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Min: 21.1°C
RH: 93%
Rain: 7.3 mm

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Thundershower likely.
Max/Min temp. 26/22 °C

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+84,762)	(+1,093)
59,81,306	94,450
covid19india.org	
STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS	
(+2,239)	(+11)
TS: 1,83,866	1,091
(+7,293)	(+57)
AP: 6,68,751	5,663

CASES AROUND THE WORLD	
3,29,42,258	
DEATHS	
9,96,262	
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES	213
worldometers.info/coronavirus	

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Adhika Ashwayuja Shuddha Ekadasi till 7.49 pm
Star: Shrawanam till 8.51 pm
Varjyanam: 1.09 am to 2.52 am (Monday)
Durmuhuram: 4.30 pm to 5.17 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Safar ul Muzaffar 9, 1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajr: 5.06 am
Zohar: 12.17 pm
Asar: 4.26 pm
Maghrib: 6.14 pm
Isha: 7.21 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.07 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.05 AM
MOONSET TODAY 3.29 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 2.06 PM

COUNTER POINT



The middleman says we will get maximum retail price if we cultivate opium!

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80% Swiggy executives end agitation

LAND | AHOY Officers told to upload all data before festival starts

Dharani portal by Dasara

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The much-awaited Dharani Portal will be launched on Dasara, October 25, Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao said on Saturday. Registrations would also begin the same day.

No registration or any other related revenue activity would be allowed till then, the Chief Minister told a preparatory meeting with officials on the launch of the portal, at Pragathi Bhavan on Saturday.

The Chief Minister announced that all over the

Incessant rains inundate Hyd

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Heavy incessant rains led to overflowing nalas inundating several colonies, and threw life out of gear in the city on Saturday.

According to the TS Development Planning Society, South Hasthinapuram in LB Nagar received 133.8 mm of rainfall followed by 99 mm at Kandi gate and 90.5 mm at Lingojiguda, 72.5 mm in Pashayyaram in Patancheru, 66 mm in Madhapur, 46.8 mm in KPHB and 43.8 mm in Gachibowli.

Across Telangana, districts like Ranga Reddy, Sircilla, Karimnagar and Suryapet received very heavy rainfall of 124-194 mm in the last 24 hours.

Residents near Bowenpally were pushed to

HIMAYATSAGAR GATES TO OPEN AFTER A DECADE

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untold hardships as the Ramannakunta lake breached leading to flood and sewerage water entering their houses forcing people to drain out water. They complained that the non-completion of drainage pipeline works led to such flooding, which happened due to a breach in the tank. It is alleged that the tussle between local and defence authorities was had affected the work.

Page 5: Rains submerge low-lying areas

HONOUR KILLING OVER CASTE, SAYS REMAND REPORT

BALU PULIPAKA I DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

A 10-page remand report on the 18 accused involved in the murder of 28-year-old Ch. Yoga Hemant Kumar, submitted by the Gachibowli police to the XII Metropolitan Magistrate at Kukatpally on Saturday, makes it clear that caste equations played a key role in planning Hemant's murder.

Among the accused are D. Laxma and Archana, the parents of Hemant's wife D. Avanti, as well as her maternal uncle Guduru Yugender. They face the prospect of death penalty or life imprisonment. Hemant was murdered in cold blood on Thursday by killers hired by Yugender.

Page 5: Plot to separate couple started in June

OFFICERS WERE asked to train tahsildars, deputy tahsildars and sub-registrars on the modalities of registration, immediate mutation of land following registration and update of details on Dharani portal

DOCUMENT WRITERS at sub-registrar offices to be trained so that they can prepare papers

state, registration rates would be fixed survey number-wise.

Asking the officers to upload the data of all prop-

erties to the portal before Dasara, he told them to continue to update the data and alterations on a regular basis. The Chief Minister directed officers to train tahsildars, deputy tahsildars and sub-registrars on the modalities of registration, immediate mutation of land following registration and update of details on the Dharani portal and other procedures.

He asked them to complete the recruitment of a computer operator in the office of each sub-registrar and tahsildar across the state. Document writers at

Another report on Page 5

children's rights to education during the pandemic in Telangana', and based on what they have witnessed during and post-lockdown, a child rights body through its groundwork has been able to identify the issues and setbacks that must be looked into and have urged the government to take appropriate action.

On the ground, more girls are doing household work and helping their

parents instead of taking classes, resulting in an increase in dropout rates among girl students.

The report cited the data provided by the internet and mobile association of India's newly released India Internet 2019 report, which said that the internet has reached only 31 per cent of the population in Telangana state. The same report factors in the gender divide in internet access which stands at a mere 33 per cent of women amongst internet users.

Page 3: Gender divide puts girls at disadvantage

PM: INDIA WANTS TO BE PART OF UN DECISION-MAKING

Speaking at the UN General Assembly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India must be part of decision-making team on the high table

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Overflowing water from Saroor nagar lake floods Kodandaramanagar on Saturday following two days of heavy rains in Hyderabad. The adjoining colonies were also inundated.

— P. SURENDRA

Ram Madhav out, Surya in BJP team

Dropped leaders set to enter Union Cabinet

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 25

The long-awaited team of BJP president J.P. Nadda was finally announced on Saturday, with many prominent names from the previous team missing and many new faces being accommodated.

While Ram Madhav, Muralidhar Rao, Anil Jain and Saroj Pandey, who were in the previous team and were in-charge of prominent states were dropped, new names including former Union minister in the UPA government, D. Purandeswari, MLA from Karnataka C.T. Ravi, Tarun Chugh, Dilip Vijayvargia, incharge of another poll-going state West Bengal, and Arun Singh, in-charge of Odisha, have been retained as general secretaries. The party also filled the post of national treasurer, which had been lying vacant since 2014 after Piyush Goyal was accommodated in Mr Modi's Cabinet in the next expansion.

DR. K. LAXMAN
PREZ OF BJP
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Agarwal, a former minister from Uttar Pradesh.

Tejasvi Surya, Bangalore South MP has replaced Poonam Mahajan as the youth wing leader.

The party has also expanded its list of spokespersons to 23, with MP Anil Baluni being elevated as the chief spokesperson and continuing as the party's media head. Some of the new spokespersons include Rajeev Chandrasekhar, former Union minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, former IPS officer Iqbal Singh Lalpura, MP from Odisha Aparajita Sarangi, MP from Darjeeling, Raju Bista, MP from Nandurbar, Heena Gavit, Nupur Sharma and Tom Vadakkan. The new vice-presidents include former Union minister Radha Mohan Singh, former Jharkhand chief minister Raghubar Das, Mukul Roy, Rekha Verma, Bharti Shiyal and former MP, A.P. Abdullahkutty, a politician from Kerala.

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When Tollywood stars visited excise office

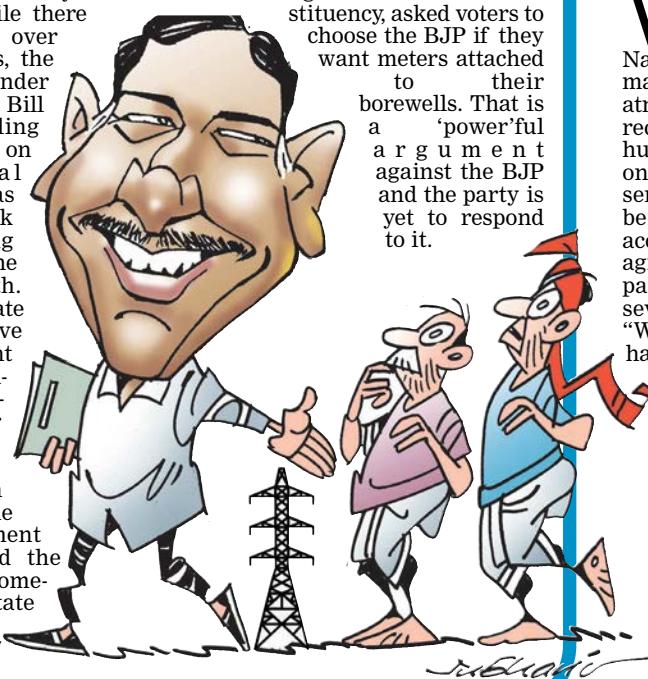
If the rest of India is curious about the film folks' drug indulgence and the media trial, it's a sense of déjà vu for those in the two Telugu states. The big and small of the Tollywood right from actor Ravi Teja to director Puri Jagannadh, actress Charmee to Mumait Khan, popular for her item numbers, besides small-timers like Tarun and Navadeep made a beeline to the excise office a few years ago in Hyderabad, wading their way through camera flashes and TV cameras. More than their parade to the office, the daily media brief had more glamour quotient thanks to the smart-looking Akun Sabharwal who, viewers thought, would have given a run to stars like Mahesh Babu if he was in films. As the "circus" went on for a few days, everyone gradually lost interest. Until they were reminded by a reply to an RTI query that Sabharwal did not show the keenness in bringing the T-Town drugs case to its logical conclusion as he showed in grabbing screen time on television. Of the 12 cases, chargesheets were filed in eight and not in the remaining four which were related to Tollywood stars. Or, was he not allowed to pursue the case further? Because the daily *tamasha* had successfully diverted people's attention from the infamous Miyapur land case in which the government initially took an aggressive stand, only to step back sensing trouble for the powers-that-be.



A 'power'ful argument against BJP by Harish

The controversial farm Bills and the proposed Electricity Bill of the city seem to have cast a shadow on the aspirations of the BJP state leadership which is preparing for the byelection to the Dubbaka Assembly constituency. While there are concerns over the farm Bills, the provision under the electricity Bill of installing power meters on agricultural pumpsets has become a stick for the ruling party to beat the BJP with. Telangana state farmers have been dependent on borewell-based agriculture for decades, though the new irrigation projects of the TRS government have changed the situation somewhat. The state provides unmetered 24x7 free power to

the farm sector and this encourages farmers to use pumpsets where required. The TRS has already intensified its efforts to corner the BJP even before the electoral battle is truly joined. Finance minister T. Harish Rao, during his visit to the constituency, asked voters to choose the BJP if they want meters attached to their borewells. That is a 'power'ful argument against the BJP and the party is yet to respond to it.



LEISURE

BRIDGE | Susanna Gross

When I first learnt bridge, my teacher (not known as bossy boots for nothing) would thump the table when dummy came down and boom: 'What is your plan?'. I could hardly say I didn't know I needed one. When I understood what he meant, things became a little clearer, until he introduced 'Plan B', reassessing the situation at some point in the play because things have changed. I was reminded of this as we were watching the final of a strong Online Mixed competition (see diagram).

North's 3♦ promised some values, enabling South to judge that 6♦ should be reasonable — which it was — and West led her singleton D i a m o n d .

Declarer started carefully with two rounds of trumps — noting the 4-1 break — and decided to draw all of them before advancing the ten of Clubs. The commentators had become rather excited, wondering if East would find the necessary duck of the first round of Clubs. We held our breath,

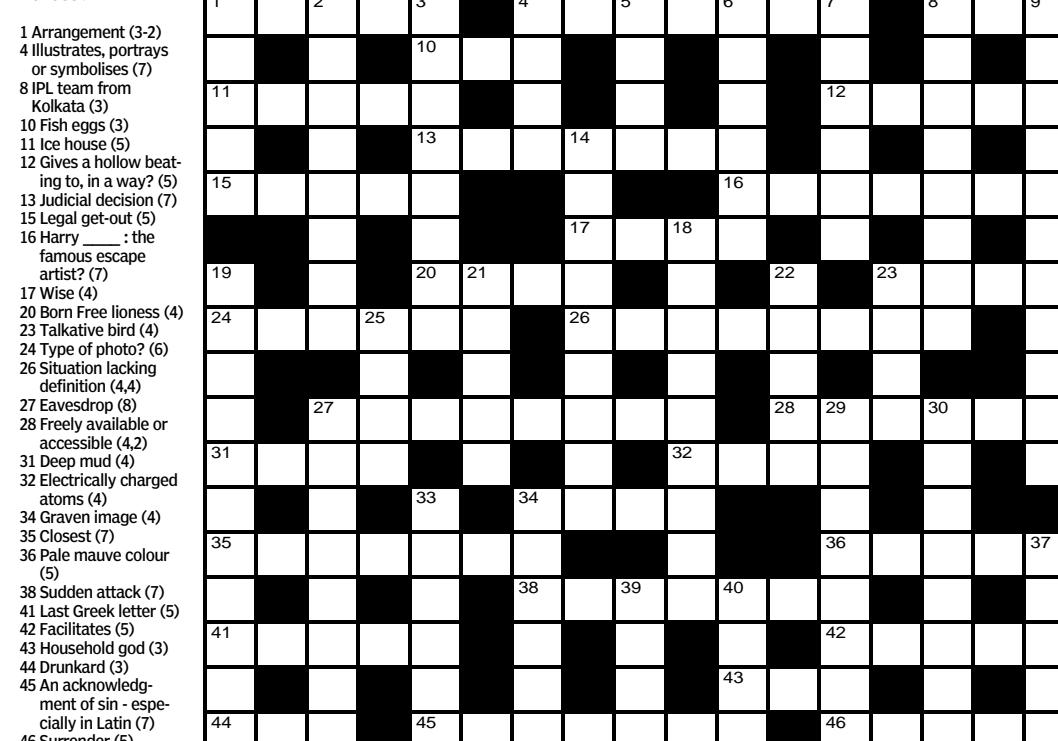
and when the ♦10 held the trick you could almost hear the cheering, everyone expecting South to finesse again and end up two down.

But this is where Plan B took over: South stopped for a moment, took stock and checked his resources. A recount of his tricks showed he now had 11 winners. With the ♦King with West and the long Diamonds with East, there was no need to finesse Clubs again; Declarer simply cashed his red winners and the last trump. With two cards left, West was clutching the ♦K and East the last Diamond. No one could therefore hold more than one Club, so a Club to the Ace guaranteed success. A great Plan B.

