two seconds to the finishing line; the fear of failure loses teeth. The phrase 'play safe' has no bearing in the context of unsurpassed feats. Signing up for uncertainty is impertinence; a certain route to surpassing our last best.

"Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing," Muhammad Ali.

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MY INTERNSHIP

Lessons of a lifetime

In my final year of Master of Computer Applications (MCA), I had made up my mind to work in data science and engineering. Genpact was one of the few companies offering me hands-on experience with things such as big data and machine learning.



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Assigned project

I worked on an extract, transform, load database project for a big investment firm having massive amounts of data. My work involved extracting data from sources such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Salesforce, and legacy systems, transforming it through required business logic, and loading it into a data lake that can be used to access all data in one place.

At first, I was concerned about this big responsibility, but my seniors encouraged me to completely focus on learning before starting work on the project. So, I learnt everything I could about big data technologies and how they work with analytics, computation, and storage. I also learnt programming languages such as Python and Scala, and domain knowledge of capital markets. I applied them to the project, and my managers were pleased with the results. Post my internship, I got hired by the company as a full-time employee.

Corporate culture

The best part was the team I worked with; my manager and everyone else made me understand what Genpact means by "Curious, Incisive, Courageous, and Integrity" being their corporate culture. They encouraged me to continuously learn new things and keep improving. They mentored me, let me access their internal training platform for everything including digital technologies, and involved me in team meetings.

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BON-APP-ETIT

ARATHI MINI

Most of us do not think much about backing up the files and data on our phones till disaster strikes. Even the most careful among us might drop our phones, or worse, it might get stolen. In such cases, if there has been no backup, months or years of data will be lost. Here are two apps that will ensure such a tragedy does not occur.



G Cloud Backup

This app lets users backup contacts, music, documents, files and even videos to a cloud location. The feature to arrange all the data chronologically is also available on G Cloud. The app allows automatic upload whenever WiFi is available due to which there is no need to constantly worry about backup. The extensive features also includes migrating of data from one device to another with merely a tap. (http://bit.ly/2NEznj6)

Resilio Sync

Apart from backing up important data, Resilio Sync also lets you transfer files, especially large ones, from one device to another, be it contacts, photos, videos or documents. A special feature this backup appa has is that it lets users connect devices too, which means you can access files on your laptop while working on your phone. Resilio Sync does not come with a storage limit and also encrypts all files during transfer. The app allows sharing of files among contacts too. (http://bit.ly/2C9gD5I)

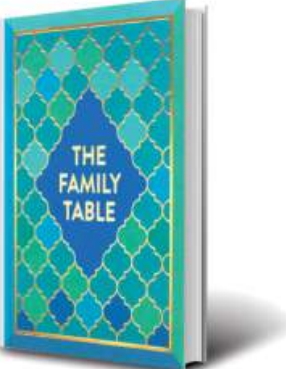
EAR SHOT

ASHOK RAJAGOPALAN





Book to stove
(Clockwise from left)
Onakka chemmeen pulinga chaar (dried prawn and tamarind curry), members of the cookbook committee, and Aysha Tanya



The secret society of Mappila cooks

Chattipathiri to *mutta maala*, a family in Malabar shares their popular dishes in a new cookbook, which also reveals the cuisine's colonial history

AYSHA TANYA

If you want to know your family better, write a cookbook with them. This isn't a saying, but it needs to be. My folks, the Arinhal Karuvantevalappil family, are Mappilas, as the Muslims in the Malabar region of Kerala are called. We are food-proud, I explain when I'm asked why we chose to write a cookbook. The cuisine of the community is delightfully unique and draws influences from the various traders and colonisers who've landed on our doorstep over the centuries: from Arab mer-

chants in the 7th century to Europeans in the late 15th century to the English who came to trade in the 17th century and vastly overstayed their welcome. It all started in 2014, when a family Facebook group was set up to tighten those lax familial bonds. The conversation quickly turned to food, and it was here that the idea for a family cookbook first came into inception. With enthusiasm, a few volunteers set out to source the recipes that form the backbone of our cuisine – the simple, everyday ones, the complicated ones that are fall-

ing out of favour, and those in between. But the project eventually fell by the wayside, with a handful of recipes to show for it. The idea was brought up again in 2018, but this time with lowered expectations. A tight deadline (just over a month) meant its scope would not be an ultimate tome of recipes, but a starting point. **Make, replicate** A 15-strong, all-women 'Cookbook Committee' was appointed, and we quickly organised ourselves to recipe-test what



had been gathered five years ago, and collect new ones. Recipes flew back and forth over WhatsApp, with suggestions and tweaks made along the way. A few sessions were held in various aunts' homes in Kanur, where they would demonstrate the more elaborate dishes or how to prepare ingredients – like carefully spooling the sticky fibres of the banana stem around your finger as you cut it.

While the elders would cook with deftness, and an innate sense of proportion and balance, my cousin Shabreen and I, who were in charge of noting down the recipes, would struggle to keep up, thrusting measuring cups and spoons into their hands, much to their irritation. However, as anyone who has ever written a recipe will tell you, its success lies in its replicability. Try explaining this to women who've learned

to cook with fistfuls and pinches of ingredients. My aunt Razia says she keeps track by remembering the number of times she stirs a dish – add sugar to the milk and stir 100 times! We finally found a middle ground: we'd have them eyeball and pick up the right amount in their hands, and then quickly measure it in the cups and spoons we kept ready.

An infinite variety Writing a family cookbook is complicated for many reasons, but especially for what we choose to exclude. Being pressed for time made this choice easier; we reached for the biggest hits. But it didn't absolve us from having to decide which version of a recipe to include. In several cases, we

dishes that can be made from rice and eggs, with coconut or Kerala plantain occasionally thrown in for good measure. Dishes like *mutta maala* and *chattipathiri* serve as delicious reminders of the illustrious history of the region. *Chattipathiri*, a sweet layered pastry has elements that are similar to the Moroccan *pastilla*. *Mutta maala*, candied threads of egg yolk, are a Mappila adaptation of the Portuguese dessert, *Fios de ovos*.

A community story Writing the book also drove home the idea that eating nose-to-tail isn't a catch phrase in most regional cuisines, it is a way of life. The goat head curry is as celebrated and cherished as curries made with pricier cuts of meat.



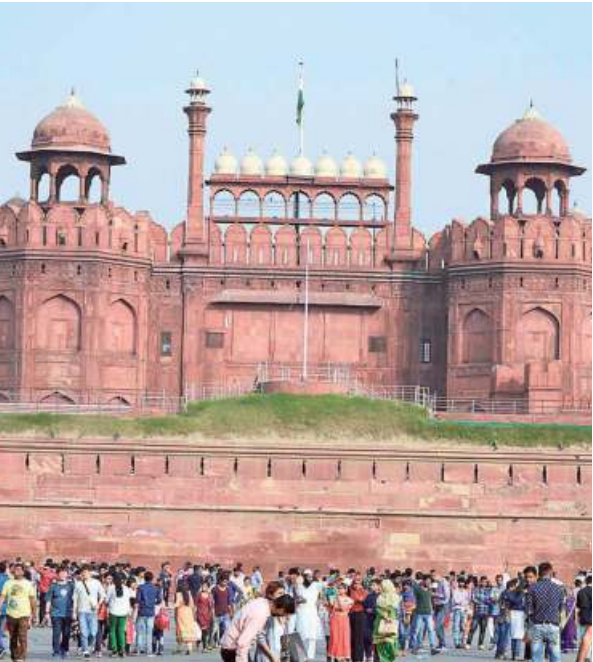
Writing the book was a crash course in the sheer variety of dishes that can be made from rice, eggs, coconut and Kerala plantain

In two weeks, we tested and documented 47 recipes, and over the next three weeks, I edited, compiled and photographed them. In a little over a month, we published *The Family Table*, which remains one of the most satisfying projects I've been part of. Cookbooks in general are more important today than they've ever been. They give us valuable insight into what life looked like for a certain people in a certain time and place, which is valuable from an anthropological point of view, but also important because it provides a way to understand the 'other' in these communally-charged times. *Aysha Tanya is editor and co-founder of The Goya Journal. The Family Table is ₹950, on qitaab.com.*

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Revisiting the Walled City

Exploring monuments of Delhi, more than half a century ago, was both exciting and educational

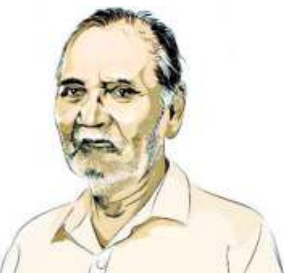


Treasure house of stories Visitors at Red Fort
■ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

of the Agra Gharana to Firoze Kanchwala, the glass-eyed singer; to dancers Shanta Rani and vivacious Naseem Bano who had entertained President Najibullah in Kabul; to Khan Abdul Haye Khan, an expert angler; and Tyagiji, Hindi translator in foreign embassies. From there, Haji Hotel, in front of the southern gate of the Jama Masjid, was a good meeting point. Present at the hotel were Alamgir Sahib, ex-wrestler; Ustad Zahoor, chain-smoker; Mohd Mian Akbar and the versatile Master Sahib, besides this scribe. They talked of the great revolt of 1857 as though it was a yesterday event. No wonder too as their grandfathers had played a part. Hajiji related the story of how his maternal grandfather, Maulvi Rajab Ali, and father, Munshi Turab Ali had caught the thieves who stole the shoes of namazis during Friday prayers. Two or three men used a fishing line to do so and the Maulvi and the Munshi had to miss namaz that Friday to catch the *jutha-chors* (shoe stealers). Tales over, Hajiji's servant Nazir used to bring a big tiffin carrier from his house in

