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# Chinese troops carried rods, spears & clubs: Govt sources

Indian Army confronted the Chinese troops strongly, forcing their retreat

FRESH TENSIONS IN LADAKH: CHINA HOPES FOR DISENGAGEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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**C**hinese troops carried rods, spears, clubs and pole weapons called 'Guandao' in aggressively trying to close in on an Indian position in Mukhang area of Rezang-La ridge in eastern Ladakh on Monday evening, government sources said on Tuesday.

As tension escalated at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the sources said around 50-60 soldiers of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) approached the Indian post in the southern bank of Pangong Lake area at around 6 pm but the Indian Army personnel posted there strongly confronted them, forcing their retreat.

It may be recalled that the Chinese troops had mounted a savage attack on Indian soldiers with stones, nail-studded sticks, iron rods and clubs during the Galwan Valley clashes in eastern Ladakh on June 15 in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed.

The government sources said the Chinese army may have planned to engage Indian troops on Monday evening in a way similar to the clashes in Galwan Valley as its soldiers were carrying rods, spears, clubs and 'Guandao'.

Guandao is a type of Chinese pole weapon that is used in some forms of Chinese martial arts. It has a blade mounted atop

a long wooden pole.

When the Indian Army forced the Chinese troops to return, they fired 10-15 rounds in the air to intimidate Indian soldiers, in the first use of firearms along the LAC after a gap of 45 years.

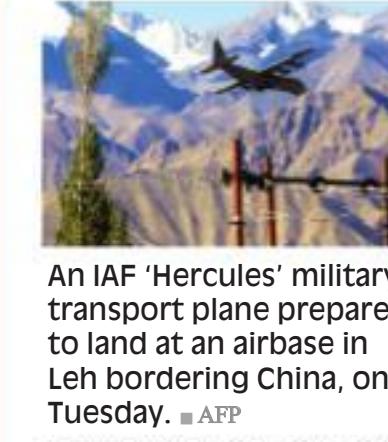
The Indian Army said Chinese troops fired shots

ing to capture the strategic heights in the last three-four days, the sources said, adding the Chinese troops damaged an iron fence on Monday evening which was put up by Indian troops in the area.

India continues to dominate strategic peaks around the southern bank of Pangong lake area overlooking key Chinese formations in the Moldo area.

The PLA late on Monday night alleged that Indian troops crossed the LAC and "outrageously fired" warning shots near the Pangong lake.

Rejecting the charges,



An IAF 'Hercules' military transport plane prepares to land at an airbase in Leh bordering China, on Tuesday. ■ AFP

manifold along the LAC in eastern Ladakh after the Galwan Valley clashes.

The Chinese side also suffered casualties but it is yet to give out the details.

According to an American intelligence report, the number of casualties on the Chinese side was 35.

The border situation deteriorated again after China unsuccessfully attempted to occupy Indian territory in the southern bank of Pangong Lake on the intervening night of August 29 and 30.

India occupied many strategic heights on the southern bank of Pangong lake and strengthened its presence in Finger 2 and Finger 3 areas in the region to thwart any Chinese actions.

China has strongly objected to India's move.

India has also been

blatantly violating agreements and carrying out aggressive manoeuvre, while engagement at the military, diplomatic and political level is in progress," the Army said.

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*With the coordination of the governor and the state government, all-round development of the state takes place in a better way*

KALRAJ MISHRA  
RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR

# Delhi sees sharp Covid spike and record tests

3,609 fresh cases & 45,797 tests reported; AAP govt launches major awareness campaign with Kejriwal's pre-recorded calls & multimedia messages appealing to people to follow Corona safety precautions

SNS & PTI

NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

Delhi today recorded 3,609 fresh coronavirus (Covid-19) cases - reportedly its highest single-day Covid spike in 76 days - which pushed the city's Covid tally to 1,97,135, according to the latest health bulletin issued by the Delhi government.

The city today recorded 19 coronavirus fatalities that took its Covid death toll to 4,618, the bulletin said.

The total number of Covid tests conducted in the national capital today rose to a record figure of 45,797, the bulletin stated, adding that the positivity rate in the last 24 hours stood at 7.8 per cent.

The cumulative total of recovered Covid patients climbed to 1,70,140, with 1,756 patients getting recovered over the last 24 hours. Delhi's recovery rate, however, dipped to 86.3 per cent.

There were 22,377 active coronavirus cases in the city now, the bulletin said. The number of containment zones increased to 1,166.

Delhi health minister Satyendar Jain held a meeting with medical directors/medical superintendents of all Delhi government hospitals to review the status of Covid testing. The chief secretary also held a review meeting with all the dis-



Commuters wearing face masks amid the Covid pandemic, in the Capital on Tuesday. SNS

trict magistrates of the city on the Covid management issue.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said he has directed Jain that a person should not be asked to furnish a doctor's prescription while seeking Covid test in Delhi.

In the day, the Delhi High Court ordered that a doctor's prescription will not be mandatory from now for those going voluntarily for RT/PCR test for detection of the Covid infection in the national capital.

Until now, it was mandatory for a person to produce a doctor's prescription or symp-

toms to get tested for the virus.

The High Court said people voluntarily seeking Covid testing only need to carry their Aadhaar card for Delhi address proof and fill up a form as prescribed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the purpose.

Kejriwal said he directed Jain in the morning that doctor's prescription should not be asked for Covid-19 testing.

"Delhi government has increased testing multi-fold.

I have directed Health Minister this morning that Doctor's prescription shud not be

asked for testing. Anyone can get himself tested," CM Kejriwal tweeted.

In view of sustained, fresh spike in Covid cases in Delhi, the Kejriwal government has maintained that it was scaling up the number of daily tests to 40,000 daily. The majority of the Covid tests being conducted are rapid antigen tests.

Meanwhile, the AAP-led Delhi government has launched an extensive awareness campaign with CM Kejriwal's pre-recorded calls and multimedia messages appealing to the people, the Delhi government's statement added.

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Versus  
The State & Ors.

Defendant  
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PC/LA-3/2020

Sh. Nikhil Chopra, Additional District Judge-02  
Room No. 606, Sixth Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi.

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Notice is hereby given to the general public having any interest in the Letters of Administration/Succession Certificate of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may if he/she desires, appear in this court on 21-09-2020 at 10-00 a.m. and participate in the proceedings before the grant of Letter of Administration/Probate/Succession Certificate or if desire to oppose the application of the petitioner aforesaid, he/she should enter appearance in persons in this court on the aforesaid date and be prepared to adduce on that day any documentary and oral evidence which he/she may desire to adduce in support of his/her claim to opposition to the application of the petitioner aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Court on this 3rd day of September, 2020.

Additional District Judge-02 (South)  
Saket Courts, New Delhi.  
Seal of the Court

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G.N. 31, Block, Sector-V  
Salt Lake City  
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Ref. No. BENFISH / MD /  
NIT-01(e) - 2020-21  
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Memo No. 720/IV, 291/11  
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ARVIND KEJRIWAL

DELHI CHIEF MINISTER NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2020

# Doc's prescription not must for Covid test in Delhi: HC

A Delhi High Court Bench rules that people, voluntarily seeking RT/PCR test for Covid-19, only need to carry Aadhaar card for Delhi address proof and fill a form as prescribed by the ICMR

PTI

NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

Doctor's prescription is not mandatory from now for those voluntarily going for RT/PCR test to detect COVID-19 infection in the national capital, the Delhi High Court Tuesday said, while expressing concern over the sharp and alarming increase in the number of cases.

Till now it was mandatory for a person to have a doctor's prescription or symptoms to get tested for the virus.

A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad said people need to carry Aadhaar card for Delhi address proof and fill a form as prescribed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for COVID-19 testing.

The ICMR form specifies the category of patient as per the testing guidelines. The high court noted there was a sharp increase in the number of cases in Delhi and asked private laboratories to allow 2000 COVID-19 tests per day for those who voluntarily wish for it.

As the sanctioned strength of conducting RT/PCR test is 14,000, the remaining 12,000 testing capacity per day is available with the Delhi government, it noted.

RT/PCR, short for Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction, is a laboratory technique widely used in the diagnosis of genetic diseases and to measure gene expression in research.

The bench examined that there is a sharp rise in cases of COVID-19 in Delhi between



August 31 till date and the figures are rather alarming.

On August 31, the number of cases in Delhi were 1358 and on September 7, it went up to 2077.

Delhi government said it was mulling over the issue of allowing RT/PCR tests without prescription and needed one more week to make a decision.

However, the high court said having regard to the sharp increase in the COVID-19 cases, it was of the opinion that the situation does not call for any delay.

Henceforth from now, those who want to voluntarily get themselves tested, they need not obtain a prescription from a doctor. The person concerned will only be mandated to fill the ICMR form and attach Aadhaar card to show the proof of a Delhi residence, the bench said.

If further said the private laboratories should prioritise the results of testing samples

sent to them by the Delhi government and thereafter give reports of private persons.

In case Delhi government sends additional samples to the private labs, they shall also be catered without any delay, it said.

Delhi government counsel Satyakam informed the high court that in pursuance to its last order, COVID-19 testing camps have been set up at Inter-State Bus terminals (ISBT) Anand Vihar, Sarai Kale Khan and Kashmiri Gate and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station and New Delhi Railway Station.

Indian Railways has started operating more trains so testing at stations will also be increased proportionately, he said.

The high court was informed that presently two mobile van facilities are deployed in each district in Delhi for the testing.

The bench directed the Delhi government to ramp up the mobile facilities from

two to four on the sites which the state deems appropriate, if possible at prominent metro terminals.

The high court said Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) should advertise about the nearby COVID-19 testing camps at prominent spots near the entry and exit area of the stations.

This should also be uploaded on Delhi government's website for the convenience of citizens, it said.

As the Delhi government counsel said that the third Serosurvey had commenced in the city on September 1 and concluded on September 7, the high court directed him to place on record the sero-survey report along with a fresh status report before the next date of hearing on September 16.

During the hearing, central government standing counsel Anurag Ahluwalia submitted that social distancing norms are not being followed in district courts

and testing camps be organised there.

To this, the bench said camps are being set up at the high court and district courts here on rotation basis and social distancing is something which the legal community has to ensure.

We have opened courts on the saying of lawyers and they should ensure social distancing is maintained. It was the bar associations which were asking for physical hearings. While judges, court staff and support staff are coming to courts, lawyers are desisting from coming to courts and court masters are flooded with requests to put matters through virtual hearing, the bench said.

Ahuwalia and Satyakam submitted that physical hearings be done away with for some more time as the situation is very bad in Delhi and added that lawyers will make a representation on this.

The bench said they can give a representation to this effect to the Delhi High Court Chief Justice who is the final authority to take decisions.

The high court had on August 31 expressed concern over spike in cases of COVID-19 in the city and directed the Delhi government to re-strategise the testing so that maximum number of cases which are turning out to be asymptomatic can undergo a test at private laboratories to prevent spread of coronavirus infection.

It was hearing a PIL by advocate Rakesh Malhotra seeking increasing the COVID-19 testing numbers in the national capital and getting speedy results.

## Covid crisis turns into political football in HP

ARCHANA PHULL  
SHIMLA, 8 SEPTEMBER

In the small hill state of Himachal Pradesh, the Covid-19 crisis seems to have turned into a political football between the ruling BJP and the principal opposition Congress.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the state is not tired of pitting its own back for Covid management despite a worrying rise in cases and deaths over the last four months, the Congress has gone a step ahead.

The Congress party, which loudly grilled the government inside the Assembly for 'system failure' in the pandemic, threw all safety protocols to the wind to display political show of strength at a 'dharna' in Shimla on Tuesday against 'anti-people policies and corruption' during the pandemic.

Although Covid cases and deaths are rising in Himachal, the BJP government seems to be busy putting its own back while Cong throws all Covid norms to wind while staging a protest against 'anti-people policies and corruption' during the pandemic



Congress leaders and workers hold protest against the BJP-led government, in Shimla on Tuesday. LALIT KUMAR

ing Covid-19 crises in purchases of sanitizers, health equipment and ventilators.

Rathore said the party workers should strengthen themselves in the field against BJP, as corruption is at its peak now with BJP ministers allegedly busy in land deals. He said the recent health scam, involving alleged corruption in essential purchases for Covid-19 is an example of the state government's sensitivity towards public issues.

Fake degrees are being sold in the state and jobs are given to outsiders whereas unemployed youth in the state is still waiting for promises made by Modi government to create two crore jobs per year."

Rathore said that administration has totally failed, employees are being transferred on political affiliations and some officials are behaving as if they are political agents of BJP.

He said the Congress party is keeping strict vigil on all these issues and will not allow the BJP to sell properties of our state. "Whether it is the Central or state government, the people are fed up with their anti-people policies and have under-

stood that BJP is busy in looting people even in this pandemic situation. Their big promise of providing relief like the one announced by the Prime Minister on the Rs 20,000 crore package has proved to be yet another 'jumla,'" he said.

Leader of opposition, Mukesh Agnihotri demanded resignation from the entire cabinet of BJP for failing to control corruption, price hike and unemployment.

Later, Rathore, accompanied by party leaders, Rajneesh Kima, Kewal Pathania, Jenab Chandel, Jitender Chaudhary, Ajay Bahadur Singh and Shiv Kumar presented memorandum to the Chief Minister in his chamber in the Assembly complex.

Meanwhile, the state has so far reported 7758 Covid-19 positive cases till today, which include 2288 active cases. There have been 57 deaths so far, with few Covid-19 positive persons having died due to non-Covid reasons.

## Haryana ramps up reforms after slipping to 16th position in 'Ease of Doing Business'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, 8 SEPTEMBER



Haryana chief secretary Keshni Anand Arora presiding over a meeting regarding the state's Business Reform Action Plan, at Chandigarh on Tuesday. SNS

Days after Haryana slipped from third to 16th position in the latest rankings of states on the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Index, chief secretary Keshni Anand Arora on Tuesday directed the heads of departments to ensure 100 per cent implementation of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) by the end of September to improve the state's EODB ranking.

Presiding over a review meeting regarding the progress of implementation of the BRAP, Arora directed the officers of all the departments concerned to work in mutual coordination so as to ensure implementation of business reforms and make sure that all services are rendered online within the stipulated time.

She said to prevent the businessmen from making rounds at the government offices time and again for issuance of No Objection

Certificates (NOCs) for starting a business, a status tracking system and document upload system should be formulated.

The chief secretary directed the administrative secretaries to carefully review the progress of the BRAP. She was informed that 213 reform points are to be implemented at the district level and 301 reform points are to be implemented at the state level under the BRAP by the Central government and Haryana is working on it so as to augment the facilities being provided to the businessmen.