Dealer West				NS vulnerable			
♦ Q J 3	♦ Q 8	♦ 7 3 2	♦ A Q J 8 4	♠ 8 6 5 4	♥ J 5	♦ J 10 9 8 6	♦ K 2
♦ 2	♦ K 10 9 7 6 3 2	♦ 4	♦ 9 7 5 3	♠ A K 10 9 7	♥ A 4	♦ A K Q 5	♣ 10 6
♦ K 10 9 7 6 3 2	N W E S	♦ J 10 9 8 6	♦ K 2	♠ A K Q 8 4	♥ J 5	♦ A K Q 5	♣ 10 6
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	Pass	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	♦	Pass	Pass	Pass	6♦
All Pass							

SUNDAY CROSSWORD – 953

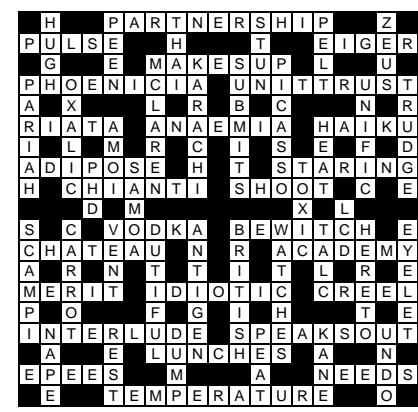
ACROSS:



DOWN:

- 1 humiliating (11)
- 2 Stretchy synthetic fabric (5)
- 3 West African republic (5)
- 4 Very little (4)
- 5 Gofer Ballesteros (4)
- 6 Decoration; ring, bracelet, etc. (8)
- 7 Zither-like medieval instrument (8)
- 8 oblige : French phrase meaning "Privilege entails responsibility?" (8)
- 9 Bollywood legend who passed away in 2020 (5,6)
- 14 with : was unsuitable for one to eat? (9)
- 18 Under-ground fighter (9)
- 19 Discredi-table;

SOLUTION FOR CROSSWORD - 951

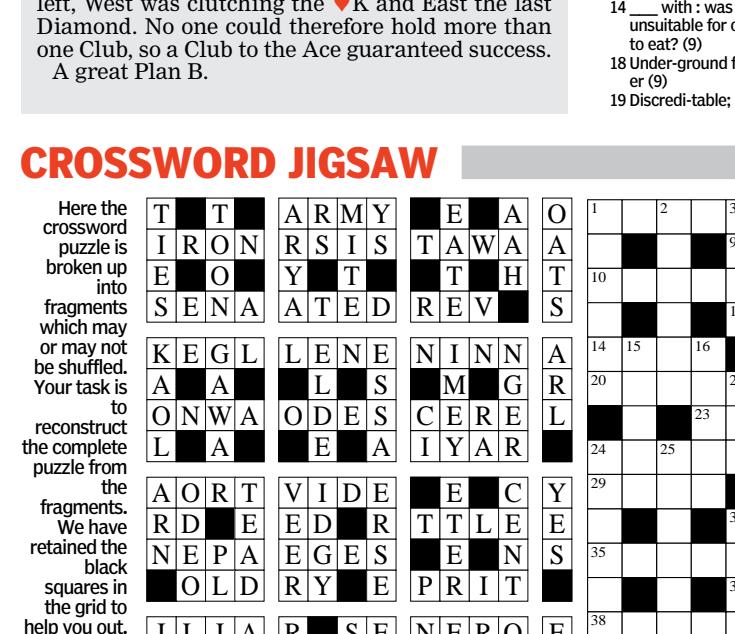


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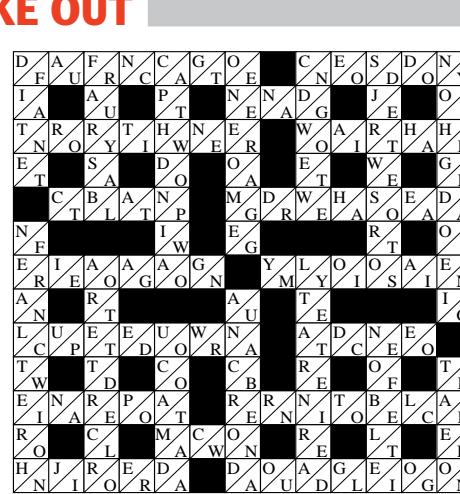
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STRIKE OUT

This crossword has no clues and the answers are waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square you have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you chose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

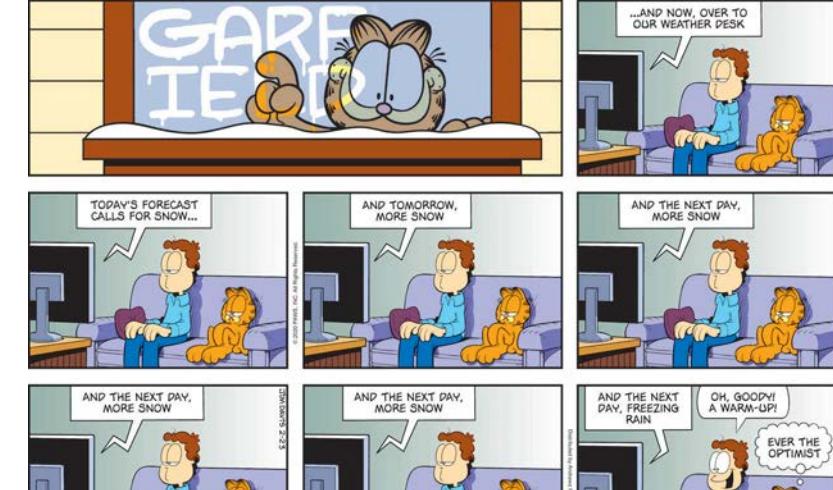


2BHKs only poll issue for Congress

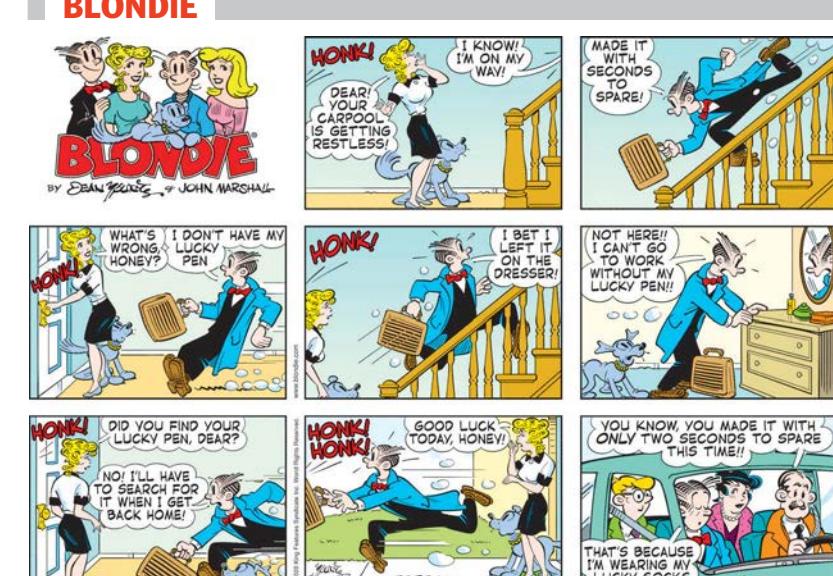
It appears that almost all leaders in the Telangana state Congress are convinced that the construction of double bedroom houses is the only issue for them to corner the TRS in the elections to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. For the past two months, one leader after another has been raking up the issue. First, TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy dared the TRS to prove that it has given double bedroom houses to at least 1 per cent of the applicants in the GHMC. If the TRS could prove it, he said, the Congress would not contest the elections. There was a padayatra by an MP on the matter amid almost daily statements. Then CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka accepted the challenge of the ruling party and accompanied minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav to some 2BHK house sites, but left the tour midway and accused the TRS of hoodwinking the people. Talasani then released the list of 2BHK sites where work was apace, as well as the schedule for their completion. The Congress still does not seem satisfied, and is focusing on the matter.



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IN BRIEF

80% Swiggy delivery executives end strike

Hyderabad: Twenty per cent of delivery executives of Swiggy were still on strike on Saturday while the rest rejoined work with the food delivery service. Meanwhile, the meeting between the labour department, Indian Federation of App-Based Transport Workers and Swiggy management has been postponed to Monday. Delivery executives stated that due to the pandemic they were facing a lot of hardships. Incentives provided by Swiggy were accepted by one group while the other group is demanding that it must be further revised.

GENDER DIVIDE PUTS GIRLS AT DISADVANTAGE

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This gender divide in accessing the internet may pose a serious risk, pushing a girl child away from exercising her right to education.

Another aspect that the activists and volunteers of CRPF across Telangana state have reported is that many children from government schools are showing signs of forgetfulness and are unable to recognise the alphabet owing to the long closure of schools, for they are disconnected from the education system.

Owing to these challenges, CRPF has recommended that the government conduct a comprehensive survey of children, including a health survey to check immunity levels. They suggest that it is imperative to have the data pertaining to children in hand which can be collected at the gram panchayat level. The village-level child protection committees (VLCPC) under the ministry of women development and child welfare, line departments like panchayat raj and education can join in ensuring all children's details are recorded, it added.

UNSAFE

● Children under government care and protection more at risk during lockdown, says the child forum report.

● Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas: Child marriage, child labour, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, teenage pregnancies.

● TS Welfare Residential Educational Institutions, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Education Institutions, TS Tribal Welfare Residential Institutions (Gurukul schools), Mahatma Jyothiba Phule TS Backward Classes Welfare Residential Educational Institutions: Child marriage, child labour, bonded labour, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, SC/ST atrocities.

● TS Minorities Residential Educational Institutions: Child marriage, child labour, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, SC/ST atrocities.

More rains for 4 days likely: IMD

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The IMD said that the southwest monsoon has been vigorous over Telangana state and that very heavy rain occurred at isolated places in Jangaon, Ranga Reddy, Siddipet, Warangal Rural and Mahabubnagar districts.

fall ranged from a high of 7.25 cm in Pashamylaram in Patancheru mandal to a low of 2.3 mm in Uppal.

Of the 136 automatic weather stations manned by the Telangana State Development Society in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, 72 recorded one centimetre or more of rain between 8.30 am and 10 pm, on Saturday. The TSDS forecast for the city for Sunday predicted rain ranging from 2.5 mm to 64.5 mm.

The highest rainfall in the state was recorded at Palakurthi in Jangaon district at 15 cm along with Shadnagar in Ranga Reddy and Waragal in Siddipet recording a similar amount of rainfall, according to the IMD.

Heavy rain was reported from a few places in Nagarkurnool, Sangareddy, Siddipet, Vikarabad, Bhadravati-Kothagudem, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal-Urban, Rajanna-Sircilla, Khammam, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Peddappalle, and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts on Friday and Saturday, the department said.

In the Greater Hyderabad area, the rain-

Dists. on high alert, leaves cancelled

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

He said leave would not be granted and officials and employees should work on public holidays during the time the alert was in place.

The chief secretary told officers to maintain special vigil in low-lying and vulnerable areas and provide regular updates on the rain situation to the control room.

The Chief Secretary directed the collectors to report any untoward incident at once.

The state government has put district administrations across the state on high alert in light of the forecast of heavy rains for the next few days. Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar on Saturday directed all officers to stay in the headquarters towns and take measures to ensure that there is no loss of life and property.

1,83,866, apart from 1,091 deaths. The Coronavirus is continuing ploughing through Telangana state, with over 2,000 cases being reported on Friday. According to the state health department, 2,239 fresh cases of Covid-19 were discovered on Friday. Eleven people lost their lives to the disease, the department said.

The latest Covid-19 numbers take the total Coronavirus infections to

cases.

The other districts reported numbers similar to those over the past six days. The lowest number of cases, 12, was reported from Kumrabheem-Asifabad district.

On Friday, the department said 58,925 tests were conducted and results from 882 tests were still pending. As many as 2,281 persons have been declared as recovered from the disease taking their total to 1,52,441, the department added.

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The mistake was discovered just minutes before the family of one of the patients was cremating the body, and the process was halted.

A 58-year-old person was admitted to the hospital with Covid-19 symptoms on September 16. His condition worsened and he



Family members try to save their belongings as rainwater enters their house at Nadeem Colony on Saturday following continuous rains for last couple of days.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Rain inundates areas near Saroornagar lake

Houses filled with rainwater, streets under four ft water

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL
IDC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

The incessant rain that started on Friday night continued till the morning, submerging localities surrounding Saroornagar lake.

Houses filled with the rainwater, streets were buried under four feet of water, the areas of Kodandaram Nagar Colony, Sharadananagar, Tirupatinagar, Sasala Bathi and V.V. Nagar, have recorded 13.1 mm of rain.

Chendra Reddy, a retired employee of APSRTC, living in Kodandaramnagar Colony since 1995, rued that the government had not come to the aid of the colony's people. "Sewage of other colonies have

been diverted into the Saroornagar tank, civic authorities could have diverted it to the Musi river and this problem would have been solved."

Commenting on a common urban phenomenon, he added "There are water bodies which have been encroached upon in the surrounding areas which is also the reason for this disaster."

A few days ago, 39-year-old Naveen Babu was carried away by the currents into this tank. The body was fished out after a 16-hour search. Narsimha Charly, a resident in the area, claimed that all shops have been kept closed because the roads are filled with water.

"This happens repeats every year," he said.

DILSUKHNAGAR-KARMANGHAT ROAD DISCONNECTED DUE TO RAINWATER

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials barricaded the Dilisukhnagar-Karmanghat road as copious amounts of water was flowing over it from the adjoining colonies.

Though the field staff was alerting commuters to take different routes, their instructions fell in deaf ears since it is the only road which connects the areas.

The field employees said that the water level and current had increased alarmingly by Saturday evening.

"We have altered the officials to fence both sides of the nala to avoid any untoward incident. Though we have barricaded the main road due to the water, commuters are going past to reach their destinations," a field official at Tapovan Road said.

"We urge the municipal authorities to provide a permanent solution in the coming days to avoid knee-level water collecting in the adjoining colonies and heavy flow of water on the arterial roads," the official further said.

HIMAYATSAGAR GATES TO OPEN AFTER A DECADE

MADDY DEEKSHITH
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

After a decade, water from the Himayatsagar reservoir will be released by opening the gates on Saturday night, following heavy rainfall in the catchment areas.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) said the water at Himayatsagar stood at 1,756 feet against the full tank level (FTL) of 1,763.50 feet.

The flood gates will be opened once the water reaches the 1,760-feet mark, which could happen late on Saturday night. The last time the gates of Himayatsagar were opened was in 2010, officials said.

HMWS&SB officials said they had alerted the Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad district administration, GHMC and the police to secure huts along the course of the Musi river into which the released flood water from reservoir will be let out.

