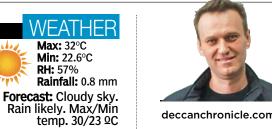
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### IN BRIEF **Chinna Jeeyar's**

mom passes away

Hyderabad: Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami's mother, Alivelu Mangatayaru, has passed away. The 85-year-old mother of the spiritual leader breathed her last on Friday night at Chinna Jeeyar Swami's ashram at Mulchintal village in Ranga Reddy district. The last rites were held on Saturday.

### **Protester Nagula**

succumbs to burns

Hyderabad: The security guard N. Nagula, who immolated himself near the State Legislative Assembly on Thursday, has died. Doctors at Osmania General Hospital who were treating him for superficial but extensive burns, said he succumbed to the burn injuries.

### **Sonia in US for**

medical check-up

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi left for the United States on Saturday for a routine medical check-up, sources close to her said. They said her son and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is accompanying her during her travel to the US. Rahul is expected to return within a week. Gandhi, 73, is expected to be away for around a fortnight and will miss more than half of the Monsoon Session of Parliament.



### SPORTS 9

**B'wood celebs** 

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**India to have most** 

Affordable drugs help Covid patients recover

cases, least virulent

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

The gap between the US and India in new cases is 50,000 on September 12 and, at this rate, experts predict that in 38 days (by October 18) India will be number one in Covid-19 cases in the world. The good news is that the strain is not as virulent and will not be fatal.

The total difference on September 12 was 1,978,868 cases. The US recorded a total of 6,636,247 cases while India recorded 4,657,379 cases on September 12.

The increasing number of cases in India is a fact but 90 per cent of them are mild cases due to the less virulent strain of SARS-Cov 2 virus. The virus is moving very fast from one person to another and the strain is not as strong as it was noted in the months

from May to July 2020. The present strain in India is less virulent due to which mild and atypical illness is noted in 82 per cent of the population, severe to moderate illness in 19 per cent and critical cases are only five per cent.

Recovery rate is 77 per cent according to the Union health ministry and that is one of the reasons that the demand for highend antiviral drugs for patients has reduced. Patients are recovering with HCQs and mid-level antiviral drugs which are affordable for many.

Recovery has boosted confidence but it must not lower the guard as the infectious nature of the virus has not reduced. Dr K.K. Aggarwal, president of the confederation of medical associations of Asia and Oceania, explained, "Human to human transmission is through large and small droplets.

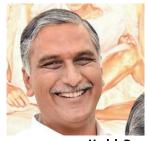
### HARISH 'TESTS' **NEGATIVE FOR COVID IN 1 WEEK**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT 12.

Finance minister T. Harish Rao is reported to have tested negative for Covid-19 on Saturday. He had earlier on September 5 announced that he had tested positive.

It was reported in the TRS party circles that the minister had undergone a Rapid Antigen Test on Saturday for Covid-19 and the results of the test had come in the negative. A facsimile of the test report showing the negative test result was also shared among the party circles.

However, the minister himself has not tweeted about his latest health condition as he did when he tested positive.



**Harish Rao** 

shows that it can be on up to three days. It can enter through the eyes, nose or mouth and enters heart muscles, the central nervous system, kidneys, blood vessels and the liver. Once in the body, it turns the cell into a factory making millions and millions of copies which are then coughed and also breathed out to infect others. For this reason, masks and social distanc-Surface to ing are very important transmission and will have to contin-

THE PRESENT strain of Coronavirus in India is less virulent due to which mild and atypical illness is noted in 82 per cent of the population, severe to moderate illness in 19 per cent and critical cases are only five per cent.

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With testing increased in all the states in India and mandatorily carried out before every operative procedure in hospitals, on pregnant women and also 'on-demand' according to the Indian council of medical research, the numbers are bound to rise further.

"Test, track and treat' is the new mantra and it will have to continue till maximum people are infected and develop antibodies.

Dr A. Velumani, scientist and managing director of Thyrocare technologies limited, explained, "Due to the heterogeneous nature of the population in different states in India, the disease will continue and numbers will increase as we unlock further. For this reason, there is actually not going to be a ally not going to be a 'peak' recorded in India. There were more cases earlier in cities which are now reporting a lower number of cases. Similarly, there are now more cases in rural areas. As we unlock further, we will see new sets of cases which will continue till most of the population is infected. There will be many asymptomatic carriers whose body immunity will fight it and they will

not report to hospitals as

the infection will be very

#### TTD TO RESUME China releases 5 **SLOTTED SRIVARI Arunachal youths SARVA DARSHAN**

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, SEPT. 12

DC CORRESPONDENT

The Union home ministry

has started preparing well

in advance for any poten-

tial threat from the

Chinese forces in the com-

ing winter season. It has started rushing bulk sup-

plies of essential com-

modities, like special win-ter tents and heaters, warm clothes, sunglasses and packaged food.

The MHA is trying to

ensure that adequate

stocks for over six months are available at all high-

altitude border locations

**NEW DELHI, SEPT. 12** 

Reiterating that its first priority is for common pilgrim devotees, the Tirumala Tirupati dev-asthanam (TTD) stated that it will resume the Slotted Darshan (SSD) tokens for common devotees to enjoy Srivari darshan as

early as possible.
TTD stated that it had temporarily stalled SSD tokens in view of spreading of the Coronavirus.

TTD clarified that it had recently resumed issuing 3,000 SSD tokens at Tirupati. TTD said it had compensated for the suspended 3,000 tokens by enhancing the quota of ₹300 special darshan tickets. TTD appealed to devotees to co-operate in view of continued Covid-19 restrictions.

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, SEPT. 12

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Sources claimed a large

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locations in the region.

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ensure that adequate

Five men who had strayed across the international border in Arunachal Pradesh about 10 days hack have been handed over to India by China's People's Liberation Army on Saturday.

Disclosing this, defence PRO Lt. Col. Harsh Wardhan Pande said: "The Indian Army took over all five individuals at Kibithu on September 12, 2020 after completing all the necessary formalities." The Army said in a statement that all these five "individuals will now be quarantined for 14 days as per Covid-19 protocols and will then handed over to their family"

Pradesh Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu also tweeted to say that he was absolutely

glad to know that the five men had been handed over, and thanked the gov-

were being transported to

all remote locations in the high-altitude region. In view of the increased ten-

sions with China in

Ladakh, the Indian forces

are making unprecedent-

ed arrangements to ensure

China doesn't attempt any border incursions during

It has also been decided

all security forces will remain at their respective locations all through the

winter to deal with any

Chinese threat. Earlier,

during the harsh winter

months, both Indian and

Chinese forces used to

winter.

ernment and Army. The five men who had been missing since September 1 were hunters and had gone on an hunting expedition and collect medicinal herbs, when they inadvertently strayed across the LAC with China, the Army had said

in a statement.
The Army had earlier said in a statement: "As a result of the persistent efforts of the Army, five missing hunters from Indian side of the LAC in Upper Subansiri, who had inadvertently crossed over to the other side on September 2, 2020, were traced. The Chinese Army had on September 8 responded on the hotline and confirmed that the Indians were found on their side.'

### **DGCA WARNS AIRLINES AGAINST IN-FLIGHT PHOTOS**

withdraw from their patrolling locations, but this time the Indian forces

will remain at their posi-

The MHA has already

asked all border guarding

forces to send in their spe

cific requirements for

winter deployment along

the sensitive China bor-

der. It also directed these

forces, particularly on the

China and Nepal borders, to finalise their "winter

deployment schedule" by

this month and start

deployment from next

month to deter any

Chinese mischief.

tions.

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, SEPT. 12

The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Saturday warned all domestic airlines that their scheduled flights will be suspended for at least two weeks if anyone is found taking photographs or doing videography inside the plane.

According to the DGCA order, as per Rule 13 of the Aircraft Rules 1937, no person is allowed to take any photographs inside a flight except when permission is granted by the DGCA or Civil Aviation Ministry.

This permission is, however, not applicable when the aircraft is landing, taking off or on ground on a defence

### 15 lakh students expected to appear for NEET today

Over 15 lakh candidates are expected to appear in medical entrance exam NEET on Sunday which will be conducted amid strict precautions in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to officials of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

In order to maintain social distancing, the NTA has increased the number of exam centres from originally-planned 2,546 to 3,843, while the number of candidates per room has been reduced from earlier

The crucial National

Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), which is a pen and paper based test unlike engineering entrance exam JEE, has already been deferred twice in view of Covid-19.

The exam was originally scheduled for May 3, but was pushed to July 26, and then to September 13. A total of 15.97 lakh candidates have registered for the exam.

"For ensuring social distancing outside examination halls, a staggered entry and exit of candidates has been planned. Adequate arrangements have also been made outside examination centres to enable candidates stand with adequate social distancing while waiting," a senior NTA official said.

"Candidates have also been issued an advisory guiding them about the 'dos and don'ts' for proper social distancing. We have also written to states governments to extend support in local movement of the candidates so that they are able to reach their examination centres in time," the official added. Centres were changed

for a few candidates this week in compliance with distancing norms. -PTI

**ENEMY** LINES

Old-timers in Indian Army reveal PLA very touchy about yaks, won't hesitate to go to war over them

## On LAC, PLA preys on yaks, we pray to them

**VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD SEPTEMBER 12** 

They chop it well from the head to tail, dump the large portions of flesh into a container and store it a few feet below the earth for several days for worms to feed on the flesh and multiply. Weeks later, the container is pulled up and it is feast

This is how the soldiers of the People's Liberation Army of China deployed along the line of actual con-(LAC) in

autonomous region eat the the functioning and habits yak, with the worms, which makes them stronger and hardier. A few kilometres on the Indian side, the yak, dwindling in numbers, is worshipped.

The yak is a special animal to the PLA. Recently, the eastern command of the Indian army handed over 13 yaks and four calves that strayed across the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh, to China, in what was called a humane ges-

Sources acquainted with

In fact, the PLA has a dedicated yak unit which takes men and material through impenetrable mountain passes along the LAC. "Although the PLA soldiers kill and eat yaks, they do so mostly when the animal dies accidentally or is

of the PLA soldiers told

Deccan Chronicle that the

Chinese army has been

heavily dependent on yaks

even prior to the 1962 war.

old and of no more use for

them, though there have

been instances wherein



Ladakh border

they have snatched yaks from locals in Tibet and consumed them. They use yaks for patrolling. Their soldiers have survived on

the mountains not due to their technological advancements but due to the yaks which even provide warmth to the soldiers who sleep beside them during winters," sources said.

The PLA consider the yak to be a symbol of good luck, success and strength. According to feng shui, a traditional practice which originated in ancient China, yak heads and tails both symbolise good luck. head symbolises

tain warfare, Chinese troops cannot do without yaks and keep 'recruiting' the best breeds. Of them, Tibetan yaks are the most popular and useful. "PLA soldiers also drink yak milk and eat yak butter, both considered highly nutritious and cures to various ailments. Yak blood is high in protein and raw yak meat is highly nutritious," the sources said.

What makes it the best

Just like the Indian Army suited animal in mounhas been dependent on tains is its massive respiramules and ponies in mountory system and outer coat and the fact that its blood takes in more oxygen than other bovines making it survive easily in the harshest of the climates. Yaks hardly sweat.

Old timers who served in the Indian Army say that the PLA is so touchy about yaks that it will not hesitate to go to war over

■ Page 3: Missing yaks led to tension in 1965

### NETA'S NATTE

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### Vijaysai Reddy back to controversy

fter a lull, apparently caused by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's snub, V. Vijayasai Reddy, YSR Congress general secretary, is back to his favourite activity of making controversial statements and landing his party in a tight spot. Recently, DGP Goutham Sawang wrote a letter to Opposition leader N. Chandrababu Naidu to furnish evidence to support his allegations that the government had been tapping the phones of political leaders and legal luminaries. Separately, the Chittoor district police issued notices to Naidu and his son Lokesh, asking them to furnish information in support of their allegations that an autorickshaw driver, Om Pratap, was killed by YSRC leaders. In the midst of this, Sai Reddy made the wild accusation that Naidu had a role in the recent sufficient of the charies of the gutting of the chariot at the Narasimha Swamy temple in Antarvedi, East Godavari district, inviting criticism as well as a demand from several quarters that he also be issued notices by the police seeking evidence to back his allegations, as had been done in the case of the Naidus. Watch this space



t the start of the classic novella, *The Oia Man una Sea*, which finally won Ernst Hemingway the Nerize for literature, an entire village wishes to boycott Santiago, the old fisherman, because they fear he has gone 'salao' and can no longer catch any fish. Parents don't wish to let their children fish with Sea, which finally won Ernst Hemingway the Nobel him. Derived from the Spanish word *salado*, salao means extremely irredeemably unlucky. In Telangana state, ruling party circles are speaking in hushed tones whether an irreversible whisper campaign is sweeping across the population, especially the rural masses, that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is incolor, if whether company to the large of the control of the large of the control of the large of the control of the large of 'salao'. If what common people are talking is an indication, yes. KCR is a great leader but ever since he was elected for a second term, health pandemics are raging the state. Such talk began last year, when malaria, dengue, chikungunya and tymboid engad duping the print season. With typhoid spread during the rainy season. With Covid, the ill-reputation is firming up. As a villager from KCR's constituency summed it up, "whatever he gives us or not, like it would not rain when Chandrababu Naidu was CM, if KCR is in power we will fall ill. His reign means a divine curse of disease." TRS leaders are hoping

### their supreme leader can defy the superstition like the old man in Hemingway's epic. Jagan gets 'rid' of Dr Ramesh, Kallam Danam ashamed of flaying KCR, KTR while in Cong

t's not always that a politician faults

himself while on record. That credit

himself while on record. That credit goes to Danam Nagender, the TRS legislator from Khairatabad who switched sides from the Congress. Speaking on the Revenue Bill in the Assembly, Danam began lauding Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Suddenly, he said he was ashamed of his earlier stance against the

his earlier stance against the TRS and his verbal attacks on

its leaders while in the Congress — Danam was a minister from 2009 to

2014. It was Danam who had called KCR and his K.T. Rama Rao "galeeju

gallu" (nasty persons).

