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KARIMNAGAR | TUESDAY | 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

WEATHER



Max: 26.7°C  
Min: 21.0°C  
RH: 84%  
Rainfall: Trace  
Forecast: Cloudy sky.  
Rain likely. Max/Min temp. 28/23 °C

COVID-19

COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+78,172)	(+1,026)
49,23,175	80,780

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+1,417)	(+13)
TS: 1,58,513	974
(+7,956)	(+60)
AP: 5,75,079	4,972

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

2,92,85,028
DEATHS
9,30,007

COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES

213

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana  
Tithi: Bhadrapada Bahula  
Trayodashi till 10.55 pm  
Star: Ashlesha till 2.19 pm  
Varjyam: 1.18 am to 2.45 am  
(Wednesday)  
Durmuhurtam: 8.33 am to 9.21 am; 11 pm to 11.47 pm  
Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm  

HLIRI CALENDAR

Muharram 27, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.03 am  
Zohar: 12.21 pm  
Asar: 4.33 pm  
Maghrib: 6.24 pm  
Isha: 7.33 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.18 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.04 AM

MOONSET TODAY 4.55 PM

MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.40 AM

COUNTER POINT

We shouldn't have allowed even masks and sanitisers inside the House!

IN BRIEF

### Singh's statement on China likely

**New Delhi:** Defence minister Rajnath Singh is likely to make a statement in Parliament on Tuesday on the continuing standoff between Indian and Chinese troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, sources said. The statement would assume significance in the backdrop of demands made by the Opposition for a debate on the issue. He had met his Chinese counterpart Gen Wei Fenghe in Moscow recently. External affairs minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi had also met in Moscow recently.

— PTI

### Bhushan seeks contempt review

**New Delhi:** Activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking review of the order holding him guilty for contempt of court for his two derogatory tweets against the judiciary. After depositing with the SC registry rupee one, a "nominal fine" imposed by the court as punishment upon him, he filed the petition for review of the judgement holding him guilty for the contempt of court contending that it "suffers from multiple errors apparent on the face of the record of law and of fact".

— PTI

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### Foreign labs confirm Navalny poisoned



## Law aims to end people's interface with officials

# Assembly clears law to ease building permits

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The Telangana Assembly on Monday passed the Telangana State Building Permission Approval and Self-Certification System (TS-bPASS) Bill, introduced by the TRS government to put an end to the decades of woes of people seeking building permissions in the state.

While introducing the Bill, municipal administration and urban development minister K. T. Rama Rao said that "the TS-bPASS is aimed to reduce human interference and bring transparency in issuing building permissions as well as to make citizens more responsible. Self-certification and deemed approvals make it a landmark legislation in municipal reforms. No other government in the country has introduced such a policy."

He further stated, "It is a first of its kind and is a fully automated, completely transparent and citizen friendly system. Under the system, permissions will be issued in a time bound manner without any delay."

Explaining the features of the Bill, Rama Rao told the house that people constructing a building with-

● People can apply for building permission through mobile app or website or MeeSeva centres

● Permissions, which are issued based on self-certification, will be put on TS-bPASS website for public objections, if any within 21 days.

● Complaints received from citizens about unauthorised constructions will be verified within 48 hours.

● Delay in granting permission with 21 days will lead to deemed approval.

● The law is expected to help most people as 95% building applications were for the plots, having less than 600 sq yard area.

in 75 square yards land need not obtain any permission from the municipal offices but have to register with the urban local body using TS-bPass.

He said that citizens constructing houses in above 75 square yards to 600 square yards space can

seek instant permission for constructions through self-certification under the new law and start their construction.

In 2015-2016, the state government had introduced the development permission management system (DPMS) in all municipalities, corporations and HMDA. Under DPMS, the entire process, right from receipt of application to issue of permission to the applicants, including payment of fees was made online with no human intervention.

Though DPMS has brought down the time taken for disposal of building permissions considerably and the system allowed applicants to track their file online and created more accountability among the officials, Rama Rao said it had no legal sanctity.

Apart from statutory support to the system, he pointed out that the average time taken for issuing building/layout approvals continued to be higher than the prescribed time limit under the DPMS and, moreover, applicants still had to visit different offices to obtain NOCs, often multiple times, resulting in delays.

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## 32,000 GUEST WORKERS BACK HOME IN STATE

BALU PULIPAKA | DC  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The waves of labourers and workers who moved back and forth across the country during the lockdown saw as many as 37,050 of them returning to Telangana.

In the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, this number was 32,571, the Lok Sabha was informed in a written reply by Union labour minister Santosh Kumar Ganwar.

The minister said Uttar Pradesh saw the biggest return of such guest workers with 32,49,638 returning home, followed by Bihar with 15,00,612, Bengal with 13,84,693 and Rajasthan with 13,08,130 going back to their homes in the wake of the shutdown of factories, construction activity and other employment avenues during the lockdown.

According to experts, the return of guest workers to their home states is one of key reasons, which led to spread of Coronavirus, which was initially a purely urban phenomenon, to rural areas in the country. The disease now covered almost the entire country.

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### Thiem wins US Open in historic comeback



TABLOID

### Will the BWF bow to pressure?



# Covid enters Parliament, 25 MPs, 56 staff positive

BJP has 12 Covid+ MPs, YSRC 2, Sena, DMK, RLP one each

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 14

As the Monsoon Session of Parliament began on Monday amid the raging Coronavirus pandemic, which seems to have reached another peak in India, 25 members — 17 from the Lok Sabha and eight from the Rajya Sabha — tested positive for the deadly virus. Of the 17 Lok Sabha MPs, 12 are from the BJP, with prominent ones being Meenakshi Lekhi and Parvesh Verma (both from Delhi) and controversial MP Anant Kumar Hegde.

Two YSR Congress MPs were positive, while the Shiv Sena, DMK and RLP have one MP each affected by Covid-19. This worrying development comes as around 200 MPs are above 65, including some in the 85-90 age bracket, most prominent among them being former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is 87 and a Rajya Sabha member.