The water levels at Osmansagar, the other fresh water reservoir in the city, was also rising with fresh inflows. Against Osmansagar's FTL of 1,790 feet, on Saturday at 9 pm, the water level stood at 1,769 feet. It is likely that its gates too might be opened if the water level continues to rise.

HMWS&SB OFFICIALS said they had alerted the Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad district administration, GHMC and the police to secure huts along the course of the Musi river into which the released flood water from reservoir will be let out.

Pvt hosp gives wrong body to kin

NARENDER PULLOR | DC
NIZAMABAD, SEPT. 26

A corporate hospital in Hyderabad exchanged bodies of Covid-19 patients on Saturday while handing them over to their families in Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts.

The mistake was discovered just minutes before the family of one of the patients was cremating the body till the full payment was made.

Shocked over this, the bereaved family kept the body on the pyre and demanded that the body of their loved one be handed over to them. After a three-hour delay, the body was brought to Gannaram village and the last rites

loved one. Given that it was a Covid-19 death, the family members did not open the wrapping around the body and made arrangements for the last rites. Just as they were to light the funeral pyre, they received a phone call from the ambulance driver informing them that body was mistakenly exchanged.

died on Thursday night. Of the ₹10.3 lakh bill, the family reportedly paid ₹4 lakh and the hospital refused to hand over the body till the full payment was made.

The family arranged the money on Friday and took the body away in an ambulance on Saturday, believing it to be that of their

were conducted. The other body that was mistakenly handed over to the family in Bhiknoor mandal headquarters in Kamareddy district.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, the brother of the Covid-19 patient in Gannaram said that hospital management had behaved inhumanely by demanding full payment but not handing over the correct body.

The government should conduct an inquiry and initiate stringent action, he said. The wife of the Covid-19 victim had died a few years ago and their son stays in Pune.

1 of 25 tests in TS +ve in Sept.

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Going by the steady trend in the discovery of Covid-19 positive cases over 10 days, one out of every 25 persons being tested for the disease is being found positive. Between September 16 and September 25, Telangana state conducted 5,24,545 Covid-19 tests that found a 21,022 new cases.

An analysis of the daily testing and positive cases published in the Covid-19 bulletins issued by the health department also shows that a comparable rate of positive cases was also found for the 10-day period over the same dates in August.

A total of 3,37,539 tests were conducted between August 16 and August 25 that revealed 20,327 cases, which translates into one in 16 tests reporting as Covid-19 positive. The number of tests was fewer during the 10-day period in August.

every 26 tested was found positive in the 10-day period in August.

The average positive case rates being stable for the two months at one out of 25 indicates that Covid-19 may have spread much more widely than is believed. If the entire 3.5 crore population of Telangana state were to be tested on a single day, the outcome could be a staggering 14 lakh Covid-19 positive cases if one goes by the current rate of one out of every 25 tests being found positive.

From March 2 this year when the first Covid-19 case was discovered in Telangana state, the health department has conducted 28,00,761 tests as per the Covid-19 bulletin released on Saturday. The cumulative Covid-19 cases till Friday were 1,83,866.

However, when the August numbers are adjusted to the September test levels, it is found that one of



IN BRIEF

RTC restarts Maha, K'taka services

Hyderabad: The state government on Saturday permitted the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation to restore services to Karnataka, except to Bengaluru, and Maharashtra from Monday. According to the TSRTC, Karnataka and Maharashtra will also resume their operations to the Telangana state from Raichur, Bidar, Nanded, Mumbai, Pune, Gulbarga, Nagpur and Chandrapur.

HC reopens courts in 3 districts

Hyderabad: The High Court directed the reopening of subordinate courts in Adilabad, Khammam and some in Medak for physical hearing on an experimental basis from September 28 while observing Covid-19 protocols. Courts in Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad districts started physical hearing two weeks ago. In the High Court, the combination of virtual and physical hearings will continue till October 2.

Trainee IPS posted to Greyhounds

Hyderabad: Eleven IPS probationary officers were posted as assault commanders in the Greyhounds of the state police by Director-General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy.

The officers are Sneha Mehta, Nitika Pant, K. Kiran Prabhakar, Ch Rupesh, Akhil Mahajan, Yogesh Goutam, Harshavardhan, Ritiraj, Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, B. Balaswamy and Birudaraju Rohit Raju. They will begin their stint after completion of their training at the National Police Academy.

NOTICES ON DEMOLITION OF SECTT ISSUED

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

A petitioner has urged the High Court to direct penal action against the state Cabinet for Resolution 173/2020 of June 30, which the petitioner said was issued to demolish two mosques and a temple at the Secretariat.

The petitioner, Tehreek Muslim Shabbani, represented by its president Musthaq Malik, said the Cabinet ought to be punished under Section 3 of the Place of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991, which prohibits conversion of any place of worship of any religion into that of a different denomination.

Petitioner's counsel Nissar Ahmed Ezami said the Cabinet had passed a resolution to construct the new Secretariat without mentioning the position of the places of worship which were subsequently dismantled. They have apologised and promised reconstruction of the places of worship after protests, but cannot escape penal proceedings for violation of the law, counsel said.

He said the police had failed to register a case.

The court issued notices seeking reply in two weeks from the Union ministry of minority affairs, Central Wakf Council, TS Chief Secretary, TS minority welfare department, Minority Welfare Commission, Wakf Board, endowment department, Hyderabad collector, Hyderabad police commissioner, Saifabad station house officer. The hearing was adjourned to October 15.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: 26-09-2020
The public is hereby informed that (i) Guha Pratap Reddy (ii) G. Prakash Reddy (iii) Jagan Mohan Reddy (all Sons of Late G. Veera Mallareddy) and (iv) G. Rama Devi, (v) G. Arun Reddy, (vi) G. Apoorva (vii) G. Sravya Reddy (all legal heirs of Late G. Surendra Reddy, deceased Son of G. Veera Mallareddy) have offered to sell the property bearing Municipal Door Nos 16-10-174/1 to 6, admeasuring 105.66 sq.yds, situated at Old Malakpet, Hyderabad as its absolute and exclusive owners. My clients, having interest in acquiring the said property, are proposing to buy the same. If any person has any claim or interest over the said property, he or she may notify the same to the undersigned with supporting documents, within Seven Days of Publication of this notice, failing which, my client will proceed with the transaction, as if there are no claims of whatsoever nature over the said property.

Sd/- (Mohan Rao)
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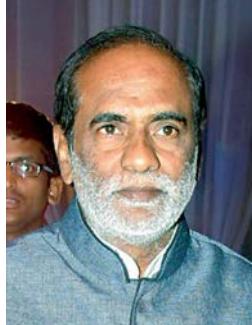
After the government on Friday allowed many parks to reopen after a six-month closure, walkers make their way to the KBR Park at Jubilee Hills, in Hyderabad, on Saturday. Many walkers turned up despite the early morning drizzle.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

BJP picks Laxman to head OBC Morcha

Aruna, aspirant for TS BJP chief, made vice-president

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26



Dr. K. Laxman, former president of the Telangana state BJP unit, has been appointed president of the BJP's OBC Morcha, in the national executive body formed by party president J.P. Nadda on Saturday. Dr. Laxman was waiting for a post in the national executive for a long time.

Nadda also appointed D.K. Aruna, former minister, as vice-president. She had joined the BJP

from the Congress prior to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.



State Congress in-charge Manickam Tagore, TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and senior leaders including V. Hanumantha Rao and K. Jana Reddy at the party's core committee meeting in Hyderabad.

— P. ANIL KUMAR

Unite, TS Cong's new incharge urges party

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Chanting the unity mantra, the new All India Congress committee (AICC) in-charge, Manickam Tagore, exhorted party leaders to work as a team if they want to win the 2023 Assembly polls.

After his appointment as TS Congress in-charge, Tagore arrived in Hyderabad on Saturday and held a TPCC core committee meeting at Indira Bhavan here in the city.

Tagore stressed at the meeting the importance of unity and discipline among Congress leaders. He told the leaders that he will hold a core committee meeting once in two months.

He said Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao was acting very cleverly with regard to the farm Bills and asked why the TRS was opposing the legislations when it had supported all Bills of the Modi government in the past.

TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, while introducing Tagore to the leaders, stressed the need for ground-level agitations against the farm Bills.

According to sources, CLP leader, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, suggested that serious ground work should begin rightaway to win the Duggi assembly by-election and wanted the candidate to be named in advance.

K. Jana Reddy felt that the Congress leadership has to look to strengthening the party

At one stage it was expected that Aruna would be made BJP state chief, but the party chose social activist Sanjay Kumar, Karimnagar MP, who hails from the Backward Class community.

From Andhra Pradesh, Nadda appointed Daggubati Purandeswari, also a former Congress minister, as general secretary. Satya Kumar, also from AP, was appointed secretary.

Those hailing from the Telugu states who have been dropped include

general secretaries Ram Madhav and P. Muralidhar Rao.

Ram Madhav was taking care of the party's affairs in J&K, Ladakh and the northeast and Muralidhar Rao was in charge of party affairs of the southern states.

There are speculations that they would be inducted in the Narendra Modi Cabinet in coming days.

G.V.L. Narasimha Rao, Rajya Sabha member from Andhra Pradesh, lost his position as spokesperson of the BJP.

Those hailing from the Telugu states who have been dropped include

Man killed

Hyderabad: An unidentified man was found murdered at an isolated spot near Pillar 161 of the PVNR Expressway on Thursday night. Police said the man, approximately 40 years old, appeared to be a worker and may have been killed during a brawl. The body has been sent to the OGH mortuary.

— INN

13th Day Remembrance



Dr. Purushottam Das Jaiswal
DOB 17.06.1942 - DOD 15.09.2020

You are always with us

Inserted by
Sisters Smruti Kanta Jaiswal
Smt & Sri Kalyani Rajan Jaiswal
And their Sons & Daughter

ONE-MONTH REMEMBRANCE

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

After 100 years of completion

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CHERUKURI SATYANARAYANA
DOB: 27-09-1920 DOD: 24-04-1972

CHERUKURI MANIKYAM
DOB: 25-11-1925 DOD: 25-10-1995

WE LOVE YOU, WE MISS YOU.
PLEASE BLESS US, THANK YOU.

Inserted by: NEAR & DEAR

(S/2021/D00633)

IN LOVING MEMORY



JOGU SAROJINI
W/o Late Jogu Kishan Rao (MAMA)

DOB: 21-04-1935 DOD: 22-09-2016

Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

Ph: 24072596

(S/2021/D00644)

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



PEREJI MARY MEENA KUMARI
D.O.B: 27-09-2016

Missing You Always

Inserted by:

Ravi, Kiran, Aaron, Joanna

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(S/2021/D00645)

M. Prakash

A husband, father, mentor, sportsman, and a true gentleman.

We hope you are in a better place and we miss you.

Inserted by:

Sandeep Prakash(Son)

and Rashmi Prakash (daughter).

Ph: 9703887404/9985901408

(S/2021/D00646)

4th Year Remembrance



M. Prakash

A husband, father, mentor, sportsman, and a true gentleman.

We hope you are in a better place and we miss you.

Inserted by:

Smt. T.G. PREMALATHA &

FAMILY MEMBERS

(S/2021/D00646)

30th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Shri T.G. Gnana Prakasham

(Expired on 27-09-1990)

It is a 30 year you have left us. But we feel your presence which keep us alive.

Inserted by:

Smt. T.G. PREMALATHA &

FAMILY MEMBERS

(S/2021/D00646)

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Late S.S. Rajarathnam

DOB: 01.09.1929 DOD: 27.09.2012

We always remember & cherish your good deeds & your memories

Sanjeev (Son)

Sheeba (Grand Daughter)

Sam (Grand Son)

(S/2021/D00643)

CONG DEMANDS FILLING UP OF 1.5L VACANCIES

Hyderabad: AICC secretary Challa Vamshi Chand Reddy on Saturday demanded that the state government fill the 1.5 lakh vacant posts that are already existing and as well as the 1.5 vacancies created by retirement of personnel. Addressing the media, he said the government had remained silent for years on the Pay Revision Commission, Interim Relief and DA, transfers and promotions of government employees and had imposed cuts in their salaries and pensions during lockdown.

10th ANNIVERSARY

Jesus said, "Those who believe in me will live, even if they die." John 11:25

15.09.1940 - 27.09.2010

W/o Sri A.Jeremiah

Dear beloved mother,

You live always in our hearts

with your loving memories.

Inserted by:

Husband, Sons,

Daughter, Daughters-in-law,

& Grand Children. Ph: 040-23703555

(S/2021/D00653)

With profound grief and sorrow,

we regret to inform the

sad demise of our beloved

Smt. KUCHIPUDI HANNA RAJAKUMARI

15.09.1940 - 27.09.2020

W/o Sri A.Jeremiah

Dear beloved mother,

SHORT TAKES

PLOT TO SEPARATE COUPLE STARTED IN JUNE

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The remand report says that it was one month ago that Yugender, who was distraught at his sister Archana and Laxma were unable to bear that their daughter had fled their house and married Hemant against their wishes in June, began plotting ways to separate the couple. If that did not succeed, then Hemant, 28, would be killed.

Hemant was cremated by his family amidst tearful scenes at the Hindu Smashana Vatika at Taranager in Lingampally on Saturday with his father Murali Krishna performing the last rites, even as their relatives tried to console an inconsolable Avanti, and Murali Krishna's wife Laxmi Rani.

The remand report says that after he was caught by the police, Yugender confessed to the plan and revealed how it was put in place. The report also lays out how Avanti's father handed over ₹1 lakh as advance to be paid to the killers by Yugender.

In his confession, Yugender told the police that he could not see his sister and brother-in-law suffer after their daughter married against their wishes, that he, in consultation with Avanti's parents, planned the operation. This included kidnapping Avanti and Hemant from their home on Thursday and the subsequent killing of Hemant.

Among the charges the 18 accused are facing are that of murder, which can result in death penalty or life time imprisonment, kidnapping which carries a maximum sentence of seven years, and trespass, assault and wrongful restraint punishable by seven years in prison.

HEAVY RAINS SUBMERGE LOW-LYING AREAS

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Sharing his experience, K. Ajay, a resident of Hasmathpet, said that the overflowing sewage water from all surrounding areas accumulates at the low-lying basti.

"The MLA had visited two days ago. We do not even have power in the area for most of the days, which makes it more difficult to dry up the water in our houses", he said. People living in Hasmathpet near Old Bowenpet next to Bon Cheruvu woke up to two feet deep sewerage water flooding into their houses.