His sudden confession

took both the TRS and

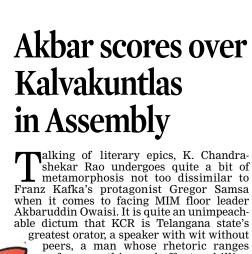
the Congress by sur-prise. An MLA was later heard saying that

is all the magic of

The curtain has lifted on the mystery, though after some time. The real intention behind the drama to strip the powers off AP CM adviser Ajay Kallam and CM's additional CS Dr P.V. Ramesh was to get rid of the latter. The CMO took away all subjects being handled by the two, besides a junior officer, J. Murali. It was projected that the advisers, who are retired bureaucrats, shouldn't handle files and hence the action. Kallam and Dr Ramesh met the Chief Minister who, sources say, behaved like nothing had happened and remained non-committal to Dr Ramesh. Everyone thought it would be the same for Kallam. But, a few days later, Kalam returned to the thick of action. He began attending crucial meet-

is back in action

ings of the CM, coming to office regularly and addressing the media on critical issues like fixing meters to agri pumpsets. Dr Ramesh is nowhere to be seen these days. He has not been attending office as there is nothing to do, though on paper he is still working with the CM. What made Jagan get rid of Dr Ramesh, to whom he gave much importance initially, is the million-



from scathing rebuffs to chilling rebukes. His whiplashing one-liners, smart squibs and snide retorts can destroy the courage of his oppo-nents. Yet, the mighty KCR who waxes eloquent against most opposition leaders and gives an earful to journalists at press conferences, transforms a la Samsa into a reserved, timid and softspoken man on the back foot whenever he gets to face a barrage of questions or angry criticism of Akbar. Barely does KCR start giving a reply when Akbar, with his perpetually angry and vituperative harangue, interrupts. Getting on KCR's nerves with ease, Akbar succeeds in pushing Rao on the defensive — his legerity seems to vanish, he clambers for an answer and speaks in a soft diphthong of a tune, pla-

cating the angry young legislator from Chandrayangutta. Not just KCR, but even his son, the grandiloquent and unfailingly brilliant KTR, too, finds it hard to parry the frequent assaults from the frenemy. Why is KCR so wary or even afraid of Akbar, politicians and Assembly watchers wonder and ask. It is not the recent demolition of two mosques that seems to be the issue, because KCR is never defensive on such issues. It is just that Akbaruddin gets the better of the father-son duo as no one else can in the entire state.



### **LEISURE**

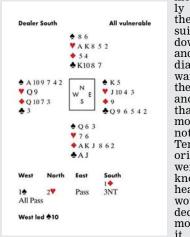
### **BRIDGE** | Susanna Gross

for the next gaffe

The bridge world has lost some glittering stars this (ghastly) year, the latest being France's Catherine d'Ovidio — multiple world and European champion. She described herself in a recent interview as a 'difficult partner, lovely teammate'. I prefer Tony Forrester's comment on Bridgewinners: 'She was adorable and a really outstanding card player.'

Today's deal is from the World Mind Games held in China in 2012. Many pairs reached 3NT, but only one brought it home (see diagram). Three rounds of spades cleared the suit for the

defence and revealed that West had started with six spades. Catherine had seven top tricks and two more could easi-



ly come from the diamond diamond suit. She banged down the ace and the king of diamonds, not wanting to lose the lead to West, and discovered that the diamond suit could not help her. Ten of West's original cards were now known. A 3-3 heart split would give declarer two more tricks, but was unlikely that all

three of West's unknown cards would be hearts. As East was known to have started with ten cards in hearts and clubs, as opposed to only three for West, East was three times more likely to hold specific card in either of those suits. Going with the odds, d'Ovidio crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and led a club to her jack. That worked, and the entire distribution was known after she cashed the ace of clubs.

D'Ovidio led a heart to dummy's king and another heart to East. East could cash one more heart, but then had to lead a club into dummy's K-10.

### SUNDAY CROSSWORD —

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27 Tuscan wine (7) 28 Fire from a pistol or a rifle (5) 32 Russian alcoholic

drink (5)
35 Charm or captivate 40 French castle (7)

41 Training school (7) 42 Kind of badge (5) 43 Stupid or moronic 44 Angler's gear (5)

45 An intervening peri-od or episode (9) 49 Avers or utters (6,3) 53 Has one's afternoon meal (7) 54 Fencing swords (5)

55 Requires (5) 56 The measure of heat

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2 Hammer part (4)
3 Bangkok man (4)
4 Astonish or shock (4)
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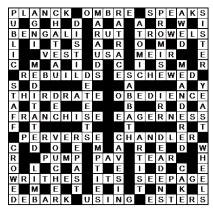
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CAN I HAVE HIS CURLY FRIES?















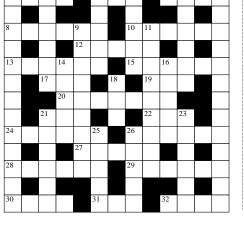
RIP Catherine. You will be missed.

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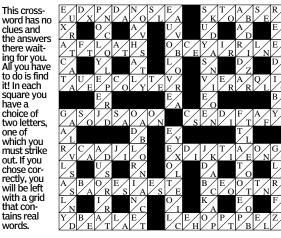




### STRIKE OUT

the answers ing for you. All you have to do is find it! In each square you two letters, which you must strike out. If you chose correctly, you will be left with a grid that con-

clues and



SHORT TAKES

### 10 MORE **SUCCUMB TO COVID IN TS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Telangana registered 2,278 new Covid-19 cases and 10 more fatalities with no signs of a let up in the spread of Coronavirus infections in the state. The new cases and deaths reported in the 24hours between Thursday and Friday evenings, have taken the total cases to 1,54,880 and the toll to 950, as per the Covid-19 bulletin issued by the health department on Saturday.

The state had 32,005 active cases as on Friday evening of which 25,050 were either in home or institutional isolation. The number of recovered individuals so far is 1,21,925.

The most cases for the day, 331, were reported from GHMC area, followed by 184 from Ranga Reddy and 150 Medchal-Malkajgiri districts.

Other districts registering three digits or close to that figure were Nalgonda with 126, Karimnagar 121, among others.

### **MISSING YAKS LED TO TENSION** IN 1965

From Page 1

"A missing flock of 59 yaks and about 800 sheep had triggered tensions between the two countries in 1965. It led to a border conflict between the two armies in Sikkim in 1967. There were heated exchanges between the two countries over the yaks and sheep after the PLA accused Indian forces of stealing the animals from Tibetan herdsmen on the Sikkim border," a former army officer who worked along the Line of Actual

Control (LAC) recalled.
Though there have often been suspicions that the PLA sends yaks and sheep into Indian territory fitted with spying tools, the Indian army, wary of PLA's designs, has not found any concrete evidence

### Nature's beauty



Floating islands at the Khajaguda Lake have become a major attraction for people in Hyderabad. The lake is a popular spot for outdoor activities such as hiking and

### Guduru's plasma donation drive a boon to +ve patients

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Plasma drawn from people who recovered from Covid-19 and being used as treatment for others suffering from the disease with the antibodies in the plasma believed to help in recovery, has been in great demand ever since plasma therapy trials approved in India. And this has kept Guduru Reddy, the Pradesh Narayan Telangana Congress Committee treasurer and a recovered Covid-19 patient, busy ever since he was discharged.

He set up the Telangana Plasma Donors Association this July and has since helped a few hundred patients with him, along with a team of seven others including four who have been employed by him only to interface with patients' families and potential donors. "I appeal to all those who have recovered from the disease to come forward and donate their plasma. I am 58 and I have donated," he said on Saturday.

The group he started,

Guduru Narayan Reddy

Narayan Reddy said, receives about 250 to 300 phone calls a day from families of patients, who sometime call multiple times, as they seek out information on potential plasma donors to help save the lives of their near and dear ones.

"Several research studies published by leading medical journals have shown that there is up to a 56 per cent chance of quick recovery if plasma which has antibodies for the disease and drawn from former Covid-19 patients, can help people recover if it is administered early enough," he said. "Our experience so far, also shows that good results are

possible," he said. The Association, he said, now maintains meticulous records of donors and recipient patients so the data can be studied by medical professionals and tied to the outcome of plasma infusions among Covid-19 patients. "I have been on the phone since noon today. And tomorrow, 18 donors are ready to give their plasma. Sometimes, we also organise transport for the donors if they

"Many families who had patients suffering from Covid-19 who subsequently recovered after receiving plasma infusions organised by the Telangana Plasma Donors Association, send me videos of the recovered patient back at home. This is immensely satisfying to see that I am able to help others," he said. Narayan Reddy said the

Covid-19 situation in Telangana "would not have been as bad as it is now if the state government had taken prompt and correct actions in time instead of making tall claims about paracetamol and sunlight being enough the virus," he said.

# **TS Covid data fails to** present true picture

Cases rising rapidly but govt not setting up containment zones

**DISTRICT** 

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BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

During the past three weeks, Medchal-Malkajg-iri district, abutting Hyderabad city, has witnessed 2,832 new Covid-19

In this same period, Jayashankar-Bhupala-pally district has seen 346 cases, Bhadradri-Kothagudem has seen 1,629 new cases, while Vikarabad, not very far from Hyderabad district, has seen 373 cases, and Yadadri-Bhongir district, also close to the city, has seen 1,048 new Covid-19

However, what is inexplicable to say the least, is that the daily Covid-19 bulletins released by the Telangana health department, have steadfastly maintained that none of these four districts apparently require any containment zones, locations where new Covid-19 cases are found and are cordoned off to prevent the spread of the disease to other areas.

For the past three weeks, beginning August 22, the bulletins have been maintaining that Medchal-Malkajgiri, Yadadri-Yadadri-Bhadradri-

Vikarabad Kothagudem, Jayas-hankar-Bhupalapally, and Vikarabad districts in Telangana have had not a single containment zone set up despite new cases being discovered daily in

alarming numbers. Incidentally, this is not the first time that the Covid-19 bulletins issued every day by the state, have mystified rather than clarified the reality on the ground with respect to the disease.

It may be recalled that the Telangana High Court up the state government over Covid-19 details provided in the bulletin.

**WEEK** 

22/8 to 28/8

29/8 to 4/9

5/9 to 11/9

22/8 to 28/8

29/8 to 4/9

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In addition to preventing those infected by the coronavirus from moving about freely, according to the Indian council for medical research (ICMR), all people living in containment zones are to be mandatorily tested for Covid-19, which makes the establishment of containment zones a vital part of the disease control meas-

Incidentally, over the past few months, after set-

ting up containment zones by cordoning off neighbourhoods during the initial phases of the lockdown, the state had been designating individual homes too as containment

**NEW COVID CASES** 

853

960

500

605

524

271

429

348

93

123

130

140

120

113

1,019

For instance, if a member of a family, or more than one, living in an apartment tests positive, only that apartment is considered a containment 'zone', though the rest of those living in the same building can officially be treated as being outside of

### OGH junior doctors call off strike

ures.

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

doctors Junior Osmania general hospital (OGH) have decided to postpone their strike as they have been assured of separate operation theatres and post-operative

The junior doctors have

stated that if their grievances are not resolved within a week, they will go on indefinite strike again. For general surgery, the plastic surgery operation theatre has been allotted and another 100 beds will

Similarly, the orthopaedic department has also been promised that one more post-operative ward

be arranged in a week.

will be given to them. The administration has been given a time frame till September 19 to make these arrangements.

The OGH administration, in its internal orders to department, has stated that the operation theatre for neuro-surgery will be provided for orthopaedic

The plastic surgery oper-

ation theatre will give three tables to general surgery and post-operative wards will be allotted to general department with the facilities available.

These directives will be carried out on or before September 19 stated Osmania general hospital superintendent Dr B.





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C. Nithin Reddy

**OBITUARY** 

Sons

SHORT TAKES

#### **SHABBIR SLAMS** KCR FOR RUINING **EDUCATION SECTOR**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Congress Senior leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir alleged that the state govern-ment, headed by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, has completely neglected the education sector and ignored the problems being faced by teachers' community.

He was addressing the Teachers' Day Programme organised by the National Solidarity Committee at Solidarity Committee at Gandhi Bhavan here on

Saturday. He said that Rao came to power in 2014 on the promise of providing free KG to PG education. However, his government has ruined the entire education system across all levels. He said over 4,000 primary schools were shut down while hundreds of junior and degrees colleges were closed. Universities were deprived of funds and none of them has had a full-time Vice-Chancellor in the last six years.

#### **GET TESTED AGAIN** FOR COVID-19: **SPEAKER**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Legislative Telangana Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy on Saturday made it clear that all members allowed to attend the session will have to again undergo Covid-19 tests before the session of the two Houses resumes on Monday after a two-day

In a statement here on Saturday, they asked all minis-ters, MLAs and MLCs to undergo tests at the special counters

Set up at the Accordance of the Council before 9 am.

They directed Legislative V. Narsimh-Secretary V. Narsimhacharyulu to arrange tests for Assembly and Council staff, marshals, media representatives as well as the police.

It is stated that the tests for these categories of people will be conducted on Sunday afternoon at the special counters arranged in Assembly and Council premises. All the legislative staff will also have to undergo tests.

#### **COVAXIN TEST ON ANIMALS SHOW** SIGN OF HOPE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Animal results of the two-dose, unactivated SARS-Cov 2 vaccine, Covaxin BBV 152, has shown protection and reduction in the replication of SARS-Cov 2 virus in nose, throat and lung tissues.

The animal trials were conducted on 20 monkeys in India and three different vaccine candidates were tried on them. The first dose of vaccine was given on Day 0 and the second dose was given on Day 14.

The results showed protective efficacy, increasing SARS-Cov 2immunoglobulins which are antibodies, reducing replication of the virus.