Almost 80,000 deaths have been reported in India since the outbreak of the virus in January, while 92,000 positive cases were reported between September 13 and 14 alone. Incidentally, while briefing the Lok Sabha on the handling of the Covid situation by the Centre, health minister Harsh Vardhan said it had been managed "very well".

Interestingly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing the media prior to the start of the session, acknowledged it was



Rajya Sabha MP Mary Kom dispensing hand-santiser on Parliament premises on the opening day of Monsoon Session in New Delhi on Monday. However, removal of masks raises questions on following Covid-19 safety protocols. — PTI

being held "under special circumstances as there is a Corona pandemic on one hand while our obligation towards fulfilling our duties on the other".

He said several important decisions would be taken during the session, and "the more diverse the discussion is in the House, the more beneficial it is for the country".

Elaborate arrangements have been made by the Lok Sabha secretariat as the session is being held while the pandemic seems to have peaked again across the country.

It is estimated that 56 persons have tested positive within the entire

Parliament House complex, which include MPs, personnel from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariats and also medi-

apersons. Sources said these people tested positive during the RT-PCR tests which were conducted in the Parliament complex prior to the session's start.

Earlier, at least seven Union ministers and around 25 MPs and MLAs had contracted the disease. Among them is home minister Amit Shah, who after undergoing the mandatory quarantine period last month, had to be admitted again to AIIMS a couple of days ago.

He had earlier been admitted there on August 18 for post-corona care but was discharged on August 30-31.

In a first, all MPs marked their attendance through an app called the "Attendance Register" on the first day of the session, Lok Sabha secretariat sources said. Normally MPs sign the attendance register that is kept outside each House.

Speaker Om Birla welcomed the MPs, saying it was an extraordinary occasion, and urged them to follow all arrangements and guidelines for safety during the Covid-19 pandemic.

# BJD, YSRC back NDA in RS deputy chairman poll

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 14

NDA candidate and Janata Dal (U) member Harivansh Narayan Singh was re-elected as the deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha on Monday.

Harivansh defeated the RJD's Manoj Jha and the opposition candidate by voice vote after he was supported by the NDA's friendly parties, including the BJD and the YSRC.

Mr Harivansh, who was re-elected after he was renominated by the JD(U) to the Upper House of Parliament after his previous term ended in April, had defeated the Congress's B.K. Hariprasad, who was the joint candidate of the Opposition parties in 2018 for the post.

After the victory, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed him as an "outstanding umpire" and a "torchbearer of democracy" while mentioning that Mr Harivansh hails from Bihar, "a land known for



Harivansh Narayan Singh

its democratic ethos."

Crucial Assembly polls are scheduled in Bihar in October-November.

The Prime Minister also referred to Harivansh's humble background and also about his journalistic days.

Earlier, BJP president and Rajya Sabha member J.P. Nadda had moved a motion seeking support for Harivansh's candidature, which was seconded by Union minister and leader of the House, Thaaavarchand Gehlot.

Similarly, the Leader of Opposition and Congress

member Ghulam Nabi Azad had moved a motion in support of Mr Jha, which was seconded by deputy leader of opposition Anand Sharma.

Congratulating his newly-elected deputy, Rajya Sabha chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said the House will benefit from his vast experience as a journalist, social worker and legislator.

Many other leaders, including Azad, TMC's Derek O. Brien, SP's Ramgopal Yadav, BSP's Satish Chandra Mishra congratulated him.

Earlier in the day, 15 new members took oath in the Upper House, including the JMM's Shibu Soren, the BJP's Syed Jafar Islam, the DMK's T. Shiva, the TMC's Dinesh Trivedi, the TRS's K Keshava Rao and the BJP's Jaiprakash Nishad.

The House also paid tributes to its former members and former president Pranab Mukherjee who passed away recently.

## SWIGGY DELIVERY STAFF ON STRIKE FOR MORE WAGES

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Three thousand Swiggy delivery executives in Hyderabad are to go on indefinite strike from September 15 onwards as there is a reduction in their minimum earnings and other companies have been engaged in delivery. The five major areas from the city where the highest orders are processed are Gachibowli, Hitech, Malkajigiri, Uppal and Boduppal.

The Indian Federation of App-based Transport workers (IFAT) claim that during the lockdown, Swiggy reduced minimum earnings from ₹35 to ₹15. More than 40 per cent orders are less than four kilometers and Swiggy charges ₹35 from customers but the delivery executives are paid only ₹15.

The introduction of batch orders means that in a single trip delivery, an executive delivers more than one order and for the second order, the executive is getting only ₹10, they complain.

In a statement, Swiggy has refuted both these complaints stating that delivery partners are paid ₹45 and in those who perform very well are given ₹75. There are incentives paid for batch orders and the complaint that only ₹10 is paid is untrue.

IFAT has asked them to show proof that they pay the amount that they have claimed on their social media handle.

There are also complaints that during lunch and dinner time, the waiting time in restaurants increases by 20 to 30 minutes but Swiggy is not paying them for this waiting time.



## IN BRIEF

## Manuu among top 25 varsities

**Hyderabad:** Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is the only language university, Indian or Foreign, to find a place in the Outlook-ICARE list of annual top-ranked central universities. It was ranked 24th from among 25 short-listed universities based on parameters such as academic & research excellence, industry interface & Placement, Infrastructure facility, Governance & Admissions & Diversity & Outreach etc. The UGC lists 54 central universities in India as of June 2020.

## FAKE CURRENCY RACKET BUSTED, THREE ARRESTED

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The Rachakonda police bust a fake currency racket apprehended three persons on Monday. Sleuths of SOT, Malkajigiri Zone, arrested the indulging in making fake currency denominations of ₹500 notes on a tip-off. They seized a printer cum scanner, fake currency notes amounting to ₹10 lakh and three mobile phones.

Police said Karam Nagendra Prasad, Bandari Goutham and Tubbakula Naresh from Sangareddy, printed the fake notes and through their sources were about to distribute them in the market on Sunday night.

However, the sleuths along with Ghatkesar police apprehended them while they were at Ghatkesar on their way to meet their agents.