Naga Lakshmi, a resident of New Bowenpally, said, "The rainwater entered our shop and a few rice bags became wet by the time we opened the shop. It took more than an hour to clean the shop."

It was a flood-like situation in Shamshabad following incessant rainfall in the area. Water entered houses in Nadeem Colony in Tolichowki, Chikoti Garden in Begumpet and Kodandarnagar in LB Nagar division.

Several colonies, including Mohammad Guda, Prakashnagar, Abids, Hayatnagar, Banjara Hills, Panjagutta, Madhapur, Mehdiyipatnam, Ameerpet, Malakpet, Begumpet, Alwal and Bowenpally were affected by inundation.

Reports said colonies in Ganganagar, Barkatpura, Hashtinapuram, Shalivahan Nagar, Moosambagh, Babu Jagiyan Ram Nagar, Srinagar Colony, Ashoknagar, Kavadi-guda, Lower Tank Bund, Shrivam Road, Raj Bhavan Road and others were inundated.

The GHMC's Disaster Response Force and the traffic police from Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda were on the field to pump out water from waterlogged roads to allow vehicular movement.

A tree collapsed near the Medchal RTO office, slowing traffic. It was cleared at 11.30 am. A fallen street light at Road No. 1, Banjara Hills was removed by the Panjagutta police. Waterlogging under the Hitec City rail bridge slowed traffic from Cyber Towers.

Dharani updates will be free: KTR

Says new Revenue Act will end disputes

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

K.T. Rama Rao, municipal administration and urban development minister, said on Saturday that the government was focusing on addressing issues related to land and asset ownership rights without imposing a financial burden on the owners. The government does not have any intention to collect any fee from the people and the idea is to facilitate and address all ownership rights.

Rama Rao, accompanied by city minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, was speaking at a video-conference to address revenue-related matters in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits.

Rama Rao said it is estimated that there are around 24.5 lakh properties in Hyderabad. A few

of them are entangled in ownership and other disputes.

The MA&UD minister stressed that all registrations will take place through the Dharani portal. He asked city ministers to actively participate in the exercise to upload details of asset and property ownership during the next 15 days.

He appealed to property owners not to approach agents for uploading the details of their assets and properties. He said the exercise will be done for free.

After discussing several property disputes in the videoconference, Rama Rao assured that if there is any need, the government is prepared to take more decisions in the Cabinet to sort out issues. He said that in the near future there will not be any issues over land and asset transactions. He said efforts were on to provide a permanent solution.

He said the majority of ownership issues in the rural areas had been resolved. The government will be issuing passbooks in different colours to agricultural and non-agricultural land holders.

Mayor Bonthu Rammohan, MA&UD principal secretary Arvind Kumar, and the collectors of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts participated in the video conference.



Wife Savitri performs rituals as her daughter Pallavi and son Charan mourn near legendary playback singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam during his funeral at his farmhouse in Thamaraiapakkam of Thiruvallur district. — PTI

AP sends minister from Nellore to SPB's funeral

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, SEPT. 26

SPB laid to rest with TN's 24-gun salute

Chennai, Sept 26: Versatile singer, actor and music composer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) held at his farm in Thamaraiapakkam of Thiruvallur in Tamil Nadu on Saturday. He had passed away on Friday.

The minister, along with his close relative and former corporator P. Roopkumar Yadav, consoled SPB's son Charan and family members after paying floral tributes to the mortal remains of the singer.

Speaking to mediapersons, Dr Anilkumar said that he rushed to Chennai to be present at the sombre ceremony at the instance of Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He recalled that the singer belonged to Nellore.

He said he had an opportunity to meet SPB three times as MLA of Nellore while recalling the affectionate treatment extended by him. Referring to the 40,000 songs rendered by SPB in 16 languages, he said there is no match to the great singer.

He hinted that they would plan a memorial for Balasubrahmanyam at Nellore after discussing with the Chief Minister. Sullurpetta legislator Kileveti Sanjevaiah was also present with the minister.

brought on a traditional hay lined bier to the final resting place on the verdant premises from a 'pandal' earmarked for people to pay homage and perform rituals.

Tamil Nadu culture minister K. Pandiarajan, Andhra Pradesh irrigation minister Anilkumar Yadav, matinee star Vijay, film directors Bharathiraja, Ameer, music composer Devi Sri Prasad, singer Mano, actor Arjun and comedian Mayilsami were among the celebrities who turned up to pay their last respects.

Though police had initially said only about 150 people would be allowed to pay homage, more and more men and women trooped to the singer's idyllic farm house to pay homage.

Before becoming ill, he recorded a zestful opening song for the under-production Rajinikanth starrer Annatha, a D. Imman musical and it turned out to be his last song in his career that spanned over five decades. Imman said: "I feel so blessed that his last song was in my music. Such a cultured and affectionate man, there is no replacement for him. We miss you."

— Agencies

SAMPAT G. SAMRITAN I DC VIJAYAWADA, SEPT. 26

Following the recent exposure by the Telangana state police of the tampering of calibration boxes and display boards of fuel-dispensing machines mainly belonging to Gilbarco Veeder-Roof, Midco Limited, Tokheim and others, the AP government has swung into action and directed legal metrology authorities to inspect all

fuel stations to check machines to find any lapses. Officials from the legal metrology department, along with representatives from BPCL, HPCL and IOC, original equipment manufacturers, officials from civil supplies and also from the vigilance wing, are visiting fuel stations to inspect fuel-dispensing machines and nozzles.

Authorities have identified 300 machines as being most vulnerable to tampering as they are under the control of unauthorised leaseholders along national highways and with relatively low revenue. The authorities have completed inspection of nearly 150 machines and booked cases in Guntur, Chilakaluripeta, Chittoor and Anantapur.

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CHILD DROWNS AS RAINS LASH RAYALASEEMA

DC CORRESPONDENTS NELLORE, ANANTAPUR, GUNTUR, SEPT. 26

An eleven-year-old boy, Pallapu Sravankumar, of Ambadipudi in Nellore district, drowned in the floodwaters though locals managed to save another boy Gunji Vishal, 14. The two boys had ventured into the floodwaters near the habitation on Saturday.

At Ravipadu village, a tractor was washed away in the floodwaters of Gundlakamma stream. There were seven people in the tractor and a search is to trace them.

Several roads were under a sheet of water in Chirala, Kanigiri, Addanki and Giddalur mandals because of floods.

In Guntur, road connectivity from the temple town of Amaravati to the Amaravati capital region, Mangalagiri and Vijayawada was cut at the Kondaveeti Vagu overflowed at Peda Maddur. Traffic was stalled between Peduguralla and Sattenapalli on the Guntur-Hyderabad highway.

In Anantapur, access between Guntakal and Ballari of Karnataka was cut near Donekal where five-foot water is flowing across the highway.

"Right now, maintaining physical distance between customers should not be a problem as we do not expect rapid footfalls. But we are ensuring that

Bars, pubs resume after six months with Covid protocol

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 26

Bar owners in the city are looking forward to their businesses getting back in stride, if not immediately at least in a steady manner.

With the government allowing bars and other liquor serving outlets to resume business, bar owners say that they have put in place all the mandated Covid-19 safety norms and precautions to ensure safety of staff and customers.

"The maintenance of the premises and staff alone works out to around ₹6 lakh a month. Ever since the bars were shut down in March, business has suffered tremendous losses. But it is doubtful if people will start rushing in to have a drink and everyone is still wary of the Coronavirus," Venkat Goud, a bar owner in Dilsukhnagar, said.

Everyone who steps in wears a mask and is provided with hand sanitizer to clean their hands," he said. Among the measures the government recommended are deep-cleansing of the bar premises twice a day, cleaning of seats and tables after a customer leaves and before another takes the place, mandatory physical distancing between customers and provision of hand sanitizers.

Some bars, eager to open

their doors to customers and make it attractive for them to come and have a drink, have begun announcing live telecasts of the ongoing IPL match-

es on big screens. Shruthi Restaurant and Bar in Alwal is one such watering hole that was quick to say that it would live stream the games for their customers starting with Saturday night's game between Sun Risers Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders.

However, safety is a huge concern right now in all bars and pubs. Ankanksa Choudhary, director (marketing for India) for Hard Rock Café, the upmarket chain, said "We will follow every safety protocol."

Srinivas Goud, proprietor of Saveria Bar and Restaurant and Reliance Bar and Restaurant, said that all his staff will also get a visor in addition to wearing masks and every table will be provided with a sanitiser bottle. One of the priority areas for cleaning and sanitising are restrooms, he said. "We have lost more than six months of business, and the government should extend our licences for six months along with exemptions on payment of municipal and trade taxes," he said.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

Tender Document No: e/02/DUB/GHMC/2020-21, Dt: 18-09-2020, Name of Work: Procurement of 110 Nos. of Satin Synthetic Flower / Satin Nylon Cloth Flower Bathukamras, for installing in 110 different locations in GHMC limits, Estimated Amount / E.R.P.: ₹ 1,00,000/-, Status: Open, Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: Start Date: 26-09-2020 at 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date: 05-10-2020 at 3:30 PM, Name & Address Officer Cell No: O/o Director (UB), Indira Park, Lower Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad, Cell No: 9989094471, Further details can be found on website <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

RO No: 5455-PP/CL/Advt/1/2020-21 Sd/- DIRECTOR (UB), GHMC

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER-V, MISSION BHAGIRATHA DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice No.3/2020-21 e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (2' Call) Dt:26.09.2020 Name of the work Additional work in "Providing drinking water to Kaminnagar-Rayadugu segment", in Khammam District, 2nd Call TOTAL ECV: 2299.97 Rs.Lakh, Tender documents are available in e-procurement market 29.09.2020 to 09.10.2020 up to 3:00 PM,Tender accepted on 29.09.2020 to 09.10.2020 up to 4:00 PM, Technical Bid opening on 09.10.2020 at 5:00 PM, Financial bid opening on 13.10.2020 at 11:00 AM. The bidders are requested to furnish their experience and other details in zip format. Further details can be obtained from e- procurement market place on <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> Contact: +91 9100122215, +91 795660261. R.O. No.: 535-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 Sd/- Chief Engineer-V, MB, Hyderabad.

OFFICE OF THE KHAMMAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Ro.No.DBKMC/130/QC/2020-21, EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Dt: 21-09-2020

The Commissioner, Khammam Municipal Corporation invites the Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Providing third party Quality Assurance for the Development work in 1 to 50 Divisions in Khammam Municipal Corporation for One Year i.e., form 01.10.2020 to 30.09.2021" from Registered consultancy/private firms those who are having sufficient equipments and Experience in quality controlling tests & reports issues. The interested registered organizations that are having past experience in these Consultancy/Laboratory services and financial capability to undertake the job rates fixed by the department on percentage basis quality control tests & report percentage quote. Tender Schedule: Starting Date for downloading E-ol. 29-09-2020 at 11:00 AM, Ending Date for download of E-ol. 29-09-2020 at 11:00 AM, Date for Submission of E-ol. in sealed Covers on 01-10-2020 to 30-09-2021 and can be extended for further (12) months based on the performance by the competent authority. The Technical Bid & Financial bid sealed in separate covers shall be dropped in the E-ol Box at Commissioner on 29-09-2020 up to 3:00 pm and the same will be opened on 29-09-2020 at 4:00 pm. For any queries contact Sri. T. SATISH, Asst. Engineer, Khammam Municipal Corporation, Cell No. 7901298206. For further details login to <http://khammamcorporation.telangana.gov.in> R.O. No.: 947-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 Sd/-Executive Engineer Khammam Municipal Corporation

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT

FORM-C NOTIFICATION Under Section 11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given (see rule 6/12)

Gazette No. GHMC - 131 Dt: 19-09-2020 No.C/99/2020 Dt: 18-09-2020

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Special Collector that a total of 12027.71 Sq. Yds land is required in the Kukatpally village, Kukatpally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District for public purpose namely Junction Improvement plan at Y-Junction Balanagar 60 mts wide road, towards Balanagar, Kukatpally and Moosapet

Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Village kukatpally, Kukatpally Mandal, Medchal- Malkajgiri District land measuring more or less 12027.71 sq.yds of standard measurements, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition:

Sl.No.	Survey No.	Type of Land	Area under acquisition in Sq. Yards	Name of person interested	Boundaries				Plots Area	Boundaries				Trees	Structures
					North	South	East	West							

DECCAN Chronicle

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Sheebani Sethi

Off the beaten track

No country for young women

Predictably, with the farmers' protests gaining momentum and the parliamentary process in shambles, new names have emerged in the so-called 'Bollywood drug mafia investigation', and some anchors who had jumped the gun now get to shrilly gloat on national TV.

Equally predictably, the named are young women. Some, conveniently, happen to be middling successful 'nepo kids'. One, self-made superstar, made a five-minute non-speaking cameo appearance at a den of anti-national urban naxals, aka one of the finest universities in India.

The only male public figure named so far is SSR, making one wonder if 'Justice For Sushant' means tarnishing his memory and legacy.

India hates its young women.

In a country which 'worships' women as goddesses, it is the young girl who invites rape by wearing jeans and eating chowmein, the young woman who invites a (dis)honour killing by daring to love a man of her choice, the young wife who invites domestic violence by not worshiping sufficiently abjectly at the altar of her husband and in-laws.

In a city named after Mumba Devi, a single woman who enters into a romantic relationship is called anything from a whore to a home-wrecker, whilst a man is the innocent victim of her wiles, even when he is married and knowingly cheats. The actor wife is blamed when a cricketer has a bad match. Women who dare to express contrarian opinions are subjected to disgusting trolling and rape threats.

A young woman who facilitated the procurement of a negligible amount of weed for her boyfriend is denied bail and continues in jail in horrific conditions on the flimsiest of charges, whilst a middle-aged man-child who has admitted to taking pretty much every drug ever invented, is celebrated in a movie in which he is played by a younger man-child. [Out of curiosity, how does one drug a grown man with weed without his knowledge and consent? Sprinkle it on his *rajma-chawal* instead of *kasoori methi*?]

The flipside of this narrative is that our god-like *raja betas* appear to have no noticeable degree of agency, choice, sense, responsibility or self-control. It is a mystery why Indian men don't find this insulting.

For millennia, Indian women have been designated as the 'honour-keepers' of patriarchy (i.e., keep your legs and mouths shut). Often it is women who normalise and enforce misogyny. Recently, some of these 'princesses of patriarchy' are being styled as feminists. Ladies, you aren't.