Kucha Mir Ashiq and everybody joined in the meal before dispersing. You could taste the best *shammi kebabs* at this gathering before walking down to Karim Paanwallah's shop, which had an engraved verse decorating its facade: "Paan keh-ta hai sookh kar mar jaoonga mein/Ai Labh-e-yaar gar moonh na lagaya tu ne" (The paan says I will dry up and die, if lips, my friend, you do not taste me). After a paan here people usually strolled to Parantha Gali where a milkman's shop sold the best milk. His grandfather had fought in 1857 and the old man's lathi was preserved in the shop. Now things have changed but the old milieu still exists in nooks and corners if you care to enter them in an attempt to feel the hidden, but ever quivering pulse of the Walled City, so ardently monitored now by Faiyazuddin, the Haji's son. He sits in the hotel's balcony, missing the presence of the servant Nazir, who migrated to Karachi after his marriage, and the old gali lamplighter Batiyonwala Baba.

The writer is a veteran chronicler of Delhi



R. V. SMITH

Settling down in Delhi 60 years ago wasn't a very good experience. Agra's kharbusas (watermelons) were sweeter and so were the phalsa fruit (a berry) which one could munch on hot afternoons with salt masala. Slowly my perception of the city changed. While doing night duty there was plenty of time for a bachelor to spend the day cycling from Ludlow Castle Road to explore the city. The Red Fort naturally came first on the list of monuments. Entering it through the Lahori Gate and proceeding to the Naqqar Khana, one sought a meeting with the Custodian of the fort, Asghar Ali Khan. He had a fund of stories to relate after the initial hesitation of meeting a stranger. "Lal Qila", he said, "has many secrets hidden from the casual visitor. There are palaces which brood in the day and come alive at night with paranormal activity. I have seen kings, princes and princesses on my midnight rounds, especially on Thursday. After that a photographer of a Delhi newspaper spent a whole night at the

fort in the 1960s photographing paranormal activity. His photos showed blobs of light and skeletons dancing around. They were published alright and caused a lot of excitement. But the Army, which occupied a large part of the fort, came out in denial. The photographer, however, stood by his exclusive pictures as proof. Outside the fort one day I entered the shrine of Bhure Mian and found a queue of burqa-clad women. They had come for cures effected by the caretaker, Pir Yasin Beg, who distributed amulets (taviz) and medicines for all sorts of ailments, "particularly for those possessed by djinns". Pir Yasin emphatically declared that every Jumairat (Thursday) a procession led by Bahadur Shah Zafar went around the fort after midnight. Again, the photographer tried but couldn't get a photo of the weird happening. Naaz Hotel, behind the Jama Masjid, whose earlier occupant had been the painter M.F. Husain, was a good residence. From this room one could get a bird's-eye view of the whole area right up to the Red Fort. Near Naaz was Azad Hind Hotel, whose proprietor was an Urdu poet with seven wives and 28 children. Afzal Sahib had declared himself an atheist, saying since he had become one he had prospered. At Azad Hind, all sorts of characters found accommodation, from classical artiste Ustad Latafat Husain Khan

Time to speak up (From left) Cheilean Jacob, Rohan Solomon and Jeet Paul
■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Where are the blue skies?

Musician Rohan Solomon's recent trilogy of tracks addresses the city's alarming levels of pollution

SWETA AKUNDI

Sitting outside his lawn, one smoggy Delhi morning, singer and guitarist Rohan Solomon looked up at the sky. There was not a trace of blue. The incident sparked a sense of longing in the musician for the bright skies he remembers growing up under. His recent trilogy of songs reveals a rising concern for the pollution his hometown is facing every day, and the urgent need to clean up our act. The final song, 'Time', is the latest to be released, behind 'Hard to Breathe', and 'Blue Sky' – the one that started it all. "Delhi will always be my home, no matter where I end up in the future. I wrote my first song here!" says Rohan, who has been the frontman for city band Cyanide until it broke up in 2014. He was in New York for three years, where he met guitarist Jeet Suresh Paul and percussionist Cheilean Jacob at Engine Room Audio studio. Together, the three started By Chance, the name a reference to their fortuitous meeting. Shuttling between New York and Delhi, it became imperative



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to Rohan to address the environmental damage. The second track, 'Hard to Breathe' is a heavy rock arrangement inspired by a near-fatal asthma attack brought in a few years ago in Mumbai. "It was Diwali, and I was shooting for our single 'Find You', with my bandmates from Cyanide. People were bursting crackers everywhere, and I was hit by an asthma attack. It peaked to the point that I thought I was going to die," he recalls. His bandmates rushed him to an emergency ward, and he got the medical attention he needed. Still, it took him a few days to recuperate. "In fact, when we landed in Delhi, an ambulance came to pick me up right as I got off the plane. It was scary..." he says. The incident has made its way into the song with the lyrics talking about 'walls closing in' and 'what's this light that surrounds me.' Rohan started working with Jeet and Cheilean on 'Time' in New York. He later presented 'Blue Sky' and 'Hard to Breathe' to them, and they decided to record them. "We never imagined the story they would form," says Rohan. While the first song speaks of longing, the second of immediacy, the final one is an appeal of sorts: to take action as soon as possible, with the chorus singing, 'Time slips away.'

Your tricky pollution questions – answered

Stay indoors, avoid high AQI zones, drink water to flush out the toxins, eat a healthy antioxdiant-rich diet (with lots of veggies and omega-3s from fish). We know the basics – now for the niggling doubts. We asked doctors and experts to weigh in on them

TEAM METRO

I'm a fitness freak, with no major illnesses. Can't I do my regular walk for just 30 minutes a day?



Depends on where you live and what's happening outdoors. If you're in a colony, consider installing a pollution meter (about ₹3,000; lasts upto a year), so you know what times of the day it's okay to step out. Generally, when the sun's up is best. Wear a mask when you do step out, whether it's to buy veggies or going for a walk. A cautionary note: if you feel even the slightest discomfort (an itchy throat, irritation in the eyes), go back indoors.



Arrey but I can barely breathe in an N95 mask. Aren't there other options? Anything new that you need to wear for most of the day takes time to adjust to. Take wearing glasses – it takes about six months to get used to a pair. Look at a mask the same way. Try and get into the habit of wearing one – it's not an all or nothing situation.

If I have an air purifier, am I at a greater risk for a heart or asthma attack once I step outside?



Pshhh, I do not have any symptoms related to the pollution. So I can step out anytime right?

Sadly no. There are certain seemingly insignificant effects of air pollution – fatigue for instance. Also, you may not feel any immediate effect, but air pollution affects internal organs, like the respiratory system, the heart, even the nervous system, the liver, the spleen, the blood. The effects of pollution are seen in the long term. So while someone who has, say, heart disease is at risk for immediate medical complications, for someone pollution can be the trigger to kickstart a medical problem. It's like a perfectly healthy person smoking – that's never a good thing.

I have some eye and nose dryness with the pollution. Help!

Control the factors you can: avoid contact lenses and eye make-up, rest your eyes from multiple screens – they're already under stress. Hand hygiene is important, so avoid touching or rubbing eyes with hands that are also exposed to pollution. Dehydration often aggravates allergic and dry eye conditions, so drink at least 10 glasses of water a day. Lubricate the eyes with tear substitutes, such as carboxy methyl cellulose eye drops or even rose water. Jal neti, a naturopathy practice helps to cleanse the nasal cavity, while a steam bath (check with your doc) expels impurities.



Hey, plants give off oxygen right?

So what kind should I be growing inside and around my house?

If you have a garden, trees with larger canopy diameter, leaf surface area, leaves that are either sticky or hairy, play a major role in trapping particulate matter from air. They serve as dust trappers and dirt filters. Guazuma, neem, rain tree and mango are good options. Indoor, you can grow shade-loving plants (dumb cane, silver queen, dracaena, country borage), but oxygen evolution is efficient only in the presence of sunlight. A NASA report has also found bamboo palm, green spider plant and mother-in-law's tongue to be helpful.

With inputs from Dr KK Aggarwal, President, Heart Care Foundation of India; Dr R Krishnadas, Senior Medical Consultant, Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai; Pauline Deborah, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Biology, Women's Christian College, Chennai; Dr Rukamani Nair, Director and Medical Head, Bapu Nature Cure Hospital & Yogashram

WHAT IS IT?

Eco-Anxiety

SOMA BASU

The feeling of being overwhelmed by the challenges of climate change and the fear about the state of the environment. It is the helplessness that makes us see ourselves as just one insignificant entity on the planet, unable to reverse the crisis. It is also the sense that no matter how hard we work, nothing will ever be enough.