Three groups of monkeys were given the vaccination and one group was not vaccinated. The three vaccinated groups did not develop pneumonia, while the non-vaccination group developed pneumonia. According to the official note released by Bharat Biotech, there have not been any adverse side-effects noted in the animal trials. There was a robust immune response as there was protection from SARS Cov-2 virus even when exposed in high amounts.

The results of Bharat Biotech are encouraging but there are queries raised about the effects on the central nervous system which have not been detailed in the animals.

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(CA-3413)

TPCC chief N. Uttam Reddy addressing the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee meetings in Suryapet on Saturday. He also adddressed them in Nalgonda.

## **Uttam demands** laptops for poor

### PCC chief wants CM to upgrade state hospitals and restore crop insurance

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

TPCC President N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday demanded that the Union and state governments must provide free laptops to all poor students belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families across Telangana State.

He was addressing District Development Coordination Monitoring Committee meetings in Suryapet and Nalgonda districts, held to review all government-funded schemes in these two Parliame-

ntary constituency. He said that the Covid-19 pandemic has badly hit the education system across the world and it was difficult to impart education through conventional means. In view of the pandemic, and also to meet future exigencies, he demanded that the two governments should work out a strategy so that they could equip poor stu-dents with a free laptop,

cumstances. ensur He said, "They must ance focus on creating appro-

along with free internet

connectivity, consider-

ing that online classes

seem to be the only way out in the prevailing cir-

priate infrastructure for poor students to make a success of online educa-

He reiterated that the state government must the entire Funds to utilise Mineral upgrade government hospitals in the state. He said there was a lack of coordination between the Centre and the state government, which has resulted in farmers not getting insurance facilities for their crops. Uttam Kumar Reddy demanded that the Chief Minister must take immediate measures to ensure that crop insur-

### **KCR** wants promotions for revenue staff in TS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Speaking to representa-tives of the Telangana revenue employees' services association (TRESA) at Pragathi Bhavan Chief Minister, K. Chandrashekar Rao, on Saturday asked the authorities to take up the process for promotion of revenue employees in the state.

Revenue staff who dis-charge 54 different duties and work round the clock during elections and natural calamities do commendable work, said Rao. while releasing ₹60 crore to improve facilities at the offices of tansiidars in the state and directing officers to ensure that there is no

dearth of funds for proto-

col and other office

tures in those offices. Urging revenue empl-

oyees to strive for the successful implementation of the new revenue act, Rao asked the revenue staff to behave in a dignified manner when people come to their offices with grievances and give a patient hearing to them and resolve their grievances.

Reminding them that in the past, people used to treat employees who worked efficiently as demi-gods, Rao said, "We must bring back such culture again.

The department must consider the interests of the poor among SCs, STs, BCs and OBCs as paramount and strive for their betterment.

Making it clear that the

option will be given to village revenue officers (VROs) to join any other departments without causing any inconvenience to them, Rao reassured that the new Revenue Bill was not against any-

Meanwhile, TRESA president, V. Ravinder Reddy, general secretary K. Gautam Kumar, members Manne Prabhakar, Ramakrishna, Banala Ram Reddy, Desya Nayak, Nagamani, Vani Reddy, Sailaja, Madhavi, Palnati Srinivas Reddy and Niranjan assured the CM that they will extend their full support for suc-cessful implementation of the new act

They demanded the appointment of a chief commissioner of land administration.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

**RUNJALA NOBLE BABU** 

Memorial service held at YMCA

erabad on 13-9-20 at 6:30pr

erted by: Dearest Wife, Brother's,

Daughter, Son and family

SHRADDANJALI

DOD: 11-09-202

OB: 23-08-1967

### Ensure amenities on ORR, says KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Minister for municipal administration and urban development K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday reviewed the progress of various infrastructure projects undertaken by Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA). He directed officials to set up an Assets Protection Cell and take action against unauthorised structures coming up in the buffer zone of Outer Ring Road in coordination with respective district

The minister, while com-plimenting officials for their greenery and beautification works being executed on ORR, instructed them to also lay emphasis

on setting up wayside

Reviewing progress of different works, especially provision of basic amenities being executed by HMDA, Rama Rao directed officials to expedite works and be prepared to adapt to new changes in the wake of TS-He also reviewed the

progress of constructing skywalks at Mehdipatnam and Uppal, besides meas-ures being taken by HMDA in protecting lakes. He sought details on development of lakes and beautification of Tank bund.

MAUD principal secre tary Arvind Kumar and other senior officials of MA&UD department participated

**SHRADHANJALI** 

Shri VASANTLAL R. MEHTA

Age: 91 years
Expired on: 03-09-2020
May his soul rest in eternal peace.
Due to pendemic prayer
Meet done by Family Members
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1st ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Begum Raisa Rehana Haleem

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We miss you every moment in our life, you

presence continues to surround us, in our hea

you are always there. Your sweet memories v

Inserted by: Dr. Mohd Kaleem Farroug.

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1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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You will remain in our hearts forever
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SHRADDANJALI

C. SURYA KUMARI Garu

W/o. Dr. C. Muthyam Reddy

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Sri Prakash Dhavale & Family

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IN LOVING MEMORY



DOD: 02-09-2020

Daughters-in-law

Mr. NANDLAL D CHANDNANI (Businessman)
The final rituals of Shri Nandlal Chandnani ji will be performed at ou residence today i.e. 13th September 2020 at 5PM Add: Gokuldham Apartments, Opp: Praxis

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5th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

SREE LATE : M.V. MYILVELU

Retd, Sub-inspector of Police

#### HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12 Chandrashekar Rao, Minister for Animal he added.

Land woes will

end: Talasani

Husbandry and Cinematography Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Saturday said that the seven-decade old landrelated problems will end once the new Revenue Act is implemented in the state.

DC CORRESPONDENT

Addressing a press conference here, he said that opposition parties had to pass the new Revenue Act in the Assembly on Friday, as the Bill was relevant and perfect in every sense of the word.

People of Telangana struggled for decades due to lack of funds and power. Their good days have started as the region's golden era has commenced under K.

Enlisting the different schemes that the government has brought, he said that poor fa-milies are able to perform their daughter's marriage with the help of Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes.

Highlighting the achievements of the state government in the last six years, he pointed out when the Chief Minister made a power-point presentation about Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project in the Assembly, Opposition benches termed it as 'cinema' and today the same 'cinema' has become a reality.

alienate Wakf proper-

means. He hoped that

the government would

backdoor



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Mrs. MANGA SUGUNA PADMA RAO (Bansilalpet) DOD: 13.09.2010

Inserted by: Children,
Son-in-Law, Grand Children &

### Wakf board lauds CM's decision

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Wakf Board chairman Mohammed Saleem has welcomed the announcement made by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao with regard to block-

be possible to

extend its support in also removing encroachment on their lands. He said that till now such illegalities occurred because of ing registration of Wakf properties.
Speaking to the media here on flaws in different laws and the procedures for transferring lands. The new Revenue Act Saturday, Saleem said will help in protecting that hereafter it will

maintained.



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Daughter-Son-in-Law: M. Celestina-M. Showry

& Grand Daughters (S/2021/D00553)





Udaya, Ananda, Anurag





SHORT TAKES

### **RARE LIVER TRANSPLANT** FOR GIRL, 19

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Liver of a different blood group was transplanted into a 19-yearold patient from Warangal in Hyderabad. The girl was in the end-stage liver disease and thus required an urgent transplant. Suffering from a rare condition called Budd-Chiari syndrome, the patient had been waiting for a liver since two years. However, no cadaver donor was available for her blood group.

It was thus decided to opt for a different blood group through the ABOi Living Donor Liver Transplantation procedure. It involves transplanting a piece of liver from an available donor irrespective of the blood group. It is a rare procedure that was carried out at Apollo Hospitals.

#### **INTEL WARNS OF** THREAT TO **RELIGIOUS SHRINES**

V.K.L. GAYATRI | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, SEPT. 12

Chariot incident in East Godavari district, the Endowments department has sounded high alert at all the main temples in the state and has mandated deployment of 24/7 security and CCTVs at all vulnerable

areas in and around temples. In fact, the state government has already directed all 6-A temples to install CC cameras in the vicinity of temples way back in 2009. Although sufficient funds are available for the purpose, most temples have not installed enough CC cameras. And those that have faced problems like poor maintenance, non-functional cameras or data not being registered in

hard disks. The government seems to have woken up to after the Antarvedi incident as it has cautioned major temples against such incidents in the future. State intelligence has alerted the government about some vested interests attempting to create communal disharmony

# 3 from city linked to IS convicted by NIA

#### Punishments to be pronounced on Sept. 22

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

persons from Hyderabad, who were tried as IS operatives, along with six others, have been convicted by the special court for National Investigation Agency (NIA) on charges of conspiring to carry out terrorist acts in India. The NIA, in a press release on Saturday, said their punishments will be pro-

nounced on September 22. Among the nine convicted in the case, those from Hyderabad are Abu Anas, Obedullah Mohammad Khan, and Mohammed Nafees Khan. The other

six who have been convicted in the same case are Mufti Abdus Sami Qasmi, Najmul Huda, Amzad Khan, Mohammed Afzal, Mohammad Aleem and Suhail Ahmed.

The NIA said this case was first of its kind in which these IS terrorists had conspired to carry out terrorist acts in various parts of the country. The group met in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Pune and in Lucknow to prepare to carry out their plans. This case was registered at the NIA police station in New Delhi on December 12, 2015, The case also pertained to a larger criminal conspiracy hatched by the India by recruiting Muslim youth through different social media plat-

the media chief of ISIS,

### POLICE ARREST GANG OF SIX VEHICLE LIFTERS IN CITY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

cialised in stealing expensive motorcycles, have been arrested by the Langar Houz police who

worth ₹25 lakh. According to the police, one of the arrested, 20-year-old Fahad Khan is from Hyderabad while five others, Shaik Moinuddin, Mohd Azam, Shaik Amer, Mohammad Azam and Mohammed

# IS to establish a base in

The NIA said, during its investigations, searches were conducted in various cities and 19 persons, who formed Junood-ul-Khilafa-Fil-Hind (a group seeking to establish Caliphate in India and pledging allegiance to ISIS/ISIL), were arrested. Their goal was to commit acts of terrorism in India at the behest of one Yusuf-Al-Hindi @ Shafi Armar @ Anjan Bhai, who is based in Syria and is purportedly

from Bidar in Karnataka. The thefts came to light when on August 28, Md plained to the police that his Dominar D 400 Bike was stolen by some unknown persons from his res-

#### Eight out of the 24 students, namely, Chagari Kaushal Kumar Reddy, Ch-ukka Tanuja, DeetiYeshash Chandra, MorreddigariLikhith Reddy, Rachapalle Shashank Anirudh, Rongalla Arun Siddardha, Shiva Krishna Sagi, and Vadapalli Arvind Narasimha who topped

8 TELANGANA CANDIDATES

**TOP JEE EXAM** 

HARLEEN MINOCHAI DC

Telangana topped the 100

percentile list of the NTA

JEE (mains), the results

of which were anno-

unced late Friday night.

exam are from Telangana. The second cycle of the JEE (mains) in April/September 2020, conducted amid concerns and fears over the growing Covid-19 cases, recorded 6.35 lakh candidates appearing for the exam as compared to 8.41 lakh candidates who had regist-

the engineering entrance

ered across the country. Even though numerous instances of violation of safety guidelines were reported across the country and Telangana, the NTÅ in its official communication said that the exams were conducted without any glitch in 660 centres in 232 cities, including eight outside India.

### Rare positioning of 6 planets today

VADREVU SRINIVAS | DC KAKINADA, SEPT. 12

A remarkable positioning of six planets in their own houses — the rarest of rare phenomena — will be witnessed for 51 hours, 48 minutes from 10.37 am of September 13 to 2.25 pm on Tuesday.

Such positioning of planets was not witnessed for centuries together. According to noted astrologer and Almanac writer P. Srinivasa Gargeya, he had verified 400-year-old posi-

has never found such a positioning. Planets like moon (Cancer), sun (Leo), mercury (Virgo), jupiter (Sagittarius), saturn (Capricorn) and mars (Aries) are in their own houses.

However, Gargeya said that such positioning will be witnessed again on July 2,2022 (9.45 am) to July 3 (6.30 am) for 20 hours and 45 minutes. He said that the latter positioning will be better than the present positioning of the planets as the planets will be posithat would be a good sign for the country. Speaking about Sunday's

planet position, he said that it brings bad omens for mankind. It may result in outbreak of several viruses, imprisonment of prominent personalities, national calamities, among several such bad signs. However, he said that people should make a conscious effort to control their pride and egos and they should not take any hasty decisions

He said that people should cultivate a spirit of surrender and worship of the planets and then the beneficial impact of the moon on the mind and the impact of mercury on the intellect in particular can

be felt. Drukh Siddantha Almanac Writers President H. Subrahmanya Sarma said that though the six planets are positioned in their houses and symbolise bad signs, people need not worry as the planets are in a weakened position.

# 19-year-old on way to b'day party kidnapped, gangraped

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

A 19-year-old girl who went to attend the birthday celebrations of a friend, was kidnapped and raped by three men, including a juvenile, in Adibatla police station limits, according to the police.

The incident, which occurred on Monday last, came to light on Saturday. According to the Adibatla police, where the girl's mother lodged a

missing person complaint last Monday, after her daughter did not return home as expected after attending a birthday party, the 19-year-old was

Aerospace, Nadergul, by her stepfather.

She then reportedly met with her friend celebrat-ing the birthday along with some other friends and, around noon, left for home. On the way back, the girl took a ride in an autorickshaw near Lenin Nagar, Balapur. Two others identified by the police as S. Suresh, 20, and A. Nitish, 19, also boarded the auto and misbehaved with her, then forced her to sit on a motorcycle and took her to an isolated spot near a water tank in the area. There, they raped the

girl and held her captive.

The girl was still being held captive when at aro-

minor boy joined them bringing with him two bottles of beer, and the girl was forced to drink some of the beer. The juvenile then also raped

the girl, the police said. With her daughter not returning home, her mother went to the Adibatla police station and lodged a missing person complaint which was registered by the police.