Feminists are not victims. They believe that all genders are equal, and every individual has a right to their own choices and opinions, without inflicting them on others. They disagree with a person without insulting them. They don't judge or insult a woman because they don't agree with her. They understand the concept of consent. They don't use rape references except when discussing actual rape. They believe that a woman can be a home-maker or the CEO of a company, as long as it is HER choice. They don't hate men, or women. They don't have to be women.

So, no. You aren't feminists. Not when you play the victim card, selectively outrage on behalf of some women but slut shame others, are self-confessed addicts but derogatorily call others 'druggies', make accusations but withhold 'proof', complain (rightly) about the abuse you receive but abuse others with abandon, have different standards for different people depending on your whims. You are high-priestesses of hypocrisy.

Here's an example of how feminism works:

A prominent Bollywood male is the subject of recent #MeToo allegations. The timing of these is as suspect as the demolition of the illegal parts of an actor's office (the tasteless and tone-deaf rape analogy that followed notwithstanding).

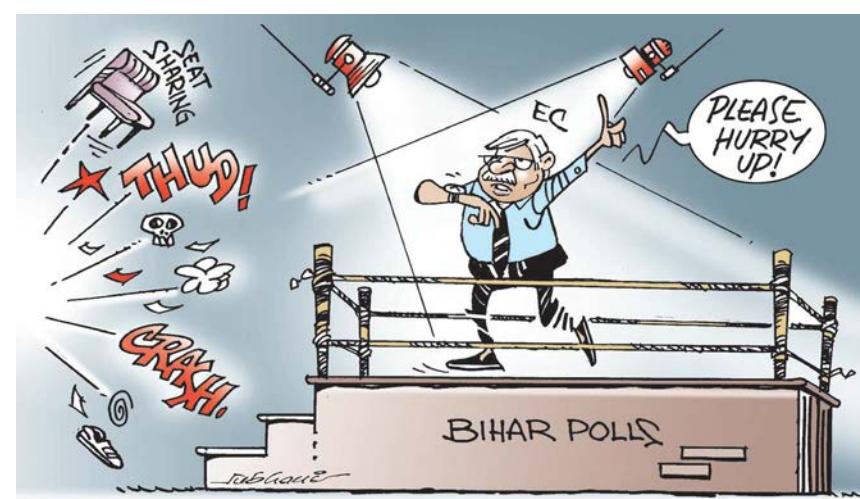
As a feminist, I say that every such charge should be investigated, and both sides heard equally. Also, if a charge is found to be trivial and baseless, there should be legal consequences for the accuser. Misusing and trivializing legal protections given to women (like dowry, domestic violence and sexual harassment laws) is an insult to the countless, voiceless women who truly need them, and to the women and men who have fought for centuries, often at huge personal risk, so that Indian women may enjoy a modicum of equality with their male counterparts.

True gender equality in India is still a long way away. So I urge the self-styled feminists to put their money where their mouths are, with objectivity, compassion, respect and non-partisanship, and help us achieve it. Otherwise India will continue to be no country for young women. And, given the recent, disgusting trolling of trail-blazing doyennes of Bollywood, no country for middle-aged or old women either.

The Indian ideal is Sati, not Kali. We forget that both, that all our deities, are avatars of the same supreme Goddess.

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Covid shadow at UN-75: Some lessons for India



K.C. Singh

Covid-19's shadow looms over the 75th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly this year. The high-level segment began September 22, with virtual speeches delivered to a near empty hall. Customarily, the first speaker was Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, followed by US President Donald Trump. The US presidential election is just days away, the outcome of which is critical for America and indeed the world.

For India, the anniversary has little cause for celebration as China, a UN Security Council permanent member, ignoring its Charter commitments, is attempting by force to alter the status quo at the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the UNGA Saturday evening. The 2020 theme is: "The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism". This sounds unrealistic, the world being caught between the pandemic and the rise of nationalist-populist leaders in almost all major powers, other than perhaps Germany. It's therefore important to study what they had to say.

President Trump, days from a tough November 3 election, was naturally more geared to a domestic than global audience. Incidentally, he spoke as Bob Woodward's book *Rage*, based on extensive interviews including with the President, reached bookshops. Pulling no punches, Mr Trump called the pandemic the "invisible enemy" and "China virus". He likened US mobilisation to that during World War II, having already cost over 200,000

dead, 40 million jobless and an economic slowdown nearing recession. The \$2.2 trillion stimulus may leave behind rolling deficits. Mr Trump sought accountability from those who "unleashed the plague". While China, he alleged, locked down domestic travel, it kept international flights open, and delayed sharing that the disease was communicable person-to-person and by asymptomatic individuals. Woodward recounts Mr Trump's discussion with advisers whether China, realising the likely damage to its economy, allowed international travel and thus the pandemic's spread, to level the playing field with the developed world. Mr Trump then fielded the usual claims about US economic and military growth under his watch and a swipe at the UN that it must focus on "real problems" to be effective. The US, he claimed, led in protecting human rights, which sits poorly with his handling of the Black Lives Matter protests. When Woodward pushed with: "I'm asking whether you can understand the plight, struggle, pain of people?", The reply, more dodge than revelation, was: "I'm somebody that likes to get things done rather than talk." Mr Trump cited his "America First" invocation, encouraging others to the same. It summed up his anti-multilateralism at the citadel of global governance.

Chinese President Xi Jinping was happy to fill that gap. He repeatedly referred to the pandemic, on the defensive after the US onslaught. He pledged the virus must be defeated, but must not be politicised, nor nations stigmatised. He sought "macro policy coordination" between major economies

to enable global recovery. He then waxed eloquent about helping the developing world, especially Africa, which for China is a crucial market and source of raw materials. Chinese companies control mines from Congo to Chile and Australia, cornering minerals needed for solar panels, electric vehicles, etc. The pandemic, Mr Xi argued, should teach there is no escaping inter-dependence and respect for each country's "independent choice of development path and model".

He countered the crescendo from China for "decoupling" from China by seeking an open multilateral trading system with WTO as its cornerstone. On climate change, he promised carbon neutrality in China by 2060. Of course, he ignored that China's installed capacity for polluting thermal power is half the world's total. Even new Belt and Road Initiative projects have a mix of thermal and hydro power units. Reaffirming faith in global governance, he promised China will never seek hegemony. The speech will leave most of China's neighbours astounded at the gap between his words and China's actions.

Interestingly Russian President Vladimir Putin contested America's claim of stabilising West Asia and the Gulf by "peace deals". He said as the world changes so must the UN, but undermining it may collapse the "architecture of international organisations". In the Mideast, he sees foreign interference, not democracy and reform, with the vacuum filled by extremists, leading to an illicit trade in arms and oil. He undercut Mr Trump's sim-

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plastic conclusion that splitting and realigning parts of the Islamic world with Israel and against Iran and its Shia nation-states would buy peace.

Amid this dissonance among major powers Pakistan's PM Imran Khan addressed the UNGA. He tried linking the UN's 75th anniversary as a time to recall fascism's defeat in Europe and focus on contemporary neo-fascism by the RSS and the BJP government in India. From that it was an easy path to claiming repression in Kashmir, and the breach of real and imaginary past UNGA resolutions. While he focused on the flow of illicit funds of Pakistan's politicians to developed nations, with his political rivals in mind, there was no mention of Pakistan's funding non-state actors and its travails with the Financial Action Task Force. His angst is understandable as the big powers aren't interested in Pakistan's Kashmir laments, except China.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi may take the high road and leave Indian diplomats to respond. He will no doubt seek UNSC reform, support equitable globalisation, as India needs investment to create employment, reiterate India's commitment to the Paris climate change accord and, like China, offer help to developing nations in fighting the pandemic. The post-pandemic world has conflated with the post-Trump world. Woodward's final words on Mr Trump are that his oversized personality and lack of trust in experts led to "the undermining or attempted undermining of so many American institutions. The failure of calming, healing voice. The unwillingness to acknowledge errors...".

Facing a recalcitrant China, angry farmers up in arms and a swirling Covid, India's government should draw a lesson from this.

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LETTERS

SPB'S DEATH

The news that SPB is no more is just sinking in. He was so full of life that it is as if the spirit of life itself is extinguished and has left us. He was an embodiment of versatility with a wide range of skills. His remarkable success is, in my view, due to the fact that he treated his technicians and the orchestra artistes with utmost respect. I am an ardent admirer of his wonderful qualities and the singer in him. His songs have always given great pleasure. There will be hardly a Shiva temple that does not play the *Lingash-takam* daily. We are going to miss him very badly.

Phani Marur
Hyderabad

It is sad that none of the previous governments, including the one led by the BJP, thought it fit to confer the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke award on S.P. Balasubrahmanyam. With elections due in Tamil Nadu, we can hope the BJP government would come forward to demand the award for SPB. May his soul rest in peace.

N. Nagarajan
Hyderabad

Music has the power to change the pedigree of human mind and body in an hypnotic way. Even aged people are enthralled by the melodious voice of a singer. The last wizard of golden age of musical entertainment S.P. Balasubrahmanyam, who had recorded over 40,000 songs in 16 Indian languages, has left behind his immortal voice.

S. Seetharam Basaani
Hanamkonda

DRUG PROBE

It is unfortunate that the CBI investigation into the cause of Sushant Singh Rajput's death has been sidelined with the focus falling on the drug angle. They seem to be completely going on a different track. Bollywood celebrities are earning and paying a good amount of money to the government in taxes. Let us stop criminalising their personal liberties.

Khaizar Hussain
Hyderabad

Jordan King forms new Govt.

AMMAN, Sept. 26 Jordan's King Hussein, under heavy verbal fire from fellow Arab leaders and continued demands for his overthrow from the Palestinian guerrillas, today announced a new Government to try to end the "black troubles" in his embattled country.

The 13-man Cabinet is headed by a Palestinian civilian politician, Mr. Ahmed Toukan, and contains at least five Palestinians and six army men.

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle It replaces the military Government, the King set up on September 16, the day before the King's army launched its assault on the guerrillas. Its head, Brigadier Mohammed Daoud, also a Palestinian, resigned on Thursday.

The King's mandate to Mr. Toukan charged him to try to return life in the country to normal and end hostility between Palestinians and Jordanians.

Out overnight, eight safe from loneliness, C-virus and hunger pangs

WhatsApp smarts

The eight Opposition MPs who were suspended by the Chair in the Rajya Sabha for creating a ruckus over the farm Bills and did a subsequent 24-hour sit in, formed a WhatsApp group to keep in touch with one another. The WhatsApp group's name: "eight and safe". The only one of the eight MPs who made friends with the rest was TMC MP Dola Sen, a trade unionist MP. Congress MP Rajeev Satav, whose birthday coincidentally was on the day of the dharna, also got to cut his cake once the cameras left. Congress leader Digvijaya Singh spent the longest time hanging around with the protesting MPs. He was the first to arrange for dhoklas and sandwiches for the eight. Food came in plenty, with many leaders across the Opposition parties pitching in. The eight remained safe, too.

Priyanka's karmaboomi

Ahul Gandhi skipped the monsoon session of Parliament and probably many within and outside the Congress did not

miss him either. In his absence, Priyanka Gandhi has been taking centre stage. There is buzz that Priyanka may go for a darshan at Pithambara Peeth at Datia in Madhya Pradesh, where crucial Assembly by-elections will be held. The Gwalior-Chambal and Bundelkhand region of the state shares boundary with Uttar Pradesh which has been Priyanka's "karmaboomi" of sorts.

Post for Dr Kafeel

Priyanka was photographed with Dr Kafeel Khan who was acquitted by the High Court recently after a prolonged period of harassment and imprisonment by the Yogi Adityanath regime. Priyanka reportedly wants Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to accommodate Dr Kafeel as an assistant professor in Rajasthan. Gehlot is in a dilemma. He does not want to say no to Priyanka but he is wary of any kind of communal backlash in his state.

Azad reconciled

Gulam Nabi Azad, who has virtually been singled out among the G-23 dis-



By WAQYANAWIS

senters within the Congress, is almost certain that he is not returning to the Rajya Sabha. So, a day before the monsoon session ended a week ahead of schedule, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister got a chance to speak. Instead of beginning with the topic Azad, who is also Leader of the Opposition in the Upper House, opened his speech by saying that if the Covid pandemic continues and the winter session is postponed, this may be his last speech in the Rajya Sabha. Congress insiders say Azad's term is ending in February 2021 and he has no chance to return simply because there are no vacancies. However, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is all set to continue in spite of becoming Bengal party chief. Apparently the party leadership wants him to go to West Bengal in a position of power and the floor leader's position gives him that political heft, they argue.

Best woman in the job

The BJP Parliamentary Board is set to be expanded in view of some vacancies.

Many are eyeing the singular woman's slot. Ironically as it may sound, some leading lights of the BJP women parliamentarians reportedly draw comfort from the poor state of economy in the context of parliamentary board vacancy.

In their wisdom, prospects of Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman making the cut have receded due to the minister's inability to accelerate the economy.

Hairy superstition

Why is Prime Minister Narendra Modi not trimming his beard? A personal choice seems to have become a subject matter of intense speculation and discussion. Some think it may have to do with a *mannat* [a secret special prayer] where the seeker often stops trimming hair. Going by this view, the Prime Minister is seeking divine help and wishing for a Coronavirus-free India at the earliest.

The writer is a keen observer of the goings-on in backrooms of power



IN BRIEF
CONG LAUNCHES 'SPEAK UP FOR FARMERS' DRIVE

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After the farm Bills were passed in the recently concluded monsoon session of Parliament, the Congress plans to mobilise public support against these Bills. The party has already written to the President not to give assent to these Bills.

The Congress on Saturday launched a 'Speak up for farmers' campaign on social media protesting the farm Bills, with Rahul Gandhi urging people to raise their voice against what he described was the Narendra Modi government's 'exploitation' of farmers."

"Let us raise our voices together against the atrocities and exploitation of farmers by the Modi government," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi.

"Join the Speak Up For Farmers campaign through your video," he said, tagging a video in which the party called for the withdrawal of the Bills.

The Congress has already launched its nearly two-month-long "mass movement" against the government for passing "anti-farmer and anti-poor" Bills during the monsoon session of Parliament. The party will also collect two crore signatures from protesting farmers against the proposed laws.