You know the deteriorating climate is affecting your health or your child's but you do not know how you can stop it. To feel powerless against a supposedly impending doom shoots up stress levels and causes anxiety, say medicos. In 2017, the American Psychological Association referred to the condition as eco-anxiety.

Nobody understood it better than Supreet Lodh, working with an American corporation in Delhi, when he saw his 12-year-old son, struggling to breathe this past week. Supreet has been living in the capital since 2008 and found the pollution levels post-Diwali always going into hazardous territory. Over the last three years, he has taken early pre-



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cautions with air-purifiers and masks and has tried to keep his son, prone to chest infections, indoors. But this year, the situation turned alarming for him. "My son was choking, his cough was dry, he could not spit out phlegm, his eyes burned and face turned red. We had to rush him to the doctor who prescribed a nebuliser," says Supreet.

His son is petrified and wants to return to Kolkata, where they had just been on a holiday. His wife Kanika looks outside their seventh floor apartment, and realises how grim the situation is.

It is not just Delhi, every city wears the tragic veil of pollution and climate change. What the Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg said – that she did not want the adults to be hopeful but panic – finds resonance with what experts say. Adults are indeed panicking because they are unable to now comprehend the right measure of response to the scale of the challenge.

"People are getting affected by the feeling of frustration and loss and are immensely worried about their children and future generations," says Dr A Sugaparaneeetharan, Madurai-based psychiatrist.

"From an evolutionary perspective, all living things want to give a healthy and protective environment to the next generation. But since we have failed to do it, we are now filled with guilt and anxiety," he says.

"Eco-anxiety is not an illness but an actual fear response to a threat," he adds. Dr C Ramasubramanian, founder of MS Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation in Madurai, explains when there is such an onset of fear, people complain of depression, restlessness, palpitation and insomnia. He thinks eco-anxiety to some extent is beneficial because people may finally shake out of their passivity and help make a change. But he also warns that one needs to watch out against persisting distress as it could take the dimension of a disease.

Relaxation exercises through yoga and meditation are the best sustainable options for a life with low stress, besides making climate change an integral and crucial factor in our lifestyle habits and consumption patterns.

In this column, we dissect the latest buzzwords in health and wellness

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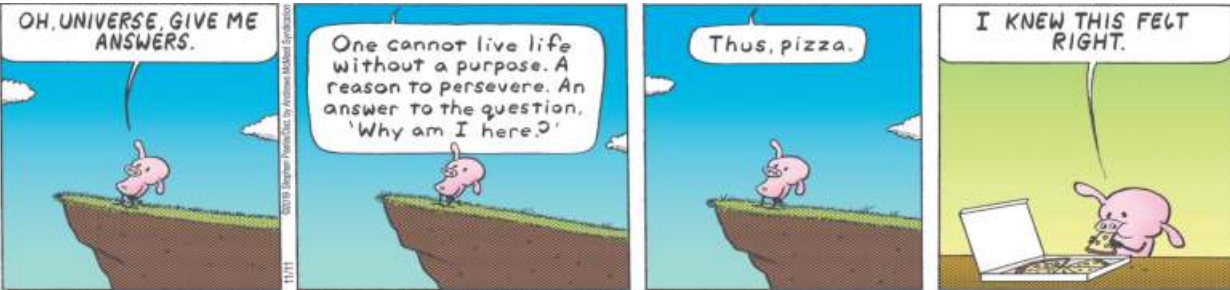
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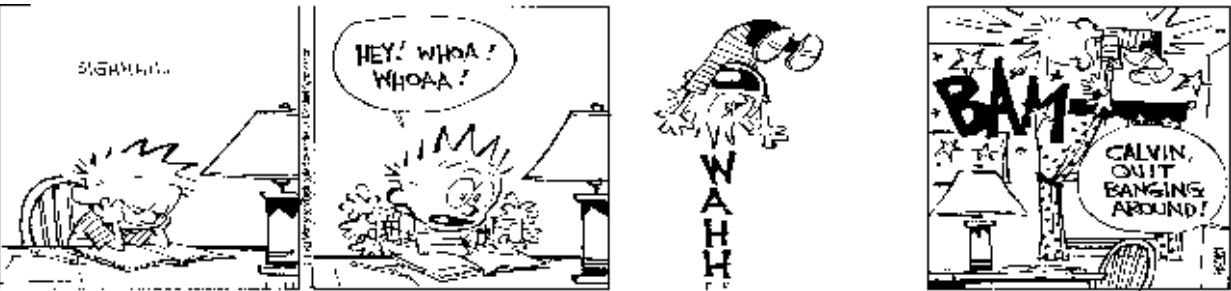
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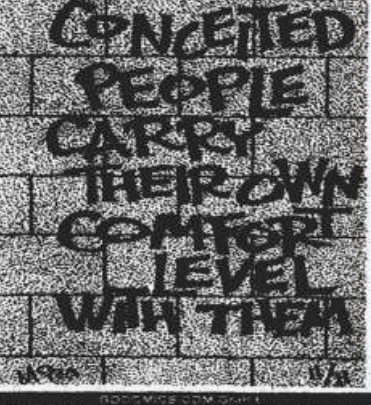
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Deepak Chahar's record-breaking effort seals the series for India

Shreyas and Rahul's scintillating batting helps the host post a challenging total that Bangladesh fails to overhaul despite Naim's heroics

SHREEDUTTA CHIDANANDA
NAGPUR

Deepak Chahar and Shivam Dube delivered with the ball as India defeated Bangladesh by 30 runs to win the series-deciding third and final T20I here on Sunday. The visitor seemed in control of a run chase of 175 when Dube intervened, taking three crucial wickets.

Chahar, who claimed a hat-trick to polish off the Bangladesh innings, finished with remarkable figures of six for seven from 3.2 overs, the best in T20 internationals. Bangladesh lost its last eight wickets for 34 runs as India won the series 2-1.

India went into the match with only five bowlers, having sacrificed Krunal Pandya for an extra batsman in Manish Pandey. It looked a terrible idea 13 overs into the Bangladesh innings, with the visitor needing 65 off the last 42 balls, with seven wickets in hand and the dew a big problem.

Yuzvendra Chahal had endured a bad day, and at the crease were Mohammad Naim, unbeaten on a half-century, and Mushfiqur Rahim. Rohit put his faith in Dube, and he did not disappoint. Mushfiqur fell first ball, chopping on.

In his next over, Dube accounted for Naim and Afif



The Destroyer: Deepak Chahar is the toast of his skipper and other teammates after his exploits on Sunday. • VIVEK BENDRE

Hossain off successive deliveries. Naim was consumed by a splendid yorker, and Afif was caught and bowled, with Dube at full stretch.

When Mahmudullah was bowled by Chahal, Bangladesh had lost five wickets for 20 runs in the space of four overs. Chahar then made the

evening a memorable one for the crowd, dismissing Shafiul, Mustafizur and Aminul to record a hat-trick and eclipse Ajantha Mendis's figures, hitherto the best in T20I cricket.

Twenty-year-old Naim's 48-ball-81 was a fine effort, but it was overshadowed by

India's series triumph.

Entertaining knocks

Earlier, K.L. Rahul and Shreyas Iyer made a pair of entertaining half-centuries after India had been put in to bat. Rahul arrived at the exit of Rohit Sharma, who had edged Shafiul Islam onto his

stumps for two.

This was an important innings for the Karnataka batsman.

Before the start of the series, he seemed to be sliding down the pecking order across formats. Out for 15 in Delhi and unbeaten on 8 in Rajkot, Rahul needed a de-

SCOREBOARD	
INDIA Rohit Sharma b Shafiul 2 (6b), Shikhar Dhawan c Mahmudullah b Shafiul 19 (16b, 4x4), K.L. Rahul c Liton b Al-Amin 52 (35b, 7x4), Shreyas Iyer c Liton b Sarkar 62 (33b, 3x4, 5x6), Rishabh Pant b Sarkar 6 (9b), Manish Pandey (not out) 22 (14b, 3x4), Shivam Dube (not out) 9 (8b); Extras (w-2): 2; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 174.	Aminul 3-0-29-0, Sarkar 4-0-29-2, Afif 1-0-20-0.
BANGLADESH Liton Das c Washington b Chahar 9 (8b, 2x4), Mohd. Naim b Dube 81 (48b, 8x4, 2x6), Soumya Sarkar c Dube b Chahar 0 (1), Mohd. Mithun c Rahul b Chahar 27 (29b, 2x4, 1x6), Mushfiqur Rahim b Dube 0 (1b), Mahmudullah b Chahal 8 (10b), Afif Hossain c & b 0 (1b), Aminul Islam b Chahar 9 (9b), Shafiul Islam c Rahul b Chahar 4 (6b), Mustafizur Rahman c Shreyas b Chahar 1 (3b), Al-Amin Hossain (not out) 0; Extras (lb-3, w-2): 5; Total (in 19.2 overs):144.	
FALL OF WICKETS 1-3 (Rohit, 1.3 overs), 2-35 (Dhawan, 5.2), 3-94 (Rahul, 12.1), 4-139 (Pant, 16.1), 5-144 (Shreyas, 16.5).	
BANGLADESH BOWLING Al-Amin 4-0-22-1, Shafiul 4-1-32-2, Mustafizur 4-0-42-0,	
FALL OF WICKETS 1-12 (Liton Das, 2.4 overs), 2-12	

cent score here. And he managed one, striking a series of effortless boundaries along the way.