## LAST DATE FOR TAX PAYMENT EXTENDED

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The state government on Monday extended the last date for the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for payment of pending property tax and water bills arrears till October 31.

Responding to a request from All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimeen (MIM) MLA Ahmad Balala during the discussion on TS-bPASS.

Bill 2010, municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao announced the extension of the scheme by another 45 days from the set deadline of September 15.

Under the OTS scheme, the state government allowed waiver of 90 per cent of accumulated interest arrears on property tax upon clearing the entire arrears and full interest will be waived off for water bill defaulters on payment of the entire arrears in single payment across all 141 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state.

## CM ASSURES JOBS TO SINGARENI VICTIMS' KIN

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Monday assured in the Assembly that the state government will make sincere efforts to provide employment on compassionate grounds to the next of kin of Singareni workers who die in harness, apart from ensuring hassle free retirement benefits.

He was responding to queries raised by the MLAs on medical board meetings and employment based on compassionate grounds during Question Hour in the Assembly. He told the members that they will see "good" decisions shortly in this regard. But the candidates should have some patience as posts cannot be created for them. He said, "When posts relevant to their educational qualifications fall vacant, priority will be given to them."

On the issue of Income-Tax exemption to workers in mines, he when he brought the issue to the notice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the latter told him that if exemption was given to Singareni workers, the same facility will have to be extended to Coal India workers too.

Stating with regard to tax exemption, the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government are on the same page, Chandrashekar Rao said, "Will continue to fight for it, we will also ask our MPs to raise the issue during the ongoing Parliament session."

## 4 FUGITIVES MAY HAVE FAKED COVID INFECTION TO FLEE JAIL

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

More than a fortnight after four prisoners – two under-trials and two convicts – escaped from the prison ward of Gandhi Hospital as Covid-19 suspects, there has been no sign of them, nor do police have any clues to nab them.

It may be recalled that two convicts M. Somasunder and P. Narsaiah, and two under-trials Md Abdul Arbaz and Md Javed, had escaped from a bathroom in the hospital after prying open a window grill and made good their escape during the intervening night of August 26 and 27. Though the city police formed special teams to track them and kept a watch on their known associates and families, there has been no progress in finding their whereabouts.

And even the one hope of finding even any one of them in desperate need of hospital care as Covid-19 patients, now appears remote. It is learnt that the under-trials may have faked their Covid-19 symptoms to get out of prison and get admitted to the hospital.

It is suspected that the prisoners faked body aches and dry cough to convince prison officials to dispatch them to Gandhi Hospital, where security to the prison ward is limited to a policeman posted as a guard. "Once a prisoner begins showing symptoms for Covid-19, the goal is to get the person to the hospital – one for his own safety, and two, to keep other inmates safe," a police department official said.

The two under-trials were shifted to the hospital prison in the second and third weeks of August. The two convicts were already being treated at another hospital from where they were shifted to Gandhi. It is not clear whether the under-trials were tested for Covid-19 upon admission in Gandhi Hospital. "Everyone is scared to be in the hospital unless absolutely required. This most likely, would have been the case with the lone guard posted to keep an eye on the prison ward," an official said. It is suspected that the two under-trials hatched the plan and the other two joined them in the escape.

## Sabitha counters Cong's charges

**S.A. ISHAQUI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy on Monday countered allegations of Congress MLA D. Sridhar Babu that the state government has permitted a few TRS men to establish private universities in the state.

Participating in a discussion on Telangana State Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill 2020, Sridhar Babu charged that instead of strengthening government universities, the state government is focusing on establishing private universities. When he tried to take the names of certain leaders of the ruling party, including a cabi-

## No social distancing at GHMC



A large number of people from different places seen at the North Zone GHMC office for various works without maintaining social distancing to prevent the spread of Covid-19, in Hyderabad on Monday. Even the officials are not directing them to follow the Covid protocols.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

## 203 pvt, 42 govt hosps give Covid care

Government panel checks if they followed norms, charged inflated bills from patients

**BALU PULIPAKA | DC**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The number of private and corporate-run hospitals offering Covid-19 treatment has crossed 200 in Telangana, with the State Health Department saying there are now 203 such hospitals extending services to Coronavirus victims.

This means there are five times more private hospitals offering Covid-19 care than government hospitals, whose number has remained static at 42.

More private hospitals are now being allowed to treat Coronavirus despite complaints that they are fleecing patients and their families by overcharging them. Many private hospi-

tals are being accused of excessive billing, which is continuing unabated, though the government has withdrawn Covid care permission to two large hospitals for not adhering to government-fixed rates and violating Covid-19 treatment protocols.

Under pressure from public and opposition parties, the government has on September 9 set up a three-member task force – comprising IAS officers Rahul Bojja, Sarfaraz Ahmed, and D. Divya, to oversee treatment of Covid-19 patients in private hospitals, following of safety protocols by them and whether they are adhering to the ceiling fixed by government on charging patients.

Meanwhile, with additions to the list of private hospitals treating Covid-19 patients, the bed strength at these facilities has increased to 10,660 as on Sunday, according to data released by the State Health Department on Monday. The number of beds previously available at the 199 private hospitals providing Coronavirus treatment was 10,443.

The 42 government hospitals providing Covid-19 care have bed strength of 8,092.

A total of 4,248 patients have been admitted to private hospitals as per the latest data released by state health department, compared to 2,645 admissions in government hospitals.

## Loud talk, laughter spread Covid: Experts

**KANIZA GARARI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Apart from movement of people in public places, speaking loudly, laughing, shouting, screaming can also increase the release of aerosols in the air allowing the SARS Cov 2 virus to eject and spread around causing Covid 19.

Behaviours in closed environment that can lead to aerosol generation are loud singing, talking loudly in office corridors,

speaking or calling out colleagues from one corner to another, in an asymptomatic patient will allow for the spread of the virus around.

Dr C. Shekhar Singh, ear nose and throat surgeon explains, "Talking normally requires a normal effort of the nose, mouth and throat. But when one speaks loudly, shouts, coughs or vomits, it requires more effort and pressure on the diaphragm and abdominal

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muscles. During this, the aerosol generation from the body is high."