NCB GRILLS DEEPIKA, SARA AND SHRADDAH

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 MUMBAI, SEPT. 26

The NCB grilled actor Deepika Padukone for around five hours on Saturday in connection with the drugs angle involving Sushant Singh Rajput suicide probe. The agency also interrogated actors Shraddha Kapoor and Sara Ali Khan who were summoned at the NCB's zonal office in Ballard Pier. The officials have also placed Kshitij Ravi Prasad, former employee of Dharma Productions, under arrest after the officials found marijuana from his Versova residence.

Deepika arrived at the guesthouse located at Colaba's Radio Club area at around 9.50am and was allowed to leave around 3.50pm. The officials stated that while she accepted the chats on narcotics, many of her answers were unsatisfactory. The investigators stated that she may be summoned again for questioning if need be.

The investigators will now dig deeper into the details shared by Deepika, whose chats with her manager Karishma Prakash asking for hash were found by the investigators.

Karishma was also present for questioning and after they were interrogated individually, the officials also grilled them jointly on certain crucial questions.

Separate teams simultaneously questioned Sara and Shraddha at the zonal office after the duo reached there at 1 pm and noon respectively. The officials said Sara was allowed to leave at around 5.30 pm and Shraddha followed around 5.55 pm.

While the agency came across chats of Sharadha asking for CBD oil (which is prescribed drug), whereas, eyewitness reports had claimed Sara having visited Rajput's farmhouse at Lonavala where liquor and alleged drug parties took place.

The officials arrested Kshitij formerly associated with Karan Johar's Dharma Productions after the NCB allegedly recovered marijuana from his Versova residence.

China asks ISI to up violence in Valley

China wants focus to be shifted from stand-off along LAC

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 NEW DELHI, SEPT. 26

With three top security officials — chiefs of Army, Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force — visiting Jammu and Kashmir in the last 10 days, security grid in the newly created Union Territory is on maximum alert amid specific Intelligence reports that China had asked Pakistan ISI to further intensify violence in the Valley.

Intelligence agencies have already given specific inputs to the BSF, the CRPF and the Army as to how China wants Pakistan-based ISI to foment further trouble in the Valley to shift focus from the ongoing standoff in the Ladakh sector.

Army chief M.M. Naravane, BSF DG Rakesh Asthana and CRPF chief A.P. Maheshwari during their visit to J&K in the last few days held exhaustive security review sessions to further strengthen the anti-infiltration grid along the International Border and the Line of Control.

Intelligence reports also point towards a possibility that major attempts could be made by terror launch pads close to the border to push in both militants and large-scale weapons before the onset of winters in the Valley.

Sources in the security establishment claim that following the increased deployment and vigilance along the Indo-Pak border, terror organisations have not been very successful so far.

Officials claimed there was a clear nexus between the Pak-backed terrorists and Chinese security forces evident after the

NIA detains another terror suspect

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A week after arresting nine alleged Al Qaeda members, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has detained one of their aides for his questioning, again from Murshidabad.

The suspect, Shamim Ansari (25), was picked by the NIA with the help of the Border Security Force (BSF) jawans during a raid at his home at Nawdapara village in Jalangi late on Friday night.

He is a close associate of Al Mamun Kamal, one of the nine arrested last week.

NIA sources claimed that Kamal's confession of Shamim's links with him led to the raid and detention.

A villager of Nawdapara Shahajahan Mondal said that Shamim was close to Kamal and he was very religious like the latter. Both often used to collect money from the

villagers, he added. The NIA has learnt Shamim had also helped Kamal set up his Madrasa privately in the village with a plan to radicalize young minds.

It is now grilling Shamim for his association with Kamal. Shamim earlier worked in Kerala as a mason's helper. He, however, returned home last year and started working as a labourer in a local jute storage, said his mother Magfera Bewa.

"A team of BSF jawans and cops in plain clothes whisked away my son from our home in just ten minutes. They did not tell us anything when I asked them why they were forcibly taking away my son," she said.

The team also seized several booklets from Shamim's room but did not reveal what they were about, said his wife Chandrata Bibi.

BSF DIG (Murshidabad) Kunal Majumdar said, "The BSF neither arrested nor detained anyone. Our force was deployed and provided security only during the raid."

recovery of some Chinese-made weapons in the Valley like Norinco/EMEI Type 97 NSR rifle and Norinco QBZ 95 rifle. These weapons are often used by the Pakistani security forces which clearly reveals a direct link between Chinese forces and Pak-based subversive groups.

"All possible arrangements have been made both along the border and within the Valley during the visit of these three senior officials. We are confident that a foolproof security environment will continue in J&K in the coming months and we will deal successfully with this Pakistan-China nexus," a senior security official added.

As the scientists across the world continue to struggle to produce full-proof and effective Covid-19 vaccines, a youth who has studied pto Class VII in Bargarpur district has tried his hand on it, ostensibly to cheat people.

This came to light following a crackdown by a joint team led by Sambalpur and Bargarpur Drug Inspectors. The team seized a huge cache of spurious Covid-19 vaccines from the manufacturing unit of the youth at Risida village.

The accused youth has been identified as Prahalad Bisi. As per information, the manufacturer was earlier involved in production of an infertility drug under the banner of Anatha Pharmaceuticals Ltd. The medicine under brand name 'Ovu Stop' had composition of substances like tetanus toxin, sephardic sodium and castor oil. Without mandatory regulatory approval and registration, Prahalad used to allegedly manufacture and sell the medicine at

MORE THAN 85K CASES, OVER 1,000 DEATHS

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India's overall tally of coronavirus crossed 59 lakh on Saturday with 85,362 fresh cases in the last 24 hours. 75 per cent of the new cases are concentrated in 10 states/UTs out of which Maharashtra continues to top the list.

It alone has contributed over 17,000 followed by Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh with more than 8,000 and 7,000 cases, respectively.

The overall deaths has reached 93,379 with 1,089 fatalities. Here too 10 states/UTs account for 83 per cent of the deaths in the last 24 hours.

Maharashtra reported 416 deaths followed by Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh with 86 and 84 deaths, respectively. 17 states/UTs have cases per million lower than the national average while 23 states/UTs are reporting deaths per million lower than the national average (68).

FSSAI mulls mandatory fortification of edible oil with vitamins A and D

New Delhi, Sept. 26: Food regulator FSSAI is considering making it mandatory for edible oil manufacturers to fortify cooking oil with vitamins A and D, which help in boosting immunity.

"FSSAI is considering to make it mandatory to fortify edible oil with vitamins A and D so that people of India can enjoy better immunity with good health," FSSAI CEO Arun Singhal said.

He was addressing a national webinar on edible oil fortification, organised

VITAMINS A AND D
 strengthen the immune system, which is critical in times of Covid-19 pandemic.

by the Food Fortification Resource Centre under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in association with Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, a statement said on Saturday. Fortification of edible oil will ensure that people belonging to different socio-economic strata have easy access to fortifi-

fied edible oil across the country, Singhal said.

"India has a very high burden of malnutrition, including micronutrient deficiencies. A huge population in our country suffers from deficiency of vitamins A and D. Lack of these vitamins in our body can have adverse impact on morbidity, mortality, productivity and economic growth," the statement said.

Vitamins A and D strengthen the immune system, which is critical in times of Covid-19 pandemic, it added. To facilitate the

industry, Singhal said FFRC will also provide the necessary technical support required to enable fortification of edible oil.

At present, 69 per cent (7.94 million tonnes/annum edible oil) of packaged edi-

ble oil sold across pan-India is fortified, the statement said.

Citing the example of Rajasthan, where fortification of edible oil is being done since 2011, Vij said there is a substantial reduction in vitamin A deficiency among children (10-19 years) in the state. — PTI

PM: India wants to be part of decision making at UN

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for urgent reforms in the United Nations saying the world and its dynamics has changed today completely as compared to 1945.

Speaking at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), through virtual mode, the PM said that India wants to be part of the decision making team on the high table of UN and there is a rising concern if the reform-process of UN will ever reach its logical conclusion.

"Reform in the responses, in the processes, in the character of the United Nations is the need of the hour. It is a fact that the faith and respect that the United Nations enjoys in India are unparalleled. But it is also true that the people of India have been waiting for a long time for the completion of the reforms of the United Nations. Today, people of India are concerned whether this reform-process will ever reach its logical conclusion. For how long will India be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations?" PM said.

Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from his possession, he added.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Parray is an active militant associate linked to proscribed terror outfit LeT, the spokesperson said.

A case has been registered and investigation has been initiated, he said.

On Friday, two militant commanders of LeT were killed in an overnight encounter with security forces in Anantnag district. — PTI

MILITANT AIDE LINKED TO LE T ARRESTED

Srinagar, Sept. 26:

Security forces nabbed a militant associate linked to Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession on Saturday.

Based on a specific input, a cordon and search operation was launched by the security forces in the orchards of village Mandigam Kralgund in the north Kashmir district's Handwara, a police spokesperson said.

During the searches, a militant associate identified as Akeel Ahmad Parray, a resident of Mandigam Kralgund, was arrested, he said.

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HM MEETS LEADERS FROM LADAKH

New Delhi, Sept. 26: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday held a meeting here with the public representatives of Ladakh and discussed various issues concerning the union territory.

— PTI

THE WHOLE world is fighting the global pandemic of Corona for the last 8-9 months. Where is the United Nations in this joint fight against the pandemic? Where is its effective response?

NARENDRA MODI,
 Prime Minister

worked its way up to be self-reliant and an active member of the UN.

"In the changed circumstances of the post-pandemic era, we are moving forward with the vision of a self-reliant India. A self-reliant India will also be a force multiplier for the global economy... When we were strong, we did not trouble the world; when we were weak, we did not become a burden on the world. How long would a country have to wait particularly when the changes happening in that country affect a large part of the world," the PM said.

Mr Modi underlined that India has always thought about the interests of the whole humankind and glimpses of this philosophy can be seen in its Neighbourhood First Policy, Act East Policy and in India's approach towards the Indo-Pacific region.

Talking about the pandemic, he said that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help humanity in fighting the crisis.

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IN BRIEF
Pair charged for WH attack plot

San Antonio: Federal authorities have arrested two men on terror charges for allegedly plotting to bomb or shoot up sites including the White House and Trump Tower in New York City in attacks inspired by the Islamic State group. Jaylyn Christopher Molina, of Texas, and Kristopher Sean Matthews, of South Carolina, are both charged with conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organisation. They were arrested in different states last week. The pair had discussed travelling to Syria to fight with the Islamic State group.

Paris park after PoC who resisted slavery

Paris: The city of Paris inaugurated a public garden Saturday honouring a woman who fought for the liberation of slaves on the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe. Mayor Anne Hidalgo also announced plans to erect a statue to the woman, Solitude, at the site in northeastern Paris. It will be the city's first statue honouring a PoC woman. Amid global protests against monuments to white men linked to colonialism or the slave trade, French leaders have resisted taking down statues but pushed instead to design new monuments to more diverse, lesser-known historical figures. Soitude was born around 1772.

Astronaut to cast vote from space

Atlanta: NASA astronaut Kate Rubins told *The Associated Press* on Friday that she plans to cast her next vote from space — more than 200 miles above Earth. Rubins is just outside Moscow in Star City, Russia, preparing with two cosmonauts for a mid-October launch and a six-month stay at the International Space Station. "I think it's really important for everybody to vote," Rubins said. "If we can do it from space, then I believe folks can do it from the ground, too." Most US astronauts live in Houston. Texas law allows them to vote from space using a secure electronic ballot. Mission Control forwards the ballot to the space station and relays the completed ballot back to the county clerk. "It's critical to participate in our democracy," Rubins said.

TERROR, N-TRADE PAK GLORY FOR 70 YEARS: INDIA

United Nations, Sept. 26: The "only crowning glory" that Pakistan has to show to the world for the last seven decades is terrorism, ethnic cleansing, majoritarian fundamentalism and clandestine nuclear trade, India said in a scathing response on Friday, slamming Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's "incessant rant" and "venom" in the UN General Assembly. "This august forum witnessed a new low on its 75th anniversary. The leader of Pakistan today called for those who incite hate and violence to be outlawed. But as he went on, we were left wondering, was he referring to himself?"

First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN Mijito Vinito said, making India's Right of Reply. The rebuttal came after Khan spoke about India's internal affairs, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. Vinito walked out when Khan started his usual "diatribe" about India.

"This hall heard the incessant rant of someone who had nothing to show for himself, who had no achievements to speak of and no reasonable suggestion to offer to the world. Instead, we saw lies, misinformation, war mongering and malice spread through this Assembly," the young Indian diplomat said.

Youth: Act to halt catastrophic climate change

Brussels, Sept. 26: United under Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, young people rallied worldwide on Friday to demand urgent action to halt catastrophic climate change, in their first global protest since the Coronavirus crisis began. With wild weather wreaking havoc across the world — from fires ravaging the US West, to abnormal heat waves in the Siberian Arctic and record floods in China — organisers said their aim was to remind politicians that, while the world focused on Covid-19, the climate crisis was more acute than ever.

Demonstrations were planned in more than 3,100 locations, though with pandemic-related curbs limiting the size of gatherings, much of the action shifted online. In Stockholm, Thunberg and a handful of members of her group, "Fridays for Future", assembled outside parliament with signs bearing slogans including "Stop Denying the Climate Is Dying".

"We need to treat the climate crisis as a crisis. It's just as simple as that. The climate crisis has never once been

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treated as a crisis and unless we treat it as a crisis we won't be able to, so-called, 'solve' it," Thunberg told reporters.

Organisers said turnout was expected to be far smaller than the global climate strikes held one year ago, which drew more than six million people

onto the streets. Participants were asked to post pictures on social media and join a 24-hour global Zoom call — though mass gatherings were held in countries, including Germany.

In Berlin, police said nearly 10,000 people took part in demonstrations. Protesters cycled in groups to the Brandenburg Gate, where they sat in face masks, observing social distancing and chanting: "Strikes in school, university and companies. That is our answer to your politics". — Reuters



People march in Buenos Aires to join the "Fridays for future" climate emergency movement, launched by Swedish environmentalist Greta Thunberg. — AFP



Protesters gather in Trafalgar Square in London on Saturday, at a "We Do Not Consent!" mass rally against vaccination and government curbs designed to fight the spread of the Coronavirus, including the wearing of masks and taking tests for the virus. — AFP

Covid-19, as well as efforts to try to ensure fair and widespread distribution. "Whoever finds the vac-

cine must share it... This is a global responsibility and it's a moral responsibility," Australian Prime

Minister Scott Morrison said Friday in a message to the United Nations General Assembly that

was held virtually. "Some might see short-term advantage or even profit, but I assure you...

humanity will have a very long memory and be a very, very severe judge." — AFP

VICTORIA HEALTH CHIEF QUITS IN QUARANTINE PROBE

Melbourne, Sept. 26: The health minister in Australia's Victoria state has resigned in the fallout from an inquiry into why security guards were used instead of police or the military at quarantine hotels.