According to the police, the girl was let go on Tuesday and returned home. Based formation provided by her, the three men have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody, the police said.

### **Premises of** city jewellers searched by ED

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted searches of premises belonging to promoters of Musaddilal Jewellers in connection with a ₹88 crore bank loan fraud. The agency has seized certain incriminating documents,

which are being analysed. The searches followed a complaint by Union Bank of India against Mohan Lal Gupta and Prashant Gupta of Musaddilal Jewellers. The Banking Security and Fraud Cell (BSFC) of CBI had registered an FIR earlier.

According to sources the jeweller company had closed the loan account through a One Time Settlement (OTS) of ₹40 crore, leading to the bank suffering a net loss of ₹48 crore.

detected the fraud and diversion of stock in audit reports and classified the account as "Fraud".

"Despite completing OTS, the criminal liability of fraud still exists. Civil liability generally ceases on OTS. But if there is fraud in the loan, criminal liability will not go away even after OTS, sources explained.

Thus, the bank filed a complaint and CBI registered the FIR in 2019. ED is investigating loan diversion, stock transfer and suspect source of funds for paying the OTS amount.

"Since the accused were evasive in their replies, searches were conducted on their premises. Some incriminating documents have been seized and are being analysed," sources

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### **SHE TEAMS COUNSEL 117 EVE-TEASERS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

SHE teams of Rachakonda commissionerate apprehended 117 eve-teasers in the last six months and also stopped eight child marriages.

These were brought to light during a counselling session conducted by the team at the Commissioner's camp office in LB Nagar here on Saturday.

As per the data given by the SHE teams, a total 140 cases were booked during the period. They included 90 FIRs, 44 petty cases and six counseled against eveteasers in the last six months. Of the 117 eveteasers, 12 were minors.

The respondent eve-tea sers attended the session along with their family members. They were counseled by professional counselors from an NGO. Children in conflict with law were also counseled by a psychiatrist in order to bring a change in their



Sri K. Chandrashekhar Rao Chief Minister, Government of Telangana

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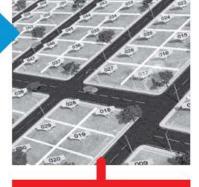
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### JFK, yoga, and intermittent fasting

n every home that my wife and I have occupied since our marriage, and in all the homes my parents made while I grew up, there was a piece of furniture that held a group of airtight plastic or steel containers, placed fairly high up, outside the reach of a child. If you opened any one of those containers, you'd find a bunch of opened plastic bags containing biscuits or deep fried bits of joy, or junk food.

I call this bit of furniture, which you will find in practically every middleclass home, the JFK, for Junk Food Kupboard. It has one branch in the fridge, in a box that contains pieces of cake, chocolate, and other sweets, and a second in the freezer, the home of ice-cream. The shop that supplies most of its contents, incidentally, is the JFP, or Junk Food Paradise, which we will visit shortly.

Yoga, I believe, is one of the forms of discipline that most people give up regularly. I believe this for two reasons. First, it was Google that told me, so it must be true, like everything else Google tells us. Second, I know how tough it is, for I very nearly gave it up some years ago. I managed to hang on to it despite the creaking of aged limbs and so on, so I even got a bit smug about continuing my practice in the face of all these difficulties. My weight stayed more or less the same for a decade or so.

The lockdown changed all that. Week after week of staying put, with large and regular meals and plenty of snacks in between, turned my waistline into a sort of coastline. By the middle of May, I had developed an equatorial bulge, and the effort of getting into my clothes left me breathless. Worst of all, the roundness was spreading. I upped my yoga practice, but to no avail, for it only made me hungrier and fatter.

At the end of May, when I discovered I could no longer shoehorn myself into my loosest pair of jeans, I decided to go on a diet. Wondering what kind of diet to go on, I turned once again to reliable old Google, which came up with something — after searching through a gazillion sites in a micro-second — that sounded about right.

Intermittent fasting. You restrict your eating to a six-hour period every day, during which you eat whatever you like. During the remaining 18 hours, you fast, your only intake being plain water or tea without sugar or

I've been doing this for some weeks now: I eat only between eight in the morning and two in the afternoon. So let share with you what my day looks

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I come awake, without an alarm of any kind, by half-past-five. Under the new scheme of time, this is 150 minutes AM (Ante Mealtime), with each minute feeling like an hour. I finish my ablutions, feed the pets, two dogs and a cat, and take the dogs for a walk. Back home, I prepare the next meal for the dogs. The clock now stands at 105 AM, and the min-

utes are getting longer. I bring out the yoga mat and start on my regular practice, which used to take about 45 minutes before I started fasting. When I roll up the yoga mat afterwards, I discover that it's 75 AM, so I've finished my practice in 30 minutes. Amazing how supple fasting makes you!

Casting about for ways to fill in the remaining minutes, I clean out my desk, reply to emails and WhatsApp messages, and remove all the junk files from my laptop and phone. I go through the news channels, Indian and foreign, and am disappointed to find that none mentions my fast. It's now 45

AM. Amazing how efficient fasting makes you!

The remaining minutes pass like blocks of concrete. 1 AM finds me at the kitchen door, watch in hand, and when that last dreadful minute is past, I charge for the JFK, there being no time to cook a proper breakfast. Eleven minutes later, the JFK is sadly depleted, and needs replenishment.

After a short nap, still pleasantly full, I replenish the JFK. I hop onto the bike with an empty backpack and ride out to the JFP, a couple of kilometres away. The owner greets me with delight, tells me that he will give me a 10 per cent discount on all my purchases, and shows me three different kinds of savouries I haven't tried before. I take a packet of each, besides the regular stack. I buy another couple of packets of fried nuts. For unexpected visitors, you see. The backpack feels very heavy when I pick up. Great exercise

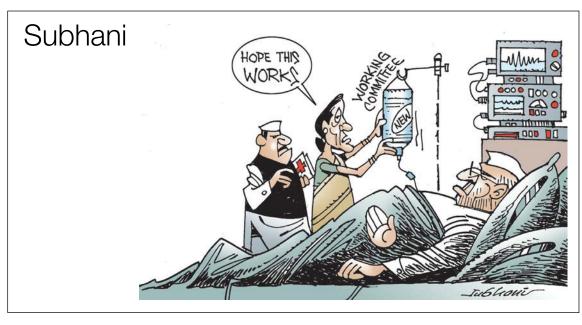
for my shoulders, so it's all good.

Back home, I restock the JFK, and, needing refreshment, try one of the new savouries. Excellent! I return to my study and sit down to work, but spend most of the time wondering about lunch. Fasting certainly gives you

After a long and pleasant lunch that would feed an Ethiopian family for a week, I return to the fridge. A couple of minutes before the end of my eating window, 2PM under the old scheme of time, there is still a cup of vanilla icecream in the freezer, and I manage to finish it just in time. Since I believe always in looking to the future, the time is now 1080 AM, of which I will spend 480 minutes sleeping, and dreaming of food.

After three weeks of this, when I still can't get into my jeans, I visit the weighing machine, and discover that I've put on four kilos! So now I'm wondering why they call it intermittent fasting and not intermittent feasting...

Shashi Warrier has written fairy tales, thrillers, a semi-fictional biography, satires, and a love story. Besides writing, he teaches strategic communication at a business school.



# **De-escalation in Ladakh:** Mixed signals after talks



K.C. Singh

he Ladakh im-broglio has been a complex interplay between military jostling at the Line of Actual Control and talks at the official, military and political levels. The Galwan setback was followed by a militaryto-military understanding on the PLA's pullback. Video conferences followed between external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and national security adviser Ajit Doval with Wang Yi, who doubles up as China's foreign minis-ter and state councillor. However, till August's end, the Chinese were unwilling to fully restore the status quo. In fact, they consolidated their hold on the northern bank of Pangong Tso and other areas like Depsang Plains, threatening India's access to Daulat Beg Oldie and the Karakoram Pass. Surprised by China's lightning deployment of

heavily armed troops at multiple points on the LAC, India also needed time to mirror deployments, with troops needing acclimatisation for high-altitude duty. Even the threat of economic decoupling, with over 200 arred China's military posture unaffected. On August 28-29, the Indian Army dramatically seized the highest Kailash range mountaintops, overlooking Spanggur Tso and the Chinese military garrison at Moldo. Below them lies Spanggur Gap, between two lakes, through which Chinese troops attacked in 1962. India's positions were then overrun as they were at lower heights. Mukhpari, now held, and to its northwest Black Top, perhaps contested, domi-nate the entire region from south of Pangong Tso to Spanggur Tso lake and beyond, overlooking Chinese roads and military installations.

This just preceded the meeting of the Indian and Chinese defence ministers on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting. China's rhetoric changed instantly, with allegations of India breaching agreements and the LAC, aping Indian allegations earlier. India was clear its forward push was pre-emptive and only up to Indian claim lines and understanding of the LAC. India was merely following the playbook the Chinese used since April. After the Galwan betrayal, the rules of engagement were changed with local commanders empowered to use all means at their disposal to protect their troops and defend Indian posts and territory. With three of five agreements—signed in 1993, 1996 and 2013—breached by China, India also set them aside. India's countermove levelled China's first-mover advantage somewhat, giving India's diplomats vital

negotiating chips. It was against this background that Mr Jaishankar arrived in Moscow for an on-the-sidelines meeting with his Chinese counanalysts were sceptical about a positive outcome as there was no consensus about Chinese motives. Was Chinese ire persisting over the constitutional and territorial changes made by the Indian government in Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019? Or was China para-noid over the India-US strategic convergence, symbolised by excessive bonhomie between Narendra Modi and Donald Trump at the "Howdy Modi" and "Namaste Trump" extravaganzas? Finally, was it India's rejection of China's Belt and Road Initiative or the perceived Indian sabotage

hensive Economic Part-nership? Alternatively, panies wishing to shift businesses out of China. Mr Jaishankar and Mr was the provocation more Wang produced a five-point joint statement which recalled the "conlocal over India's upgraded infrastructure, or misreading of jingoism of Union ministers threatening to seize Pakistan- and China-occupied Kashmir, or perceived threat to

of the Regional Compre-

Chinese investments in

the China-Pakistan Econ-

omic Corridor? However, there is no doubt over one overweening purpose, rekindled by President Xi, to create a China-dominated, Sino-centric Asian regional order. Cutting India, its only possible strategic rival, down to size has been a Chinese preoccupation since 1962. China has chosen the moment well, with the both sides seemed world distracted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the US presidential election and a global economic slowdown. Chinese assertiveness over territorial claims and international affairs manifested after the 2008 financial crisis. It was sharpened as Xi took the presidency in 2013. Instead of moderating its behaviour and recognising its constructive liabili-ty for the pandemic, China has shamelessly and aggressively pursued nar-row national interests. But globally China is facing headwinds as even Europe is beginning to see demerits of engaging China blindly. Whoever wins in America or succeeds Japanese PM Shinzo Abe, the decoupling from China will continue. Xi faces a major Communist Party plenary in October, where

It could also mean Chinese unwillingness to exchange its cross-LAC gains for India's vacating the heights south of **Pangong Tso** 

he wants his choice of the

next PM endorsed. China's

economy may have revived fast, but the devel-

oped world and larger

markets are circling their

wagons. Australia, India

and Japan are discussing a

"supply chain resilience initiative", while Japan is

subsidising Japanese com-

sensus" reached by Mr Modi and Mr Xi, reiterated the need to reduce tensions and abide by agreements and suggested the resumption of dialogue at civil, military and political levels. The only new element was a recognition that after the situation eases, new confidencebuilding measures are needed, allowing both sides to address strategic and local concerns. But the relief was shortlived as the individual statements by undercut the feelgood joint statement. China asserted its "stern" position, said India must stop "provoca-tions" like firing and recall all personnel and equipment that had trespassed to enable an enhanced dialogue. It claimed Mr Jaishankar accepted Chinese policy towards India had not changed and bilateral relations did not depend on "settlement of the boundary question". India contested China's claims, insisting that Mr Jaishankar had forcefully sought restoration of the status quo. What does this dissonance between an agreed statement and separate claims mean? Both sides may be posturing for home audiences, while agreeing in private to slowly restore normality. It could also mean Chinese unwillingness to exchange its cross-LAC territorial gains for India's vacating the heights south of Pangong Tso. The next few weeks will show whether de-escala-

tion will start or jostling for tactical gains and capture of vantage points, in a barren terrain littered with ridges, continue. If the latter, the possibility lingers of armed local action spiralling into the use of heavy arms or even air power.

The writer is a former secretary in the external affairs ministry. He tweets at @ambkcsingh.

#### **LETTERS**

#### **NEW REVENUE LAW**

Earlier,tThe village officers/patwaries abused their power and deprived landholders of their right over their land. This also was done to Wakf Board property. Now, the Telangana government's move to abolish village officers and stay registration of 77,000 acre Wakf land and act against encroachers and landgrabbers of over 55,000 acre of Wakf land is a revolutionary remedy. We pray the new revenue law will be fruitful.

**Owais Haroon Nilofar** Hyderabad

### **HOLD EXAMS ONLINE**

Being caught in the middle of the pandemic, taking offline tests affects students the most. Online exams may decrease their anxiety levels a bit. Remote proctoring is more secure, flexible and it can also result in huge savings in administration costs. With proper guidelines, online exams can be a huge success.

S. Shirley Grace Hyderabad

#### HIMACHAL DAUGHTER

After Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut started making silly remarks against fellow actors and now even non BJP politicians and their party, "Himachal ki Beti" has now managed to get Y-category security. However, I am sad that neither her parents nor the Himachal government has taught her good manners.

N.S. Rajan

#### LIBERATION DAY

When the country is reeling under a pandemic, BJP leaders in TS are playing with fire by igniting the embers of police action days by saying the government of Telangana should celebrate the Liberation Day officially. Why do they want us to remember the dreaded incident which was like hell for all communities? I request the CM not to fall prey to the tactics of these Hindutva brigade.