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ing about without wearing masks or following the social distancing norms. The use of metro, movement of people to their offices and also other human activities have brought these behaviour in focus.

Dr K. K. Aggarwal, past president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) says, "It is very important to understand that in the prevention techniques, behaviours which can increase risk

factors must not be undertaken during this time of Covid-19. It is important to understand that masks are extremely important and if someone is shouting, laughing loudly and screaming then even three feet is not a safe distance and it will have to be six feet. These small aspects will help people stay safe which are also some ways in which asymptomatic carriers of Covid spread the virus around."

## KTR: Town planners powers trimmed

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Taking inspiration from the TS-iPass which was introduced in July 2015 as a one-stop online system for issuing industrial building permissions based on self-certification, the government felt the need for a similar single window system for giving building permissions/layout approvals, Rama Rao said.

Keeping in view the introduction of a single window system for building and layout permission, the state government has incorporated the relevant provisions under this new law.

Rama Rao explained that the state-level TS-bPASS chasing cell will be established at district, state level and zonal levels within GHMC limits to ensure that all the proposals under the single window

system are disposed within the time frame of 21 days and will also coordinate with the line departments for adherence to the timelines.

The minister said that the new Act mandates all municipalities, including the GHMC, to clear all building permission applications within the stipulated 21 days, failing which the permission is deemed to have been approved.

He said that an automated certificate will be issued to the applicant with the signatures of relevant authorities, including the municipal commissioner, and the town planning officer on behalf of the municipality concerned, to enable them to obtain bank loans or other financial assistance.

He said that occupancy certificates also will be issued within 15 days

upon submitting relevant documents.

While making an application for registration or self-certification approval, the applicant will declare that in case of any wrong information or violation of rules, the concerned authorities can demolish the construction without any notice.

He said that the official concerned shall be liable for disciplinary action if there has been delay in issuing the permission and penalty shall be levied wherever applicable.

The state-level central support system will be set up to ensure that every grievance/issue reported was attended to and applicants will be updated via SMS at every stage. Referring to the role of town planning teams, Rama Rao said that it will be minimised with regard to building permissions.

They will be henceforth deployed to focus on district urban master planning, road-widening and road development plans, municipal waste management plans, GIS-based planning for civic infrastructure and other future planning-related work.

Replying to the suggestions from MIM MLA, Ahmad Balala, and TRS MLA, Sudheer Reddy, of considering notary registration for building permission, Ramarao reminded them of the Chief Minister's assurance of giving a chance for regularisation of notary agreements.

Answering to the suggestion from CLP leader, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, to issue a notice before the demolition of any structure, the minister said the relevant saving clause is in the legislation.

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## Rail Nilayam shut after staff test +ve

**SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Concerned at reports of many Covid-19 positive cases in its premises, South Central Railways (SCR) shut the doors of its headquarters, Rail Nilayam, for two days as a preventive measure. Thorough sanitation and other protocol precautions that were taken up on Monday would continue into Tuesday.

All the 2,500 employees working at Rail Nilayam have been subject to RT-PCR tests on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

After deciding to sanitize the entire premises, employees were urged to work from home. They have been asked to furnish latest Covid-19 status

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reports to the concerned authorities. Those who test positive will be assisted by railway doctors.

A high-ranking official, on the condition of anonymity, told *Deccan Chronicle* that results of positive cases have shocked everyone. It is also learnt that many in the general manager's office have also been found infected with Coronavirus.

Those who have not undergone tests will have their RT-PCR tests at LGDS Central Hospital on September 15, 17 and 18.

23,639 are in institutional or home isolation.

Reflecting the fewer tests conducted during the weekend, new cases in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation area as well as in other districts too fell, with GHMC recording 264 cases, Rang Reddy 133, Karimnagar 108, and Sangareddy 107 cases.

These are the districts that have crossed the three figure mark of new Coronavirus infections.

## CONTACT-LESS ELEVATORS AT AIRPORT

**T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

In a step towards contact-less travel experience, the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, has successfully executed a pilot project of switching on an elevator at departures from the traditional push-button control to a safer touch-less alternative mode.

The airport has developed the system which is based on Infrared (IR) technology. As part of the local engineering innovation for creating rapid solutions to complex problems, the developers have used an array of infrared sensors to detect the spatial position of the user's fingers as they pass through the sensing point.

Users of that elevator can now wave their hands closer to the sensor to call the elevator at any floor they are standing. Once inside the elevator, they can point their finger towards a floor number as a command for a designated floor.

## CONG MP FILES PIL, CHALLENGES LAYOUT SCHEME

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

Congress MP Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the government orders issued for regularisation of unapproved and illegal layouts. He contended how government can prohibit registration of properties, which do not come under the new scheme unveiled by the state government. "Prohibiting registrations, apart from sewage, water and electricity connections, are not traceable to powers provided under provisions of various acts of municipalities and panchayat raj, and ultra vires to the Constitution", the MP stated in the petition.



## OTHER STORIES

## TS TOLD TO CLARIFY ON UG, PG EXAMS

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

The Telangana High Court on Monday directed the state government to come up with a clear stand on holding the final examinations for UG and PG courses and whether it is permitting online exams or demanding physical mode exams.

If exams are to be held in physical mode, how is the government preparing, asked the court, seeking information in tabular form on the colleges and courses allowed to hold online exams and those holding offline exams.

The division bench, comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice B. Vijayen Reddy, was dealing with PILs related to the holding of UG and PG exams, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On being directed to inform the court on the feasibility of conducting the exams in online mode, the Telangana government on Monday submitted that the final exams for UG and PG courses will be held in physical mode and furnished that it was not possible to conduct the exams online.

The government also said that it would oblige the suggestions of the HC to conduct advanced supplementary exams for students who could not attend the exams due to the pandemic and treat them as regular passed out students and not supplementary passed out.

However, the court found contradictory statements in letters issued by the higher and technical education wing regarding the exams. In a letter issued on September 11, it mentioned as that no online exams will be conducted and, on very next day, in another letter, it permitted some institutes to conduct online exams.