Lapses in security at the hotels were given as the major reason for a second wave of Covid-19 cases. Victoria reported just one more Coronavirus death as Melbourne's new case average continued to fall. The death took the state toll to 782 and the national figure to 870. There were 12 new cases, while Melbourne's 14-day average fell again on Saturday to 23.6. Melburnians, who have been in lockdown for more than a month, are waiting for the easing of restrictions on Monday. It's expected to include a staged return to school for some students and outdoor gatherings of five people from two households.

Health Minister Jenny Mikakos on Saturday issued a statement confirming her resignation, just a day after Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews gave evidence to the inquiry. — AP

Trump may announce Amy Barrett for court

Appeals court hears fight over Don tax returns again

Washington, Sept. 26: President Donald Trump is expected to announce Saturday that he is nominating Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court as he aims to put a historic conservative stamp on the high court just weeks before the election.

Trump said Friday he had made up his mind and it was "very exciting," without giving away the name, aiming to maintain some suspense around his personal announcement. But the White House indicated to congressional Republicans and outside allies that the pick was Barrett. "Well I haven't said it was her, but she's outstanding," Trump said of the Indiana federal judge. Conservative groups and congressional allies are laying the groundwork for a swift confirmation process for her, even before Trump makes the selection official in a Rose Garden ceremony Saturday evening.

Trump's lawyer argued that a subpoena for the records is overly broad but balked when an appellate judge suggested the court might be able to alleviate that concern by limiting the scope of documents being sought.

Trump's lawyer, William Consovoy, signalled they will be satisfied only if Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. is barred from getting all of the requested records. Consovoy is seeking to have the case sent back to a lower court that last month rejected his attempt to quash the subpoena, arguing that judge erred in his ruling. If the three-judge panel refuses to put a hold on the enforcement of the subpoena, Trump's lawyers will be forced to ask the Supreme Court to prolong the legal fight. — AP

The high court, which ruled 7-2 against the president in July, is down to eight justices after the death last week of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The matter may not be fully resolved before the November election. Trump's lawyers appealed to the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals after a district court judge last month rejected their renewed efforts to invalidate a subpoena that the Vance's office issued to Trump's accounting firm as part of a grand jury investigation into his financial and business dealings. — AP

It could be actually any one on the list."

For Trump, it will provide a much-needed political assist as he tries to fire up his base. For conservatives, it will mark a long-sought payoff for their at-times uncomfortable embrace of Trump. And for Democrats, it will be another moment of reckoning, with their party locked in a bitter battle to retake the White House and the Senate. Senate Republicans are readying for confirmation hearings in two weeks, with a vote in the full chamber now expected before Election Day.

Democrats are essentially powerless to block the votes. "I'm confident he's going to make an outstanding nomination," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told *Fox News*. "The American people are going to take a look at this nominee and conclude, as we are likely to conclude, that she well deserves to be confirmed to the US Supreme Court." "They're hell-bent on getting this done as fast as possible," said Democratic Senate whip Dick Durbin. — AP

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Trump alleged the 2016 presidential elections were interfered by the Russians on behalf of rival Clinton's campaign. "The newly released text messages make 100 per cent clear. The FBI knew that Democrats purchased Russian disinformation targeting me, your favourite president, which then formed the basis for the witch hunt," he said as he praised several *Fox News* anchors for standing by him during those days.

Trump also accused the Democrats and the Russians of spying on him and his campaign. "It was a whole big disinformation campaign," he said amidst cheers and applause from his audience.

— PTI

PREZ: DOCUMENTS REVEAL RUSSIANS INTERFERED IN 2016 POLL FOR DEMS

Washington, Sept. 26: US President Donald Trump has alleged that a new set of documents have revealed that Russians interfered in the 2016 presidential elections, on behalf of his then rival and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

The alleged Russian interference in US elections in 2016 was one of the major topics for the Opposition Democrats in the first three years of Trump's presidency and also became the basis of the failed impeachment proceedings against him.

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Ukraine crash: Toll climbs to 26

Moscow, Sept. 26: Searchers combed the area where a Ukrainian military aircraft crashed found two more bodies on Saturday, bringing the death toll to 26. One person survived.

The plane, a twin-turbo-prop Antonov-26 belonging to the Ukrainian air force, was carrying a crew of seven and 20 cadets of a military aviation school when it crashed and burst into flames Friday night while coming in for landing at the airport in Chuhuiv, about 400 kilometres (250 miles) east of the capital Kyiv. Two people initially survived the crash, but one later died in a hospital. No cause for the crash has been determined.

Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskiy declared Saturday to be a day of mourning for the crash victims and ordered that flights of An-26 planes be halted pending investigation of the crash cause. Zelenskiy, who visited the crash area on Saturday, called for a full assessment of the condition of the country's military equipment and said he wanted an official report on the crash by October 25.

The An-26 is a transport plane used by both military and civilian operators. Nearly 1,400 of the planes were manufactured from 1969 to 1986, according to the company's website. The age of the plane that crashed Friday was not immediately reported. — AP

HEBDO STABBING: SEVEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Paris, Sept. 26: Seven people were in custody Saturday after a stabbing outside the former Paris offices of satirical newspaper *Charlie Hebdo*, including the suspected assailant, authorities said.

Counterterrorism authorities are investigating what authorities called an Islamic extremist attack linked to *Charlie Hebdo*, which lost 12 employees in an al-Qaida attack in 2015. The weekly, which routinely mocks religious and prominent figures, recently republished caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad that outraged Muslims. The suspected assailant in Friday's stabbing had been nabbed a month ago. — AP

U.S. TO RESTRICT CHINESE JOURNALS' STAY TO 90 DAYS

Washington, Sept. 26: The Trump Administration is seeking to restrict the stay of journalists from China in the US to just 90 days with the provision of another extension for a similar duration, according to a federal notification.

The move came amidst worsening of bilateral ties over a range of issues like the Coronavirus pandemic, trade, Beijing's increasing grip on Hong Kong and alleged human rights abuses against minorities in the Xinjiang province.

The proposal of the Department of Homeland Security is part of the fixed time limit on visas of students, researchers and foreign journalists in the US. While the time limit for foreign journalists in general has been restricted to 240 days and another extension of a similar period, those for a journalist from China would be issued a J visa by the United States just for 90 days.

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SHORT TAKES

Djokovic braces for unhappy Nadal

Paris: Novak Djokovic will renew his love-hate relationship with Roland Garros in the knowledge that it is himself rather than seemingly unsettled 12-time champion Rafael Nadal who could pose the greatest threat to winning a second Paris title and 18th Grand Slam crown. The only man to beat Djokovic in 2020 is Djokovic after the Serb's hair-trigger temper prompted a sensational disqualification from the US Open. Federer will miss the French Open as he recovers his injured knee.

Former champion Simona Halep arrives as the player to beat in a women's draw missing title holder Ashleigh Barty and recent US Open winner Naomi Osaka, two of the world's top three. Serena Williams can never be discounted as she launches another bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles crown here. — AFP

Honda into gear at Spanish GP

Gran Premi de Catalunya, Spain: The work continued inside the Repsol Honda Team box, Alex Marquez taking 18th in qualifying with Stefan Bradl a few tenths behind.

Friday's heavy wind in Barcelona was replaced by some of the coldest conditions of the 2020 MotoGP season so far, an ambient temperature of just 12°C waiting for riders as they rolled out of pitlane for Free Practice 3. Temperatures would improve throughout the day but Turn 5 remained a hotspot for falls. Despite the cold temperatures, Alex Marquez was one of the first riders to improve his time in FP3 as he worked to remain in the top 10. The MotoGP rookie missed a Q2 spot by just 0.4s. Alex's early speed shows his continued progress on the Honda RC213V.

Recovered hockey players join team

New Delhi: The six hockey players who contracted Covid-19 last month have integrated with the rest of their teammates and are close to reaching peak fitness, men's national team head coach Graham Reid said on Saturday.

Captain Manpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Varun Kumar, Krishan Bahadur Pathak and Mandeep Singh were discharged from a Bangalore hospital on August 17 and were kept on quarantine for some more days before joining the team. "They have integrated with the team and so they are doing what the others are doing. They started 2-3 weeks after others had started. They began at a slow level but they are now close to the level of other players (in fitness)," Reid said. — PTI

Lahiri, Atwal make cut in Corales golf

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic: Indian golfers Anirban Lahiri and Arjun Atwal produced contrasting performances in the second round before making the cut in the Corales Puntacana Championship here. Lahiri got off to a solid start and was 3-under through 12 holes but dropped a lot of shots in the remainder to finish even par. However, he managed to make the cut on his debut in the Dominican Republic.

Atwal faced contrasting fortunes as he birdied two of his last three holes while playing the same group as Lahiri and squeaked inside the cut line of 3-under 141 as 71 professionals made it to the weekend.

Both Lahiri and Atwal were placed T-54.

However, Akshay Bhatia (69-73) and Daniel Chopra (75-80) missed the cut. — PTI

Live on TV

CRICKET

IPL: Rajasthan Royals vs Kings XI Punjab from 7.30 pm on Star Sports 1

TENNIS

French Open: Matches from 2.30 pm on Star Sports 2, 3, Select 2

FOOTBALL

English Premier League: Manchester City vs Leicester from 9 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD

Spanish Premier League:

Atletico Madrid vs Granada from 7.30 pm; Barcelona vs Villareal from 12.30 am (Monday). All matches on LaLiga page on Facebook

Italian League:

Napoli vs Juventus from 12.15 am (Monday) on Sony Ten 2

SUPER SHUBMAN

Gill's unbeaten 70 helps KKR beat SRH by 7 wickets

SCORECARD

Sunrisers Hyderabad: David Warner c and b Chakravarthy 36, Jonny Bairstow b Cummins 5, Manish Pandey c and b Russell 51, Wriddhiman Saha run out 30, Mohammad Nabi (not out) 11, Abhishek Sharma (not out) 2. Extras (b-2, lb-2, w-3) 7. Total: (for 4 wkt, in 20 overs) 142. FoW: 1-24, 2-59, 3-121, 4-138.

Kolkata Knight Riders: Shubman Gill (not out) 70, S. Narine c Warner b Ahmed 0, N. Rana c Taha b Natarajan 26, K.D. Karthik (c) lbw b Rashid Khan 0, E. Morgan (not out) 42. Extras (lb-2, nb-1, w-4) 7. Total: (for 3 wkt, in 18 overs) 145. FoW: 1-6, 2-43, 3-53.

Bowling:

B. Kumar 3-0-29-0, K.K. Ahmed 3-0-28-1, T. Natarajan 3-0-27-1, Rashid Khan 4-0-25-1, Mohammad Nabi 4-0-23-0, Abhishek Sharma 1-0-11-0.

Opting to bat first, Sunrisers Hyderabad scored 142 for four with Manish Pandey making a 38-ball 51 at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

In reply, KKR chased down the target of 143 with two overs to spare. Shubman Gill top-scored with an unbeaten 70 off 62 balls while Eoin Morgan added an unbeaten 42 off 29 balls.

Earlier, Kolkata Knight Riders put up a disciplined effort with Pat Cummins brilliantly spearheading the attack to restrict Sunrisers Hyderabad to a modest 142 for four.

Having drawn flak for bowling

short against Mumbai Indians, the IPL's most-expensive overseas buy returned tidy figures of 1/19, while spinner Varun Chakravarthy (1/25) outfoxed the

dangerous David Warner to derail SRH early on.

Pandey returned to form at No. 3 with a 38-ball 51 and along with Wriddhiman Saha (30 off 31

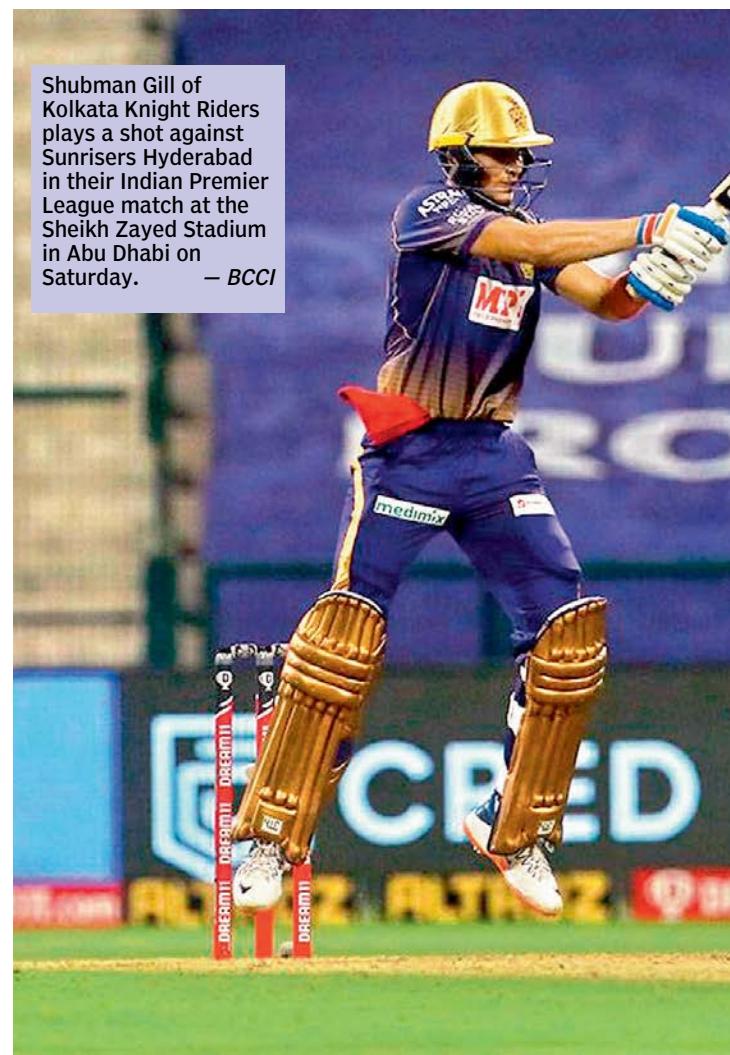
balls), tried to repair the damage but the duo were dismissed at the death and SRH lacked the finishing touch to settle for a seemingly below-par total.