The Congress leader said the BJP's six-year directionless rule had created a situation where far from new industries setting up base in Haryana, even existing industries were leaving the

state. Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, who is also the Industries minister, however said that the ranking was impacted by new standards being introduced in the survey.

"The 2018-19 ranking of Ease of Doing Business has lowered the rankings of not only Haryana but several other states as well. The rankings of some geographically small states and Union Territories have increased but the rankings of most states, acknowledged for their industrial growth, has declined," he said in a statement.

"A survey has been conducted on the basis of new standards in 2019 to prepare the ranking of states under Ease of Doing Business. More than 25 new standards were added to this survey, while a few standards being implemented earlier were removed. These significant changes have affected the rankings prominently," Chautala added.

## REJUVENATION TIME



With the reopening of virtually all activities now in the midst of the Covid pandemic, a gardener prunes hedges at Matka roundabout in Chandigarh. PARDEEP SAINI

## HP agrivarsity gears up to meet emerging challenges

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SHIMLA, 8 SEPTEMBER



making mechanism is being developed to meet the new challenges.

Adopting multi-disciplinary approach, the students will be provided a bouquet of subjects to pursue the profession with passion. Many certificate courses have been planned to engage and train the youth, especially the rural youth and others who returned to roots after the pandemic. Start-up programmes have also been started in the University, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor said that all Krishi Vigyan Kendras

and Research Stations scattered all over the state will be strengthened. He said it has been decided to hold major extension and research related meetings amidst farmers in their homes or farms. Prof Chaudhary said that Palampur University scientists were tuned to work in the hills and efforts will be made to get more such research projects sanctioned which help in resolving problems of the farming community.

"I expect that each scientist will bring at least one research project to the Uni-

## Don't attend session if you feel any Covid symptoms: HP Speaker to MLAs

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
SHIMLA, 8 SEPTEMBER

After a BJP MLA from Kangra district tested positive for COVID-19 on the first day of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly's monsoon session, Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar on Tuesday advised MLAs not to attend the session if they notice in themselves any symptoms related to this infectious disease.

Parmar, while addressing members of HP Legislative Assembly, appealed to them to keep vigil, adopt all safety measures and strictly follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to curb spread of deadly disease.

"If anyone has any doubts or they experience any influenza-like illness symptoms, they should go for home quarantine or isolate themselves instead of attending the session.

If it is necessary to attend the assembly then they should themselves take initiative to get tested for Coronavirus," he added.

Parmar urged the members to go for thermal screening before entering the house to remain safe from infectious disease.

He further advised them to use face masks properly and cover nose and mouth completely, adopt necessary social distance and keep sanitizing hands.

He also advised them to not to speak loudly as it could lead to spread of virus and said every member should speak in a normal way to curb the spread of the disease.

Besides her, a Cabinet minister from Mandi district and Congress MLA from Solan had contracted the disease and they were currently undergoing treatment.

Another BJP MLA from Solan district and a Cabinet minister from Sirsa district, who were tested positive for COVID-19 in August and had recovered, attended the proceedings of the assembly.

1,946 persons committed suicide in HP in 3 years

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
SHIMLA, 8 SEPTEMBER

As many as 1,946 persons have committed suicide in Himachal Pradesh in the last three years, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur informed the state Assembly in a written reply to a question by Leader of the Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri on Tuesday.

Thakur said that the total 1,946 cases of suicide that were reported from 1 January to 31 July 2020, 1,196 were men while 749 were women.

"In most of the cases, these persons had committed suicide owing to domestic reasons, long-term ailments, depression, family disputes, drug abuse and financial crisis among other reasons," he added.



*Our newspapers and magazines should have global reputation. We should reach digitally across the world.*

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

LAUDING THE MEDIA FOR SERVING PEOPLE BY SPREADING AWARENESS ON COVID-19

India

## India's voice becoming global, world paying more attention to us: PM

SNS&PTI  
NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Tuesday that not only Indian products but India's voice too is becoming more global with the world paying more attention to the country.

Inaugurating Patrika Gate in Jaipur and releasing two books through video conference, Modi said Indian media also needs to go global at a time when the country enjoys a "very strong presence" at almost every international body.

"Our newspapers and magazines should have global reputation. We should reach digitally across the world in this digital age. Indian institutions should give away literary awards like they are given in different parts of the world. This is the need of the hour and necessary for the country," he said.

The Prime Minister lauded the country's media for serving people in an "unprece-

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dented way" by spreading awareness on the Covid-19 pandemic and by analysing government works and pointing out their shortcomings.

Though media is also criticised at times, more so in this age of social media, but everybody needs to learn from criticism, he said, adding this is what makes India's democracy strong.

Be it its government's campaign to build toilets or 'Swachh

Bharat' mission or Ujjwala scheme, which gives cooking gas cylinders free to poor women, or the project to supply piped water to every household, the media has worked to spread awareness, the prime minister said, while also lauding it for its role in shaping the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' project.

Praising Kothari's books 'Samvad Upanishad and Akshar Yatra', for their attempt to preserve and promote Indian culture, traditions and philosophy, he hoped that the current generation which "depends on Google guru" will read them.

"In this age of text and tweet, it is more imperative that our new generation is not weaned away from gaining serious knowledge," he said, asking people to keep a place in house for books and reading them in the same way they reserve some space for worship.

Family members should inculcate the habit of reading books by reading a few pages everyday, he said.

## TENDER

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Northern Railway, Charbagh, Lucknow invites bids through ireps from reputed firms for works as given below:-

Tender No.: W-CB-OT-05-2020-21R

Name of Work: Development and Commissioning of Computerized Test Bench for training and testing of air brake system valves of 700HP DEMU & Diesel/Electric locomotives as per scope of work.

Estimated Cost of Work: Rs. 73,98,000/- inclusive of all taxes.

Earliest Money: Rs. 1,48,000/- (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only)

Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 5,000/- only (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only)

Period of Contract: 03 Months

Date & Time for Submission of Tender: from 16.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 up to 15:00 Hrs.

Date of opening: 30.09.2020

\* The tender form may be submitted at the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from 16.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 (up to 15:00 Hrs.).

\* Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be treated as NULL & Void.

\* Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed.

\* The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day.

\* No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening of the offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

No.: N.R.CB/September/Air Brake Test Bench/2020R

Dated: 07.09.2020

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## Mysuru Dasara to be a low key affair in view of Covid

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BENGALURU, 8 SEPTEMBER

With the Covid-19 pandemic casting its shadow, it has been decided to organise the world famous Dasara celebrations in the palace city of Mysuru in a "simple" way, Karnataka and culture minister CT Ravi said on Tuesday.

At the Dasara High Power Committee held today, it was decided to organise all traditional events in Chamundeshwari Temple and Amba Vilas Palace premises by ensuring social distancing, while the world renowned Jambu Savari (procession of caparisoned elephants) will be restricted to the palace premises.

In the backdrop of Covid-19 pandemic it has been decided to organise Dasara in a simple way, by following the

traditions," Ravi said.

Speaking to reporters after the Dasara High Power Committee meeting headed by chief minister B S Yediyurappa, he said the celebrations will be simple and limited to Chamundi hills and Mysuru palace, without allowing large gatherings, but following the traditions.

"This time jambu savari will be only limited within the palace premises following the traditions, with only five elephants. Five Corona warrior representatives-a doctor, nurse, civic worker, ASHA worker and police- will inaugurate Dasara festivities this time," he added. Celebrated as "Naada Habba" (state festival), the 10-day event every year showcases Karnataka's cultural heritage resplendent with folk art forms.

## T'gana adopts resolution urging Centre to confer Bharat Ratna on Narasimha Rao

### STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD, 8 SEPTEMBER

Telangana Legislative Assembly today passed an unanimous resolution to award Bharat Ratna to former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao posthumously on his centenary year after Congress backed the demand although AIMIM boycotted Assembly proceedings stating that they could not be party to any resolution or discussion on Rao.

Although the AIMIM stayed away the party and its chief Asaduddin Owaisi were criticised both Congress and other minority political parties for continuing to ally with TRS despite the latter's stand on Rao who also served as the first chief minister of the unified state from Telangana region. He is also blamed for the demolition of Babri Masjid which took place during his tenure as PM.

CM K Chandrasekhar Rao moved the resolution urging the Centre to confer Bharat Ratna award "to the son of Telangana, during the centenary celebrations, the statesman who was the first person from South India to become Prime Minister, architect of new economic reforms, distinctive diplomat, multi-linguist,

the greatest visionary who paved ways for bright progress of country, icon of Indian politics and extraordinary intellect Sri Pamapalath Venkata Narasimha Rao." The resolution also urged the Centre to install a statue and a portrait of the former Prime Minister in Parliament Complex and to name the Hyderabad Central University after him.

"AIMIM has decided to boycott today's proceedings in Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. Our party cannot support resolution and discussion on Centenary Celebrations of Late PV Narasimha Rao," according to a statement released by the party.

Congress leader Sravan Dasoju said: "It is nothing but a joke of millennium that AIMIM was boycotting LA proceedings. The AIMIM is making a futile attempt to fool Telangana Muslims underestimating their political acumen and wisdom."

In three teams, the central team is visiting flood affected areas, our officials are also with them, after doing the survey, they will meet the chief secretary," Yediyurappa said.

Speaking to reporters here,

he said last evening he had detailed discussion with the

## PEEK-A-BOO



A child peeks from a window of a special train at Egmore railway station after the government eased lockdown, in Chennai on Tuesday. ■ AFP

## 6th Schedule demand grows louder in Ladakh

### STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, 8 SEPTEMBER

A strong social media campaign is sweeping across the newly formed Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh rejecting the Jammu and Kashmir type domicile status for the residents and demanding application of the Sixth Schedule in the mountainous region by the Centre.

Youth, in particular, are growing restive on the issue and have stressed that they will accept nothing short of the Sixth Schedule for Ladakh as has been done in the coun-

try's certain other tribal areas.

A former MP and a respected leader of Ladakh, Thupten Chhewang, has also supported the demand.

Being part of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh too was covered under Article 370 that prohibited people from other states from acquiring land and getting government jobs. However, after Article 370 was scrapped in August last year and residents of J&K UT were brought under the Domicile Act in place of the Sixth Schedule for Ladakh as has been done in the coun-

They fear the Domicile Act might also be applied in the area that would open the gates for outsiders to acquire land and settle there. Moreover, under the new system only class IV jobs have been reserved for domiciles of J&K. People in Ladakh were also not in favour of the Centre applying in the area the Article 371 that provides for special provisions to meet the unique needs of the backward regions, protect the economic and cultural interests and combat local challenges and protect the customary laws.

## BSY to travel to New Delhi to seek more flood relief

### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BENGALURU, 8 SEPTEMBER

Karnataka chief minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday said a Central team was visiting the flood-hit areas to assess the damage, and that he will also be going to New Delhi to seek more relief from the Centre.

With Yediyurappa's Delhi visit plans, speculations are rife in party circles that he might get a green signal from the BJP high command for the much awaited Cabinet expansion or reshuffle.

"In three teams, the central team is visiting flood affected areas, our officials are also with them, after doing the survey, they will meet the chief secretary," Yediyurappa said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said last evening he had detailed discussion with the

Central team members on the destruction caused by floods in the last three successive years and have given a memorandum to the Centre through them. "Looking at the report they submit to the union government, I will go to Delhi and try to get more relief," he said, adding he has yet to decide on the travel dates.

Karnataka has suffered a loss of Rs 8,071 crore due to the recent floods, Yediyurappa had on Monday informed the six-member inter-ministerial central team (IMCT) headed by Ministry of Home Affairs Joint Secretary KV Pratap.

He also said that the guidelines for providing relief under state disaster response fund and national disaster response fund need to be revised this year and requested the Centre to revise it

immediately and release more funds to help people in distress. More than 10 districts of the state were affected by floods this year.

Heavy rainfall since 1 August has killed at least 20 people, displaced thousands, damaged more than 10,000 homes and crops in about 4.03 lakh hectares, and wrecked 14,182 km of roads.

It is speculated that Yediyurappa is likely to travel to Delhi ahead of the legislature session from 21 to 30 September, during which he is expected to seek approval from the party high command for cabinet expansion or approval.

The CM has reportedly indicated this to his Cabinet colleagues during the informal meeting on Monday. According to sources, Yediyurappa during the meeting with the high command is also likely to discuss the bypolls.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### e-Procurement Notice

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer , National Highway Division HPPWD Chamba 176310 H.P on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh, Invites the items the items rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the Table.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Time Limit
1.	Restoration of rain damage on Chakk Banikhet Chamba Bharmour Road NH 154 A Km 39/0 to 106/0 (SH:- 7,54,276.00	15,100/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months	
2.	Construction of PCC Retaining wall at Km 46/194 To 46/202					
3.	Restoration of rain damage on Chakk Banikhet Chamba Bharmour Road NH 154 A Km 39/0 to 106/0 (SH:- 6,72,778	13,460/-	350/-	D&C	Three Months	
4.	Construction of PCC Retaining wall at Km 59/64 TO 59/656.					
5.	Restoration of rain damage on Chakk Banikhet Chamba Bharmour Road NH 154 A Km 106/0 to 172/0 (SH:- 4,25,520.00	8,510	350/-	D&C	Three Months	
6.	Construction of PCC Retaining wall at RD 158/704 To 158/716					

1. AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENT AND MODE OF SUBMISSION: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <http://hpwdtenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website <http://hpwdtenders.gov.in> Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

2. KEY DATES:

Date of Online Publication: 14.9.2020 at 11:00 Hours.

1. Document download Start and End date: 14.9.2020 at 11:00 Hours up to 29.9.2020 at 11:00 Hours.

2. Bid Submission Start and End date: 14.9.2020 at 11:00 Hours up to 29.09.2020 at 11:00 Hours.

3. Date of Technical Bid Opening: 29.9.2020 at 11:00 Hours.

4. Submission of original Documents: The original instruments in respect of cost of documents and EMD should be submitted to the tender inviting Authority i.e. Executive Engineer, NH Division, HPPWD Chamba by registered post/courier with in three (3) working days from the day of technical bid opening.

5. TENDER DETAILS:

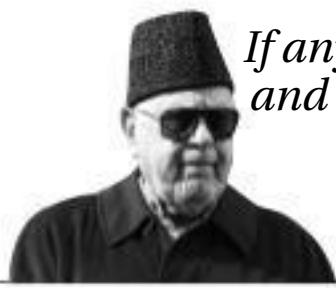
The Tender Document shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.

Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility" information.

Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

6. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer, NH Division, HPPWD Chamba as specified in key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

7. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 29.9.2020 at



If anybody is playing communal politics today, it is BJP and RSS. We have never played this game....

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT FAROOQ ABDULLAH  
ACCUSING BJP AND RSS OF INDULGING IN THE 'GAME' OF COMMUNAL POLITICS

The Statesman  
NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Labourers work at an under construction building in New Delhi on Tuesday.

**Chardham project:** The apex court on Tuesday said the 2018 circular of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on width of roads in hilly and mountainous terrain be followed in construction of Chardham highway project, providing all-weather connectivity to four holy towns of Uttarakhand. PTI

**Kisan Rail service:** Railway minister Piyush Goyal said the Kisan Rail service which aims at transporting agricultural produce at cheaper rates, was ferrying 350 tonnes of goods from the 94 tonnes it carried on its inaugural. PTI

**1 dead, 4 injured as WW-II bomb goes off:** A metal scrap collector was killed and four others were injured on Tuesday when a suspected World War II-era bomb exploded in Burma Camp area of Nagaland's Dimapur district. PTI

**MLA performs headstand:** A Congress MLA performed headstand, during a farmers' protest in Madhya Pradesh after the collector allegedly did not come to receive their memorandum listing various demands. PTI

# Allies demand 'pound of flesh' from RJD

Problem for Opposition Grand Alliance is that every party wants as many seats to contest citing various reasons

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 8

**T**he Opposition Grand Alliance (GA) is caught in a peculiar situation as allies have been demanding "pound of flesh", thus delaying the seat-sharing arrangements. The RJD-led GA comprises a number of parties such as the Congress, Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP), Vikashin Insan Party (VIP), CPI-ML, CPI and CPIM.

The problem for the GA is that every party wants as many seats to contest citing various reasons. If their claims for seats are added together, the total number of seats comes to 422 while Bihar has

only 243 assembly seats. The issue of seat distribution lies with the RJD which is yet to finalise the formula.

While the Congress wants 93 seats, CPI-ML has staked claim for 50 seats. Similarly, the RLSP has submitted a list of 49 seats and CPI-CPIM are demanding 45 seats whereas the VIP has been exerting pressure to spare 25 seats for the party.

This is the situation when the Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) led by former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi has already quit the GA to return to Nitish Kumar camp.

The trouble before the RJD is that it wants to contest on at least 160 seats alone. That

leaves only 83 seats for the six GA allies which means the seat sharing issue is going to a very herculean task, indeed.

The problem has been further aggravated in the absence of RJD chief Lalu Prasad who is currently under judicial custody in Ranchi and it is very difficult for the party leadership to communicate the issue to him at and when they require.

Of all, the VIP is looking very impatient. Reports said the party which has its support base among the fishermen community is playing the double game by being in touch with the BJP as well. The party headed by Mukesh Sahni has queered the pitch by demand-

ing the post of deputy chief minister should the GA come to power in Bihar after the elections.

"We enjoy a support base among the 15 percent population. No party can form a government without our support. So, the post of deputy CM should go to the most backward community," Sahni demanded today.

The Election Commission, it may be mentioned here, has announced to complete the assembly poll process in the state before 29 November although the dates of polling are yet to be announced. However, the EC's announcements have suddenly heated up the poll scene in the state.

**Nitish can't win on his own: Tejashwi**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
PATNA, 8 SEPTEMBER

Hitting back at chief minister Nitish Kumar for launching a blistering attack on Lalu Prasad politically as well as personally, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav Tuesday said the JD(U) president's "impressive face" cannot fetch him seats even in double digit if his party enters poll fray on its own.

Yadav, who served as Kumars deputy in the previous Grand Alliance gov-

ernment, asserted that his Samata Party could win just seven seats in the 1995 Assembly elections and again he could bag a meagre two seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls when JD (U) fought in alliance with the CPI.

Kumar had on Monday while addressing JD (U) virtual rally made a scathing attack on Lalu Prasad and his family and highlighted comparative statistics to show the pace of development in Bihar during 15 years of

"Pati-Patri Raj" (Lalu-Rabri rule) and as much time under him since then.

Kumar has been on chief minister's chair since end of the RJD rule in November 2005 and will be seeking fourth straight term in office in the polls due in October-November.

The JD (U) president had also taken a swipe at Tejashwi Yadav by referring seven sins enumerated by Mahatma Gandhi who considered "money without work" as a sin among others.

## HOLY MASS



Catholic Bishop of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad Reverend Thumma Bala (C) offers The Holy Eucharist during Pontifical Holy mass, which is broadcast live online due to Covid-19 pandemic, to celebrate the annual Feast of the Birth of Mother Mary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Health in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

## Jaishankar leaves for Russia to attend SCO foreign ministers' meet

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

External affairs minister S Jaishankar today left for Moscow to represent India at the meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to be held on 9-10 September.

The meeting will review the preparations for the forthcoming SCO summit and also exchange views on international and regional issues, the External Affairs Ministry said.

The visit comes shortly after defence minister Rajnath Singh attended the SCO defence ministers' meeting in Moscow and held bilateral talks with his Chinese counterpart on the border stand-off between the two countries.

Jaishankar also is expected to meet his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi to discuss the border tensions which have given a big



A handout picture by the Iranian Foreign Ministry on Tuesday shows foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (L) welcoming India's Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in Tehran. AP

blow to ties between the two countries. Only yesterday, Jaishankar made a brief halt at Tehran this morning and met his Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif. Last week, the defence minister had made a stopover at

Tehran on his way back from Moscow and discussed regional

al security issues and the situation in Afghanistan with the Iranian leadership.

Meanwhile, Roman Babuskin, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Russian Embassy in New Delhi confirmed that Jaishankar would hold bilateral talks with Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on the margins of the SCO meet. He clarified that no bilateral issues would be allowed to be raised at the SCO meet, hoping India and China find a peaceful solution to their border row as responsible international players.

## Rhea arrest: Mainstream B'wood silent, others decry

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
MUMBAI, 8 SEPTEMBER

Actor Rhea Chakraborty's arrest on Tuesday in a drugs case linked to the death of Sushant Singh Rajput found its echo on Twitter with several in the Hindi film industry decrying the witch hunt and trial by media but some others speaking of karma and the consequences of wrong-doing.

Chakraborty, accused of abetting Rajput's suicide by his family and subjected to media scrutiny, was arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau after three days of questioning.

Though mainstream Bollywood was mostly silent, directors Hansal Mehta, Anubhav Sinha, Alankrita Shrivastava and writer Atika Chohan were among those who reacted sharply to her arrest.



**paak**, said the actor was being "incriminated" for life choices of Rajput, her boyfriend. "... Why is a woman incriminated and called names for an adult man's life choice".

Shrivastava said: "Excellent job, India! Enjoy the burning of the witch. And while we are at it we may as well get Sati back." "And no, lets not lift a finger to stem any crimes against women. Let dance wildly and applaud the fire," added the director of *Lipstick Under My Burkha*.

Sinha, director of films such as *Mulk* and *Article 15*, simply asked mediapersons to "resign" and seek different employment avenues.

"If you still feel like a journalist, RESIGN. You won't die of hunger. You will discover new friends, opportunities and avenues," the director said in a scathing tweet.

Aligarh director Hansal Mehta was equally distressed.

"Not abetment of suicide, not money laundering, not murder? Now I know why marijuana is not legalised in India yet," he said.

Chohan, co-writer of *Chha-*

money. What remains is drugs. None found on her. She's ready for a test. Who was it for? Obvious, na? #justiceforSushant #JusticeForRhea," Nandy tweeted.

He said if one wanted to find out "what killed" Rajput, they need to go back to the original charges. "Harassment, humiliation in public, bullying. There are people in Bollywood who constantly ridiculed him. In this @kangana\_official is right. You cannot survive Bollywood with a fragile mind," Nandy added.

Not all reactions were critical of Chakraborty's arrest.

Actor Ankita Lokhande, Rajput's former girlfriend and *Pavitra Rishta* co-star, said "Justice" has been served.

Rajput's sister Shweta Singh Kirti tweeted, "#GodsWithUs" after Chakraborty's arrest.

Actor Shekhar Suman said: "You sow so you shall reap."

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 47 read with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15th September, 2020 at New Delhi, to inter alia consider and approve the unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2020.

Further, in accordance to the Regulation 46 of LODR, details of the aforesaid meeting are available on website of the Company i.e. www.jagatjit.com and also on website of Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com.

for JAGATJIT INDUSTRIES LTD.

Place: New Delhi  
Date : 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Roopesh Kumar  
(Company Secretary)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION  
General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: about 35 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Hair: Black short, Small Beard and Mustache ID Mark: Black mole on his left cheek, Wearing: Light sky blue trouser and red jacket was found in unconscious condition at Bus Stand Ring Road, Near Bhairon Mandir on 06/11/12 at 10:50am, who was admitted in RML Hospital vide MLC No. E-E-215740/12. During treatment, he expired. The dead body has been preserved in RML Hospital Mortuary for 72 hrs. In this regard a DD No. 11A dated 06/11/12 has been lodged at P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

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P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi  
Ph.No.: 011-23382100

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COMMUNIQUE / PUBLIC NOTICE

Important information / instructions for the protection of the environment to the individuals / Institutions operating dairy farms / cowsheds

In compliance with the order dated 24.01.2020 and 20.05.2020 passed in the OA No. 46/2018 Nugheli Jaisimha vs. Government of NCT of Delhi filed at Honorable National Green Tribunal, New Delhi, the guidelines have been prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi for the protection of the environment to the dairy operators/dairy farms/cowsheds, which are available on the website ([www.mcdonline.nic.in](http://www.mcdonline.nic.in) or [www.mcdonline.gov.in](http://www.mcdonline.gov.in)) of the Corporation. In compliance with the instructions given by the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi and dated 21.08.2020 by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, all dairy operators/dairy farms and cowsheds are hereby directed to operate the dairy farms/cowsheds as per the said guidelines after obtaining the establishment and operating consent from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and then contact the Regional Office of East Delhi Municipal Corporation for obtaining permit for your dairies and cowsheds, otherwise action will be taken under Delhi Municipal Corporation Act 1957 (revised 2011).

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Despite a 1993 legislation prohibiting manual scavenging of human excreta and a 2014 SC verdict on the matter, till the last count over 274 people have died in Gujarat while cleaning municipal manholes and septic tanks of private properties.

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Deaths of two more labourers inside a sewerage manhole at Surat on Monday once again highlights Gujarat government's apathy towards the sanitation workers belonging to the lower strata of society.

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## One country, 2 systems

The doughty Kamala Harris, the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee and Joe Biden's running mate, has made a forthright statement that reaffirms the historical binary in the social history of the United States of America. She has portrayed the country in black and white with the assertion, "We do have two systems of justice for black and white Americans". She has doubtless caused a flutter in the roost barely two months ahead of the presidential election (3 November), and it shall not be easy for Donald Trump to advance even a feeble defence of an ugly truth. It is quite obvious that the "State of the Union" interview to CNN was arranged in the context of the recent killings, lately in Minneapolis and Portland, not to forget St Bernadino and Ferguson during the Barack Obama dispensation. Her observations may sound like electoral rhetoric on the face of it, but markedly she has been bold enough to assert that Donald Trump is not a "real leader" on racial justice and was trying to "pretend that he has been a leader" on the coronavirus pandemic. Far from it. The US President's leadership has turned out to be disastrous so far as coronavirus is concerned with the country at the top of the pandemic graph. But her presentation was riveted to America's frequently mortal racism. "I don't think that most reasonable people who are paying attention to the facts would dispute that there are racial disparities and a system that has engaged in racism in terms of how the laws have been enforced," she said. "It does us no good to deny that. Let's just deal with it. Let's be honest. These might be difficult conversations for some, but they're not difficult conversations for leaders, not for real leaders." Few Democrats, not even the presidential nominee, Joe Biden, have been so explicit in their perception of this societal scourge that has widened the divide among Americans, one that is embedded in the colour of the skin. To think that the white American, including the law-enforcement authority, will accord precedence to colour ought to be anathema in this day and age.

Protests against racial injustice, particularly in law enforcement, have swept across the country as police violence against black Americans – including George Floyd in Minneapolis, Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin and Daniel Prude in Rochester, New York – has dominated narrative in the US this summer. Nine in 10 black Americans have said they are not sure if the police treat black and white Americans equally, while a majority of white Americans are confident they are treated equally. The chief merit of Ms Harris' presentation must be that this is the first time that she has dwelt on the core issue of two systems of justice in the fountain-head of democracy. The black American is the loser of this systemic assault on humanity.

## Hunger Pandemic

The continent of Africa is on the cusp of what the UN has called a "hunger pandemic" in parallel to coronavirus. As it turns out, the worst affected are the chronically deprived conflict areas, notably Yemen, South Sudan, a swathe of Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The continental crisis calls for a concerted effort on the part of the comity of nations. News of people dying of hunger can be no less devastating than the awesome spread of the dreaded virus. Reports from the UN headquarters do suggest that the risk of famine has been intensified in these countries by what the UN team's report to the Security Council calls "natural disasters, economic shocks and public health crises, all compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic". There is an alarming connotation to the document that has been advanced to the UN Council – "Together, these factors are endangering the lives of millions of men, women and children". Despite acute food deprivation and relentless armed conflicts – in Yemen for instance over the past five years – humanitarian providers of relief have not been able to distribute relief. The civil war between Houthi rebels and a Saudi-backed military coalition has left 80 per cent of the country dependent on outside assistance. Visuals of a malnourished child in the arms of his sister at a camp in Yemen poignantly reaffirms the hunger, almost endemic in Africa. The findings assume significance in the context of the World Food Programme's caveat to the Council – "While the world is contending with the coronavirus pandemic, we are also on the brink of a hunger pandemic". Verily has the WFP reinforced the warning, saying a lack of funding for emergency relief and the complications created by the coronavirus scourge have "now pushed some of the world's neediest populations closer to famine conditions". It is a measure of the overwhelming crisis that the neediest are predominant in Africa. The hunger emergency is now in designated Phase 4, specifically one step from famine. The pace of its spread is no less forbidding than the escalation of Covid-19. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, an estimated 21 million people are said to be living in crisis or what the UN report calls "worse levels of food insecurity". In South Sudan, which has suffered seven years of armed conflict, the people are largely inaccessible to aid agencies due to conflict and deliberate obstruction by "non-state armed groups".

Overall, a stark message has been conveyed to the world over the weekend on the degree of starvation and deaths in Nigeria where more than ten million people – four of five – now require humanitarian assistance and protection. So too do the coronavirus-afflicted, and it is direly imperative for the world leaders to be riveted to both the killer virus and the lurking famine... with the potential to kill. It is a twin scourge for a part of the world.