The court observed the ambiguous stand of the state and directed the advocate general, B.S. Prasad, to come up with clarity. At 4.30 pm, Prasad said that all UG and PG courses, irrespective of university, will conduct examinations in physical mode, but some autonomous colleges of JNTU(H) and Osmania university were given permission to hold online exams for technical courses.

Counsel for the JNTU(H), advocate Jaiswal, submitted that the university has planned to conduct exams only in physical mode and it has been arranging for the same.

## KCR BETRAYED DALITS WITH FALSE PROMISES: TD

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC KARIMNAGAR, SEPT. 14

The promise of three acres of land to the Dalits which was included in the election manifesto of TRS party proved to be fake alleged the Telugu Desam Party SC cell state vice-president Damara Satyam on Monday.

Mr Satyam was referring to the announcement made by the Chief Minister, K. Chandrasekhar Rao during the ongoing assembly session that there is no land available in the state for distribution. In a statement released, Mr Satyam alleged that before the 2014 elections, the TRS party included in its election manifesto that it would distribute three acres of land for the Dalit families which are dependent only on agriculture, KCR also promised the people before 2018 elections that he would keep his promise. However, after coming to power, for the second time, he betrayed Dalits by grabbing their votes.

When the TRS government conducted a comprehensive household survey in 2014, it was found that around 3 lakh Dalit families are present across the state who are dependent on agriculture. The government also estimated that it requires 9 lakh acres of land to distribute to the Dalit families. Now in the assembly CM KCR announced that land is not available in the state for distributing to Dalits. When there is no land for distribution, how could KCR gave such a promise to Dalits, he questioned.

Mr Satyam said that the former Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh and TD chief Nara Chandrababu Naidu has a perfect vision. During his tenure, he established SC corporation and introduced a scheme for distribution of government land to eligible low-income families who belonged to Scheduled Castes (SCs).

CM KCR is deceiving Telangana people with hollow promises. He promised to make a Dalit leader as a Chief Minister of the state, and distribute 3 acres of land to Dalits, and now the said land is not available.

## Recently laid road washed off in Tadvai

## Villagers for action against contractor for poor quality work

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, SEPT. 14

Heavy rains since the past two days in the district flooded several areas especially the low lying villages.

The rivulets once again received good inflows of water and flowed in spate. As a result roads were damaged in some places.

The road between Berelli and Bayyaram in Tadvai mandal got washed off near a culvert due to heavy flow of the Jampanna Vagu at night.

A motorist who was unaware of the washed off road fell down and got seriously injured. He was shifted to the MGM hospital in Warangal for treatment. The villagers set up roadblocks to alert the motorists coming that way.

The Berelli village remained under siege of flood water for most part of Sunday night and Monday morning.

The villagers complained that the road that got washed away was recently laid but without proper planning which resulted in it getting washed away. They demanded action against the officials responsible for it and also to blacklist the contractor who delivered a poor quality job.

In Ankampalli village of the mandal, a culvert got washed away hampering traffic movement.

## ● THE BERELLI village remained under siege of flood water for most part of Sunday night and Monday morning.



The washed off road near Berelli on Monday.

## More rains may damage cotton, paddy in Kharif

RAVINDRA SESHU | DC KHAMMAM, SEPT. 14

The farmers of Khammam district experienced the third spell of incessant rains in the present Kharif season. The showers in two spells in August are enough for the crops and all the water bodies, including medium irrigation projects, were filled up. More rains will damage cotton and paddy heavily.

Munner, a tributary of river Krishna witnessed floods thrice and the river is overflowing at present due to heavy rains in erstwhile Warangal district. The mandals like Vemsoor, Penuballi, Sattupalli, Mudigonda, Kusumanchi, Tallada, Kamapalli, Nelakondapalli and Khammam Rural witnessed good rains in the third spell. Though the rains are not needed at

- Three spell of rains in Khammam for the last 45 days
- Nearly three depressions emerged in the Bay of Bengal in August and two in September.

present, it will not damage the crops much so far. The average rainfall from 1 to 14 September was 78.1 mm against a normal of 71.8 mm.

Various mandals witnessed heavy rains in the last two days and it is feared that more rains will hit the crops hard. The moisture content in the soil has reached the maximum capacity and further rains in the coming days will mean water logging in the crops.

The rainwater will log in 4,000 acres of paddy and cotton in five mandals in Enkoor.

Tallada, Sattupalli, Vemsoor and Penuballi. In case further rain in the coming days, the cotton plants will be slanted to the ground.

Nearly three depressions emerged in the Bay of Bengal in August and two in September. Rains witnessed at least 12 days in two spells in August and one spell in September. Fifty per cent of crops are close to reaping and more rains will damage the crop.

All the streams in the district experienced overflow at least thrice for the last 45 days.

Heavy rains were also witnessed on Monday in Sattupalli and Vemsoor mandals. The groundwater increased from five to feet to fifteen feet in all mandals.

## Politicians, officials hand-in-glove with sand mafia

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC KUMARAMBHEEM ASIFABAD, SEPT. 14

Illegal sand mining from local streams and rivulets is rampant in the villages of Penchikalpet, Bejjur, and Kagaznagar mandals in K u m a r a m b h e e m Asifabad district.

Some businessmen are shifting sand in trucks or lorries to cities and towns with the help of local political leaders from Penchikalpet mandal and even from the shore of river Pranahitha.

Villagers point out that local streams and rivulets lose their recharging capacity in summer and it has been made worse by sand mining, which has dried up bore wells and wells.

Police seized four trucks two days back and registered cases against their drivers for illegally transporting sand from Lodpelli vagu in Penchikalpet mandal.

Traders involved in the illegal activity are lifting sand stating that it was for construction of Rythu Vedikalu and 2BHK houses.

One can find huge quantities of sand

dumped between Lodpelli-Kannepalli villages. Workers load sand into lorries or trucks from the sand dumps in the evenings and the vehicles proceed to their destinations late in the night.

Shyam Kumar of Penchikalpet said illegal sand mining is thriving because of tacit support being extended by politicians and officials from revenue department. He said this will result in drought-like situations.