Shafiul Islam was carved away through point early on, Aminul Islam was cut and pulled to the fence, and Mustafizur Rahman was lofted over mid-off.

He raised his fifty off 33 balls, and fell two deliveries later, failing to clear mid-off.

Simple chance

Shreyas was dropped second ball at point, the leg-spinner Aminul spilling a simple offering.

Shreyas remained watchful the next 10 deliveries and

then exploded. Aminul and Soumya Sarkar were thumped for massive sixes over deep-midwicket.

When Afif Hossain was introduced, Shreyas brought the crowd to its feet, welcoming the off-spinner with three successive sixes, standing in his crease and swinging for the bleachers.

The Mumbai batsman raised his maiden T20I fifty off 27 balls, before he was caught on the boundary for 62 off Sarkar.

The latter claimed two wickets with his gentle medium-pace, removing Shreyas and Pant, who was bowled for six, in the same over.

(Soumya Sarkar, 2.5), 3-110 (Mithun, 12.6), 4-110 (Mushfiqur, 13.1), 5-126 (Naim, 15.3), 6-126 (Afif, 15.4), 7-130 (Mahmudullah, 16.5), 8-135 (Shafiul, 17.6), 9-144 (Mustafizur, 19.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Khaleel 4-0-27-0, Washington 4-0-34-0, Chahar 3.2-0-7-6, Chahal 4-0-43-1, Dube 4-0-30-3.

Man-of-the-match: Deepak Chahar.

Player-of-the-series: Deepak Chahar.

Toss: Bangladesh.

India won by 30 runs to take the series 2-1

Statosphere

■ Deepak Chahar is the first Indian to get a hat-trick in T20 Internationals

■ Chahar's 6/7 is the best-ever in T20Is, bettering Sri Lankan Ajantha Mendis' 6/8 vs Zimbabwe in 2012

■ Mohd. Naim's 81 on Sunday is the highest by a Bangladesh batsman against India in T20Is

Manish Pandey then gave the innings some vital thrust at the end. Bangladesh might have felt the total within reach, but it would fall well short in the end.

Rohit's pep talk made us determined to win: Shreyas

It was our mistake that we didn't finish well, says Bangladesh captain Mahmudullah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NAGPUR

Shreyas Iyer admitted that India was feeling the pressure in the third T20I before turning things around. Mohammad Mithun and Naim had added 98 runs for the third wicket to put Bangladesh in a strong position in the series decider, but India struck back.

"We were feeling the pressure. We know they are a really good team.

"We were a little lethargic at the start. Rohit called us in and gave us a pep talk. It really motivated us and made us determined to win the game," he said.

Turning points

There were two turning points in the game during the Bangladesh chase, Shreyas felt.

"The first was DC (Chahar) coming and getting us two wickets in his first over.



Classy: Shreyas Iyer delighted the Nagpur crowd with some big hits during his well-crafted half-century. • VIVEK BENDRE

"Then Shivam Dube getting back to back wickets (16th over)," he said.

Shreyas felt the dew had been an issue. "The amount of dew was too much.

"Once we entered the field, we could feel the water on our fingers."

The Mumbai batsman was pleased with his own effort. "Today's innings showed I can bat under pressure as well.

"The over in which I hit three sixes, that changed the momentum completely. Otherwise we could have got only 150-155 which would have been really hard to defend on this wicket," he said.

Cluster of wickets

Bangladesh captain Mahmudullah was disappointed with his side's collapse.

"We had a good chance but we lost three-four wickets in the space of a few balls. That cost us the game.

"The partnership between Naim and Mithun was good. But we lost wickets in a cluster.

"I don't know if it was a lack of composure, but it was our mistake that we didn't finish well. That's where the big teams are good," he said.

New BCCI team seeks amendments to constitution

G. VISWANATH
MUMBAI

Soon after filing his nomination for the post of president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Sourav Ganguly described the last three years in the sport's ruling body as "emergency-like".

The CoA's overall control was a constant source of irritation, and the members took charge of affairs through the democratic process on October 23.

Ganguly, however, had given no hint of going for the jugular in his team's readiness to move amendments to the BCCI constitution that the CoA had drafted and the Supreme Court accepted on August 9, 2018.

Jay Shah, the new BCCI secretary, says it is not mandatory for the BCCI to approach the Supreme Court

and seek approval for amendments adopted at general meetings.

Among amendments to be discussed at its annual general meeting in Mumbai on December 1 will be the need to modify the cooling-off period clauses, making them applicable only to the president and secretary.

Disqualification clause

Removing the disqualification clause for nominating a person to the International Cricket Council and similar organisations and, most importantly, vesting decision-making powers with the Apex Council and secretary are other changes proposed.

The Apex Council, headed by Ganguly and Shah, seems inclined to nominate former BCCI president and ICC chairman N. Srinivasan as a director on the ICC

Board.

The ICC has considerably changed the eligibility rules to become a member-director and may have conveyed the same to Ganguly and Shah.

The BCCI members have discussed each Lodha committee-recommended clause and opposed a number of them as well as the board's claim on the percentage of money it should receive from the ICC's revenue for the 2016-2023 cycle.

There should not be any difficulty for the amendments to go through with or without modifications, but the moot point is how the Supreme Court will respond to the amendments.

Should they be accepted, a sports bill amenable to sports federations may not be necessary to offset the tenure rules.

Five Test players get a feel of the SG pink ball

Dravid oversees the hit in the nets

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Five Indian Test cricketers practised with the SG pink ball under lights at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Sunday.

Mayank Agarwal, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Ajinkya Rahane and Cheteshwar Pujara hit the nets under the guidance of former India captain and NCA Head of Cricket, Rahul Dravid.

This was the first training session with the pink ball, which will make its debut in the historic day-night Test against Bangladesh at Eden Gardens. Mayank, Rahane, Pujara and Jadeja took on promising Karnataka junior team fast bowlers and spin-

ners. The batsmen were mostly circumspect in the pacers' net, leaving balls outside off, in an effort to get comfortable with the pink ball. They had a far easier time in the spinners' nets, smashing the bowlers around.

Dravid was seen chatting to the India players, and giving instructions to the net bowlers. India-A head coach Shitanshu Kotak assisted Dravid.

Shami, meanwhile, got into his stride and troubled the batsmen with sharp pace and movement.

As expected, the new pink balls offered appreciable swing, though it remains to be seen how it will hold up in the Kolkata Test.



Practising: Mohd. Shami tried his variations with the SG pink ball at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. • G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR

Dramatic victory for England

REUTERS
AUCKLAND

England all-rounder Chris Jordan shone with both bat and ball to steer his side to a thrilling Super Over win against host New Zealand in the rain-truncated fifth Twenty20 international on Sunday and a 3-2 series victory.

Chasing New Zealand's total of 146/5, the touring side needed 16 runs from the last over for victory but managed only three from James Neesham's first three deliveries.

Walking in to bat at the fall of Tom Curran, Jordan smashed a six and a four to score 12 from the remaining three deliveries to take his team to 146/7 and force the super over.

The right-arm seamer then expertly defended the touring side's super over score of 17, taking a wicket while giving away just eight runs.

The first of two Tests between New Zealand and England starts in Tauranga on November 21.

The scores: New Zealand 146/5 in 11 overs (M. Guptill 50, C. Munro 46, T. Seifert 39) lost to England 146/7 (J. Bairstow 47, Boulton 2/35, Santhner 2/20, Neesham 2/25) via **Super Over**.

Bengaluru FC outplays Chennaiyin

Third loss in four games for John Gregory and his men

ISL

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

A superlative first-half performance gave Bengaluru FC (BFC) a 3-0 victory over Chennaiyin FC in the ISL at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday.

Australian midfielder Erik Paartalu's header on 14 minutes, skipper Sunil Chhetri's fine first-time strike near the half-hour mark and Thongkhosiem Haokip's goal six minutes from time helped the defending champion earn its first win of the season and jump up to fifth in the table (six points) as the league breaks for international football.

It was a miserable night for John Gregory and his men, so thoroughly outplayed they were in every department.

The result was Chennaiyin's third loss in four games, and leaves the club with much soul-searching to do.

Plenty of chances

In fact, the three-goal margin can be seen as a relief. BFC had as many as half-a-dozen chances in the opening 10 minutes alone with Paartalu, Juanan, Raphael Augusto, Udanta Singh and Chhetri all in the mix.

Chhetri's was the closest,



Dominating show: Skipper Sunil Chhetri and BFC players celebrate after defeating Chennaiyin FC 3-0. • K. MURALI KUMAR

with his superb diving header at a ball that was just knee high crashing off the post.

However, it didn't take long for Paartalu to open the scoring when he met Dimas Delgado's corner unmarked. Augusto, formerly of

Chennaiyin, showed what his previous employer had lost as he looked like playing a defence-splitting pass almost at will.

One such delivery in the 25th minute took out four Chennaiyin players and

Chhetri applied the finishing touch with a first-time shot.