# Communist Parties

A particular strength of the communists has been that many party members are educated. Could they not promote their electoral prospects by running schools and colleges? They could also do other forms of social service such as running hospitals, dispensaries and nursing homes



With the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, the skies of all communist states in the world were covered by dark clouds. Before long, most of these states lost their governments. Over the last three decades, the era of Karl Marx has passed, although red political parties in some countries are still flickering, for example in India. In China the entire party has not only survived, it also monopolises the political life of the huge country, although the Marxist ideology has been consigned to history. The Communist Party of China lives on in all its glory; its only missing feature being the ideology of Marx and Mao. North Korea is similar, although the leadership of the party is a family dynasty.

Let us assume that sooner or later, communism could revive in Europe or come up us say, in South America, or anywhere else due to widespread unemployment. There is not even a remote possibility of it reviving, not to talk of succeeding in India. The irremovable obstacle in the path of any movement that promises equality is Hinduism. Its core belief in karma enables the poor person to reconcile to the fact that unless one's karma improves, there is little chance of his or her bhagya or fate improving. Any other promise would be like a balm that may relieve the pain without curing the disease.

Let us go back to the early years of Indian independence. There were too many poor people in most parts of the country. Much of the poverty was unbearable to see. Yet, none of the Marxist parties could impact the many elections held throughout the country, except in Kerala and Bengal. The people of these two states were well endowed with brains and thinking which spared comparatively less energy for physical work.

The Marxist promise of "from each according to his ability, to each according to need" militates against the Hindu belief in "no bhagya (fate) without karma". In other words, the Indi-

an electorate was never an attractive playing field for the communist politician. With Marxism itself having been now discounted, obviously the red politician must search for an alternative path. Which one can it be?

A party grows in order to either serve a collective cause or redress a chronic grievance. In India, there should not be a shortage of grievances. The biggest segment of people who have the most grievances would be the womenfolk. The petition before the Supreme Court, which transferred it to Parliament, was over instant triple talaq, which legislated appropriately. The real triple divorce, namely, talaq-e-biddat, which takes over three months to complete is still alive, but it is still entirely discretionary in the hands of the woman's husband. Another Damocles' Sword hanging over the womenfolk in India is polygamy. Yet another, as well as a cause, would be family planning, which can attract the female vote. Yet it is virtually a neglected cause since 1977, when Indira Gandhi lost the general election because of nasbandi being in its manifesto.

A greater national issue can be a Sino-Indian settlement over territory and borders. With their communist credentials, India's communists should be the best placed to negotiate with the Communist Party of China. The CPI-M would be ideally placed as they sympathized with China in 1962 and split from the main Communist Party in 1964 on the issue. The CPI at the time was in sympathy with the Soviet Union, which nevertheless had called the Chinese brothers vis-à-vis the Indians being just friends. Additionally, there is the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), the devotees of Leon Trotsky's Permanent Revolution, plus the Socialist Unity Centre which owes its origins to the Commu-

nist Party of East Germany.

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The late chief minister of Tamil Nadu MG Ramachandran,

was the first major mover in this regard, introducing the mid-day meal in schools. His successor J. Jayalalithaa arranged for idlis to be made available at Rs 5 a plate to the public. The Shiv Sena in Bombay years ago, won acclaim for opening jhunka-bhakar stalls that provided both livelihood to many youngsters as well as affordable meals to a large section of the state's working population.

The communist parties have cadres, including permanent ones that could help in organizing these welfare schemes. On the other hand, they could take a leaf out of the book of their erstwhile communist associates or comrades from East Europe, who did not hesitate to jettison communism and become social democrats. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the collapse of both communism and their overlord the Soviet Union in 1991, the communists of Eastern Europe undertook a variety of reform processes.

The collapse of communism posed a fundamental challenge to the ruling communist parties of East Central Europe. After 1989-1990, they were removed from their international imperial hierarchy with Moscow at its centre. The Warsaw Pact, the military alliance that was the opposite number of the West's NATO, too ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

East Europe's communists now stood rejected as the rogueish elements of an ideology and

worldview that was delegitimized. Worse, they were no longer in power, as they were dislodged from the pinnacle of authoritarian regimes. Without regimes to rule or states to govern, the leadership of the former ruling communist parties had to find a new purpose, or what one might call a new strategic vision, to survive in the new world of post-communism.

The reform process of former East European communists and their parties was done in accordance with both changed political realities as well as the nature of the transition that their societies had undergone. They therefore took up different agendas in their respective national situations. Subsequently, former east European communists adopted different attitudes towards issues of European integration. The Polish, Czech, Slovak and East German successor parties all underwent different experiences in their respective polities and societies. But they all changed.

As communist parties they voted themselves out of existence and declared themselves to be social democrats or by any other name, in keeping with the changed circumstance. By the time the early 1990s arrived, former communist political parties were already active and playing leading roles in social, economic and political developments of East and Central Europe. However, India's communist parties, leaders and their ideological supporters paid scant attention to these developments.

In India, words like welfare and kalyan would be appropriate to rename the parties if necessary. Since health, education and other welfare are insufficient in India, this approach of a political party could succeed. "Workers of the world unite" is a slogan that has been out of date for over a century.

There would be many other ideas. One thing is certain – there is no future as communists in India unless they change. The communist parties with their structure, organization and their entire cadre would go waste.

A MEMBER OF THE **ANN**  
ASIAN VOICES

## Migrant workers face joblessness

When Mr Krishnan Hariharan's employer in Singapore lost its 40-year-long contract with an engine oil manufacturer in April this year, 110 employees, including him, were laid off. Unlike his colleagues, Mr Hari was lucky to receive a new job offer while in Singapore, but he said his old company refused to transfer his work permit. On Aug 11, the firm put him on a repatriation flight back home to Chennai in Tamil Nadu, India. "I didn't want to go home because the salaries here are a third of what I used to get." I would have preferred to stay in Singapore, look for a job, and directly transfer my work permit to a new employer," said 29-year-old Mr Hari, who had worked as a supervising manager earning about \$1,200 a month. Migrant workers like Mr Hari who have lost jobs are torn between staying back to look for work, or returning to their home country. Initially fearing deaths and illness under the Covid-19 pandemic, thousands of migrants flew back home. The High Commission of India in Singapore said "17,000 Indians have been evacuated in 115 flights", most of them travelling to the cities of Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore, Madurai and Chennai in Tamil Nadu in the past five months. The High Commission said 15,000 now await travel and new registrations are taking place every day. But as India and Bangladesh struggle with crashing economies and unprecedented unemployment, most expat workers are reluctant to leave, and those already home are eager to go back abroad. About 300,000 of 2.5 million Tamils working in different countries have come back to Tamil Nadu in five months. In Kerala, another major sender of migrants, only 254,000 expats have returned, out of about 500,000 who had originally registered for repatriation. Mr S. Irudaya Rajan, a migration expert at the Centre for Development Studies and a member of the Kerala task force for expats, said:

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"We expect more to come home until December, but many who returned in panic of Covid-19 are already regretting it." With no great livelihood in their hometowns, returnees are spending their savings. There is a great clamour to go back abroad." Jobs are scarce in India; the gross domestic product contracted to a record 23.9 per cent between April and June, and at least 19 million have lost salaried formal economy jobs after the lockdown. Mr Raj S, a 45-year-old construction machine operator who worked in Singapore for 14 years and returned to Tirupattur in Tamil Nadu in July, now says his farm income at home is poor, and debts are mounting. "I left because I was very afraid I'll get Covid in the dormitories, but I have to go back somehow," he said. He had spent 15 days in quarantine in Singapore before leaving, and seven days after landing in India. Returning abroad is complicated and expensive. Few workers can afford to pay recruitment fees to agencies again. Even with a job, Mr Hari said he will have to pay \$150 for a flight, about \$300 for paperwork, and at least \$200 for Covid-19 swab tests and quarantine when he gets to Singapore.

## IN MEMORIAM

**CHATTERJI CHHAYA** — Passed away on September 9, 2001. Remembered with love and gratitude by sons Bhaskar, Vidyarthi and daughter Reeta.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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## Why lockdown?

SIR, The number of containment zones in Kolkata has come down to one only, which has been possible due to wholehearted cooperation from the public. If the people extend cooperation to the municipal staff, maintain safe distance and take care of other safety norms, do we need total lockdown for two days at a stretch? When the Centre is reluctant to impose total lockdown in

the state, how can the state insist on its extension? Does it not indicate that the Centre is not inclined to accept the ground reality of the situation? Which one should we consider appropriate and effective?

Yours, etc., Arun Gupta,  
Kolkata, 7 September.

### GROUND REALITY

SIR, While academicians, critics and Green Warriors

are fighting it out over the myths and effectiveness of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment 2020, we are simply forgetting ground realities.

Ponds are being allowed to have a premature death. The festival season is knocking at the door and still there is no tangible solution with respect to immersion of idols.

The day is not far away when we will fight with our neighbours for a bottle of water — forget about bathing

every day. Political parties are bankrupt in their ideologies and they need not be trusted.

Yours, etc., Jayanta Bandyopadhyay,  
Howrah, 9 September.

### IRRESPONSIBLE

SIR, Some MPs of the ruling party of Bengal have decided not to join the monsoon session of Parliament because they are above 65 years of age and susceptible to corona infection. The same politicians ask aged doctors,

nurses and health workers to render service for Covid hospitals. They glorify health personnel's death by calling them Covid warriors. By abstaining from participation in parliamentary debate to which they ought to be committed, they are being irresponsible.

Yours, etc., D Vasudevan,  
Thiruvananthapuram, 7 September.

### EQUAL RESPECT

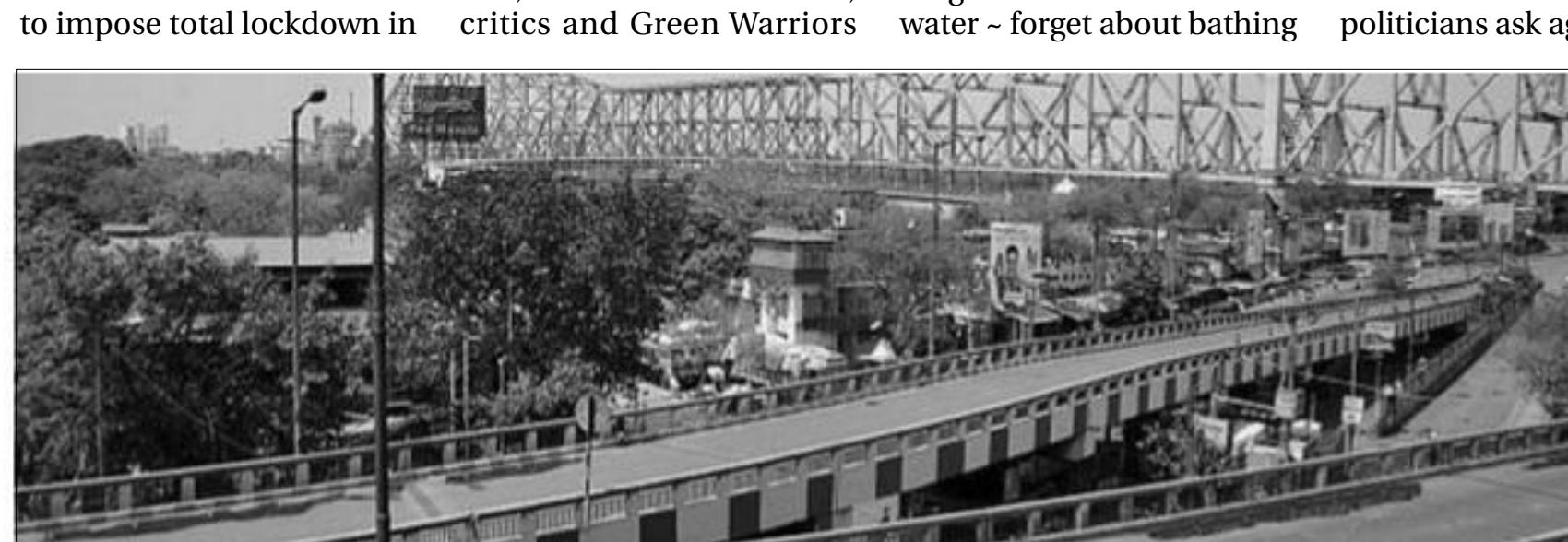
SIR, This refers to Mr Manish Nandy's article 'Summer

Leaves' (7 September). While elucidating about his vivid summer experiences, the writer has made a disparaging and vulgar remark about women.

He has mentioned, "I am happy to go around in tee shirts and shorts, happier still to see women go around in distinctly less." It may be his personal choice to enjoy anything but to make such crude remarks about women in an eminent daily is completely unethical. The writer should apologize.

Women are not sex-objects to be enjoyed by prying eyes, and they deserve equal respect in all walks of life. India's rich culture venerates women and treats them with respect. Such patriarchal and lewd mentality is abominable. Women deserve to be treated with due dignity and honour.

Yours, etc., Santowu Mohanty  
Bhubaneswar, 7 September.



### INHUMAN

SIR, I refer to the report, 'Covid-19 patient raped by ambulance driver in Kerala' published in The Statesman dated 7 September. This is an act that puts all of us to shame.

Whatever be the punishment for the crime committed, it will not be enough to remove the stigma of utter inhumanity.

Yours, etc., AK Deb Biswas,  
Hooghly, 7 September.

## US-China war headed for digital decoupling



NEHGIPAO KIPGEN AND VIKAS NAGAL

The effort of the Trump administration last month to restrict Huawei's access to US-designed chips is yet another salvo fired in the US-China tech war. It threatens to compromise the company's business of selling smartphones and telecommunication gear.

For more than a decade, Huawei has been in the crosshairs of the US government and has been considered a threat to privacy and national security.

In December 2018, Canadian authorities arrested Huawei's Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou, daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, on an American request, for allegedly breaching sanctions against Iran. The Trump administration banned the company from participating in laying down 5G networks in the US.

The Trump administration also mounted a high-profile, high-stakes, diplomatic pressure campaign in an attempt to stop its allies such as the UK, Australia, Canada, Japan, Ger-

many, India, etc. from allowing Huawei to build their 5G networks. The US has repeatedly contended at every diplomatic forum that Huawei is a Chinese state-controlled company and allowing it in next-generation wireless telecommunication networks is a folly.

While Australia and Japan banned Huawei from their 5G networks, other countries refused or were reluctant to follow suit for a number of reasons.