Unlike their last match against Mumbai Indians, KKR looked more intent and aggressive with their approach, having brought in Sunil Narine and Cummins up front with the new ball.

Cummins smartly altered his length and bowled Jonny Bairstow with an absolute ripper to give KKR the first breakthrough.

In his second-coming, architect-turned mystery spinner Chakravarthy dismissed a well-set Warner (36 off 30) in a soft manner for his maiden IPL wicket, giving KKR the big breakthrough. — PTI

Shubman Gill of Kolkata Knight Riders plays a shot against Sunrisers Hyderabad in their Indian Premier League match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. — BCCI



Dhoni asks team to up the ante

CSK COACH RUES MISSING KEY PLAYERS

Dubai, Sept. 26: Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming has admitted that his side were "a little bit muddled" at the moment and they need a clearer strategy going ahead after suffering two losses in three matches in the Indian Premier League.

Fleming also rued the missing of some key players that he said has affected the team combination.

"Well, we're bit muddled at the moment. We're missing some key players, and we're trying

to find a balance that allows us to be competitive. We're looking to develop a personality based on the wickets that we're facing," Fleming said after CSK lost to Delhi Capitals by 44 runs on Friday.

"Each wicket has been completely different, and our batting is without Rayudu (Suresh Raina etc. We're trying to find a way or a combination and how to use players. We've learned a massive amount over three days."

CSK could not get going during the run chase

against DC, and when asked why Sam Curran or Ravindra Jadeja was not promoted up the batting order, Fleming said they had used the same tactic in the last couple of games.

"We have almost got too many batting options at the moment, so that's why I say we were a little bit muddled with what we're sending out, so we just need to be a little bit clearer with what we're doing, and perhaps what we're missing is a bigger contribution at the top," he said. — PTI

"We need to come back with a clearer picture, looking at the combination. Maybe, the team balance will get better once (Ambati) Rayudu comes back in the next game."

— M.S. DHONI
Chennai Super Kings captain after losing the match against Delhi

lacking a bit of steam in the batting and that hurts. The run rate keeps on mounting after such slow starts and adds pressure, we need to figure that out," Dhoni said after the match against Capitals on Friday night.

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ance will get better once (Ambati) Rayudu comes back in the next game."

Rayudu, who struck a brilliant 48-ball 71 in CSK's five-wicket win over MI in the tournament-opener, missed the next two games due to a hamstring injury.

Dhoni also asked his bowlers to pull up their socks after two ordinary outings. — PTI

in their next game.

"That will give us the room to experiment with an extra bowler perhaps.

There are quite a few things we can think about. We are one batter extra to start off, so the players need to step up."

Dhoni also asked his bowlers to pull up their socks after two ordinary outings.

— PTI

SHAW 'STICKS TO PLAN' TO DELIVER WINNING KNOCK

Dubai, Sept. 26: Young opener Prithvi Shaw, who starred in Delhi Capitals' win over Chennai Super Kings, says his plan was to play along the ground and avoid "silly mistakes" after failing to make an impact in the first match.

Shaw was dismissed for five in DC's campaign opener against Kings XI Punjab but the 20-year-old made amends with a fluent 64 off 43 balls on Friday. "My plan was to play my natural game but play the shots along the ground, last game we saw there were some silly mistakes and it was not working for me or the team," Shaw said.

Shaw shared a 94-run opening stand with Shikhar Dhawan.

"CSK has some good pace bowlers, I was able to time the ball and get some gaps. As the spinners came on, even if we are 40/0, it doesn't matter, I knew me and Dhawan could pace our innings after the powerplay," he said.

— PTI

Stuttering starts put Dhoni, Kohli under huge pressure



Ayaz Memon

Over The Top

Apall of gloom descended on the IPL — in fact the entire cricket world — with Dean Jones's passing away in Mumbai. He was part of the Star Sports experts commentators team, and by all accounts looked to be hale and hearty till the sudden cardiac arrest.

I got to know Jones a bit during his playing days — having covered the Tied Match at Madras in 1986 in which he scored a magnificent 210 — and a great deal more as commentator,

especially when we worked together during the Indian Cricket League in 2007-8.

The last time we had an extended conversation was in 2015-16 when I travelled to Adelaide for the first-ever day-night, pink ball Test, between Australia and New Zealand. We were staying in the same hotel and would invariably meet at breakfast.

One morning, I asked him to describe his cricketing journey. "I could play a bit, I can talk a lot, hopefully that leaves something

for posterity to remember me by," Jones replied. Who knew the end was so near? That he died "in the saddle", pursuing his life's abiding passion, is perhaps some solace.

Meanwhile, the first week of the IPL has been completed. Going by early trends, this edition too promises to be a bumpy roller-coaster ride for all teams, with dramatic ups and downs.

There is too much cricket remaining in the tournament and detailed analyses at this juncture would be presumptuous. Instead, I'll spotlight some outstanding performances and some failures from the pool of Indian players in the IPL.

K.L. Rahul, Sanju Samson, Rohit Sharma and Prithvi Shaw have

been the outstanding batsmen so far. Rahul's blazing century helped Punjab wallop RCB, and was redemption for his team missing out on a win in the first match against Delhi.

Prithvi Shaw, so often the despair of his captain and fans because he throws his wicket away with the bowling is at his mercy, came up with a splendid, match-winning half century against Chennai.

Rohit, after a stutter against Chennai, came into his own against KKR as only he can, taking a heavy toll of all bowlers, including Pat Cummins, the world's no.1 Test bowler and the most expensive overseas player in the tournament at ₹15.5 crore. The T20 and ODI teams.

Among bowlers, Mohammed Shami has bowled at hot pace, getting swing and seam movement to harry batsman. He is at the peak of his prowess, and a potent weapon for

My best innings so far, however, is Sanju Samson's bazooka 74 off 32 balls which devastated CSK.

Samson's potential has never been doubt, but his temperament was suspect, which contributed inconsistent performances and saw him in and out of the Indian team.

With this innings, he not only helped Rajasthan — without Stokes and Butler — stun Chennai, but made a statement that he is going to seriously compete with Rishabh Pant for M.S. Dhoni's place in India's T20 and ODI teams.

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Punjab. India hopeful Navdeep Saini has looked sharp and penetrative for RCB.

Leg spinners are to the fore among spinners. Most successful has been Yuzvendra Chahal, befuddling batsmen with his shrewd mix of leg-breaks and googlies.

Rahul Tewatia has done the star turn for Rajasthan, but the most impressive has been Punjab's 20-year-old Ravi Bishnoi who has the redoubtable Anil Kumble as coach and mentor, a huge advantage.

Which brings me Virat Kohli and M.S. Dhoni, invariably always in the news, the latter even more after he announced his retirement from international cricket. Both started with victories, but after

that have been nondescript, as captains and batsmen and are under severe pressure.

Kohli has flopped in both matches RCB's played, which is unusual, but also troubling for his team. With other topnotchers Finch and de Villiers not striking big either, RCB are not getting the scores to support the excellent Kohli and Saini.

For Dhoni, the problem's bigger, and does not have to do with his batting position as is being widely debated. CSK's overall batting and bowling is floundering, there is a shortage of power hitters, few bowling options since Watson and Jadhav are not bowling.

In an ageing team, particularly, these issues become even more detrimental.



Buttler boost for Rajasthan

Sharjah, Sept. 26: Sanju Samson will like to continue his dream form while the presence of Jos Buttler puts Rajasthan Royals on even keel with Kings XI Punjab in an IPL game which promises to be yet another six-hitting contest.

Coming into the match after morale-boosting victories, both KXIP and the Royals would look to build a winning momentum after starting the tournament as underdogs.

each other's company. So expecting a really tough match against Kings XI," Buttler said.

K.L. Rahul plundered a record 132 not out off just 69 balls to lead KXIP to a 97-run win over Royal Challengers Bangalore. He did get reprieve twice when his opposite number Virat Kohli dropped a couple of sitters.

Rahul, one of the cleanest hitters of the ball, notched up the highest score by an Indian in IPL history and he would like to continue in the same vein on a ground which has short boundaries on all sides.

The young Samson, on the other hand, made a mince-meat of the Chennai Super Kings bowlers, hitting nine sixes in his 32-ball 74 before Jofra Archer joined the party with a four-six burst in the final over in the match played here on Tuesday. — PTI</

SHORT TAKES

Hamilton in pole position at Sochi

Sochi, Russia: Runaway Formula One series leader Lewis Hamilton emerged from a "horrible" red-flagged qualifying session at Sochi on Saturday with a stunning pole position for Sunday's Russian Grand Prix.

In a crash-hit session the Mercedes six-time champion held his nerve to clock a best lap in one minute and 31.304 seconds to outpace Max Verstappen of Red Bull by half a second. His Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, 55 points behind Hamilton in the title race, was third-quickest with Sergio Perez of Racing Point sharing the second row. Hamilton is bidding to claim his fifth win at the Sochi track where Mercedes have dominated winning all six races since 2014. If he translates pole into victory, he will equal Michael Schumacher's career record of 91 Grand Prix wins. — AFP

Tatum towers as Boston beat Heat

Miami: The Boston Celtics roared back in the second half to beat the Miami Heat 121-108 on Friday to stay alive in the NBA playoffs. Jayson Tatum scored 31 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and Jaylen Brown added 28 points as six Celtics players scored in double figures and Boston cut the deficit in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals to three games to two. Goran Dragic led the Heat with 23 points and Duncan Robinson added 20 for Miami, who are trying to reach the NBA finals for the first time since 2014. With their season hanging in the balance, the Celtics exploded for 41 points in the third quarter to turn the tide in a game dominated early by Miami. — AFP

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BRILLIANT BRUNO

United ride on Fernandes penalty to beat Brighton

Brighton (United Kingdom), Sept. 26: Bruno Fernandes scored a penalty awarded on VAR review after the final whistle had blown, as Manchester United rode their luck to register their first Premier League points of the season with a thrilling 3-2 win at Brighton on Saturday.

The Seagulls hit the woodwork five times and thought they had earned a deserved point when Solly March headed home to equalise in the 95th minute.

However, Neal Maupay's handball was penalised by referee Chris Kavanagh after he had blown for full-time and Fernandes converted from the spot in the 100th minute.

Pre-season hopes that United could mount a title challenge to their biggest rivals Liverpool and Manchester City dissipated after a dire display in losing 3-1 to Crystal Palace last weekend.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer resisted the temptation to make wholesale changes and got more of the same for the first 45 minutes as Brighton controlled the game.

Leandro Trossard hit both posts with shots from outside the box, while Adam Webster's looping header came back off the crossbar. It took United 33 minutes to muster a flowing move involving the front three of Marcus Rashford, Anthony Martial, and Mason Greenwood, who found the net but the goal was ruled out for offside against Rashford. Brighton finally got their reward when the tireless Tariq Lamptey burst into the box from right wing-back and was clipped by Fernandes.

The United midfielder was lucky to escape a second yellow card, but



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes (right) celebrates after he scores his team's third goal from the penalty spot during the English Premier League match against Brighton at the American Express Community Stadium in Brighton, southern England, on Saturday. Manchester United won 3-2. — AFP

Maupay ensured they did pay the penalty with a cheeky chip down the middle of the goal as David de Gea dived to his left.

However, the lead lasted just three minutes as from a fiercely driven Fernandes free-kick, Nemanja Matic turned the ball back across goal and Lewis

Dunk turned the ball into his own net.

United had already conceded a penalty in consecutive games for the first time in 11 years in the Premier League and thought they had given a away a second spot-kick of the match when Paul Pogba was penalised for

pulling back Aaron Connolly.

However, Kavanagh overruled his initial decision when he saw a replay of the incident. At the other end, United's front three was beginning to click as Rashford swept home Greenwood's low cross but this time VAR ruled

against United with the goalscorer marginally offside. There was no stopping Rashford moments later when he raced onto Fernandes's ball over the top and left Ben White trailing on the ground after his deflected effort found the top corner. — AFP

Duplantis on a double in Doha

Doha, Sept. 25: Sweden's Armand Duplantis maintained his amazing form to turn the tables on world champion Sam Kendricks for a 16th consecutive victory in the men's pole vault at Friday's Diamond League meet in Doha.

American Kendricks was the last person to beat the Swede, in Doha's Khalifa Stadium at last year's world championships.

But a couple of kilometres away at the more intimate Qatari Sports Club, Duplantis walked away with victory with a best vault of 5.82 metres, far off the world outdoor record of 6.15m he set in Rome last week.

Duplantis failed once at 5.92 and also 6.00m before calling it a day.

Hendricks was second on countback and France's Renaud Lavillenie third in humid, hot conditions with a temperature of 32 degrees Celsius (90F).

On the track, Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica followed up on her 10.85sec in Rome with a facile victory in the 100m in 10.87sec. Ivorian Marie-Josée Ta Lou a distant second in 11.21.

"I am happy to win but my major focus is to finish the year healthy. Preparations for the Olympics is next on my agenda, and it begins in earnest," said Thompson-Herah.

Kenya's Olympic 1500m champion Faith Kipyegon timed a world leading time of 1:57.61 in winning the women's 800m, an event won by sidelined South African Caster Semenya in the last three meets in the Qatari capital.

"I am happy to win here in Doha considering this is my second 800m race after about three years break from it," Kipyegon said, adding that she was looking forward to turning



Sweden's Armand Duplantis in action during the Pole Vault men's final at the IAAF Diamond League in Doha, Qatar, on Friday. — AP

ing the page on the raging Coronavirus pandemic.

There was no such luck for Kipyegon's compatriot Timothy Cheruiyot, the world 1500m champion struggling as he, too, stepped down to race the men's 800m. Two-lap specialist Ferguson Rotich won in 1:44.16, 0.40sec ahead of Briton Elliot Giles. Cheruiyot eventually coming in eighth well off the pace.

There was success for another Kenyan who had chosen to swap her normal distance, two-time world 5,000m champion Hellen Obiri winning a high-quality 3,000m in 8:22.54, with seven runners nailing personal bests.

In-form Stewart McSweyn bettered his own Australian record for a new personal best in the men's 1500m, sprinting away for victory in an impressive 3:30.51. — AFP

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