The away side improved marginally after the break following the introduction of winger

Lallianzuala Chhangte. Anirudh Thapa and Rafael Crivellaro, the two creative outlets, showed flashes of what they could and Dhanapal Ganesh hit the post from close range.

However, Haokip put the result to bed on 84 minutes when he slotted home a through ball after out-muscling defender Eli Sabia.

Chhetri missed a golden chance to score a second, shooting wide with the goal at his mercy. But it will not be something he or his club will lose sleep over.

The result: Bengaluru FC 3 (Paartalu 14, Chhetri 25, Haokip 84) bt Chennaiyin FC 0.

Disappointed Gregory all but quits!

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

Chennaiyin FC's ISL-winning coach John Gregory all but quit his post on Sunday following his club's dispiriting loss to Bengaluru FC.

The 2017-18 champion is rock-bottom with just one point from four games.

"It's about time I sat down with the owner and had a deeper conversation," said the Englishman.

"We can't continue like this. We consider ourselves to be a very very good club and the whole club is hurting now and none more so than myself.

"This is my third year and it is not easy.

"I have never worked so hard in my life and it might be time for someone else to take over. Frankly, this is the worst I have felt in my time here. In my opinion the club comes first and we have to do what's best for the club."



Djokovic. • GETTY IMAGES

TV PICKS

NBA: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 5.30 a.m.
Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9 a.m.
Afghanistan v West Indies: 3rd ODI, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 2 p.m.
FIFA U-17 World Cup: Quarterfinals, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 1 a.m. (Tuesday) onwards

IN BRIEF



Celtics make short work of Spurs
WASHINGTON
Boston Celtics beat San Antonio Spurs 135-115 in the NBA on Saturday. Jaylen Brown (*in pic*) scored 30 points and Kemba Walker added 26 even as Gordon Hayward was taken off with a broken hand.
The results: Chicago Bulls 94 lost to Houston Rockets 117; Memphis Grizzlies 122 lost to Dallas Mavericks 138; Oklahoma City Thunder 114 bt Golden State Warriors 108; Charlotte Hornets 110 lost to New Orleans Pelicans 115; San Antonio Spurs 115 lost to Boston Celtics 135. AFP



Komen wins Athens Classic Marathon
ATHENS
Kenyan John Kipkorir Komen won the 37th Athens Classic Marathon on Sunday, clocking 2:16.34 in the rain. The 42-year-old ahead of Rwanda's Felicien Muhitira and Greece's Konstantinos Gkelaozous. The women's race was won by Eleftheria Petroulaki in 2:45.50. AFP

Indians footballers practise on artificial turf
NEW DELHI
Ahead of the FIFA 2022 World Cup Qualifier against Afghanistan on November 14, the Indian team has started practising on an artificial turf at HTC Sports Academy here. The team underwent a passing session on Saturday, followed by a short stretching session under strength and conditioning coach Luka Radman. Coach Igor Stimac said the match would be played "on artificial turf" and hence the players needed to train in similar conditions to get acclimatised. ANI

Mazzini hits eight goals in Sona Polo's triumph
NEW DELHI
Gerardo Mazzini smashed eight goals in helping Sona Polo to a 11-7 victory over Jindal Panther in the final of the Maharaja Sir Pratap Singh Cup 14-goal polo tournament at the Jaipur Polo ground here on Sunday. The prizes were presented by the Additional Director General of Territorial Army, Maj. Gen. D.A. Chaturvedi
The result (final): Sona Polo 11 (Gerardo Mazzini 8, Abhimanyu Pathak 2, Padmanabh Singh) bt Jindal Panther 7 (Simran Shergill 4, Daniel Otamendi 3).

Paso Robles obliges in feature race

HYDERABAD: Paso Robles (Suraj Narredu up) won the first division of the 1 EME Centre Rolling Trophy, the feature event of the races held on Sunday. The winner is the property of M/s. Rama Krishna Reddy & Meka Yugandhar and trained by L. D'Silva.

1 HIDDEN BLOOM PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): SEMIRA (Aneel) 1, Snow Castle (Akshay Kumar) 2, Royal Dancer (T.S. Jodha) 3 and Withrosemakeup (Gaurav Singh) 4. 3-1/4, hd and 1/2. Im, 13.97s. ₹151 (w), 21, 7 and 8 (p), SHP: 17, FP: 1,018, Q: 248, Tla: 2,276. Favourite: Negress Princess. Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin Mufeed. Trainer: M.F. Alikhan.

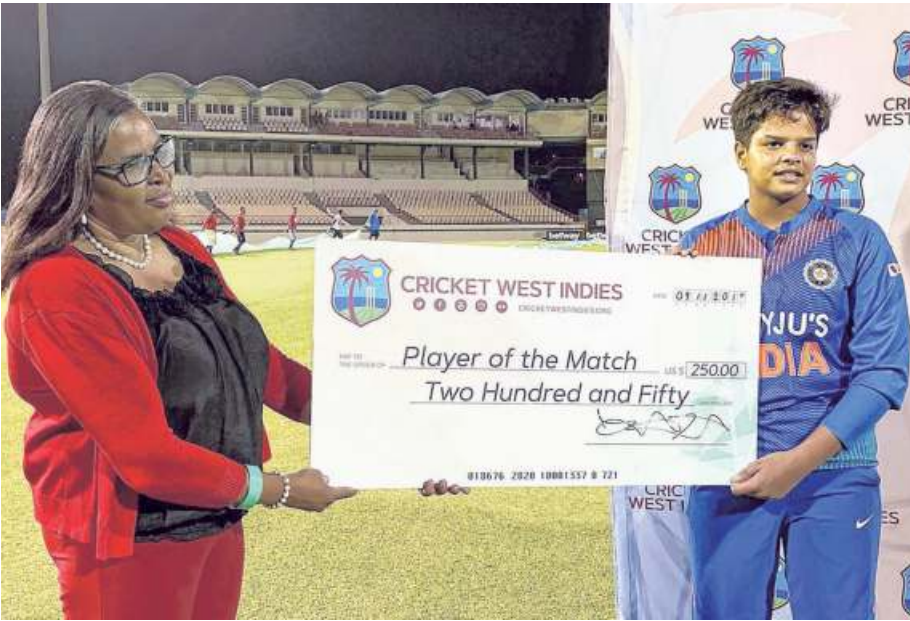
1 ADOLFITO PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20

India cruises to a win in first T20I

Shafali becomes youngest Indian to score international half-century

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GROS ISLET
Fifteen-year-old Shafali Verma became the youngest Indian cricketer to score a half-century in international cricket, her 49-ball 73 in the first T20 International against the West Indies surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's 30-year-old record.
Shafali's blazing knock powered the Indian women's team to an 84-run win here on Saturday.
Playing in only her fifth T20I, Shafali put the West Indies attack to the sword, blasting six 4s and four 6s on way to her maiden fifty.
Shafali achieved the feat at 15 years and 285 days, surpassing batting legend Tendulkar, who had notched up his maiden Test fifty at 16 years and 214 days.
The Haryana teenager shared a record opening stand of 143 – India's highest partnership in women's T20Is – with Smriti Mandhana to help her team post a challenging 185 for four.
Shafali, who had scored 46 in her second T20I against South Africa last month, exploded in the second over, smashing Shakera Selman for two fours and a six.



The icing: The Player-of-the-Match award capped a fine day for Shafali Verma. •PTI

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She then launched an assault on Chinelle Henry, crossing the fence four times before depositing one in the stands in the fourth over.
Needing 186 to win, West Indies struggled with Shermaine Campbelle top-scoring

with a 34-ball 33.
The scores: India 185/4 in 20 overs (Shafali Verma 73, Smriti Mandhana 67, Anisa Mohammed 2/35) bt West Indies 101/9 in 20 overs (Shermaine Campbelle 33; Radha Yadav 2/10, Shikha Pandey 2/22).

Soha Sadiq overcomes Pareen

ITF WOMEN

SPORTS BUREAU
GUALIOR
Soha Sadiq fought hard to find her way past Pareen Shivekar 6-4, 5-7, [10-7] in the first qualifying round of the \$25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament here on Sunday.
Soha will meet the newly crowned National champion Sowjanya Bavisetti in the second and final qualifying round.
B. Shrivalli Rashmikaa lost to Funa Kozaki of Japan in straight sets. Jennifer

Luikham was in sizzling form as she outclassed four-time National champion Prerna Bhambri for the loss of four games.
While the main draw features Rutuja Bhosale, Karman Kaur Thandi, Riya Bhatia, Mahak Jain and Zeel Desai as direct entrants among Indians, Shreya Tata-varthy, Sara Yadav and Van-shita Pathania have been given wild card entries.
The results: Qualifying (First round): Soha Sadiq bt Pareen Shivekar 6-4, 5-7, [10-7]; Funa Kozaki (Jpn) bt B. Shrivalli Rashmikaa 6-2, 6-4; Lakshmi

Sahithi Reddy bt Snehal Mane 6-2, 7-6(4); Dan Ni Wang (Chn) bt Ananyaa Bhargava 6-4, 6-1; Mana Kawamura (Jpn) bt Vidhi Jani 6-0, 6-2; Maria Tomofeeva (Rus) bt Leera Raju 6-0, 6-3.
C. Sravya Shivani bt Rashi Malviya 6-3, 4-6, [10-2]; Evgeniya Burdina (Rus) bt Kriti Tomar 6-1, 6-0; Prathiba Narayan Prasad bt Deeksha Manju Prasad 5-7, 6-1, [10-4]; Jennifer Luikham bt Prerna Bhambri 6-1, 6-3; Avika Sagwal bt Aayushi Tanwar 6-3, 6-4; Ashmitha Easwaramurthi bt Arthi Muniyan 6-2, 6-3; Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Niditra Rajmohan 6-0, 6-0; Mihika Yadav bt Pragati Solankar 6-1, 6-1; Dakshata Patel bt Saumya Vig 6-2, 6-2.