First, they believed that the threats emanating from allowing Huawei in 5G networks can be mitigated by keeping Huawei telecommunication equipment in a 'periphery network' and excluding it from their 'core networks'.

Second, the equipment provided by Huawei is cheaper than its competitors like Nokia and Ericsson.

The other reason was that in many countries including the UK, Huawei was part of their 4G telecommunication network. So, banning it from the next-generation network services would involve a huge cost in

removing Huawei from existing wireless networks, which would also delay the roll-out of 5G networks.

Then in May 2019, when the US and China failed to finalize a trade deal agreed at the G-20 summit in Buenos Aires in December 2018, the Trump administration reimposed suspended tariffs and banned US companies including Qualcomm, Google, and Micron from selling chips and software to Huawei.

The move marked a major escalation because Chinese tech companies are dependent on US-designed chips and US chip companies' major source of profit comes from selling chips to companies like Huawei.

The US chip companies found a legal workaround enabling them to continue selling chips to Huawei. The situation was a win-win for all. On the one hand, the US government could curb Huawei semiconductor development ambitions, and at the same time, the US chip companies could continue to generate profits. But Huawei survived although its ambition of self-reliance in semiconduc-

tors was undermined.

The Trump administration had also increased its pressure tactics on allies to force them to jettison Huawei from their next-generation telecommunication plans. Washington threatened Germany to revoke its intelligence-sharing agreement if Berlin allowed Huawei into their next-generation networks.

But the pressure was not one-sided. China warned countries that banning Huawei under American pressure would invite retaliation from Beijing in the form of economic sanctions. This puts the countries in a double bind. If they allow Huawei into their next-generation wireless networks, they risk losing their privileged position as the security partners of the US, and if they ban Huawei, they risk losing access to the second biggest market of the world.

In the initial weeks of 2020, it appeared that the US campaign against Huawei had been lagging. The UK government limited Huawei's participation in its 5G networks but did not ban it completely.

The European Union recommended to its member states to limit the involvement of 'high-risk' vendors like Huawei in their telecommunications networks, but did not suggest an outright ban on the Chinese company. The first phase of the US-China trade deal in January 2020 also calmed the waters across the Pacific.

Then in July 2020, the UK government reversed its earlier decision and blocked Chinese tech companies from its 5G networks. The UK government has asked its telecom operators to remove Huawei equipment from their 4G networks by 2027.

The Indian government has reversed its earlier decision to allow Huawei to participate in 5G trials. Similarly, Israel has also announced the ban of Huawei from its 5G networks. Of all, the UK's decision to ban Huawei was most eye-popping because it is part of the Five Eyes - US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada - the English speaking countries' intelligence-sharing network.

The Trump administration's latest ban will force not only US chip companies but also foreign chipmakers because most of the semiconductor companies are somehow dependent on Silicon Valley companies for design and software to manufacture and install chipsets. Without help from American tech companies, most companies, if not all, will struggle to develop chips. And without these foreign chipsets, Huawei cannot or will find it difficult to build 5G base stations and other equipment.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government is providing huge subsidies to local companies to become self-reliant and leaders in the semiconductor industry. In recent years, especially after ZTE's case - a kind of 'Sputnik moment' for it - the Chinese government has doubled its efforts to develop the semiconductor industry in China. But it will take years, if not decades, for China to become a leader in the semiconductor industry.

So, the latest action of the Trump administration is somewhat tantamount to a death sentence for Huawei. China is likely to use every arrow in its bow to prevent the collapse of its national pride. But the digital decoupling between the two superpowers is already underway and it is going to cost additional billions of dollars for countries and delay the roll-out of 5G networks around the world.

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### 100 YEARS AGO | OCCASIONAL NOTE

There can be no question that if anyone is well qualified to play the part of Spenglow to the German Jorkins, Herr Fahrenbach is that man. There is no limit to his sweet reasonableness, or would be none if only his partners were able to do all that he would like to do. Germany, he says, is ready loyally to work at the task of economic reconstruction of the world and in the carrying out of the Versailles treaty, "within the limits of her possibilities," but this qualification apparently excludes the performance of certain stipulations of the treaty which he considers to be incapable of execution. The limits of Germany's capabilities, he urges, depend primarily on internal tranquility, which may be understood as a plea against the full enforcement of the disarmament conditions of the treaty. With increased production, Herr Fahrenbach looks forward to an economic renaissance which will enable Germany to meet financial obligations and to assume "in some measure" the reparation charges. Nothing could be more soothing than the declarations of Germany's new Minister, and nothing could be better calculated to propitiate public opinion. Still, while Herr Fahrenbach's professions may be accepted for all they are worth, the Germans have taught the world that it is only safe to deal with them in deeds, not words; and it can never lie in the mouths of the successors of Bismarck to complain of hard dealing.

### NEWS ITEMS

#### BOMBAY WOMEN MEET

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the women of Bombay was held at the Marwari Vidyalaya Hall to protest against the Majority Report of the Hunter Committee. Mrs. J.B. Petit, who presided, declared that Indian opinion had been unanimous in regard to the condemnation of the Punjab atrocities and the time had come for women to do their duty shoulder-to-shoulder with their brethren in this matter. Mrs. Besant welcomed the meeting as a good omen that the women of Bombay had begun to espouse the Punjab cause, and felt confident they would carry the cause to victory, as they had done when they espoused the Indian cause in South Africa and Fiji. India was not safe from a repetition of the Punjab occurrences until Britain repudiated them.

#### CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Manik Mondal, a naib of a zamindar, residing in Behala, some time ago lodged information at the local thana that a dacoity had been committed in his house and stated that he had wounded one dacoit with a gun. This man was caught and kept in custody, but his comrades managed to escape. Information himself was away on a shooting excursion and on his return home at about 11 o'clock at night he met the man, whom he had wounded. The police on enquiry submitted a final report declaring the case to be false, charged the complainant Manik with lodging false information and for causing grievous hurt by shooting one Surendra Mondal, who was removed to hospital, where his leg was amputated. Manik thereupon prayed for a judicial enquiry. The trial is proceeding.

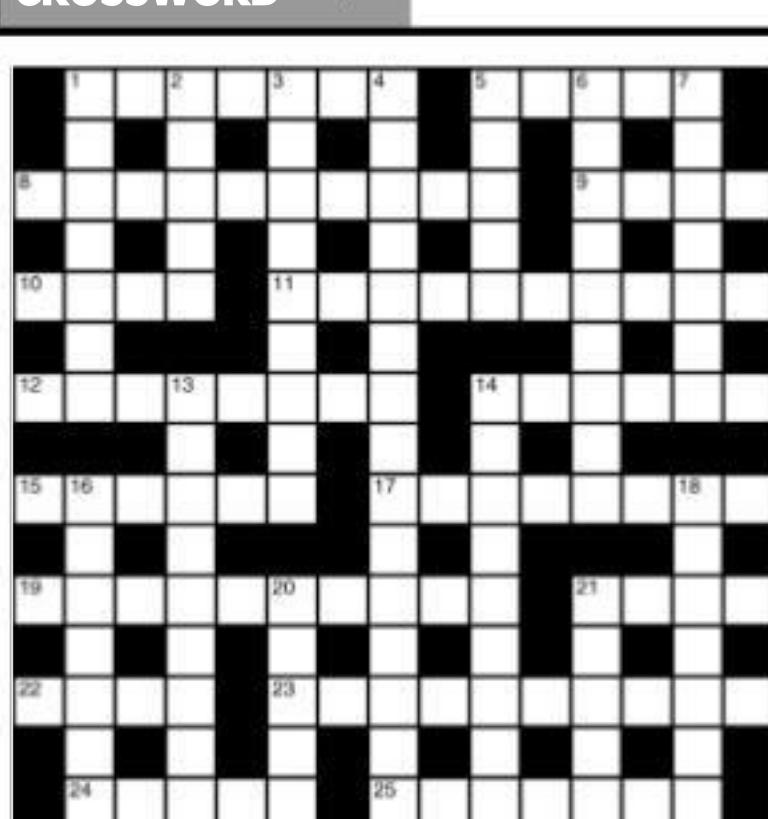
#### THE AMERICAN CANDIDATES

Governor Cox was elected by acclamation on the 44th ballot. The withdrawal of Mr. Palmer after the 38th, thus releasing his votes, marked the turning point in the Conference, Governor Cox immediately forging ahead until he reached 568 on the 43rd, with Mr. McAdoo 410. Mr. James M. Cox was thrice Governor of Ohio. He was born on a farm and received a public and high school education. He started as a printer's devil, but soon became newspaper reporter, and eventually proprietor of two newspapers. He became a member of Congress in 1909, and Governor of Ohio in 1913. The legislation for which Mr. Cox is best known includes model workmen's compensation law, child labour law, and the Ohio school code.

#### NAURU ISLAND

In the Commons Standing Committee which is considering the Nauru Island Agreement Bill, Lord Robert Cecil moved an amendment making the agreement subject to the provisions of Article 22 of Government of the League of Nations. Mr. Rees asked if it were seriously contended that when the mandate was granted to a great nation for the administration of territory it must come to the Council of League for approval for any action taken. Colonel Leslie Wilson, who was in charge of the Bill, disagreed with the amendment. He said that if the Government accepted it, it would involve an admission that the agreement did not accord with the Treaty. The agreement was signed by the Premiers of Britain, Australia, and New Zealand and the Treaty of Peace bore the same signatures.

#### CROSSWORD



#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

#### ACROSS

- 1 Martians at last on flying saucer — that's deliberate (7)
- 5 See 12
- 8 Evidence no longer in circulation wasted on tabloids (10)
- 9 Good to have ceremonial robe (4)
- 10 Blue material turning stomachs (4)
- 11 Under attack, extremely tough Red Guards scoffed (10)
- 12/5 Beast involved in Batavian crime (8,5)
- 14 Desire shown where t-shirt ripped (6)
- 15 Evil urge for a rotter (3,3)
- 17 Tree totally covers entrance to London thoroughfare (4,4)
- 19 Refuse to handle medium number in police vehicle (5,5)
- 21 Heroin, gold and pounds in takings from robbery (4)
- 22 Whale with teeth decapitated Spanish poet (4)
- 23 Trendy one in dentist treated for inflammation (10)
- 24 Nick back on time brought to church (5)
- 25 Wine presented by female is in right hand (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Catch-22 upset cover girl (7)
- 2 Try to catch a little pig (5)
- 3 Excited to be designing puzzles?
- 4 It's traumatic (9)
- 4 Thrifty spouse acquiring collar finally for boxer (8,7)
- 5 Dance music on game shows (5)
- 6 Chaste girl, one protected by mother, supplies element (9)
- 7 Rebellious as well, ordered south (7)
- 13 Keen soldier in WWI battlefield? (9)
- 14 Gabby — endlessly demanding girl about five (9)
- 16 Banking controller one suffering at work? (7)
- 18 Soul hit remake is vulgar (7)
- 20 Compare lighter alternative (5)
- 21 Some island seized by Henry I? (5)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

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sense of information by getting them to analyse, question, critique, synthesise, and apply that information in a range of ways.

Perhaps what our teachers need to do now — our entire education system needs to do now — is begin making a shift away from "delivering" information, towards helping students "understand, analyse, and use information."

And on an even larger scale, we need to make a shift away from conceiving "knowledge" as the core of a curriculum to conceiving "skills" as the core. While knowledge is what we know, skills are what we can do. And what we need today are graduates who can do things — like read criti-

cally, write clearly and persuasively, speak and present well, think analytically, ask good questions, work collaboratively, build good relationships with others, and come up with original ideas. Twenty first century teachers need to focus on teaching skills.

In progressive education circles, teachers are urged to be "guides on the side" instead of "sages on the stage." Their role is moving rapidly from the expert authority who knows everything (we'll cede that role to Google) to wise facilitator who can help students make sense of information and use it skilfully.

Instead of merely relying on one prescribed textbook, teachers are becoming curators of information,

drawing from all the resources available online, as well as from books and apps to provide students with a rich range of resources to learn from.

If we want to make progress as a society and give our children the skills and knowledge they need to navigate the 21st century, perhaps it's time for us to follow in the footsteps of countries like Finland and Singapore; we need to encourage our best and brightest to embark on the most important, interesting, complex and satisfying career path there is — we need to inspire them to become teachers.

The writer is associated with Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management, Kolkata. The views are personal.



Nalco in the process of augmenting its wind power generation capacity to 223.90 MW

SRIDHAR PATRA  
CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, NALCO

## THUMBNAILS

**Leyland chairman emeritus passes away:** Ashok Leyland on Tuesday said its chairman emeritus R J Shahane (89) passed away after a brief illness. Shahane, who breathed his last on Tuesday, was Ashok Leyland's first Indian managing director and he served in that capacity from 1978 to 1998 and subsequently as chairman until 2010. He was a visionary architect who laid the strong foundation in manufacturing, engineering and technology for the company, the company said in a statement.

PTI

**Anti-viral masks:** Dollar Industries Limited has joined hands with Australia-based company HealthGuard and curated a new range of anti-viral products. The initial range consists of anti-viral masks and innerwear for men. Made from cotton and non-woven fabrics, the product range features the perfect blend of science and comfort, said Mr Vinod Kumar Gupta, MD of Dollar Industries.

SNS

**Eros-STX merger:** Eros International PLC and STX Filmworks have announced the completion of their merger-of-equals transaction. The newly-combined company will migrate in the coming weeks to trade on the NYSE under the symbol ESXI and will operate under the name Eros STX Global Corporation, according to a Press release.

SNS

**Samsung refrigerators:** Samsung has launched four new models of its popular Curd Maestro refrigerators in larger capacities. These refrigerators will now be available in 386-litre and 407-litre capacities, combined with a number of company's innovative features, said a Press release.

SNS

**HCL Tech facility:** HCL Technologies has opened a global development centre in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and expects to hire over 3,000 people in the next few years for the facility.

PTI

## Govt to sell 15-20% stake in IRCTC through OFS

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The government plans to sell about 15-20 per cent stake in IRCTC via offer for sale (OFS) and would like to complete the transaction in minimum number of tranches.

Last month, the department of investment and public asset management (Dipam) had invited bids from merchant bankers by 10 September for managing the sale in Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp (IRCTC).

However, it did not disclose the quantum of stake on offer in the request for proposal (RFP). Following this, a pre-bid meeting was held on 4 September with potential bidders.

Dipam has now posted its response to the queries raised by potential bidders on

its website.

To a query on intended stake dilution percentage, Dipam said: "The indicative percentage is 15 per cent to 20 per cent. The exact details will be shared with the selected merchant bankers."