As the government is losing revenue, he said that the government should auction sand from streams and rivulets under gram panchayats.

Mining of sand with the help of JCBs is on a large-scale at Bokkiva-gu (steam) that flows between Kondapelli and Lodpelli in Penchikalpet mandal.

The perception among the general public is that local body representatives and political leaders are hand-in-glove with the sand mafia.

Local revenue officials have remained mute spectators as they allegedly get bribes regularly from the sand mafia.



Four trucks seized by cops for illegally transporting sand from local streams in Penchikalpet mandal.

## CCI asked to take steps to lift cotton

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, SEPT. 14

Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) was asked to make arrangements for lifting cotton in Khammam district as the arrangements are being made keeping Covid-19 norms in view.

The state government informed CCI that cotton arrivals to the Khammam farm market had already commenced and the farmers are eager to sell their produce to address farm expenses to address labour charges for the next reaping.

It is expected that 2.26 lakh tons of cotton will come to the market in the Kharif. Cotton is the one of the main crop along with paddy in the district and it is raised in 2.44 lakh acres.

Unlike earlier, there is certain clarity on crop booking under a comprehensive crop plan and there will be no surprise arrivals of any farm produce this year. In this context, the ginning mill owners, marketing officials and CCI were asked to set up cotton lifting centres by coordinating themselves.

CCI was asked to set up lifting centres at Nelakondapalli, Madhira, Wyra and Enkoor along with Khammam farm market. The State government wants to benefit more from the farmers and the CCI should be

- Cotton is the one of the main crop along with paddy in the Khammam
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- 400 centres for paddy lifting in the kharif
- Target of lifting 5.55 lakh tonnes of paddy

ready to pay a minimum support price of ₹5,515 per quintal to cotton this year.

Marketing officials are making arrangements to place moisture finding machines and weighing machines at cotton lifting centres. The cotton and marketing officials started making aware of moisture per cent that relates to the price of the produce. Drying the cotton at their houses is a must to get MSP.

On the other hand, efforts are being made to lift paddy in the Kharif in Khammam district.

It is planned to lift 5.55 lakh tons of paddy this season by setting up 400 centres. The district was divided as four sectors in the previous Rabi to transport the paddy to the rice mills. But, the district was divided as eight sectors in the present kharif to speed in transport the produce to the mills.

## Centre trying to kill rights: CPI

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC KARIMNAGAR, SEPT. 14

The Communist Party of India will not tolerate and will not sit quiet, if the Bharatiya Janata Party government tries to suppress the powers and rights of state governments, warned the district secretary of the CPI party, Ponaganti Kedari on Monday.

In the part of the call given by the national committee, the leaders of the district unit of CPI party staged a protest against the central government at Kaman Chowrasta in Karimnagar district.

Mr Kedari alleged that by bringing GST with the slogan of one nation one tax, the Central government is trying to introduce several bills in the Parliament to suppress the rights of the state government. It would be dangerous for democracy if the governments of various states do not oppose such bills, he pointed out.

When the COVID-19 pandemic was spreading at an alarming rate in many states, instead of supporting them, giving announcements to get the debts on their own to tackle the deadly virus by the finance minister of the central government is unfair, he criticised. Mr Kedari said that with the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, around ₹2.35 lakh crore loss occurred to the state government.



CPI leaders and workers stage a protest against the Central government at Kaman Chowrasta in Karimnagar district on Monday.

## Left parties find fault with NDA on cases against Yechury

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, SEPT. 14

Left parties — CPI-M, CPI and CPI (ML) New Democracy found fault NDA government for filing illegal cases against CPI-M national secretary Sitaram Yechury and writer Jayathi Ghosh.

The three parties staged protests against the illegal cases and demanded the Centre to lift them immediately. CPI-M leader Ponnamm Venkateswara Rao said, “The second phase NDA government is the worst and the voices of opposition are being oppressed by filing illegal cases. The writers and intellectuals are being targeted”.

Criminal cases were filed against Sitaram

Yechury and Jayathi Ghosh in the riots which took place seven months back in Delhi during the protests against the National Register of Citizens of India. CPI district secretary Potu Prasad said that the NDA government is not maintaining restraint in dealing with the people and their agony over various issues.

“The increasing intolerance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government against the intellectuals is nothing but a violation of fundamental rights,” he said. CPI (ML) New Democracy Chandranra Group leader M. Giri said that the people are living amidst fears due to the gestures of the NDA

government.

He demanded the government to lift cases against Yechury and Jayathi Ghosh.

CPI (ML) New Democracy leader Gokinenipalli Venkateswara Rao said that the people are ready to fight against the undemocratic acts of NDA government.

The killing of Kalburgi and Gouri Lankesh and arrest of Varavara Rao and Saibaba showed the anarchic rule of NDA government in the country.

The Prime Minister, instead of protecting poor and unemployed youth from the economic depression, is spending time to suppress the opposition voices, he said.

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## 6 SRSP GATES LIFTED, WATER RELEASED INTO GODAVARI

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD, SEPT. 14

For the first time in the current rainy season, the gates of Sriramsagar project opened on Monday and released water into river Godavari. Following the 56,725 cusecs inflows from the upstream areas, the project has reached its full reservoir level, and the officials lifted the gates and released 12,500 cusecs of water into the river. The gates of Balegaon barrage in the neighbouring Maharashtra state opened and released floodwater into river Godavari.

As a result, inflows gradually increased into SRSP from 32,352 cusecs to 56,725 cusecs on Monday. The water level in SRSP has reached 1090.9 feet as against its full reservoir level is 1091 ft. By opening six flood gates, the officials released 18,750 cusecs by Monday evening. Chief engineer B. Shankar, superintending engineer Sushil Deshpande, executive engineer B. Rama Rao monitored the flood situation.

SRSP officials alerted people on the banks of river Godavari in the erstwhile Nizamabad, Adilabad and Karimnagar districts over the release of the floodwater. They said that farmers, shepherds should be cautious during the water flow in river Godavari.

Given the COVID-19 protocol, the visitors' entry was restricted at the dam site during the flood gates opening. Around 37,725 cusecs water outflow continued for canals and drinking water needs.