Mirza Maqsood Baig

Email your letters to info@deccanmail.com, editor@deccanmail.com. You can also send them to Editor. Deccan Chronicle, 36, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003.

#### Hijacked women, children freed

AMMAM, Sept. 12 About 90 women and children liners in the Jordanian desert today and driven to a luxury hotel in Ammam by guerrillas singing gay Palestinian songs. Jordanian troops escorted the convoy of 10 minibuses which carried the hostages 72 kms to

50 YEARS AGO IN from the

and days.

the capital Chronicle all string where some of them had been prisoners for six nights

Most looked remarkably fresh and cheerful, considering the ordeal they had been through, and in a series of brief interviews told reporters their guerrilla captors had treated them

### Swami who fought against BJP's Hindutva denied in death

#### **Threat to Tomar**

Tnion agriculture minister Narendra Singh U Tomar is a worried man these days. On his home turf of Gwalior-Chambal, crucial Assembly bypolls are set to take place, which may establish the supremacy of Jyotiraditya Scindia as BJP's iconic figure on Mr Tomar's turf. Mr Tomar, who holds the additional charge of panchayati raj and rural development, was embarrassed when a well-known party spokesman fumbled and failed to name him as the country's agriculture minister. The spokesperson, having roots in the BJP's economic cell, reportedly took Radha Mohan Singh's name, who was agriculture minister in the previous Narendra Modi ministry. Sources close to Mr Tomar feel their leader needs more visibility if he has to counter Mr Scindia within the BJP.

#### Dissidents' new dilemma

Ongress chief Sonia Gandhi turned out to be smarter than her detractors. The 23 Congress dissenters who wrote a letter seeking inner party democracy are now perplexed by Sonia's move to appoint the Congress

Working Committee nominating some prominent dissidents who were asking for CWC polls. Would Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and Mukul Wasnik muster the courage to turn down a CWC nomination? As per the party constitution, 12 members are required to be elected while an equal number can be nominated. Last time when CWC polls were held, the party was led by Sitaram Kesri in 1997. Sonia is travelling abroad for her medical check-up and likely to skip the monsoon session of Parliament. In her absence, a sixmember panel [without Rahul or Priyanka Gandhi] would officiate.

#### How to protest

The monsoon session of Parliament is starting amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Ironically, when the House had met in March 2020, the chair had reprimanded members for wearing masks. Six months later, wearing masks has been made mandatory. The seating arrangement is also bothering the Opposition as members are spread to galleries in order to enforce social distancing. How would they protest if access to the well of the House is



By WAQYANAWIS

#### AAP in hills?

 $Though \ the \ Uttarakhand \ state \ Assembly \\ poll \ is \ scheduled \ for early \ 2022, \ the \ BJP \\ has \ begun \ preparation. \ Politically, \ the$ Trivender Singh Rawat government does not seem strong enough to return to power. So BJP strategists are looking for a "third front" to prevent the Harish Rawat-led Congress

from edging the party out of power. The buzz is that Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party is set to contest the hill state poll in a big way. The presence of a third contender will be bad news for the Congress. The BJP is also reportedly promoting the Uttarakhand Kranti Dal, otherwise considered a defunct outfit. The calculations are that if AAP and/or Uttarakhand Kranti Dal get a few seats through cutting into Congress votes and anti-BJP votes, then a Haryana-like situation can bring the BJP back to power.

#### **Bhai closes Darbar**

Jafferbhai Mansuri of Delhi Darbar fame is no more. Covid-19 took another toll. Jafferbhai was a legend in Mumbai as his biryani of the Delhi Darbar chain of restau-

rants was worth every paisa. In 1973, Jafferbhai had founded his Delhi Darbar restaurant at Bombay's Grant Road, and by 2006 he became the Biryani King, having a chain of restaurants called "Jaffer Bhai's Delhi Darbar" from Grant Road to Jogeshwari. The chain also owns several restaurants in the UAE.

Jafferbhai's biryani was much sought after

in wedding receptions. An unassuming and affectionate person, Jafferbhai used to keep a keen eye on his friends and acquaintances who were often given a packet of biryani and kebabs to relish at home.

#### Silence, they said

Swami Agnivesh will be greatly missed. The social crusader in saffron was a spare time politician who did not get his due even in death, as most English-language newspapers did not carry his obituary. Surprisingly, most Urdu dailies had news of his death on the front page with some editorials and lengthy obits. Perhaps it was due to Agnivesh's consistent opposition to BJP's brand of Hindutva. A Brahmin from Andhra, Agnivesh was a vocal Arva Samaii whose influence spread from Punjab-Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan to other parts of the Hindi heartland. Agnivesh had given up a career as a professor in Calcutta to be a full-time social activist. His mission was to resist the RSS at all levels.

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#### **24 SCORE 100 PERCENTILE IN JEE-MAIN**

New Delhi, Sept. 12: Five students from the national capital have scored 100 percentile in the JEE-Main exam, which was conducted earlier this month after being postponed twice in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. The result for the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE)-Main was declared late night on Friday.

The top scorers from Delhi include Chirag Falor, Gurkirat Singh, Laksh Gupta, Nishant Aggarwal and Tushar Sethi. They are among the 24 candidates who have scored 100 percentile in the crucial exam.

The exam for admission to engineering colleges was conducted from September 1 to 6, amid stringent precautions and social distancing measures due to Covid-19.

Staggered entry and exit for candidates, sanitisers at the gate, distribution of masks and maintaining distance as candidates queued up, were among the scenes witnessed at the exam centres across the

country.
A total of 8.58 lakh candidates had registered for the JEE-Mains exam for admission to engineering courses in IITs, NITs and Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) while only 74 per cent of them had appeared for the

Based on the results of the JEE-Mains Paper 1 and Paper 2, the top 2.45 lakh candidates will be eligible to appear for the JEE-Advanced exam, which is a one-stop exam to get admission into the 23 premier Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). JEE-Advanced is scheduled to take place on September 27.

### **RAHUL HITS OUT AT CENTRAL** GOVERNMENT

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, SEPT. 12

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday hit out at the Central government for the decline in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), job losses and the increasing number of Covid-19-related cases and deaths in the country.

The Congress has accused the Modi government of not handling the Covid-19 pan-demic effectively.

Taking a jibe at the Modi government, he said its "wellplanned fight against Covid-19 has put India in an abyss of 1.historic GDP reduction of 24%, 2. loss of 12 crore jobs, 3. Rs 15.5 lakh crore additional stressed Ioans, 4. nignest dally Covid-19 cases and deaths globally. But for GOI and media 'sab changa si'."

Mr. Gandhi's reference to "well-planned fight" against Covid-19 is seen as a jibe at Home Minister Amit Shah.

Mr. Gandhi's tweet comes days after Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah said that India is putting up a "well-planned" fight against the pandemic under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

On Wednesday, Mr. Gandhi had criticised the Modi Government for its mismansaying that Mr. Modi promised to end the crisis in 21 days but instead finished off small businesses and the livelihood of crores of people.

### ANURADHA **PAUDWAL'S SON PASSES AWAY**

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, SEPT, 12

playback singer Anuradha Paudwal's son Aditya Paudwal died on Saturday after suffering a kidney failure at a hospital. He

Aditya, who breathed his last early on Saturday morning, had been suffering from kidney ailments for "quite some time", an official from Cine Singers Association said. got a call from Aditya Paudwal's family and they said he died due to kidney failure at a hospital. We later informed all our members. He had been unwell since quite some time, he had kidney problems," said Himanshu Bhatt, General secretary of

Cine Singer's Association.

Aditya was a music arranger and producer. He had arranged and produced a song for Nawazuddin Siddiqui-starrer Thackeray, which was

released in 2019. The news of Aditya's death was first shared by music composer Shankar Mahadevan, who took to Instagram to pay his tributes.

### Language matters



People belonging to Sikh community during a signature campaign for inclusion of Punjabi language in the list of official languages, in Jammu district on Saturday. The Union Cabinet on September 2 approved a Bill under which Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi, apart from the existing Urdu and English, will be the official languages in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Bill is likely to be tabled in Parliament during the

# **Seats to Manjhi's HAM may** be allotted from JD(U)'s quota

### Nadda meets Nitish to discuss seat-sharing, rift among NDA allies

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BJP president J.P. Nadda on Saturday held an hour-CM Nitish Kumar to discuss the prevailing politi-cal scenario in view of the Assembly elections due later this year.

significance as it was held amid an ongoing rift between the NDA partners – Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) led by Chirag Paswan and the JD(U). Both JD(U) and LJP have been sparring over the

The meeting assumes

past few months on issues including the Bihar gov-ernment's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, BJP to settle the issue

Maharashtra

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who has been made in-charge for the Assembly elections, and BJP national general secretary Bhupendra Yadav along with Bihar Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi was among those present at the meeting with Nitish Kumar at his official residence 1, Anne Marg in

One of the key issues discussed during the meeting was seat-sharing among alliance partners of the NDA. Sources aware of the development said that Nitish Kumar wants the

guest workers crisis and before election dates are state.

BJP insiders, however, ho

Political analysts keeping tab of the developments in Bihar believe that amid ongoing rift with LJP, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is likely to persuade Mr. Nadda to first settle the seat adjustment issue with JD(U) and then allocate seats to the

LJP from BJP's quota.
Sources said, "seats to
Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM
will be allotted from the
JD(U)'s quota". After
returning to NDA camp earlier this month Jitan Ram Manjhi had said that his party was in NDA to support Nitish Kumar who has been working for the development of the

said that the party's lead-ership would soon meet Chirag Paswan in Delhi to resolve the differences between the LJP and JD(U). Later while inaugurating "Aatma Nirbhar Bihar" and party's campaign song for Bihar polls at RJP office in Patra Mr. at BJP office in Patna Mr. Nadda said that, "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leadership of Nitish Kumar, the NDA compris-ing BJP, JD(U) and LJP will contest Bihar polls and win"

'Since people want NDA to return, it is our respon-

includes in the list of other developed states. People are not going to get trapped by the conspiracy being hatched by opposition parties", BJP national president JP Nadda said during his speech during the event. Union Minister of State,

Home affairs Nityanand Rai had said that the NDA under Nitish Kumar will retain power in Bihar by winning 220 seats. "NDA will form government in Bihar under the leader-ship of Nitish Kumar by winning 220 seats" winning 220 seats", Nityanand Rai told reporters after attending the meeting of the BJP's

### 2 Cong MLAs join LJP calls meeting of JD(U) in Bihar

Patna Sept. 11: The switched sides on Friday. JD(U) made fresh inroads into the Grand Alliance as two Congress MLAs, a former RJD minister and several other leaders spokesman joined the ruling party ahead of the Bihar Assembly polls due in October-November.

The opposition Grand Alliance comprises four parties the RJD, Congress, RLSP and the

Vikassheel Insaan Party. Congress legislators Sudarshan Kumar and Purnima Yadav, senior RJD leader and former state minister Bhola Rai, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party's (RLSP) Bihar unit spokesman Abhishek Jha are among those who These leaders took the membership of the JD(U) state headquarters here in the presence of senior leaders such as Ashok Choudhary, Neeraj Kumar and Rajiv Ranjan

Singh alias Lalan Singh. A total of seven RJD MLAs have so far quit the party to join the Janata Dal (United) in the past one month while five RJD MLCs joined the ruling party in June.

Those who joined the party on Friday reposed their faith in the leadership of Chief Minister and JD(U) president Nitish Kumar, saying that they want to work with him for states all round

### party MPs on Sept. 16 New Delhi, Sept. 12: Lok • THE LJP has six mem-

Janshankti Party president Chirag Paswan has called a meeting of all party MPs on September 16 as the party continues to deliberate whether to fight against the Janata Dal(U) in the upcoming Bihar Assembly polls.

LJP sources said the meeting will also consider the proposal by the party's Bihar unit that it should contest 143 seats in the elections to the 243-member state Assembly.

The LJP has six members in the Lok Sabha from the state and one Rajya Sabha member is its founder and Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan.

The party also hopes JD(U) and the BJP. that there will be clarity

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by the time of the meeting about the seat-sharing arrangement between the two principal National Democratic Alliance par-Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-headed LJP sources said any party's position in the state will prompt it to go all out against the JD(U).

They said the JD(U) has been working to undercut the LJP. They cited the ruling party's decision to ioin hands with Dalit leader Jitan Ram Manjhi, who has a history of targeting the LJP, a party whose base is primarily among Dalits, as another attempt in this regard.

Nitish Kumar Saturday held a crucial meeting with BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda on seat-sharing among the NDA alliance partners for the assembly elections due in October-November.

ALLY I SPEAKS UP Nirupam slams Shiv Sena for attack on a retired officer

### **India records** over 97,000 Corona cases

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has ordered the Serum suspend any new recruitment in Phase 2 & 3 clinical trials for Covid-19 vaccine candidate ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 till patient safety issues are resolved even as India recorded 97,570

The DCGI also asked SII to increase safety monitors of vaccine trials. SII told the DCGI the trials will restart only after a review by the UK's Drug and Safety Monitoring

Bharat Biotech, which is making the indigenous Covaxin, announced the successful completion of its trials on monkeys. "The vaccine candidate was found to generate robust immune responses... preventing infection and disease in primates upon high amounts of exposure to live Sars-CoV-2 virus," the study said. India on Saturday had

two records in a day. On one hand it recorded the highest numbers of fresh coronavirus cases,

tions, but also had the highest number of recoveries in a single day after 81,533 patients were dis-charged, taking the recovery rate to 77.77 per cent.

The Union health ministry said 60 per cent of total recoveries had taken place in five states: Maharashtra, Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

Maharashtra alone con-tributed more than 14,000 and Karnataka saw over 12,000 in new single day recoveries. The total number of recoveries has crossed 36 lakhs in India, and active cases are 9.58 lakhs. The overall Covid-19 cases detected so far is 46.60 lakhs, while 77,472 persons died due to the virus, of which 1,201 fatalities were in the last 24 hours.