The government currently holds 87.40 per cent stake in IRCTC. To meet Sebi's public holding norm, it has to lower its stake in the company to 75 per cent.

Shares of IRCTC today closed 2.57 per cent lower at Rs 1,378.05 on the BSE.

Asked if payment would be made by the government to merchant banker after completion of every single tranche or cumulatively after the completion of entire transaction, Dipam said: "GOI would not like to have an OFS overhang and hence would

like to complete the transaction in minimum number of tranches as advised by merchant bankers based on market conditions.

"In case more than one tranche is used, pro-rata payment would be made to the merchant bankers".

IRCTC, the only entity authorised by Indian Railways to provide catering services to railways, online railway tickets and packaged drinking water at railway stations and trains in India, was listed on stock exchanges in October 2019.

The company had raised Rs 645 crore through the IPO.

IRCTC OFS would help the government inch forward towards meeting the Rs 2.10 lakh crore disinvestment target for ongoing financial year.

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During the distribution period up to August, total 2.67 LMT of foodgrain was distributed to 5.32 crore migrants. This works out to an average of about 2.66 crore beneficiaries per month, which is nearly 95 per cent of the estimated number of migrants," the statement said.

The government also informed that 36.05 lakh members of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) have taken benefit of online withdrawal of non-refundable advance from EPFO account amounting to 9,543 crore so far.

## Japan's GDP shrinks 28.1% in Apr-Jun qtr

TOKYO, 8 SEPTEMBER

Japan's economy shrank at a record and even worse rate in the April-June quarter than initially estimated. The Cabinet Office said today Japan's seasonally adjusted real gross domestic product contracted at an annualised rate of 28.1 per cent, worse than the 27.8 per cent figure given last month.

The coronavirus pandemic, which has people staying home, restaurants and stores empty or closing, and travel and tourism nose-diving, has hurt all the world's economies and many companies. But it has slammed Japan's export-reliant economy.

Restoring growth will be a priority as the country prepares to choose a new leader to replace Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is resigning for health reasons. A vote among governing party members is expected next week.

Other data released today showed cash earnings improving somewhat, and consumer spending and other business activity is expected to rebound following the sharp drops as the country sought to bring the coronavirus pandemic under control.

"However, high-frequency data show that growth is struggling to gain pace, suggesting a very gradual and protracted recovery after the initial bounce. The near-term outlook therefore remains challenging," Oxford Economics said in a commentary.

Quarter-on-quarter, the economy contracted 7.9 per cent, according to the revised figures, down from 7.8 per cent in the preliminary data.

The Cabinet Office said the government began keeping comparable records in 1980. The previous worst contraction, a 17.8 per cent drop, was in the first quarter of 2009 during the global financial crisis.

AP

# Rating agencies slash GDP forecast for fiscal 2020-21

Fitch puts India's GDP contraction in fiscal 2020-21 at 10.5 per cent, India Ratings at 11.8 per cent

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India's economy is expected to contract 10.5 per cent in the current financial year before bouncing back in the next financial year, Fitch Ratings said today.

India's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by a massive 23.9 per cent in April-June quarter and some agencies have predicted negative growth even during the July-September quarter of the current fiscal (April 2020 to March 2021).

"GDP should rebound strongly in 3Q20 (October-December) amid a re-opening of the economy, but there are signs that the recovery has been sluggish and uneven," Fitch said in its Global Economic Outlook (GEO).

It slashed its GDP forecast for the current fiscal to 10.5 per cent, a huge revision of (-) 5 percentage points compared to the June GEO.

The economy, it said, will recover to 11 per cent in fiscal 2021-22, largely owing to base effect and grow by 6 per

## RECOVERY SEEN FROM Q3

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Separately, India Ratings and Research, the domestic arm of rating agency Fitch, projected an 11.8 per cent contraction in the Indian economy in FY21, as against its previous projection of 5.3 per cent contraction in the current fiscal. Indian economy had grown by 4.2 per cent in fiscal 2019-20.

It projected an 11.9 per cent contraction in the current quarter, followed by a (-) 6.7 per cent growth in the December quarter and 5.4 per cent in the following three months.

According to India Ratings, GDP will bounce back to 9.9 per cent growth in FY22, helped mainly by a weak base of FY21.

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In another report, Morgan Stanley projected a contraction of 5 per cent in the Indian economy in calendar year 2020 from 4.9 per cent growth in 2019. The economy will, however, bounce to 9.5 per cent growth in 2021, it said, predicting that a V-shaped recovery was playing out faster than originally thought.

"By 2Q21, a global synchronous recovery should take hold, with all engines of the global economy registering strong growth," it said.

"Risks to our view include a potential aggressive lockdown in the winter and uncertainty about fiscal policy."

India Ratings projected fiscal deficit expanding to 8.2 per cent of GDP in FY21, from 4.6 per cent in the previous fiscal.

Fitch Solutions, an affiliate of Fitch Ratings, revised its FY2020-21 Central government fiscal deficit forecast to 8.2 per cent of GDP, from 7.2 per cent previously.

In the September GEO, Fitch Ratings said India, UK (-21.7 per cent) and Spain (-22.1 per cent) were the nations that saw the deepest recessions in April-June.

"GDP destruction was felt

far and wide," it said, adding the coronavirus pandemic has become more prevalent in emerging market countries excluding China as the year has progressed.

"India imposed one of the most stringent lockdowns worldwide in 2Q20 (April-June) and domestic demand fell massively. Limited fiscal support, fragilities in the financial system, and a continued rise in virus cases hamper a rapid normalisation in activity," it noted.

"We do not expect GDP to return to pre-virus levels until 1Q22," it said.

During April-June, Fitch said India saw all demand components except government consumption fall massively. "Private consumption lost more than 27 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), investment slumped an eye-watering 43 per cent QoQ."

While GDP should rebound strongly in the next quarter, still depressed levels of imports, two-wheeler sales, and capital goods production indicate a muted recovery in domestic spending, it said.

## ADB, govt ink loan pact for Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

cities in adjoining states.

"The project will provide better connectivity to allow other towns in the NCR to develop as urban economic centres surrounded by residential areas while easing the concentration pressure on Delhi," said Khare.

"The project is expected to have a transformational impact on the development trajectory of the national capital region by introducing high-level technologies for RRTS, signaling, and station designs," informed Yokoyama.

"Besides, the project will also support transit-oriented development (TOD) with systematic urban and land use planning around the RRTS corridor while promoting value capture financing (VCF) to generate additional municipal revenues" Yokoyama said.

The first tranche financing will be used for constructing electrified tracks, signaling systems, multi-modal hubs and stations with design features that are friendly to elderly, women, children and the disabled.

## Sensex succumbs to fag-end sell-off, rupee falls 25 paise

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MUMBAI, 8 SEPTEMBER

Domestic markets pared all intra-day gains to close with modest losses today as investors dialled down their exposure to riskier assets amid fresh border tensions with China.

A sliding rupee and macroeconomic uncertainties further soured risk appetite, traders said.

The BSE Sensex overcame a choppy start to gain momentum in the afternoon session, but witnessed heavy selling in the last hour of trade. It finally closed at 38,365.35 points, down 51.88 points or 0.14 per cent.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty slipped 37.70 points or 0.33 per cent to finish at 11,317.35 points.

Tata Steel was the top loser

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in the Sensex pack, shedding 4.13 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, Axis Bank, ONGC, Sun Pharma, NTPC and SBI.

On the other hand, HCL Tech, Infosys, Reliance Industries, TCS, ICICI Bank and Tech Mahindra were among the gainers, rising up to 2.26 per cent.

On the macroeconomic front, ratings agencies Fitch and India Ratings projected deeper contraction for the Indian economy this fiscal due to the Covid-19 crisis.

Meanwhile, the rupee depreciated 25 paise and settled at 73.63 (provisional) against the US dollar today amid rise in demand for the American currency from banks and importers.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee started off on a tepid note at 73.63 and finally closed at 73.60 against the greenback, down 25 paise over its previous close.

The local unit traded in a range of 73.37 and 73.64 per US dollar during the session.

On Monday, the rupee had settled at 73.35 against the US dollar.

The remarks came after China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) alleged that the Indian troops crossed the LAC and "outrageously fired" warn-

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NEW DELHI, 8 SEPTEMBER

shots near the Pangong lake. BSE telecom, metal, basic materials, realty, industrials, capital goods and utilities indices fell as much as 4.01 per cent, while IT, energy, teck and oil and gas ended in the positive territory.

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*Moscow is monitoring the situation in the region and would help start a genuine dialogue with all parties that would generate mutually acceptable solutions.*

**RUSSIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER SERGEY LAVROV**  
**RUSSIA TO HELP EASE TURKEY-GREECE TENSION**

# Campaign to succeed Abe as party leader begins in Japan

Newspaper opinion surveys have also shown Suga surpassing the former favourite Ishiba

AGENCIES  
TOKYO, 8 SEPTEMBER



The official campaigning to lead Japan's ruling party began on Tuesday with the longtime right-hand man of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe now seen as a top candidate and his likely successor to lead the government.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, 71, had formally submitted his candidacy for the Liberal Democratic Party leadership last week. The chief government spokesman faces two younger contenders, former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba and former Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, both 63.

The winner of the in-party vote on September 14 will eventually become Japan's next prime minister because

carry out the challenges left behind by Abe, including measures on the coronavirus, the economic fallout and pursuing Japan-US security alliance.

"I will succeed Prime Minister Abe's policies and push them forward," Suga said at a candidates' speaking event. "As we face the national crisis, we should never allow any political vacuum, and there is no time to waste."

He said coronavirus measures that would keep infections under control during the upcoming autumn and winter seasons, when another wave is feared, is the top priority.

Suga said he hoped to secure coronavirus vaccines and treatment in the first half of 2021, a goal set by Abe in late August, while delivering economic measures to protect jobs, businesses and daily

lives of the people hit by the pandemic "to regain a society where everyone feels safe."

"We must prevent the explosive spread of infections as in the U.S. and Europe, no matter what," Suga said. "We will have to protect the people's lives and health, while also maintaining economic and social activity."

The son of a farmer in the northern prefecture of Akita, Suga is a self-made politician, a rarity in Japan's largely hereditary business of politics and a particularly sharp contrast to Abe.

Suga also said that he plans to establish a new digital agency to promote digital transformation, whose lack of progress has been criticized as a cause of slowing down coronavirus measures, in education, healthcare and other areas. Suga also vowed to work on measures to pro-

mote women's advancement, including possibly allowing free fertility treatment for couples. Abe's "womeneconomics" policy aimed at empowering women failed to meet the 30 per cent target of having women in leadership positions by 2020, when the ratio dwindled at less than 10 per cent. There is no female candidate in the leadership race.

Ishiba, who has long been seen as Abe's rival, is vying for the party leadership for the fourth time, calling for a change to the Abenomics economic measures to focus more support for small businesses and low-income earners as well as rural areas.

Kishida, who is currently serving the party policy chief, says he seeks to be a leader who listens to the people's voices more carefully than Abe and prioritise economic policies to address disparities.

# Suu Kyi opens campaign for Myanmar poll amid virus surge

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NAYPYITAW, 8 SEPTEMBER



Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi raised her party's flag at its office in the capital on Tuesday to start an election campaign that may be disrupted by a resurgence of the coronavirus.

Her National League for Democracy party is widely expected to again win the most seats in the 8 November general election and Suu Kyi is expected to remain as state counsellor, the de facto head of state.

The main opponents will be the Union Solidarity and Development Party, formed by former generals. Myanmar was under military rule from 1962 until a nominally civilian government took over in 2011. Suu Kyi said her plan to open her campaign with a tour of her constituency just outside Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city, was cancelled because of travel restrictions due to surging virus cases.

Cases have spiked sud-

denly after Myanmar registered months of relatively low numbers. Restrictions are in force in several other cities, includ-

ing the capital, Naypyitaw.

Wearing white gloves and a plastic face shield over a mask in her party's trademark vivid red color, Suu Kyi slowly hauled her party's flag up the pole to the blaring accompaniment of campaign music. Her aides observed from a distance, standing a socially distanced few meters (yards) apart from each other.

Pak to hold NA, Senate sessions next week to get FATF bills passed

ISLAMABAD, 8 SEPTEMBER

Pakistan government has decided to hold a new session of the National Assembly and the Senate on September 14 and 15 respectively to pass important bills, including one related money laundering and terrorist financing, which was earlier rejected by the upper house of Parliament.

The decision to call the fresh sessions was taken during a meeting between Prime Minister Imran Khan and his adviser on parliamentary affairs Babar Awan on Monday, according to a media report. Awan called on the PM following the postponement of the Senate and National Assembly (NA) sessions scheduled for Monday.

According to a press release, various matters of importance came for discussion during the meeting.

It has been decided that the fresh session of the NA will be held on September 14 and that of the Senate on September 15, Awan told Dawn newspaper. He said the FATF-related terrorist financial bill and other bills would be tabled before the two houses for fresh legislation.

The Paris-based Financial Action Task Force put Pakistan on the grey list in June 2018 and asked Islamabad to implement a plan of action by the end of 2019 but the deadline was extended due to Covid.

## Lawyers allege 'Hotel Rwanda' hero faces risk of torture

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JOHANNESBURG, 8 SEPTEMBER

The legal team for Hotel Rwanda hero Paul Rusesabagina has filed a complaint with the United Nations special rapporteur on torture asserting that Rusesabagina faces an immediate risk of cruel treatment as he remains cut off from lawyers, consular officials and his family more than a week after he appeared in handcuffs in Rwanda.

The complaint filed Monday with Nils Melzer asks for an immediate investigation to make sure Rusesabagina, long an outspoken critic of Rwanda's government, is still alive.

Rwandan President Paul Kagame on Sunday indicated that Rusesabagina might have been tricked into boarding a plane to a country he hasn't lived in since 1996.

It was actually flawless! Kagame said in a national broadcast, suggesting that he brought himself even if he may not have intended it.

The president did not say how Rusesabagina was taken from Dubai, where he last spoke with his family, to Rwanda. The family of the 66-year-old Rusesabagina, a Belgian citizen and U.S. permanent resident, has said he

would never knowingly board a plane for Rwanda and was kidnapped.

Rwanda accuses Rusesabagina of leading a terrorist group that has killed Rwandans. It points to a video posted online in late 2018 in which he expresses support for an armed wing of his opposition political platform and says the time has come for us to use any means possible to bring about change in Rwanda, as all political means have been tried and failed.

Rusesabagina in the past has denied accusations that he financially supports Rwandan rebels, saying he is being targeted for criticizing Kagame's administration over human rights abuses.