## CCS COPS NAB BURGLARS GANG, SEIZE ASSETS

DC CORRESPONDENT KARIMNAGAR, SEPT. 14

The Central Crime Station police on Monday nabbed a burglar gang involved in various theft cases here at Vidyananyapuri road in Theegalguttapalli and seized gold and silver ornaments along with one two wheeler from their possession.

According to the CCS police, the accused three were identified as Bonthu Vamshi, 20, and two minors residents of Vavilapally of Karimnagar district.

Being addicted to luxurious life, Vamshi formed a gang with two minors and indulged in various theft cases. During the day time, all three would go round the colonies, select the locked and break the house during night along with stealing the valuable ornaments.

After receiving complaints from the people, the CCS police deployed six teams to nab the burglars. A case is registered against the B. Vamshi and the minors were sent to juvenile home.

## CHILD | DEVELOPMENT Parents told to take advantage of all the schemes provided for the benefit of kids

## Children malnourished despite government schemes

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, SEPT. 14

The Warangal district Childline-1098 organised a training programme on child marriage and malnutrition on Monday at Nakkalagutta in Hanmakonda.

Erstwhile Warangal District Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Mandala Parashuramulu observed that despite the Central and state govern-

ments implementing various nutrition schemes for the upliftment of children at the village and town levels, many children are still suffering from malnutrition.

The main symptoms of malnutrition are frequent illness in children, being underweight, being weak, always lazy and irritable and delayed in the developmental stages of the child.

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etables. Anganwadi teachers, child marriage ban officers, NGOs and leaders of various political parties

should mobilize the people from the village level on the Prevention of Child Marriage Act 2006,” he said.

He further demanded that the girls be included in the SC, ST, BC and Minority Girls' Welfare Ashrams run by the Telangana state government. Girls can contact the Child Welfare Committee for any assistance, he said. Hanmakonda Urban CDPO K. Madhurima said, “The role of Anganwadi

teachers is very much in building a society free of malnutrition and child marriages.

He said good results would come if everyone worked together for the development of boys and girls at the ward level, especially with a sense of dedication.

He said that they should take advantage of all the schemes provided by the government without worrying about the birth of a girl child.

Childline Nodal Coordinator M.D. Iqbal Pasha opined that the governments should allocate more funds for the development of children. Governments need to work harder to make education and health accessible to all.

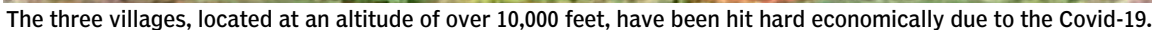
Childline Coordinator Ragi Krishnamurthy, ICDS supervisors V. Rajyalakshmi, J. Nirmala, T. Kavitha and Anganwadi Teachers were present among others.



**RABINDRA NATH  
CHOUHURY | DC**  
BHOPAL, SEPT. 14

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NEW DELHI, SEPT. 14

Notably, Gandhi who is accompanying his mother Sonia Gandhi during her travel to the US for a routine medical check-up, would not be attending the current Parliament session.



## Villagers told to hoist Nepal's flags atop their houses in return

**VIKRAM SHARMA | DC**  
HYDERABAD SEPT. 14

- They would also highlight their plight
- Due to poverty and unemployment, some villages may consider Nepal's offer which will hurt India

"We have always stood

Villagers will write to the Indian government pledging their full support in the wake of offers from Nepal. "While pledging our support, we will highlight our problems and put them before the administration," said Dinesh Gunjyal, Vice President of the Bharat-Cheen Seema Vyapar Sangh.

**New Delhi, Sept 14:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is likely to make a statement in Parliament on Tuesday on the continuing standoff between Indian and Chinese troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, sources said.

Singh had met his Chinese counterpart Gen Wei Fenghe in Moscow recently. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi had also met in Moscow a few days ago.

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**VINEETA PANDEY | DC**  
NEW DELHI, SEPT. 14

Terming the lockdown as “a bold decision” by the government in March-April, the minister said that it helped India successfully blunt the aggressive progression of Covid-19.

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The Life Mission project came under the scanner

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
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ed that the gold smuggling in Thiruvananthapuram airport happened through diplomatic baggage. However, Muralreedharan had earlier categorically stated that the smuggled gold was not found in diplomatic baggage. "The NIA, Customs and now finance ministry have said it was diplomatic baggage but the minister continues to contradict them publicly," the CPM said.

“If some wrong has happened in one contract then that particular issue should be tackled. You cannot tarnish the entire Life Mission which is providing homes to the homeless,” said the Chief Minister while inaugurating Konni medical college in Pathanamthitta district via video conferencing on Monday.

recently after one of the key accused in the gold smuggling case Swapna Suresh claimed that ₹1 crore found in her bank locker was part of the

commission that she received for a housing project being implemented in Wadakkancherry in Thrissur district. The ₹20 cr housing scheme is

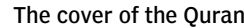
**The copy handwritten by Kashmiri artists, is one of the finest manuscripts**

**YUSUF JAMEEL | DC**  
SRINAGAR, SEPT. 14

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"This Quran is one of the finest manuscripts produced in Kashmir in the first half of the nineteenth century. Not only does it bear the names of two scribes who have been involved in copying it, but also the names of the binder and the patron. Dated Qurans from Kashmir are rare, especially if decorated with such lavish illumination," it said.



Hasan signs as the copyist of the Quran and Muhammad Isma'il as the copyist of the tafsir in the margins. "Each lacquer plate of the binding is finely decorated with a

Khalid was arrested by the special cell of Delhi Police late on Sunday night after 11 hours of interrogation for his alleged involvement in the February Delhi riots.

Lawyer Prashant Bhushan said Khalid's arrest exposes the "malafide nature of its investigation into Delhi riots". —PTI

**MANOJ ANAND | DC**  
GUWAHATI, SEPT. 14

Informing that the party will start organisation work in 25 districts, and that all tribes will have representation in the party, the advisory committee said that their slogan would be "*Ghore Ghore Aami*" (We are in every household).