Momota lands his 10th title of the year

CHINA OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SHANGHAI
Kento Momota won his 10th title of a remarkable year as Japan's World No. 1 defeated Chou Tien-chen of Taiwan to retain his Fuzhou China Open crown on Sunday.
Home hope Chen Yufei similarly successfully defended the women's title with a gritty victory over Japan's Nozomi Okuhara.
Momota battled past World No. 2 Chou 21-15, 17-21, 21-18 in a repeat of last year's final. The 29-year-old

India gets three more Olympic spots

ASIAN SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU
DOHA
Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Mairaj Ahmad Khan they squeezed their way into the men's final after a qualifying shoot-off on 120 with six others, and eventually won the gold and silver, along with the Olympic quota places, in the Asian shooting championship here on Sunday.
It was a fitting climax for the day for India, in which the young Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar clinched the men's rifle 3-position Olympic quota with a bronze. Angad Vir pipped Mairaj 6-5 in the tie-shoot for the gold, after the two had tied on 56.
With three more Olympic quota places from the day, the best for Indian shooting this season, the tally for the country went up to 15.
Such an overwhelming performance, pushed aside the brilliant performance by Manu Bhaker, who won the mixed air pistol gold with Abhishek Verma. Esha Singh and Sarabjot Singh won the mixed air pistol junior gold



Good day: Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, coach Ennio Falco and Mairaj Ahmad Khan. •PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

with a 16-10 win over Korea.
The results: Mixed team air pistol: 1. India (Manu Bhaker, Abhishek Verma) 16 (387, 577); 2. India-A (Yashaswini Singh Deswal, Saurabh Chaudhary) 10 (387, 576); 3. Iran 17 (386, 575); 4. China 15 (387, 581).
Men: 50m rifle 3-position: 1. Kim Jonghyun (Kor) 459.9 (1178); 2. Zhao Zhonghao (Chn) 459.1 (1173); 3. Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar 449.1 (1168); 17. Chain Singh 1155; 20. Parul Kumar 1154. MQS: Sanjeev Rajput 1163. **Team:** 1. China 3505; 2. Korea 3499; 3. India 3477.
Skeet: 1. Angad Vir Singh Bajwa 56(6) 120 (14, 22); 2. Mairaj Ahmad Khan 56(5) 120 (14, 24); 3.

Saud Mukhamediyev Habib (Kuv) 45 (120)14, 23; 21. Smit Singh 117. **Team:** 1. Qatar 360; 2. Kuwait 358; 3. Kazakhstan 357; 4. India 357.
Women: Skeet: 1. Wei Meng (Chn) 20 (124); 2. Zhang Donglian (Chn) 18 (120); 3. Kim Minji (Kor) 17 (1173); 10. Darshna Rathore 114; 11. Ganemat Sekhon 113; 12. Saniya Sheikh 112. **Team:** 1. China 363; 2. Thailand 350; 3. India 339.
Junior women: Mixed team air pistol: 1. India (Esha Singh, Sarabjot Singh) 16 (381, 569); 2. Korea 10 (378, 574); 3. China-A 16 (376, 569); 4. China 10 (376, 565); 5. India-A (Priya Raghav, Akash) 375 (580).

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Group A: Bihar v Services; Baroda v Uttarakhand; Andhra v Karnataka.
Group B: Manipur v Vidarbha; Tamil Nadu v Uttar Pradesh; Kerala v Tripura.
Group C: Chhattisgarh v Railways; Himachal v Hyderabad; Arunachal Pradesh v Maharashtra; Punjab v Chandigarh.
Group D: Mizoram v Pondicherry; Bengal v Meghalaya; Assam v Haryana; Madhya Pradesh v Mumbai.
Group E: Delhi v Nagaland; Gujarat v Saurashtra; Jammu & Kashmir v Jharkhand; Odisha v Sikkim.

NEW DELHI LOCALS

Double for Kashif in crossminton
Kashif won a double crown in the men's section as he beat Amir 16-11, 16-11 for the singles title, and combined with Amir to take the doubles title in the Indian Open International series crossminton championship at the Indus Valley Public School, Sector-62, Noida, on Sunday.
Paridhi battled past Yashika 16-13, 8-16, 16-14 to clinch the women's title but Yashika asserted her game by beating Paridhi 16-12, 17-15 for the girls under-18

title.
While Mauritius won a token bronze, the Indian players swept the rest of the seven gold, seven silver and 13 bronze medals.
The results (finals): Men: Kashif bt Amir 16-11, 16-11; **Doubles:** Kashif & Amir bt Prashant & Shailesh 16-10, 17-15.
Women: Paridhi bt Yashika 16-13, 8-16, 16-14.
Boys Under-18: Ashish bt Vinit 16-8, 16-13. **Under-14:** Jashandeep bt Tushar 17-15, 16-8.
Girls Under-18: Yashika bt Paridhi 16-12, 17-15.
Under-14: Akriti bt Maryam

Yours Forever for main event

HYDERABAD: Yours Forever runs with a good chance in the Soviet Star Plate (1,100m), the main event of the races to be held here on Monday (Nov. 11).
1 DEMOCRACY PLATE (1,200m), maiden 2-y-o only (Cat. II), 1-50 p.m.: 1. Advance Guard (7) Robbie Downey 55, 2. Ashwa Virrat (2) Suraj Narredu 55, 3. Elegant Stroke (5) C.P. Bopanna 55, 4. Horus (4) Akshay Kumar 55, 5. Team Player (1) B.R. Kumar 55, 6. Cephalonia (6) Ashhad Asbar 53.5 and 7. Melting Ice (3) Nakhat Singh 53.5.
1. ASHWA VIRRAT, 2. MELTING ICE, 3. HORUS
2 SOVIET STAR PLATE (1,100m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2:25: 1. Pentagon (2) Afroz Khan 61, 2. Honest Hunter (4) B.R. Kumar 59, 3. Classy Guy (8) C.P. Bopanna 56, 4. Kionia (1) Akshay Kumar 55.5, 5. Rahil (9) Santosh Raj 55.5, 6. Gorgeous Lady (7) R.S. Jodha 54, 7. Star Envoy (6) Suraj Narredu 54, 8. Yours Forever (5) Ajeeth Kumar 54 and 9. Marvel Princess (3) N. Rawal 52.5.
1. YOURS FOREVER, 2. HONEST HUNTER, 3. KIONIA
3 SRINIVASA SADAGOPA SHARMA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV.

II), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3:00: 1. Ice Warrior (5) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Best In Show (7) Robbie Downey 58.5, 3. Kimberly Cruise (6) Kiran Naidu 58.5, 4. Nova Scotia (4) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 5. Rutilant (3) Kuldeep Singh 54.5, 6. Symbol Of Star's (1) Afroz Khan 54.5, 7. Dillon (8) Khurshad Alam 53.5 and 8. Red River (2) Jitendra Singh 52.
1. NOVA SCOTIA, 2. BEST IN SHOW, 3. ICE WARRIOR
4 KINNERASANI PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3:35: 1. One One One (11) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Nayadeep (10) Irvan Singh 59, 3. King Maker (5) Suray Prakash 58.5, 4. Miss Lily (6) Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 5. Siyabonga (7) Gopal Singh 58.5, 6. Vancouver (12) A.A. Vikrant 55.5, 7. Avantika (4) R. Ajinkya 54.5, 8. Mahira (9) Abhay Singh 53.5, 9. Once More (3) Jitendra Singh 53.5, 10. Vijay's Empire (2) Gaurav Singh 53, 11. Charlie Brown (8) Kuldeep Singh 52.5 and 12. Dandy Man (1) Ashhad Asbar 52.5.
1. ONE ONE ONE, 2. KING MAKER, 3. DANDY MAN
5 SRINIVASA SADAGOPA SHARMA MEMORIAL CUP (DIV.

I), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4-10: 1. Miss Marvellous (6) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Ashwa Arjun (7) Gaurav Singh 57.5, 3. Yogastha (2) Ajeeth Kumar 54, 4. Royal Style (1) Akshay Kumar 53.5, 5. Barbosaella (5) Surya Prakash 53, 6. Escobar (8) Rafique Sk. 52.5, 7. Kintsugi (4) Khurshad Alam 50.5 and 8. Patron Saint (3) Abhay Singh 50.5.
1. ASHWA ARJUN, 2. MISS MARVELLOUS, 3. YOGASTHA
6 J.S. DHARIAL MEMORIAL PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 4-45: 1. Escalating Striker (5) Jitendra Singh 60, 2. Halo's Princess (4) Gaddam 60, 3. Hurricane (1) R. Ajinkya 59.5, 4. Royal Avenger (6) Ajit Singh 59, 5. London Bridge (9) Robbie Downey 58.5, 6. Ultimate Risk (2) Afroz Khan 57.5, 7. Lion Heart (7) B.R. Kumar 57, 8. Shivalik Sand (8) Kuldeep Singh 56.5 and 9. Diesis Dream (3) Akshay Kumar 54.5.
1. DIESIS DREAM, 2. LONDON BRIDGE, 3. HALO'S PRINCESS
Day's best: ASHWA VIRRAT
Double: NOVA SCOTIA – ONE ONE ONE
Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; Mini Jkt: 3, 4, 5 & 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 4, 5 & 6; Tla: all races.

to 45 (Cat. III): RENO STAR (Akshay Kumar) 1, Flamingo Fame (N. Rawal) 2, City Of Blossom (Nakhat Singh) 3 and Wah Ms Zara (T.S. Jodha) 4. 1, 4-1/4 and 1. Im, 12.95s. ₹16 (w), 5, 7 and 7 (p), SHP: 15, FP: 15, Q: 15, Tla: 41. Favourite: Reno Star. Owner: Mr. H. Thum-buswamy. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

2 I EME CENTRE ROLLING TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): HAVELOCK CRUISE (Akshay Kumar) 1, Ruletheworld (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, N R I Heights (Koushik) 3 and Explosive (T.S. Jodha) 4. 1-3/4, 1-3/4 and 1-1/2. Im, 39.20s. ₹14 (w), 6, 8 and 15 (p), SHP: 19, FP: 77, Q: 49, Tla: 1,063. Favourite: No Compromise. Owners: M/s. K.S.N. Murthy, P. Ranga Raju & C. Nanda Kumar. Trainer: D. Netto.

3 I EME CENTRE ROLLING TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): PASO ROBLES (Suraj Narredu) 1, The Great Gatsby (Robbie Downey) 2, City Of Wisdom (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Gusti Look (Akshay Kumar) 4. 5-3/4, 1/4 and nose. Im, 38.30s. ₹9 (w), 5, 6 and 15 (p), SHP: 14, FP: 21, Q: 11, Tla: 104. Favourite: Paso Robles. Owners: M/s. Rama Krishna Reddy & Meka Yugandhar. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

4 ADOLFITO PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): SOVET PRIDE (Koushik) 1, Giehorn (Kiran Naidu) 2, Monte Rei (Gaddam) 3 and Top Saga (Akshay Kumar) 4. 1, 2-1/4 and 2. Im, 13.1Is. ₹9 (w), 6, 7 and 11 (p), SHP: 20, FP: 34, Q: 25,

Tla; 286. Favourite: Sovet Pride. Owners: M/s. Y. Damodar & Ashok Kumar Gupta. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

5 RECOMMENDER PLATE (1,100m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): SOUL EMPRESS (Kiran Naidu) 1, Loch Stella (C.P. Bopanna) 2, Southern Meteor (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Story Teller (Jitendra Singh) 4. 1/2, 1 and shd. Im, 6.63s. ₹30 (w), 9, 9 and 36 (p), SHP: 28, FP: 183, Q: 90, Tla: 5,198. Favourite: Man Apart. Owners: M/s. T. Amarendra Reddy & Syed Abul Hasan Razvi. Trainer: S. Sreekanth.
Jkt: 1,666 (244 tkts.), Runner-up: 44 (3957 tkts.)
Mini Jkt: 2,028 (46 tkts.)
Tr (i): 686 (74 tkts.), (ii): 259 (434 tkts.).

Liverpool gets the better of City to open up an eight-point lead

Lewandowski delights as Bayern puts Dortmund in its place; Messi picks up his first hat-trick of the season

EURO LEAGUES

REUTERS
LIVERPOOL

Liverpool opened up an eight-point lead at the top of the Premier League with an emphatic and hugely impressive 3-1 win over defending champion Manchester City at Anfield on Sunday.

The victory leaves unbeaten Liverpool on 34 points from 12 games, eight ahead of Leicester City and Chelsea, and nine in front of Pep Guardiola's fourth-placed City.

Liverpool grabbed a sixth-minute lead with a thundering drive from Brazilian Fabinho, who pounced on a clearance from Ilkay Gundogan and blasted past Claudio Bravo from over 20 metres out.

Feeling deprived

Yet City felt the stunning effort should have been ruled out – and a penalty awarded

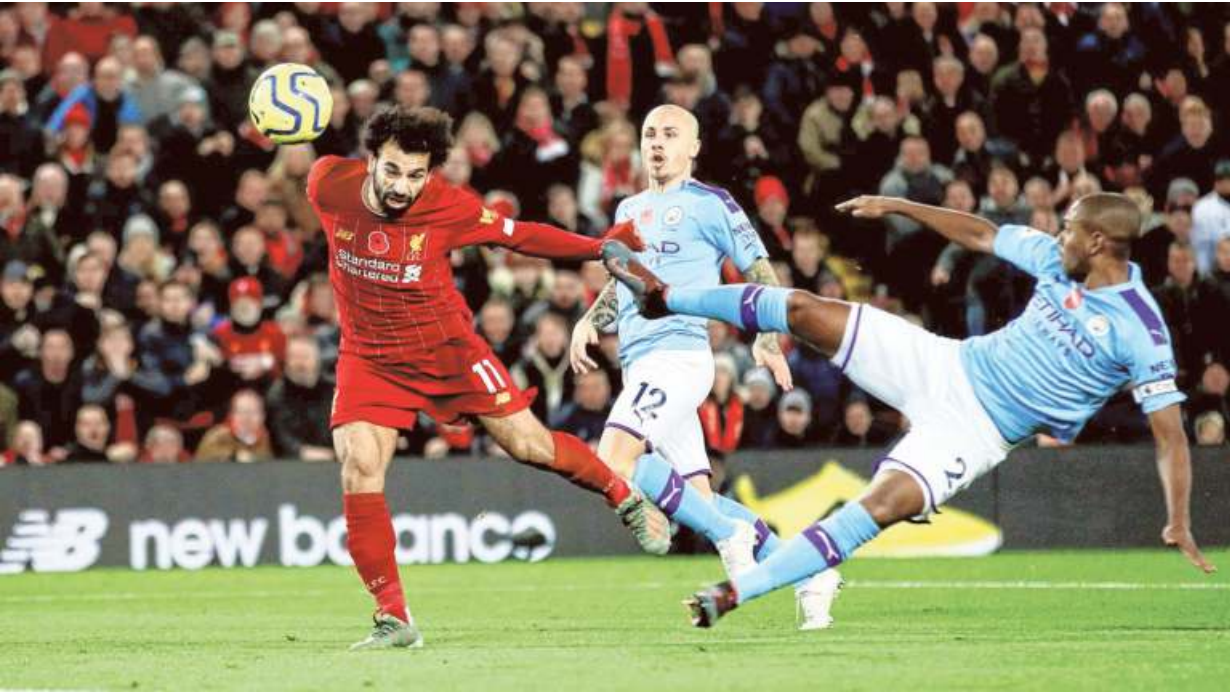
to them – as prior to the break that led to the goal Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold appeared to handle the ball inside the box but the VAR review went against the visitors.

Liverpool struck again in the 13th minute when Andy Robertson crossed from the left and Mohamed Salah nodded the bouncing ball past Bravo to make it 2-0.

City's third defeat of the season look assured when Liverpool made it 3-0 six minutes after the interval as Jordan Henderson worked space for a cross on the right flank and Sadio Mane stooped to head home at the back post.

Bernardo Silva pulled a goal back for City in the 78th minute, drilling home a low cross from Angelino and the visitors enjoyed some late pressure but Liverpool held firm.

Champion Bayern Munich crushed fellow title-conten-



On target: Mohamed Salah, left, nodding in Liverpool's second goal. •REUTERS

der Borussia Dortmund 4-0 on Saturday, with two goals from top scorer Robert Le-

wandowski helping lift it into third place and giving interim coach Hansi Flick an im-

pressive Bundesliga debut. Lewandowski kept up his sensational scoring run, net-

ting in the 17th and 76th minutes to take his league tally to 16 goals. He has now

scored in each of the 11 league games this season, a Bundesliga record.

In La Liga, Lionel Messi scored two exquisite free kicks as he netted his first hat-trick of the season in a 4-1 win over Celta Vigo which took Barcelona back to the top after a difficult week.

Barca leads the standings on 25 points after 12 games, level with second-placed Real Madrid who eased to a 4-0 win at Eibar.

The results:

Premier League: Liverpool 3 (Fabinho 6, Salah 13, Mane 51) bt Manchester City 1 (Bernardo 78); Manchester United 3 (Pereira 17, Propper 19-og, Rashford 66) bt Brighton 1 (Dunk 64); Wolves 2 (Neves 41, Jimenez 84) bt Aston Villa 1 (Trezequet 90+2). **Saturday:** Leicester 2 (Vardy 68, Maddison 75) bt Arsenal 0.