Rusesabagina became famous for protecting more than 1,000 people as a hotel manager during Rwanda's 1994 genocide in which some 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed. For his efforts he was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005.

Rusesabagina's detention has prompted concern among human rights activists that this was the latest example of the Rwandan government targeting critics beyond its borders. Kagame on Sunday said Rusesabagina will have to pay for these crimes.

### SIMPLE JOYS



Children wearing sacks as they play along a dusty road on the outskirts of Jalalabad in Afghanistan on Tuesday. ■ AFP

### 18 dead in Pak mine collapse

PESHAWAR, 8 SEPTEMBER

The death toll from a marble mine collapse in northwest Pakistan rose to 18 on Tuesday, with rescuers pulling four more bodies from the debris, police said.

At least 14 miners died and eight others injured on Monday when a marble mine collapsed during rock blasting in Zairat mountain at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The labourers were busy in excavation when the cave-in took place.

## China launches initiative for global data security issues

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HONG KONG, 8 SEPTEMBER

China has launched an initiative to address global data security issues, a countermove to the US clean network programme that is aimed at discouraging other countries from using Chinese technology.

The move comes amid a deterioration in US-China relations encompassing trade tensions and competition in telecommunications, with the US accusing Chinese companies of threatening US security. Bent on unilateral acts, a certain country keeps making groundless accusa-

tions against others in the name of 'clean' networks and security as a pretext to prey on enterprises of other countries who have a competitive edge, Wang said, according to a transcript of his speech released by the ministry.

Such blatant acts of bullying must be opposed and rejected, Wang said. It was important to develop international rules on data security that will reflect the will and respect the interests of all countries through broad-based participation.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo last month unveiled the Clean Network programme, saying it is aimed at protecting citizens' privacy and sensitive information from malign actors, such as the Chinese Communist Party.

More than 30 countries and territories such as Australia and Britain are participating in that initiative, which seeks to exclude Chinese telecommunications companies like Huawei and ZTE, as well as apps, cloud service providers and undersea cables from their internet networks.

### NEED TO KNOW

#### HOSPITALS

• AIIMS 26588500, 26588900

• Moolchand Medcity (formerly Hospital) 4200000 & 24-hour

• Chemist Shop 42000447

• Vidyasagar Institute for Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences 26924300, 26924304

• Batra Hospital & Medical Research Centre 29051280, 29058747

• Deen Dayal Upadhyay 25494320, 25494403

• Guru Tegh Bahadur 2317473, 23325320

port 011-25671580; Terminal I-B 25671576, Palam Road 25671579, 18001803838

• Rajasthan Roadways 23864470

• U.P. Roadways 23868709

• AIR INDIA Flight Inquiry and Reservation 18001801407

• INDIGO AIRLINES New Delhi City Office 43513185, Call Cen-

tre 09910383838, Reservation 43513186; Indigo Airlines Air-

port 011-25671580; Terminal I-B 25671576, Palam Road 25671579, 18001803838

• JET AIRWAYS Flight Inquiry and Reservation 39841111

• EMIRATES Flight Inquiry and Reservation 3373377

• AIR FRANCE Flight Inquiry and Reservation 41528181

• Kuwait Airways Flight Inquiry and Reservation 23354373

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General Inquiry 139

• Toll Free Nos. 1800125151

• SMS Inquiry Nos. 57886, 54959, 5676747

#### ROADWAYS INQUIRY

• ISBT (General Inquiry): 23868836, 23865181

• Haryana Roadways 23861262

• Himachal Roadways 23717473, 23325320

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All selfishness, scapegoating and confusing right and wrong will not only hurt a country and its people, but harm people of all countries,

DEFYING US, XI PRAISES CHINA, WHO FOR BATTLED CORONAVIRUS

## WEATHER

CITY	MAX	MIN
SINGAPORE	29°C	25°C H
HONG KONG	26°C	20°C H
TOKYO	27°C	17°C CL
LONDON	24°C	19°C H
DUBAI	34°C	25°C CL
SAN FRANCISCO	13°C	04°C C H
NEW YORK	16°C	07°C C H
MOSCOW	12°C	09°C R

S=sunny, CL=clear, H=hazy, R=rainy...

## THUMBNAILS



A man wearing a face mask and with his face painted as a clown holds a balloon outside a shop in Ankara, on Tuesday. ■ AFP

**EU new trade chief:** The European Union's executive commission is proposing its experienced Latvian vice president, Valdis Dombrovskis, to take over the post as trade chief of the bloc following the resignation of Ireland's Phil Hogan. Dombrovskis had already been holding the post temporarily since 26 August after Hogan resigns. AP

**Migrants rescued:** Denmark says that Tunisia is responsible for receiving the 27 migrants who were rescued in the Mediterranean by a Danish-flagged chemical tanker. More than a month ago, the Maersk Etienne rescued the migrants, including a pregnant woman and a child, from a flimsy fishing boat just before it sank in the central Mediterranean. AP

**Shark kills Oz surfer:** A shark fatally mauled a surfer on Tuesday on Australia's Gold Coast city tourist strip, officials said. The man, aged in his 50s, was brought to shore by fellow surfers and lifeguards at popular Greenmount Beach with leg injuries, Queensland state Ambulance Service supervisor Houghton said. AP

**Algeria journalist awaits appeal hearing:** One month after journalist Khaled Drareni was sentenced to three years in prison in Algeria, a court in the North African country will hear his appeal. Placard-wielding journalists were among those taking part in a peaceful rally in the hope that Drareni, editor of the Casbah Tribune news site, will be freed. AP

**Assange told to stop interrupting witnesses at UK hearing**

LONDON, 8 SEPTEMBER

A British judge told WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Tuesday that his extradition hearing will proceed without him if he continues to speak from the dock and interrupt witnesses.

Vanessa Baraitser briefly adjourned the hearing at London's Central Criminal Court after Assange interrupted defense witness Clive Stafford Smith, who was giving evidence. Assange's outburst couldn't be heard by journalists following proceedings by video link.

Assange is fighting an attempt by American prosecutors to extradite him to the US to stand trial on spying charges. US prosecutors have indicted the 49-year-old Australian on 18 espionage and computer misuse charges over WikiLeaks' publication of secret US military documents a decade ago. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 175 years in prison.

Assange's lawyers say the prosecution is a politically motivated abuse of power that will stifle media freedom and put journalists at risk around the world. AP

## Last 2 Australian journalists flown out of China amid diplomatic standoff

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
MELBOURNE, 8 SEPTEMBER

Two journalists from Australia working in China have been evacuated after they were questioned by Chinese police and were forced to seek refuge in Australian diplomatic missions in the communist nation amidst a diplomatic stand-off between Canberra and Beijing.

The development came days after Beijing publicly confirmed the arrest of an Australian journalist, Cheng Lei, who was working for China's state-run China Glob-

al Television Network (CGTN), the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News reported.

Bill Birtles, the ABC's correspondent based in Beijing, and Mike Smith, the Australian Financial Review's (AFR) correspondent based in Shanghai, boarded a flight to Sydney on Monday night after they were questioned separately by China's Ministry of State security

reporter left in the country for the first time since the mid-1970s.

Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne in a statement on Tuesday said consular offi-

cials had provided support to the journalists.

"The Australian Government has provided consular support to two Australian journalists in China to assist their return to Australia. Those Australians have now arrived in Australia. Our Embassy in Beijing and Consulate-General in Shanghai engaged with Chinese Government authorities to ensure their wellbeing and return to Australia," she said. Seven uniformed officers simultaneously visited the homes of Smith in Shanghai and Birtles in Beijing on Thursday morning. Both journalists

were told they were persons of interest in an investigation into Cheng who was detained last month, the AFR reported.

According to ABC, the reporters were told they were banned from leaving the country and needed to organise a time to be questioned over a "national security case".

Birtles spent four days sheltering in Australia's Embassy in Beijing, while Smith took refuge in Shanghai consulate as diplomats negotiated with Chinese officials to allow them to safely leave the country, the report

said. Smith and Birtles landed safely in Sydney on Tuesday after the exit ban was lifted when they submitted to a request from China's Ministry of State Security to be interviewed, the AFR reported.

In the statement, Payne reiterated that the government's travel advice for China, which was updated on July 7, "remains appropriate and unchanged".

Referring to Cheng, she said, "The Australian government continues to provide consular support to Australian citizens detained in China, including Ms Cheng Lei. We are unable to provide further comment owing to privacy obligations."

## Coronavirus vaccine latest flashpoint in WH campaign

Trump accused Dems of disparaging for political gain a vaccine he has said could be available before poll

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WASHINGTON, 8 SEPTEMBER

The prospect of a vaccine to shield Americans from coronavirus infection emerged as a point of contention in the White House race as President Donald Trump accused Democrats of disparaging for political gain a vaccine he repeatedly has said could be available before the election.

It's so dangerous for our country, what they say, but the vaccine will be very safe and very effective, the president pledged Monday at a White House news conference. Trump leveled the accusation a day after Sen. Kamala Harris, the Democrats' vice presidential candidate, said she would not trust his word on getting the vaccine.

I would trust the word of public health experts and scientists, but not Donald Trump, Harris said.

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden amplified Harris' comments Monday after he was asked if he would get a vaccine for Covid, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. Biden said he would take a vaccine but wants to see what the scientists have to say, too. Biden said Trump has said so many things that aren't true, I'm worried if we do have a really good vaccine, people are going to be reluctant to take it. So he's undermining public confidence."

Still, the former vice president said: If I could get a vaccine tomorrow I'd do it, if it would cost me the election I'd

do it. We need a vaccine and we need it now. The back-and-forth over a coronavirus vaccine played out as three of the candidates fanned out across the country on Labor Day, the traditional start of the two-month sprint to the election.

Harris, a California Democrat, said in a CNN interview broadcast Sunday that she would not trust a coronavirus vaccine if one were ready at the end of the year because there's very little that we can trust that... comes out of Donald Trump's mouth. She argued that scientists would be muzzled because Trump is focused on getting reelected. Trump dismissed her comments as reckless anti-vaccine rhetoric designed to detract from the effort to quickly ready a vaccine for a disease that has killed about 190,000 Americans and infected more than 6 million others, according to a count by Johns Hopkins University.

She's talking about disparaging a vaccine so that people don't think the achievement was a great achievement, Trump said, answering reporters' questions as he stood at a lectern placed at the front door of the White House

lot of wishful thinking that there was going to be a magical test that was going to save us all, but we're not there yet, said Dr. Jennifer Rakeman of New York City's Public Health Laboratory.

The tests check the blood for antibodies the body makes to fight off an infection. Scientists are still working to figure out how well antibodies for the coronavirus may shield someone from another infection, or how long that protection might last.

Some early studies suggested any immunity fades fast; research published last week was more promising, suggesting that antibodies last at least four months after diagnosis and do not fade quickly. For now, the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention and the American Medical Association explicitly warn that antibody tests should not be used to make decisions about returning workers to the office or students to school, though some labs still promote them for those uses. The CDC recommends everyone - even those who were sick and recovered - take precautions to prevent getting and spreading the virus. Experts say it was probably unrealistic to expect answers to key immunity questions early in the outbreak. Those questions have traditionally been answered only through long-term animal or human studies, said Marc Jenkins of the University of Minnesota.

on the Pennsylvania Avenue side of the mansion.

They'll say anything, he said. Trump insisted he hasn't said a vaccine could be ready before November, although he has said so repeatedly and as recently as Friday.

The president then proceeded to say what he had just denied ever saying.

What I said is by the end of the year, but I think it could even be sooner that that, he said about a vaccine. It could be during the month of October, actually could be before November. Under a program Trump calls Operation Warp Speed, the goal is to have 300 million doses of a coronavirus vaccine in stock by January.

Companies testing vaccines pledge safety, high standards

WASHINGTON, 8 SEPTEMBER

The top executives of nine drugmakers likely to produce the first vaccines against the new coronavirus signed an unprecedented pledge meant to boost public confidence in any approved vaccines.

The companies said Tuesday that they will stick to the highest ethical and scientific standards in testing and manufacturing and will make the well-being of those getting vaccinated their top priority.

The announcement comes amid worries that the US Food and Drug Administration will be under political pressure to approve a vaccine before tests to prove it is safe and effective are finished.

Meanwhile, public health officials worry that if many Americans don't get the vaccine, it will be harder to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

The pledge was signed by the chief executive officers of American drugmakers Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Moderna, Novavax and Pfizer, and European companies AstraZeneca, BioNTech, GlaxoSmithKline and Sanofi. BioNTech has partnered with Pfizer on one of the vaccines now in the final round of human testing. AP

KYIV, UKRAINE, 8 SEPTEMBER

AP

country for 26 years, relentlessly stifling dissent and keeping most of the economy in state hands.

The 66-year-old former state farm director has rejected criticism from the United States and the European Union, which said the Aug. 9 election was neither free nor fair and shrugged off their demands to engage in a dialogue with the opposition.

Svetlana Tikhankauskaya, the main opposition challenger to Lukashenko, left for Lithuania a day after the election under pressure from authorities. Addressing the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly on Tuesday, Tikhankauskaya called for international sanctions against Lukashenko and other government officials.

"We need international pressure on this regime, on this one individual, desperately clinging onto power," she said. Tikhankauskaya stated that Lukashenko doesn't have any legitimacy after stealing the vote. "He does not represent Belarus anymore," she said. After a brutal crackdown on protesters in the first few days after the vote that stoked international outrage and swelled the ranks of protesters, authorities in Belarus have switched to threats and selective arrests of opposition activists and demonstrators.

## CLIMATE WARRIORS



Campaigners from the climate action group Extinction Rebellion hold placards as they march from the offices of oil and gas company Shell, towards Parliament Square, in London on Tuesday. ■ AFP

## TikTok scrambles to remove suicide video clips, ban users

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LONDON, 8 SEPTEMBER

TikTok says it's working to remove videos of a man apparently taking his own life and banning users that keep trying to spread the clips on the popular social media platform.

It's the latest example of the ongoing struggle by big tech companies to police their platforms for harmful content amid increasing pressure from regulators.

The video was originally livestreamed on Facebook before being circulated on other platforms including TikTok, the company said.

It didn't not give more details about the video but news reports say it has been circulating on TikTok since

Sunday and shows a man shooting himself with a gun.

Our systems, together with our moderation teams, have been detecting and blocking these clips for violating our policies against content that displays, praises, glorifies, or promotes suicide," TikTok said in a statement.

We are banning accounts that repeatedly try to upload clips," the company said, adding it appreciated users who reported the content. President Donald Trump has ordered TikTok's Chinese owner ByteDance to sell its US operations over concerns about cybersecurity and censorship.