Kerala recorded 2,885 cases even as 1,944 people got cured from the infec-tion. Of the new cases, 2,640 persons contracted the disease through conamong 287 persons was not yet known, 42 came from abroad, 137 from other states and 55 health workers also got infected.

### Infighting in Cong to fore as first list for bypolls is out

Infighting in Congress here on Saturday came to the fore with a senior party leader virtually questioning the first list of candidates released by the AICC for the upcoming by-elections to 27 Assembly constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, saying the Pradesh Congress Committee was not aware

here by surprise when he said that the PCC was

"PCC is not aware if any

The surprising remark AICC on Friday.

The list was released a day after MP PCC president Kamal Nath met Congress high command at Delhi on Thursday.

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Former minister and Congress spokesman here P.C. Sharma, considered to be a staunch lovalist of party veteran Digvijay Singh, took Congressmen unaware of any such list.

candidates' list has been released by the AICC", Mr Sharma told reporters here. He. however, refused to speak on the issue fur-

by him comes in the wake of reports that the candidates' list released by the AICC on Friday has caused consternation in a powerful faction of the party in the state. Sources said the powerful faction led by Mr Singh felt ignored in finalization of the first list of 15 candidates released by the

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Incidentally, former BJP leader Satish Sikarwar who has quit BJP and ioined Congress a couple of weeks ago with the hope of getting ticket for the by-elections to Ambah (SC) Assembly constituency has been left in lurch with the party deciding to field Satyaprakash Sikarwar

This has dismayed the party faction that backed his candidature.

Meanwhile, Mr Nath on Saturday launched the campaign for the party for the by-elections to 27 Assembly seats in the state at Agar Malwa by leading a 'padyatra' or foot march of party workers and leaders there.

### PEOPLE SUCCEED IN B'WOOD DUE TO TALENT, NOT RELIGION: SENA

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, SEPT. 12

In a veiled attack on actress Kangana Ranaut, Shiv Sena on Saturday said that Bollywood legends have never betrayed Mumbai. In a strong-worded editorial in Saamana, Shiv Sena mentioned several names in Bollywood stalwarts saying many of them came to Mumbai and made their names, but they were never dishonest to their karmabhoomi.

The Sena said that the foundation of the Indian film industry was laid by Dadasaheb Phalke, a Maharashtrian, and artists have achieved success in the industry due to talent and not religion. People from all over came try their fate in

first lived in hovels or on

cine-world,

pavements, but after luck smiled on them, went onto build palatial homes in Juhu, Pali Hill or Malabar Hill. But they were never ungrateful to Mumbai-Maharashtra, it

veteran

Several

Muslim artistes like Madhubala, Dilip Kumar, Meena Kumari or Sanjay Khan took Hindu names as the industry was 'secular' in that era. Even Marathi Punjabi dynasties ruled the roost like the Kapoors, Roshans, Dutts or Shantarams, as many families do today. There were several others with no 'gharana' behind them like Rajesh Khanna, Dharmendra Jeetendra who came up with hard work, and launched their own 'gha-

rana' for their children,'

the editorial said.

6 Sainiks held for assault on retd Navy officer

MUMBAI, SEPT. 12 Six suspected Shiv Sena workers were granted bail on Saturday in a case of assaulting a retired Navy officer resident of Malad for allegedly forwarding a cartoon of the party president and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on social media, evoking alle-Kandivali. gations of political pres-They demanded that the

sure from the BJP. Denying any political interference, Joint commissioner of police (law Vishwas and order) Nangre Patil said the bail was granted to the accused in view of the Covid-19 situation.

The six persons were arrested after local BJP MLA Atul Bhatkhalkar posted a video of Friday's assault on the retired officer, Madan Sharma (62), on Twitter.

A complaint was filed against Sena workers at Kandivali police station. Leader of opposition in the state Legislative coun-Pravin Darekar, Bhatkhalkar and the victim's family members staged an agitation out-side the ACP's office in

accused be booked under sections 326 (causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapons and means). and 452 and 450 (housetrespassing) of the Indian Penal Code, which are non-bailable.

Nangre Patil, who visited the site of the protest, told the protesters the accused were booked under section 325 of the IPC for causing grievous

offence.

"Six persons arrested under section 325 of the IPC. They were granted bail in view of the Covid-19 situation. There is no political pressure. I don't think section 326 can be invoked since that amounts to the use of sharp weapons. We will see the legal scrutiny of trespassing slapping clauses against them," the police officer said.

The Shiv Sena heads the

Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) dispensation, also comprising the NCP and Congress.

Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam slammed Nirupam Thackeray-led Uddhav Shiv Sena over the attack on a retired Navy officer by the Shiv Sainiks for

hurt and rioting sections, allegedly forwarding a which was a bailable cartoon of Mr Thackeray on social media.

Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray was himself a cartoonist and had regards for the force, the Congress leader said. The 65-year-old officer

has been discharged from Shatabdi Hospital in Kandivali. Meanwhile, the BJP

staged a protest against the attack near the additional police commissioner's office.

Mr Nirupam, who was a former Shiv Sena leader and Rajya Sabha member, said, "Shiv Sena has not changed. It is still a party of goons. The government sponsored *gundagardi* (hooliganism)". He said that the attack is a gross abuse of power. The state government and police are

shielding the Shiv Sainiks. The Shiv Sena is showing Balasaheb ji himself used to make cartoons and make political and social comments through the cartoons, Mr Nirupam

When asked why are you not speaking the language of BJP, Mr Nirupam said that he would say it is the other way round, the BJP is speaking the language of Sanjay Nirupam. He has been speaking against the Sena since he was a spokesperson. He had been raising the issues against the Sena since he was Mumbai Congress chief. When the MVA government was formed, he was against the coalition government Maharashtra with the

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### IN BRIEF

### **China satellite**

can't reach orbit

Beijing: China's optical remote-sensing satellite Jilin-1 Gao-fen O2C failed to enter the pre-set orbit on Saturday, official media reported here. The satellite was launched aboard the Kuaizhou-1A carrier rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center at 1:02 pm (local time). The launch centre said the mi-

ssion failed because of abnormal performance, state-run Global Times reported. Specific reasons for the failure are under investigation, it said.

#### 250 guns seized in Germany

Berlin: German police said Saturday they have seized about 250 firearms and a few thousand rounds of ammunition from a man who is believed to be a far-right sympa-

thiser. Police in the northwestern state of Lower Saxony said the weapons were found in the Seevetal area, just south of Hamburg, during a search on Friday evening. A police statement said investigators think the man has rightwing sympathies "because of the overall circumstances."

### **50 die in Congo** mine collapse

Kinshasa: More than 50 people are dead after landslides collapsed three artisanal gold mining wells near the city of Kamituga in eastern Congo's South Kivu province on Friday, officials said. Heavy rains for days led to the disaster. "The diggers and the transporters of the stones were swallowed up by the waters," said the Kamituga mayor, Alexandre Bundya. "A team of rescuers with motor pumps came to recover the bodies of

### **Assange court**

the victims.'

case to resume London: The London court hearing on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's extradition from Britain to the United States is set to resume after a Covid-19 test on one of the participating lawyers came

back negative, WikiLeaks said Friday, District Judge Vanessa Baraitser ordered the proceedings adjourned Thursday while a lawyer representing the US government was tested for the Coronavirus. Wiki-Leaks said the case is now set to continue on Monday. Assange is fighting American prosecutors' attempt to get the British government to send

### IANKEK FIKE WARNING **NEGLECTED**

him to the US to stand trial.

Colombo, Sept. 12: The authorities of the oil tanker that went up in flames off Sri Lanka's eastern waters seemed to have neglected warnings from the crew on possible fire on board, a Sri Lankan court has heard. The Panama registered MT (Motor Tanker) New Diamond, a Greek-owned ves-sel and under charter by the Indian Oil Corporation, was carrying nearly two million barrels of crude oil from Mina Al Ahmadi port in Kuwait to the Indian port of Paradip when it caught fire off the coast of Sangamankanda in Ampara district on Thursday last.

A Filipino crew member died and another was injured in the mishap. The fire was doused in a joint operation of the Indian and Sri Lankan forces on Sunday last. But a new fire broke out within hours due to extreme heat and strong winds.

## **Covid vaccine trials resume**

### Recommenced after a pause after adverse reaction in one participant

London, Sept. 12: Biopharmaceutical giant Astra-Zeneca and the University of Oxford on Saturday said that clinical trials for their Coronavirus vaccine have resumed in the UK after the Medicines Health Regulatory Authority's (MHRA) confirmed that

the trials were safe. The human trials resumed days after a pause had been announced in the trials after an adverse reaction in one of the participants. AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford, as the trial sponsor, said that they cannot disclose further medical information but confirmthat independent investigations concluded that the trials were safe to restart. "Clinical trials for the

AstraZeneca Oxford coronavirus vaccine, AZD1222, have resumed in the UK following confirmation by the MHRA that it was safe to do so," AstraZeneca in a statement. "AstraZeneca is committed to the safety of trial participants and the highest standards of con-

duct in clinical trials. "The company will continue to work with health authorities across the wo-

### **JOIN IN VIRUS** FIGHT: INDIA

United Nations, Sept. 12: India, along with 168 nations, voted in favour of a Covid-19 resolution in the UN General Assembly that reaffirms international cooperation to respond to the outbreak, a reference the US objected to as it opposed the resolution — PTI

rld and be guided as to when other clinical trials can resume to provide the

vaccine broadly, equitably and at no profit during this pandemic," the company said. On September 6, the sta-

ndard review process triggered a voluntary pause to vaccination across all global trials to allow the review of safety data by independent committees, and international regulators. The UK committee concluded its investigations and recommended to the MHRA that trials in the UK are safe to restart.

All trial investigators and participants will be updated with the relevant information and this will

be disclosed on global clinical registries, according to the clinical trial and regulatory standards, AstraZeneca said.

AZD1222 was co-invented by the University of Oxford and its spin-out company, Vaccitech.

It uses a replication-leficient chimpanzee deficient viral vector based on a weakened version of a common cold virus (adenovirus) that causes infections in chimpanzees and contains the genetic material of the SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19 virus spike pro-

### **Protest in Paris**



A protester kicks back a tear gas canister as around 1,000 people gathered in two "yellow vest" protests against President Emmanuel Macron's perceived prioritisation of business and the rich over struggling ordinary families, in the Paris on Saturday. Yellow vest" marches had been announced for other major cities in France including Marseille, Toulouse, Lyon and Lille.

### Afghans meet for peace after decades of war

**Dubai, Sept. 12:** Afghanistan's warring sides started negotiations on Saturday for the first time aimed at ending decades of war, bringing together delegates appointed by the Afghan government and the Taliban, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo attended the opening ceremony, which was held in Qatar where the meetings will take place. It's the latest in a flurry of diplomatic activity by the Trump administration ahead of the US presidential election

The discussions are important in the search for lasting peace that will also provide an exit for US and NATO troops after nearly 19 years. The sides will try to tackle tough issues. This includes the terms of a permanent cease-fire, the rights of women and minorities and the disarming of tens of thousands of Taliban fighters and

in November.

### No military solution to Afghanistan: Pak

SHAFQAT ALI | DC

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi Saturday said that Pakistan has been holding the stance that Aighan issue could not be resolved through use of force and it is welcoming that the world is now accepting Pakistan's stance.

gh video link in the opening ceremony of Intra-

Afghan negotiations in Doha. Qureshi said that holding of these negotiations is an important milestone in establishing peace in Afghanistan.
The FM called the nego-

tiations a golden opportu nity for the Afghan leadership to pave the way for durable peace in Afghanistan. Qureshi reiterated that Pakistan sincerely He was speaking throuplayed its reconciliatory role in Afghan peace process.

militias loyal to warlords, some of them aligned with the government. The talks in Doha follow the US-brokered recognition of Israel by Bahrain on

Friday and the United Arab Emirates earlier this month. The Afghan sides are also expected to discuss constitutional changes, and power sharing. -APwill be the first to

### Al-Qaeda threat to Charlie Hebdo over cartoons

Paris, Sept. 12: Al-Qaeda has threatened French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo with a repeat of a 2015 massacre of its staff, after it republished controversial cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed, the SITE observatory said on Friday. Al-Qaeda in its publica-tion *One Ummah* had warned that Charlie Hebdo would be mistaken if it believed the 2015 attack was a "one off", after the magazine printed printed the "contemptible caricatures" in a defiant issue that marked the start of the trial in Paris of suspected accomplices in the attack. The com-ments came in an English edition of the Al-Qaeda publication that purported to mark the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States carried out by

the terror network.

It said it had the "same message" for the France of President Emmanuel Macron as it did for his predecessor Francois Hollande who was president at the time of the 2015 attacks. It said France under Macron "gave a green light" to the republication of the cartoons. Twelve people, including some of Fra-

nce's most celebrated cartoonists, were killed on January 7, 2015, when brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi went on a gun rampage at the offices of *Charlie* Hebdo, whose no-taboo style, including publishing cartoons of the prophet, had divided

the country.
The trial, which began on September 2 and is expected to continue until November, 14 suspected accomplices face jus-tice even though all the perpetrators killed in the wake of the attacks. It had reopened one of the post painful chapters in France's modern history which heralded a spate of jihadist attacks on its territory that have claimed more than 250 lives.

Charlie Hebdo's director Laurent Sourisseau, known as "Riss' and who was himself badly wounded in the shoulder in the attack told the court this week that there was nothing to regret in publishing the cartoons. "What I regret is to see how little people fight to defend freedom. If we don't fight for our freeand we promote a deadly ideology," he said.

### **BELARUS PREZ TO VISIT RUSSIA** ON MONDAY, SAYS KREMLIN

Moscow, Sept. 12: Russian President Russian Putin on Vladimir Monday will hold talks with Belarus strongman Alexander Lukashenko, who faces the biggest protest of his rule, the Kremlin said.

Soviet-era master Russia by the Belarusian leader since protests broke out over his disputed election win last month. Putin has been keen to unify Russia and Belarus, three-decade and Moscow has accompanied its recent Lukashenko's visit offers of military aid.