Bundesliga: Borussia Moenchengladbach 3 (Bensebaini 20, Herrmann 22, 59) bt Werder Bremen 1 (Bittencourt 90+3); VfL Wolfsburg 0 lost to Bayer

Leverkusen 2 (Bellarabi 25, Paulinho 90+6). **Saturday:** Bayern Munich 4 (Lewandowski 17, 76, Gnabry 47, Hummels 80-og) bt Borussia Dortmund 0

La Liga: Mallorca 3 (Lago Junior 13-pen, Dani Rodriguez 23-pen, Take 53) bt Villarreal 1 (Cazorla 49-pen); Athletic Bilbao 2 (Munian 57, Capa 88) bt Levante 1 (Postigo 46); Atletico Madrid 3 (Correa 46, Morata 58, Koke 91) bt Espanyol 1 (Darder 38). **Saturday:** Eibar 0 lost to Real Madrid 4 (Benzema 17, 29-pen, Ramos 20-pen, Valverde 62); Barcelona 4 (Messi 23-pen, 45+1, 48, Busquets 85) bt Celta Vigo 1 (Olaza 42).

Serie A: Cagliari 5 (Rog 17, Pisacane 26, Simeone 34, Joao Pedro 54, Nianggolan 65) bt Fiorentina 2 (Vlahovic 75, 87); Lazio 4 (Correa 30, 80, Milinkovic-Savic 62, Immobile 77-pen) bt Lecce 2 (Lapadula 40, La Mantia 85); Sampdoria 0 drew with Atalanta 0; Udinese 0 drew with SPAL 0. **Saturday:** Brescia 0 lost to Torino 4 (Belotti 17-pen, 26-pen, Berenguer 75, 80); Inter Milan 2 (Vecino 65, Barella 83) bt Verona 1 (Verre 19-pen); Napoli 0 lost to Genoa 0.

Ramkumar-Purav pair triumphs

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU
KOBÉ, JAPAN

Fourth seeds Purav Raja and Ramkumar Ramanathan won the doubles title, beating the second seeds Andrew Goransson of Sweden and Christopher Rungkat of Indonesia 7-6(6), 6-3 in the final of the \$54,160 Challenger tennis tournament here on Sunday.

The title fetched 80 ATP points and \$3100 for the Indian pair, while the runners-up had to be content with 48 points and \$1,800.

The results: \$54,160 Challenger, Kobe, Japan: Doubles (final): Purav Raja & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Andre Goransson (Swe) & Christopher Rungkat (Ina) 7-6(6), 6-3.



Winning smiles: Ramkumar Ramanathan and Purav Raja won the doubles title in the Kobe Challenger. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

France regains the Fed Cup with a remarkable display

Doubles pair clinches the decider against Australia after Mladenovic stuns Barty

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PERTH

Kristina Mladenovic and Caroline Garcia led France to its first Fed Cup title since 2003 on Sunday, winning a deciding doubles rubber to crush Australian dreams 3-2.

In the last tournament played under the current format, the Frenchwomen kept their focus at the Perth Arena to overcome Ashleigh Barty and Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-3, denying the home team its first crown in 45 years.

It was France's third title and first since it beat the United States 16 years ago, piling more misery on seven-time champion Australia, which has now lost all nine



Oh, what a feeling! Team France with the Fed Cup trophy. •AFP

of the last Fed Cup finals it has appeared in.

Mladenovic and Garcia bounced back from an early break in the first set to ex-

pose Stosur's weaknesses.

World No. 1 Barty, stunned by Mladenovic in a singles rubber earlier on Sunday, did her best to keep

Australia in the hunt, but the French were clinical, racing to victory as their teammates went wild.

The final marked the last Fed Cup played under the current format, with an overhaul next year seeing 12 nations compete in a six-day event in Budapest.

That will mean an end to home ties and the atmosphere they bring, with the 26,951 fans turning up over two days in Perth.

The doubles clash was set up by Ajla Tomljanovic hauling the home team back into the tie by beating France's Pauline Parmentier 6-4, 7-5.

She came on court after 40th-ranked Mladenovic up-

set Barty 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(1) in an epic.

Croatia-born Tomljanovic, in her Fed Cup debut for Australia, had been thrashed 6-1, 6-1 by Mladenovic in the opening singles rubber on Saturday.

But captain Alicia Molik kept faith with her and she bounced back to beat Parmentier.

The results: Australia 2 lost to France 3 [Samantha Stosur & Ashleigh Barty lost to Caroline Garcia & Kristina Mladenovic 6-4, 6-3; Barty lost to Mladenovic 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(1); Ajla Tomljanovic bt Pauline Parmentier 6-4, 7-5.

On Saturday: Tomljanovic lost to Mladenovic 6-1, 6-1; Barty bt Garcia 6-0, 6-0J.

I am Kohli!

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Ivy Mae. •COURTESY INSTAGRAM

"I am Virat Kohli," said David Warner's daughter Ivy Mae while playing cricket with her father at their home.

In a video made by the Australian opener's wife, Candice Warner, young Ivy Mae is seen taking on throw-downs from her father and as she prepares to face one of the deliveries, she is heard repeatedly saying: "I'm Virat Kohli."

Warner may be regarded as one of the best batsmen in limited-overs cricket in the world, but for his daughter the India skipper tops everyone else.

The 33-year-old cricketer posted the video on Instagram with a caption: "I'm not sure about this one. Indi wants to be Virat Kohli."

Warner's wife also posted the video on Twitter with the caption: "This little girl has spent too much time in India. Wants to be Virat Kohli."

While Kohli heads the overall batting charts in IPL, having amassed 5,412 runs, Warner has also been in exceptional form in the past few seasons.

Jannik Sinner is new kid on the block

Beats Alex de Minaur in the Next Gen ATP Finals

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MILAN

Italian teenager Jannik Sinner said he felt like Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal as he basked in the spotlight after defeating top-seed Australian Alex de Minaur in straight sets to win the Next Gen ATP Finals on home soil on Saturday.

The 18-year-old Sinner, an eighth-seeded wild-card, saved nine break-points to win 4-2, 4-1, 4-2 in just over an hour against 18th-ranked de Minaur, who also lost last year's final to Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Wild-card

The tournament, which began in 2017, features the eight best players aged 21-and-under on the ATP Tour.



New horizons: Jannik Sinner basks in the spotlight after defeating Alex de Minaur. •AFP

And, Sinner came in as a late wild-card after a season when he rose almost 500 places to break into the Top 100.

"It's something different," Sinner said. "I never had this kind of support. I don't know if Roger or Rafa are still enjoying these kind of

things. I'm young and I'm enjoying it."

The 95th-ranked Italian had beaten another top 20 player, France's Gael Monfils, last month en route to the semifinals in Antwerp.

It was the first meeting between de Minaur and Sinner.

Anand comes creditable third

SPORTS BUREAU
BUCHAREST

Viswanathan Anand battled to a creditable third place after an unbeaten nine-round blitz streak on the final day of the Grand Chess Tour Superbet rapid and blitz chess championship here on Sunday.

After 27 rounds, including nine rounds of rapid games, Anand tallied 19.5 points. Sergey Karjakin and

Levon Aronian tied for the title at 20 points.

The title will now be decided by tie-break games.

On Sunday, Anand defeated Fabiano Caruana, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov and Anton Korobov in the first three rounds before drawing with Le Quang Liem, Levon Aronian, Sergey Karjakin, Vladislav Artemiev, Wesley So and Anish Giri.

In fact, Anand remained unbeaten in the last 12 rounds.

Combined final standings (rapid and blitz, after 27 rounds): 1-2. Levon Aronian (Arm, 20), Sergey Karjakin (Rus, 20),. 3. Viswanathan Anand (19.5), 4. Le Quang Liem (Vie, 19), 5. Anton Korobov (Ukr, 18.5), 6-7. Anish Giri (Ned, 18), Vladislav Artemiev (Rus, 18), 8-9. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 16.5), Wesley So (USA, 16.5), 10. Fabiano Caruana (USA, 14).

Shiv Kapur finishes tied-second

Catlin wins the title after holing a five-foot birdie in the play-off

THAILAND OPEN

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CHACHOENGSAO (THAILAND)

India's Shiv Kapur produced a sizzling back nine to get into a play-off, only to lose out on the first extra hole at the Thailand Open here on Sunday.

Kapur finished tied-second with Thai Pavit Tangkamolprasert, while John Catlin, who won three times

in 2018, holed a five-foot birdie in the first play-off hole to win the title. Lying tied-11th and five behind the leader at the start, Kapur was still way behind after an even front nine.

On the back nine Kapur had five birdies, an eagle and a bogey to storm into a share of the lead and the play-off with Catlin (67) and Pavit (65) as all three were tied at 11-under.

In the play-off, Catlin hit into the fairway while Kapur went to the left rough and Pavit to the right rough.

Kapur hit through the trees onto the green to 80 feet from the pin, while Pavit went into the bunker. Catlin hit his second shot to five feet. The Indian's valiant birdie attempt stopped five feet short and Pavit was 12 feet short. Catlin holed his birdie to win.