The platform has become very popular with teens largely because of the company's

algorithms, which decide what videos users see without first requiring them to follow other users or specify their preferences.

Facebook said it removed the original video last month on the day it was streamed and has used automation technology to remove copies and uploads since that time.

Social media users have been warning others about the clips, saying some have been edited to include shots of cats to trick viewers. Others are posting screenshots of the video's beginning to make people aware of what clips to avoid.

TikTok urged people who were struggling with thoughts of suicide or concerned about someone who is to seek support.

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
LONDON, 8 SEPTEMBER

The UK and the European Union blamed each other Tuesday in their increasingly acrimonious post-Brexit trade discussions that could just be weeks from collapse.

While the EU urged the UK to show more realism in the discussions, the 27-nation bloc noted that it was a world power. The latest round of discussions kicked off in London amid an air of pessimism because of concerns that the British government is set to violate international law by renegotiating commit-

ments made before the country's departure from the bloc on January 31.

The news that the head of the British government's legal department has quit reportedly over plans to bypass commitments made with regard to the Irish border and an intervention from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's predecessor only added to the sense the talks are going nowhere.

Though the UK left the bloc on January 31, it is in a transition period that effectively sees it abide by EU rules until the end of this year. David Frost, the British government's chief negotiator,

needs to show more realism about the U.K.'s status as an independent country.

European Council President Charles Michel retorted that the bloc is in no mood to budge on its demands.

We are sending a message, not only to our citizens but also to the rest of the world. Europe is a world power and we are ready to defend our interests, he said in a speech Tuesday at the Brussels Economic Forum. The trade discussions have made very little progress over the summer, with the two sides seemingly wide apart on several issues, notably on business regulations, the extent to which

the UK can support certain industries and over the EU fishing fleet's access to British waters.

The EU has been particularly insistent on level playing field issues in order to ensure that British-based businesses don't have an unfair advantage as a result of laxer social, environmental or subsidy rules in the UK.

If foreign companies want access to our market, we expect them to be on the same footing as our European companies, Michel said. Relations have got further strained this week following reports that Britain's Conservative government was

attempting to unilaterally ride roughshod over its divorce agreement.

EU officials said any attempt to override the international treaty could jeopardize peace in Northern Ireland as well as undermine the chances of any trade deal. Under the terms of Britain's departure, the government has committed itself to ensuring an open border between Northern Ireland, which is part of the UK, and EU member Ireland.

The British government said the publication of planned legislation on Wednesday is intended to tie up some loose ends where there was a need for legal certainty.

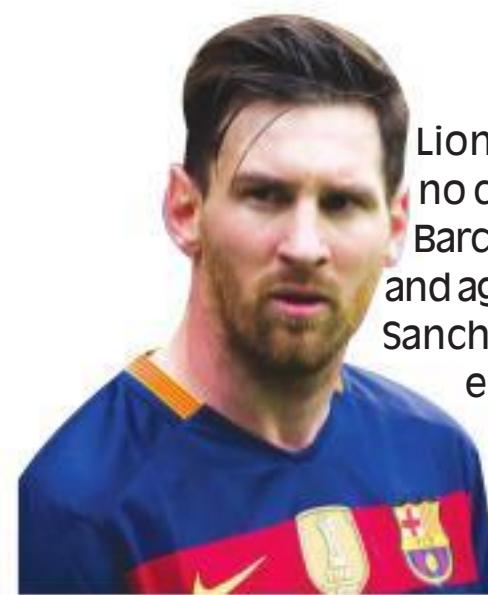
LA fire sparked by device to reveal baby's gender

LOS ANGELES, 8 SEPTEMBER

A couple's plan to reveal their baby's gender went up in blue or pink smoke but in flames when the device they used sparked a wildfire that burned thousands of acres and forced people to flee from a city east of Los Angeles.

The fire prompted evacuations in parts of Yucaipa, a city of 54,000. Water-dropping helicopters were brought in but the fire grew to 30 square km by Monday and 500 firefighters on the scene only had minimal containment. No homes have burned and no injuries reported.





## 'WRONG MOVE'

Lionel Messi (in photo, left) was left with no choice but to reverse his decision to quit Barcelona owing to bad advice from his father and agent Jorge, according to Mexico icon Hugo Sanchez. "An untimely burofax only strengthened the image of the president of Barcelona, giving him time to weaken Messi's decision," Sanchez said.

For more updates

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## THUMBNAILS

Came abandoned: Gloucestershire's match against Northamptonshire in the Bob Willis Trophy was abandoned on Sunday after a Northamptonshire player had tested positive for the coronavirus, the England and Wales Cricket Board later announced this.

**Singh's wish:** Yuvraj Singh is looking to become the first player from India to feature in the Big Bash League, trying to find a club in Australia's premier Twenty20 competition that would take him. Cricket Australia is said to be interested in finding him a club in the BBL.

**Noor banned:** The Afghanistan Cricket Board has banned coach Noor Mohammad for five years for approaching a national cricketer to fix matches in the previous edition of the Shapoorji Cricket League. The board said the secret attempt had been focused on spot-fixing.

**Buttler respite:** Jos Buttler was to miss England's final Twenty20 International against Australia on Tuesday after requesting time off to be with his family. He was there in all six Test matches this summer prior to rejoining the white-ball side for the ongoing series.

**Bangla tests:** Kandy will be the focus of the cricketing world next month as Sri Lanka Cricket has decided to play two of three Tests involving Bangladesh at Pallekele, SLC sources said. The remaining Test match of the series will be played at SSC.

**Enter Afridi:** Shahid Afridi has signed up to play in the Lanka Premier League and will be captaining the Galle franchise, named Galle Gladiators. The former Pakistan captain is no stranger to Sri Lankan fans, who recall his one-day hundred against them in 1996.

**Claydon suspended:** Australian seamer Mitch Claydon has been suspended by his English county Sussex after being placed under investigation for applying hand sanitiser to the ball. A case against him was opened following a match against Middlesex last month.

**Positive tests:** France's Kylian Mbappe has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus and will miss the Nations League game against Croatia. Manchester City players Riyad Mahrez and Aymeric Laporte have also tested positive, the Premier League club announced.

**Sarita recovers from COVID-19:** Former world champion boxer L Sarita Devi has recovered from COVID-19 but has quarantined herself away from her home in Imphal for at least the next 10 days to ensure that her young son's 'well being is not compromised'. She was discharged from a care facility on Monday after returning a negative test.

**Repsol Honda returns to running in Misano:** The start of another triple-header is just around the corner for the MotoGP World Championship, Alex Marquez and Stefan Bradl refreshed and ready to go again. After two weeks away from the circuit for what is effectively the 2020 MotoGP season's 'summer break', the Repsol Honda Team arrive fresh in Misano for another pair of races. This is the third of five occasions in 2020 in which the MotoGP World Championship will race twice at the same circuit.

**Rodriguez moves:** Everton have completed the signing of James Rodriguez from Real Madrid. The 29-year-old attacking midfielder, who has won eight league titles and two Champions Leagues, has put pen to paper on a two-year deal with the Toffees.

# Serena battles past Sakkari to reach US Open quarters

AGENCIES  
NEW YORK, 8 SEPTEMBER



Third seed Serena Williams (in photo) advanced to the US Open quarter-finals after a gritty, tension-filled 6-3 6-7(6) 6-3 win over Greece's Maria Sakkari on Monday. Early nerves saw Williams start with a double fault, but the veteran then found her footing, playing strong defensive tennis to save all three break points against her in the first set.

Williams got the first break against Sakkari for a 4-2 lead before closing the set out with an ace. The 23-time Grand Slam winner came up short in the second-set tiebreak however, with Williams' power serve abandoning her when she needed it most. Sakkari, seeded 15, carried the momentum into the third set as she started the decider with a break.

"I feel like I'm pretty vocal with or without a crowd... I'm super passionate. This is my job. This is what I wake up to do. This is what I train to do, 365 days of the year," said Williams, who

moved a step closer to a recording 24th Grand Slam title.

"Yeah, I'm always going to bring that fire and that passion, she continued, and that 'Serena' to the court." When the match ended, after Williams collected six of the last seven games, she turned and yelled toward her husband, who stood at his front-row seat and yelled right back. How tight was this contest? Sakkari produced more aces than Williams, 13-12, and more total winners, 35-30.

Williams was two points

from victory at 6-6 in the second-set tiebreaker, but faltered there, sending a backhand return long to give Sakkari her fifth set point, then pushing a forehand out. But as is so often the case, when the outcome was hanging in the balance in the third set, which Sakkari led 2-0 but couldn't quite get to 3-1, Williams was better down the stretch, when it mattered the most. "I have to be deadly honest. I wasn't brave enough in the third set. I kind of like, not choked, but didn't (convert) my

chances," Sakkari said.

"And if you don't get your chances with a good Serena against you, it's done."

Williams, who turns 39 in less than three weeks, will face unseeded Tsvetana Pironkova for a semifinal berth.

Playing in her first tournament in more than three years after taking time off to have a child, the 32-year-old Pironkova advanced with a 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-3 victory over Alize Cornet.

No. 16 seed Mertens knocked off second-seeded Sofia Kenin 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals of the tournament for the second year in a row and deny the American a chance for back-to-back Grand Slam titles. Mertens will face Victoria Azarenka, who beat No. 20 Karolina Muchova 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 for her ninth straight win.

## Medvedev juggernaut continues

Daniil Medvedev's bid for a maiden Grand Slam title gathered pace on Monday as the Russian stormed into the US Open quarter-finals with a

dominant 6-4 6-1 6-0 win over a listless Frances Tiafoe.

With Roger Federer and Nadal missing, and top seed Novak Djokovic disqualified for hitting a ball into a line judge, Medvedev is now favoured by bookmakers to win in New York. The only man in the last eight to have not dropped a set, his lone blip against Tiafoe came when broken at 5-2 serving for the first set.

## Bopanna-Shapovalov pair ousted

The Indian challenge came to an end at the US Open with the quarterfinal loss of Rohan Bopanna and his Canadian partner Denis Shapovalov in the men's doubles event here.

Bopanna and Shapovalov lost 5-7 5-7 to Dutch Jean-Julien Rojer and Romania's Horia Tecau in the last-eight match which lasted one hour and 26 minutes on Monday.

Bopanna and Shapovalov lost their serve once in each set and could not convert the only break chance that came their way in the second set.

Barty to skip French Open, Serena undecided

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
SYDNEY, 8 SEPTEMBER



Barty's home Grand Slam, the Australian Open in January, is yet to be determined, with the possibility it could be moved out of Melbourne if the city's outbreak has not eased.

Barty's straight-sets victory over Marketa Vondrousova in the French Open last year helped propel her to world number one, a position she has held since.

Serena Williams has indicated she would prefer to stay in private accommodation while competing in Paris, as she has done in New York.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion, who has a history of serious lung problems, said she would speak to French Open organisers before making a decision on whether to compete. "I'm honestly taking it one day at a time. I'm going to have to make the best decision for my health," Williams told reporters after making the quarter-finals at Flushing Meadows.

## Offbeat effort

KOLKATA, 8 SEPTEMBER

Hamilton takes philosophical view on Italian GP result



MONZA, 8 SEPTEMBER

Lewis Hamilton (in photo) will have to wait at least another weekend for his 90th Formula One win but the Mercedes man was thankful to emerge from Sunday's Italian Grand Prix with his championship lead unchanged.

The six-times world champion remains 47 points clear of his closest rival, now team mate Valtteri Bottas, on an afternoon at Monza that started out looking like a one-horse race and ended with Pierre Gasly winning for the first time.

"It wasn't meant to be today," said Hamilton.

"What doesn't kill you will only make you stronger." There was a long pitstop, 26 seconds I had to catch up, but once I finally caught everybody I enjoyed that bit of a battle. On to the next one," Hamilton went from first to last and fought back to seventh, also taking a point for fastest lap, while his previous closest rival Max Verstappen retired his Red Bull and Bottas could finish only fifth after a poor start.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2020						
REVENUE ACCOUNTS (Rs. In Lakhs)				BALANCE SHEET (Rs. In Lakhs)		
Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2020			Particulars	As at 31.03.2020	
	Fire	Marine	Misc	Fire	Marine	Misc
Premiums earned (Net)	67087	19745	1005612	60195	20840	979118
Profit/ Loss on sale/redemption of Investments	13685	3138	155443	14670	5024	142229
Others , Exchange Gain(+)/Loss(-)	6608	3216	-14369	-993	1313	-9827
Interest, Dividend & Rent – Gross	11306	2592	128416	9650	3305	93558
<b>TOTAL (A)</b>	<b>98686</b>	<b>28691</b>	<b>1275102</b>	<b>83522</b>	<b>30482</b>	<b>1205078</b>
Claims Incurred (Net)	53368	19141	1045453	67716	13890	1043202
Commission	11541	2128	68043	8568	2015	55271
Operating Expenses related to Insurance Business	37328	7278	299647	22176	4902	219473
Premium Deficiency	-3610	0	0	3610	0	0
Expenses relating to investments	35	8	395	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>98662</b>	<b>28555</b>	<b>1413538</b>	<b>102070</b>	<b>20807</b>	<b>1317946</b>
<b>Operating Profit/(Loss) C = (A - B)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-138436</b>	<b>-18548</b>	<b>9675</b>	<b>-112868</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
Transfer to Shareholders' Account	24	136	-138436	-18548	9675	-112868
Transfer to Catastrophe Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Other Reserves (to be specified)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (C)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-138436</b>	<b>-18548</b>	<b>9675</b>	<b>-112868</b>
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT (RS. in Lakhs)</b>						
Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2020			For the year ended 31.03.2019	As at 31.03.2020	
<b>OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>						
(a) Fire Insurance				24		-18548
(b) Marine Insurance				136		9675
(c) Miscellaneous Insurance				-138436		-112868
<b>INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS</b>						
(a) Interest, Dividend & Rent – Gross				1491		25201
(b) Profit on sale of investments				1805		38550
<b>Less: Loss on sale of investments</b>				0		-240
<b>Other Income</b>				13976		16842
<b>TOTAL (A)</b>				<b>-121003</b>		<b>-41387</b>
<b>PROVISIONS (Other than taxation)</b>						
(a) For diminution in the value of investments				-9		113
(b) For bad and doubtful debts / investments				-4386		1220
(c) Others (Amortisation Expenses)				39		628
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>						
(a) Expenses other than those related to Insurance Business				0		0
(b) Old/Irrecoverable balances written off				5		2
(c) (i) Others				36864		2009
(ii) NPA				292		1659
(iii) Investments written off (Net)				21		183