Moscow, Sept. 12: Russian police said Friday they were seeking to question opposition leader Alexei Navalny in flown to Berlin. Berlin after Moscow rubbished Germany's declaration that he was poisoned with a Novichok

Siberia and was hospitalised there before being

officers to be present as "German colleagues carcritic and anti-corruption The Siberian transport ry out investigative activ-

"clarifying and additional

The Kremlin has denounced attempts to blame the Russian state for the poisoning as "absurd" and said it wants to know what happened. Western politicians have said the incident appears likely to

and urged Moscow to prove its lack of involvement. S Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the order to poison the dissident "came from senior Russian officials", a

### Russian police seek to question Navalny campaigner fell ill after police, who have been ities with Navalny, me-boarding a plane in retracing Navalny's dics and experts" and ask and urged Moscow to

Germany said there was

"unequivocal evidence" that he was poisoned with the nerve agent but Russia says its doctors The 44-year-old Kremlin found no trace of poison.

movements, said in a statement Russia would be preparing a request for its officers and an "expert" to shadow German investigators.

Russia said it wanted its

on Wednesday there was a "substantial chance' claim the Kremlin slammed. -AFP

### FILM | FEST | Under the Open Sky shows small joys, big disappointments, generosity of strangers Female gaze: Lighting up and lightening the yakuza

SUPARNA SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, SEPT. 12

I have attended the Tor-International twice in person, and am now, in these surreal Covid-times, participating in the festival digitally.

Today is Day 3 of the 11-day festival. And usually, for those who fly into Toronto from the sub-continent, this is when jet-lag really hits. There is no jet-lag this year, but there is Net-lag. For two days I have struggled with a crappy WiFi that keeps disappearing, only to make sudden, brief, special appearances.

despite my annoying WiFi stretching the 126minute Japanese film. *Under the Open Sky*, to almost four hours, I stayed with it. I had to. It's that rarest of rare films — a yakuza (Japanese crime syndicate/gangster) movie directed by a woman.

Yakuza is, perhaps, one of Japan's most loved gifts to the world after sushi. It's a film genre that has not just inspired great directors across the world, but has also helped sustain many grindhouse talents and enterprises. But, yakuza movies have always been men's domain. Films about

I am pleased that alpha men made by alpha male directors. Miwa Director Nishikawa, who has

also written Under The Open Sky's screenplay, has not made a typical yakuza film as they have come to be defined by its master-directors, though she uses many of the tropes of the post-retirement funk that ex-yakuza characters often struggle with, especially in Takeshi Kitano's stunning Sonatine (1993) and Yasuo Furuhata's Demon (1985).

film follows Her Mikami (Koji an ex-Yakusho), yakuza, as he returns to the world after serv-

ing a 13-year jail sentence for murder. But the world has moved on, and it didn't leave a place at the table for him. A proud man with few usable skills and an expired driving licence, Mikami has to now live off state welfare. That's almost physically painful for the man who once thought nothing of venting his anger with

Mikami sometimes finds him-self reacting in his old ways, there is no brooding, sulking, or bloody outrage in Nishikawa's

There is a very obvious touch of a woman in the film's rhythmic, everyday pace Mikami experiences small joys, big disappointments, and the touching generosity of strangers. *Under the Open Sky* is

more than a genre curiosity. It's as if Nishikawa switched on a bright white light in what was till now a smoke-filled grimy world with an old, dim, yellow light bulb. And then she opened the ter of Mikami. He windows and let some fresh air in. The film has some

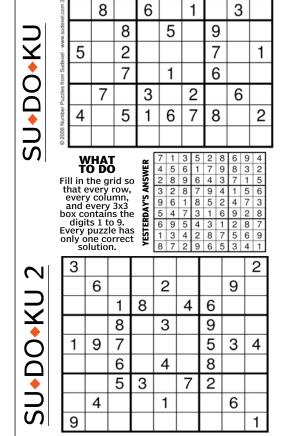
lovely moments, but it's not a great film. Its plot meanders, and Nishikawa, at times, labours her point, even pausing the story to deliver flat, dreary speeches. And sometimes, when it's on Mikami's job search, it feels as if we are watching like a governmentsponsored video on the reformation, rehabilitation and assimilation

away from *Under The* Open Sky because of Koji Yakusho. He doesn't inhabit the charac- even stock scenes, like

of ex-gangsters.

creates it with a mix of humanity, a yearning for a mundane life even as he struggles with some remains of the raging gangster he once was. These emotions reside in his dialogue and expressions, of course, but also in the smallest of ges tures. Yakusho brings to the

character of Mikami a complex mix of quiet humility, dignity and simple-minded naivety. It's a moving, measof ex-gangsters. ured performance but Yet I could not walk with the fluidity of an actor who creates an interiority and brings feeling and meaning to



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5.	29201037 08.10.2020	Cover for "Q" Type Relay etc.		78667 Nos.	₹ 1,40,700/-
6.	29191044C 08.10.2020	Fasteners Set etc.		97400 Set	₹ 1,43,280/-
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Sr. No.	Tender Due		Description	Qty.	EMD (₹)						
1.	01201183	07.10.2020	Anti Roll Bar Fork	3544 Nos.	333420/-						
2.	01201184	07.10.2020	Brake Support	1910 Nos.	239090/-						
3.	01201185	07.10.2020	Centring Disc (Two Types) 11083 Nos.	, 11623 Nos.	366450/-						
			763: End Wall Construction Assly. Complete	1080 Nos.	2000000/-						
	12.10.2020	PL-335564 Capacity F	430: End Construction for LHB High Parcel Van	346 Nos.							

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit webiste: http://ireps.gov.in specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agensices listed at http://www.cce.gov.in 2.Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 4 will be opened at Tilak Bridge. New Delhi 3. For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897.

NOTE: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. "All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderes are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website: http://www.ireps.gov.in. For more details regarding the above mentoned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS webiste.

**CORRIGENDUM**: (1) Bidders may please note the following changes and quote accordingly Tender No. 02201142A for Eight type of Harness for LHB Coaches due date may be read as 21.09.2020 instead of 14.09.2020 (2) Tender No. 17201300 due on 17.09.2020 for the supply of set of Roof Panels & Corner Panels for LHB SLR the tender quantity may be read as 163 Sets instead of 101 Sets and Emd may be read as Rs. 4,25,400/- instead of Rs. 2,63,570/- (3) Tender No. 07201213 for Composite pipe size 3240 & 1620 due date may be read as 18.09.2020 instead of 14.09.2020 (4) Tender No. 17201354 for the supply of lettering outside/Marking Diagram/Stickers for LHB Coaches due date may be read as 21.09.2020 instead of 09.09.2020 and tender quantity (PL No. 33682549) to be read as 10 Set instead PCMM

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# Denver on the double Hami's Merc shines in Tuscany

### Murray's exploits put Clippers through wringer

Los Angeles, Sept. 12: Jamal Murray sparked a fourth-quarter rally and rookie Michael Porter made several clutch plays down the stretch as the Denver Nuggets stayed alive with a 111-105 upset of the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday. The Nuggets turned up the

heat on the Clippers in the fourth quarter to cut Los Angeles' lead in the Western Conference semifinal series to 3-2 in the NBA's quarantine bubble in

Canada's Murray scored a team high 26 points, Nikola Jokic had 22 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and Paul Millsap tallied 17 points for the Nuggets, who were also down 3-1 in the previous series before storming back to win three straight against the Utah

Murray was able to bust loose in game five after being contained for much of the series by a rotating trio of Clippers defenders, including Kawhi Leonard, Paul George and Patrick

"We play the best when our backs are against the wall," said Murray.

"It is as simple as that. We came up fighting. They had good start but we had to fight back," he added.

American Porter made a series of key plays late in the game including a threepoint dagger from 27 feet out with 71 seconds remaining to give the Nuggets a five point lead, 105-100. Porter, 22, also had a

clutch block on Ivica Zubac 35 seconds later and drained four free throws in the final 21 seconds.

"Everybody continues to count us out," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "That's the way we like it," he further added.

Leonard scored a gamehigh 36 points and George finished with 26 for the second seeded Clippers, who are trying to advance to their first Western

Conference final.
Leonard has scored at least 30 points in seven playoff games.

He is averaging almost 30 points per game in the postseason but he didn't get much help from the Clippers bench in game five.

Murray rebounded nicely on Friday, making five of seven baskets from beyond the arc after shooting six-of-15 from the field in game

our backs are against the wall. It is as simple as that. We came up fighting. They had a good start but we had to fight

— JAMAL MURRAY after beating Los **Angeles Clippers** 



Torrey Craig (right) of the Denver Nuggets drives the ball against Landry Shamet of the LA Clippers during their NBA playoffs at the ESPN Wide World Of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, on Friday. Nuggets won 111-105.

### Rockets' House bears the brunt post bubble breach

Houston Rockets forward Danuel House WIII miss the remainder of the NBA playoffs after a violation of its investigation of a recent violation of campus health affects protocols," the

Friday. NBA season, shut down March 11 by the coronavirus pandemic, resumed in July in a bubble atmosphere under strict health and safety rules at Disney World in Örlando, Florida.

The league conducted an investigation into House's actions and found he had unauthorised guest in his

"The NBA has concluded

league said in a statement. The findings are that (I) Houston Rockets forward Danuel House had a guest in his hotel room over multiple hours on September 8 who was not authorised to be on campus and (II) no evidence was found that other players or staff had

contact with the guest or

dent," the statement added. The statement said House would leave the NBA cam-

pus and not play again for the Rockets this season. The remainder of Rockets might soon follow

House out of the bubble. Houston trails the Los Angeles Lakers 3-1 in their best-of-seven Conference semifinal series

with game five on Saturday. In nine playoff appearances, House averaged 11.4 points, 5.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists a game.



Sam Burns hits his tee shot on the 14th hole during round two of the Safeway Open at Silverado Resort in Napa, California, on Friday.

### Burns grabs PGA lead as Harry soars with albatross

San Francisco, Sept. 12: American Sam Burns fired a seven-under-par 65 to grab a two-stroke lead on albatross-aided compatriot Harry Higgs in Friday's second round of the US PGA

Safeway Open. Burns stood on a 36-hole career low of 15-under 129 at Silverado Country Club in Napa, California.

"I'm just going to try to keep improving, see if I can do that and see what happens," Burns said.

But the shot of the day in ond hole of the day, and took the first event of the 2020-21 PGA season belonged to Higgs, a 10th-tee starter who ended his round with a 230yard hole-out for albatross on the par-5 ninth hole with a 4-iron. Higgs finished with a bogey-free 62 to stand second on 131, one stroke ahead of Australia's Cameron

Percy, American D.J. Trahan and Scotsman Burns found water off the tee at the par-3 11th, his sec-

the next three holes and kept charging from there, making birdie putts from five feet at the par-5 16th and six feet at the par-5 18th. After dropping his

approach inside four feet at the first and sinking the birdie putt, Burns made a 13-foot birdie putt at four and blasted out of a greenside bunker to three feet to set up a birdie at the par-5

a double bogey, then birdied

### **SHUBHANKAR MAKES CUT AT PORTUGAL GOLF**

Vilamoura (Portugal), Sept. 12: India's ace golfer Shubhankar dropped a late bogey on way to a four-under 67, which helped to make the cut at the 2020 Portugal Masters

With a two-day total of two-under 140, Sharma is currently tied-40th in the tournament.

It was a big relief for Sharma, whose only cut in six previous starts came at the Celtic Classic.

The second round on Friday saw Sharma roll in three birdies on the front nine — on second, fourth and eighth and added another on 10th.

A late bogey on 15th was followed by a birdie on 17th, where he had a memorable albatross on the first day.

Meanwhile, the Indian challenge at the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open came to an end as both Tvesa Malik and Diksha Dagar missed cut at Golfpark Holzhausern.

Malik crumbled with a 77 on the second day, while Dagar had another off-day, adding 80 to her first round 87 to exit early.

Malik did not recover from the front nine reverses as she had two bogeys and a double bogev

On the back nine, she had one more bogey on 14th and had no birdies through the

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#### Mugello (Italy), Sept. 12: Lewis Hamilton claimed a record-increasing 95th pole to nine poles out of nine this season with an eighth consecutive front row lockahead of his team-mate Alex Albon with Charles and Ocon. "It's been a very tough Leclerc claiming fifth for

position on Saturday when team-mate Valtteri Bottas to seize the prime grid position in qualifying for Sunday's inaugural Tuscan

It was the series leader and six-time champion's seventh pole in eight races this year as Mercedes continued their dominant run

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Bottas had been fastest in all three practice sessions, but he was unable to maintain his superiority over the Briton in the decisive hour albeit that his second run was affected by yellow flags after Esteban Ocon spun in his Renault.

Bull's Red Verstappen was

Ferrari, as they celebrate their 1000th Grand Prix at

their own circuit. Sergio Perez, who faces a one-place grid penalty for his brush with Kimi Raikkonen on Friday, qualified sixth ahead of his Racing Point team-mate Lance Stroll, Daniel Ricciardo of Renault, Carlos Sainz of McLaren Max

weekend," said Hamilton. "And I'm very grateful to my team because it has

been so close with Valtteri

and Max, but what a circuit this is!" he added. Bottas said he felt certain he would have improved his time on his second final run, but for the flags. "I definitely had more," he said. "I know I could have done better," he added.

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### **Cricket coach Anil**

Mittal no more

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 12

Former Hyderabad cricketer and dedicated coach Anil Mittal passed away in the City on Saturday following a heart ailment. He was 62 and is survived by his wife and two sons. His last rites were peformed on Saturday evening. An effective mediumpacer with a natural inswing, Anil represented Hyderabad in all age groups. The tall, well-built cricketer also played for State Bank of India in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's top division league. Later, Anil took up coaching and was involved with the St John's Sports Coaching Foundation since its inception in 1986-87, mentoring several State level players along the

He was also a long-standing coach of the St Andrews School team, instrumental in pushing the side into the top bracket alongside Noel Carr, his fast friend and opening bowling partner at the East Marredpally Cricket Club (EMCC) in the 1970s. Anil and Noel also played together on Hyderabad's State teams and coached at St John's as well as Wesley College. "I am still in shock. Anil was a dear and close friend of mine for 40 years. We shared some fantastic and wonderful memories. My heartfelt sympathies and condolences to his Wife,

#### **Indonesia to skip** Thomas-Uber Cup

Mummy, sons and rest of his

family members. You will be

sadly missed Anil Pal," Noel,

wrote on his Facebook page

who now lives in Australia,

Jakarta: Concern over the coronavirus has resulted in Indonesia becoming the fifth team to withdraw from the prestigious Thomas and Uber Cup badminton competition that is scheduled to be held in Aarhus, Denmark from Octobher 3 to 11. Indonesian badminton officials said on Saturday they were concerned that players could

tournament Everyone was excited because they saw such a big opportunity, but in the course of time and looking at the development of Covid-19 that had not been resolved, both in Indonesia and in other countries, it raised

contract Covid-19 during the

Live on

doubts among athletes," a

statement said. - PTI

England vs Australia: 2nd ODI from 5.30 pm on Sony Six, HD

**FORMULA ONE** Italian Grand Prix: Main Race

from 6.35 pm on Star Sports

**FOOTBALL** 

English Premier League: West Bromwich Albion vs Leicester City from 6.30 pm; Tottenham Hotspur vs Everton from 9 pm on Star Sports Select 1, HD

**Spanish League:** Deportivo Alaves vs Real Betis from 5.30 pm; Real Valladolid vs Real Sociedad from 7.30 pm; Villareal vs Huesca from 10 pm; Valencia vs Levante from 12.30 am (Monday). All matches on LaLiga page on Facebook

US Open: Men's singles final from 1.30 am (Monday) on Star Sports Select 1, 2, HD

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# Gunners on fire

### Rampant Arsenal crush Fulham as Premier League returns

London, Sept. 12: Arsenal made a flying start to the new Premier League season as Gabriel Magalhaes grabbed a debut goal and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scored a stunner in Saturday's 3-0 win at Fulham.

Just 48 days after last season's delayed conclusion, the Premier League is back and Arsenal hit the ground running with the kind of confident display that has become their hallmark since Mikel Arteta took charge.

Arsenal's free-flowing attack was too incisive for promoted Fulham and Alexandre Lacazette gave the visitors an early lead at Craven Cottage.

Brazilian defender

Gabriel scored Arsenal's second after the break in his first appearance since his close-season from Lille.

Aubameyang added the final flourish with a typically eye-catching strike that emphasised why Arsenal are so desperate for the Gabon forward to sign an extension to the contract which expires at the end of the sea-

Arteta has said that ans concerned Aubameyang will leave can "relax" because he is "very optimistic" his captain will agree a new deal soon. With former Chelsea

winger Willian providing a pair of assists on his debut, it was the ideal way for Arsenal to start a season that appears full of promise after last season's FA Cup triumph.

Although eighth-placed finish in the Premier League ranked as Arsenal's lowest final position since 1995, Arteta had little to do with that after taking charge in December following the dismal reign of Unai Emery.

former Manchester City assis-

New York, Sept. 12: Dominic Thiem of

Zverev in the US Open

final for their first Grand

Slam titles after they won

their last-four matches in

contrasting styles on

Second seed Thiem oust-

ed third-seeded Russian and last year's runner-up Daniil Medvedev in a

closely fought three-setter

that was packed with pow-

erful baseline rallies and

impressive serving.
The 27-year-old Thiem

won 6-2, 7-6 (9/7) 7-6 (7/5)

in 2hr 56 min inside

Arthur Ashe Stadium to

reach his fourth Grand

Earlier, Zverev came

from two sets down to

complete a remarkable

comeback against 20th-

seeded Spaniard Pablo

Carreno Busta and reach

his first tennis major

Slam final.

will

Alexander

Austria

Friday.

Germany's



Arsenal's Gabriel (second from left) is cheered by teammates after scoring against Fulham in their English Premier League match in London on Saturday. Arsenal won 3-0.

tant coach has been a much-needed breath of fresh air for Arsenal and pushing for a place in the top four should not be beyond his revi-

talised team this term. While the continued absence of fans due to the coronavirus and shorter than usual break has taken a little anticipation away from the new campaign, Arsenal were keener than most to get back in action after beating Chelsea in the FA Cup final. -AFP

**NEYMAR BACK IN SQUAD AFTER QUARANTINE** Paris, Sept. 12: Brazilian star Neymar is back in the Paris Saint-Germain squad for Sunday's Ligue 1 match against Marseille after serving a Covid-19 quaran-tine, PSG coach Thomas Tuchel has confirmed.

Neymar tested positive coronavirus September 2, having contracted the virus holidaying in Ibiza following the 1-0 loss to Bayern Munich in the Champions League

Thiem, Zverev in new-look Slam final

Germany's Alexander Zverev reacts after defeating Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain 3-

came from two sets

It marked the first time scoreboard when I was semi-final, I'm supposed

6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 during their US Open semifinal in New York on Friday.

behind to win.

The 23-year-old German in Zverev's career that he

The Brazilian, along with the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Angel Di Maria and Leandro Paredes, were all quarantined, with Neymar making his return to training on Friday.

LYON HELD AT

Champions League semifinalist Lyon were held at Bordeaux to 0-0 in a tepid French league encounter. In a game of rare chances

Koscielny. Bordeaux remained in second place with five

stole a win 10 minutes from

the end when highly rated

midfielder Houssem Aouar

hit the post after skipping past center half Laurent

points from three games, while Lyon was third with four points having played one game less. Lyon lost to eventual winner Bayern Munich 3-0 in the Champions League semis

#### to be the favourite and I have no chance, I'm playing that bad.

Zverev made 36 unforced errors in the first two sets compared to just 12 for Carreno Busta as the nerves of the occasion seemed to get the better of

FIRST-TIME DUO TAKE

First-time doubles duo Laura Siegemund and Vera Zvonareva won the women's doubles title, defeating China's Xu Yifan and Nicole Melichar of the United States in straight sets in the final. Germany's Siegemund

and Russian partner Zvonareva had never played doubles together before this year's US Open.

However, the unseeded pairing romped past the third-seeded Xu and Melichar 6-4, 6-4 to cap a fairytale victory. — AFP fairytale victory.

INDIAN PREMIER | LEAGUE

## RCB are in great shape, says Kohli

Dubai, Sept. 12: Back into the thick of things after five months of coron-avirus-forced break, Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Virat Kohli is happy with the fitness level of his team members, saying "everyone is looking in great shape" ahead of the IPL beginning on September 19.

Kohli, a fitness freak, also

said that he himself felt good from the first training session after landing in the UAE.

"From fitness point of view everyone is looking great, everyone is in good shape. It's a matter of feeling good and I think I felt good from the first session onwards," Kohli said in a video posted on RCB's twitter handle.

'Obviously, there are few things that you try and rectify along the way and once you reach your optimum mind set and you enter mind set and you enter competition you just want to stay in that as much as possible."

The India captain said the the team management's focus during the

two-week training period in the UAE was a balanced approach to avoid injuries to players.
"We don't want to push

anyone into a niggle or an injury because we understand it's been a while away from the game. So I think we moved ahead in a

The India captain said the the team management's focus during the two-week training period in the UAE was a balanced approach to avoid injuries to players.

balanced manner.

'We don't want to be a maniac like doing 6 sessions in six days. We gave ample off time to the boys which we will continue to do along the course of the

these next few training sessions also," Kohli said.

Kohli said after the long break, the need of the hour was to start slowly and increase the intensity of training sessions gradually, which the RCB has now

managed to attain.
"First few days we are just getting our eye in, getting back in thick of things after 5 months, it's a bit different, try and get into the frame of mind which you usually want to be. It takes a bit of time, in these sesbatting in the middle, trying to figure out hitting angles, understanding the pace of wicket and all

these. "I am very very happy with how the team is shaping up," said the talismanic batsman. -PTI

### Khan to be first **American in IPL**

**Abu Dhabi, Sept. 12:** The IPL is set to see participation of a player from the USA for the first time with Kolkata Knight Riders roping in fast bowler Ali Khan for the upcoming 13th edi-

tion of the league.
The two-time winners will pick the 29-year-old fast bowler — pending IPL approval — as a replacement for the English seamer Harry Gurney, according to an ESPNcricinfo.com

Gurney is scheduled to have surgery related to a shoulder injury, and has pulled out of both the IPL and England's Vitality Blast last month.

Khan's signing will make him the first USA player to feature in the IPL.

Khan was part of the Trinbago Knight Riders' squad which remained unbeaten on the way to their CPL title win on Thursday. He picked up eight wickets from as many matches with an economy rate of 7.43.

He was on KKR's radar last season as well but no deal could be worked out.

The pacer burst on to the limelight during the 2018 Global T20 Canada, where he was spotted by star West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who brought him to the CPL. Khan returned a haul of 16 wickets from 12 matches for Guyana Amazon Warriors that year, the second-most by a fast bowler in the season.

Bravo, in one of his Instagram stories, posted a video with Khan, Brendon McCullum and a few more inside a plane with the caption 'Next stop Dubai'

Former Rajasthan Royals howler Rusty Theron, who now plays for USA, was part of the now defunct Deccan Chargers team in 2011 and Kings XI Punjab in 2010.

### **AUSSIES OPEN ODI SERIES** WITH WIN AGAINST HOSTS

Manchester, Sept. 12: Australia beat England by 19 runs to win the first one-day international at Old Trafford on Friday. World champions England, set 295 for victory, finished on 275-9 as Australia defeated their arch-rivals for just the third time in 14 ODIs.

Fast bowler Josh Hazlewood reduced the hosts to 22-2 on his way to 3-26 before leg-spinner Adam Zampa (4-55) struck twice in two overs to leave England in dire straits at 57-4. But Sam Billings hit 118 — a maiden ODI hundred — after his fifth-wicket partnership of 113 with opener Jonny Bairstow (84) gave the hosts hope of an unlikely victory. — AFFBrief scores: Australia 294/9 in 50 overs (G. Maxwell 77, M

Marsh 73; M. Wood 3/54, J. Archer 3/57) bt **England 275/9** in 50 overs (S. Billings 118, J. Bairstow 84; A. Zampa 4/55, J

## Djoker's US Open ouster shows rules are paramount

down two sets to love,"

was like, 'I can't

Zverev said.

"I actually looked at the believe it. I'm playing in a



Ayaz Memon

**Over The Top** 

't's turning out to be an eminently forgettable Novak Djokovic. He suffered a major setback when the Adria Tour he had organized mid-year had was called off for violating the protocol to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Four players tested positive including Djokovic himself, and the tour was

The world no.1 tennis player's attempt to form a parallel tennis players body, while it has made some progress, has invited controversy too.

However, the worst blow was his ouster from the US Open last week, which wrecked his chances of winning an 18th Grand Slam title.

won an error-strewn,

scrappy encounter 3-6, 2-6,

6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in 3hr 23min.

Djokovic was 'defaulted' from the tournament for breaking the rules. The incident happened in the 11th game of the first set of the fourth-round match

against Pablo Carreno Busta when he was broken. Busta now led 6-5 and would have served for the Before play could resume, however, Djokovic

hit the ball in frustration,

edge closer to Rafael Nadal (who has 19 titles) and Roger Federer (20). With Nadal (because of Covid fear) and Federer (recovering from surgery) both skipping the US Open, Djoković was oddson favourite to win. He had

judge behind him. She col-

lapsed, and with this, also

went Djokovic's hopes of

winning another Slam and

looked in impressive form too, dropping just a single set in three matches before the unhappy incident in the fourth match. Sport can be gloriously or cruelly uncertain, of course, so one can only speculate how the tournament would have panned

out. But with his major

rivals missing, Djokovic's

path to the title seemed rel-

atively easy. A momentary

which struck the line lapse of reason, impetuous action, and his came down.

> Sensing immediately that what he had done was wrong, Djokovic, to his credit, immediately apologised to the line judge and inquired of her well-being. But the damage had been done. Within minutes, the decision had been taken. Djokovic would have to for-

feit the match.
US Open Tournament
Referee Soeren Friemel explained later why the harsh punishment: "Based on the facts that the ball was hit angrily, recklessly; that it went straight at the line umpire's throat; that the line umpire was clearly hurt and in pain, the decision was made that Novak [Djokovic] had to be defaulted.

action against him justiwhen more Diokovic did not intend to hit the line judge? The tennis world has been in turmoil since the incident. Djokovic's supporters have been livid, claiming he was being victimized. An equal, if not more, number of aficionados think the

punishment fair. believe the action against him was not only justified, but necessary. It also sends out a strong message of how rules must be held paramount in sport, which is particularly relevant in our part of the world where prima donnas can get away with anything.

For this, the ATP and the US Open tournament officials deserve credit. Think of it. In a year where sport

and in a tournament already missing the two biggest drawcards in tennis — Federer and Nadal - it wouldn't have been

easy to banish the third member of the game's superstar troika. Throwing Djokovic out would affect audience par-

ticipation in the US Open, even if it was being played only for TV audiences. The ramifications of this could be wider: it could affect monetization prospects, and certainly cause internal dissent within the tennis universe. I can think of several

instances in India — and elsewhere in the sub-continent — where a similar breach by a topnotch sportsperson — especially a cricketer — would have been glossed over, or

and things allowed to continue as if nothing had happened.

That is great disservice to sport. Being lenient with superstars because of the many benefits they otherwise undoubtedly bring is not being pragmatic, as some argue, but in fact diminishes the sport. Being lenient in such situations is bad example, especially for youngsters for whom these stars are role models.

Ultimately, every sport has to be bound by rules for it to be fair and successful. These rules are the same for everybody and must apply equally to all, particularly the most famous and powerful. Any exemption makes the edifice fragile, and more likely to crumble.