Asserting that Assam Jatiya Parishad would

Stating that they have already started work at the state, district, constituency and booth levels, the advisory committee that will be supervising the overall policy making and manifestos of the party said that all tribes of the state will have representation in the party.



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## Mathematician who found formula to help rural poor

The life and work of former Union minister for rural development and leader of the Rashtrivya Janata Dal Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, who passed away on Sunday in New Delhi due to Covid-19 related ailments, reflect how a visionary, grassroots level leader can impact the lives of millions of people, and still remain behind the curtain. One of the chief architects of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), which ensured sustenance of millions of rural poor across the country for more than a decade, Dr Singh was the real champion of the cause of rural India.

Dr Singh, a PhD in mathematics and a former professor, had his political baptism in the Jayaprakash movement against the Congress government and the Emergency in the seventies and grew up along with Lalu Prasad Yadav and Nitish Kumar. Dr Singh was always part and parcel of the socialist bloc even as it went through several splits and metamorphosis until he sent a resignation letter two days before his death from his party, the RJD.

Dr Singh, who was a five-term Lok Sabha member and a minister in Bihar and Union governments several times, was the face of rural India in the corridors of power. He never left his rustic characteristics despite his professional and academic standing and being part of the power structure for most part of his political life. He steadfastly worked for the uplift of the rural poor, whose living conditions were very familiar to him. It took his persuasive skills as well as first-hand deep knowledge of the ground situation to get the MGNREGA through, even though it was part of the election manifesto of the first edition of the UPA as many had felt it would put an unnecessary hole in the exchequer without offering commensurate returns. Today, the scheme is the lifeline of rural India; it has been one of the most efficient routes to reach the people during the pandemic Covid-19. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the National Democratic Alliance were skeptical about it before they came to power. However, to their credit, they realised its merit and steadily increased budgetary allocations to strengthen it.

Dr Singh also represents the section of leaders with calibre and character who were catapulted to the political leadership while being part of democratic restoration movements. Oppression by the powers-that-be could recoil into mass movements as was seen in the Seventies across India. Such movements would also attract people who would have otherwise gone their way of professional or occupational route. As Karl Marx said, "philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to change it." Dr Singh belongs to the group of people who made a heroic attempt to change the course of history.

Struggles for restoration of democratic rights are bound to repeat themselves. The sterling legacy Dr Singh leaves behind will no doubt inspire many bright and brilliant boys and girls to follow in his path. That will be the best tribute to him.

## Champions in all respects

In triggering positive societal changes as in non-discriminatory treatment of minorities like African Americans, sport may have gone way beyond just mirroring society. The US Open tennis not only presents equal opportunity but equal pay too, but a young champion, who won her second crown at Flushing Meadows, may have dared to take sport even further by being an agent of change. The flaws in American society may be obvious but sporting icons, with their greater public presence, must take a stand in pointing them out.

Naomi Osaka's bold statement for racial justice in wearing seven different masks naming seven prominent Black victims of trigger-happy police brutality in the USA invests her powerful tennis of booming serves and hard strokes from the baseline with an even greater aura. Born to a Haitian father and a Japanese mother who came to Florida at age three, Osaka's empathy for people being trampled upon is natural. She had hardly savoured the moment the first time when she won a battle of generations in downing a testy Serena Williams in 2018 as the crowd had booed her. In 2020, Naomi confirmed that she has come on much more in beating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who also should know a thing or two about the tumultuous politics of modern life.

Naomi is a champion in all respects. Joining her as the men's winner after a ding-dong, error-strewn battle, Dominic Thiem of Austria may have served notice that the young brigade is capable of challenging the monopoly of the above-30 Grand Slam champions Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Only the Serb was on court at the first no-spectators Grand Slam of the Covid-19 era but exited by default for poor behaviour. As Thiem hugged close friend Alexander Zverev of Germany, whom he had beaten in the first-ever fifth set tie-breaker at the US Open, it spoke eloquently of bonds that tough social distancing norms too could not break. In 2020, more than ever, it appeared tennis had won in turning the spotlight on two deserving winners.

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Aakar Patel

## Jaishankar's prescriptions are simplistic, just excuses

India's foreign minister comes from a family of scholars. His father K. Subrahmanyam was the founder of the famous IDS think tank in New Delhi and had advised Indira Gandhi. On the weaponising of India's nuclear programme and the military intervention in Bangladesh, Subrahmanyam had a hand.

Subrahmanyam's son Sanjay, Jaishankar's brother, is one of the world's most famous scholars of medieval India. He has written books on commerce in Surat (my hometown) and South India as well as on Vasco Da Gama.

My point is that Dr S. Jaishankar has a background which is not the same as our other ministers. Jaishankar has recent a book released a few days ago which said three things had negatively affected India's foreign policy. The first was Partition, which reduced the size of India and made China even more important than it was. The second was the delay in the economic reforms of 1991: if done earlier, they would have made India a wealthier nation earlier than it will become. And third, the delay in choosing to

**Mere liberalisation does not mean economic growth. What Jaishankar says in his three points is reductive and simplistic.**

make atomic weapons. He called them the three burdens.

What should we make of what he is saying? We need to examine two separate things, first to see to what extent what he says is true.

India's Partition did reduce the size of the country and if India had not been partitioned, the undivided nation would be larger geographically, stretching from Myanmar to Iran, and with a population of 1.7 billion people. It would not be particularly different in terms of its economy, per capita income, productivity or any other way. South Asia has developed together, none of the three countries which were once part of British India has either become a developed country and none on the other hand has not succeeded in developing at least a little. A visit to Pakistan and Bangladesh reveals them to be no different than most

parts of India.

The second issue is the delay in economic reforms. This is not Jaishankar's subject because he is not an economist. We must therefore be cautious when we accept what he says as true. The Indian economy of Jawaharlal Nehru's time had little capacity. State capital was needed as an element, especially in heavy industry. And without the State, the institutions we take for granted, for example in higher education, would not have come at all. Whatever bhajans we may sing to privatisation, there is no private equivalent of IIT or IIM even today in India. This is not to say that the licence raj of Indira Gandhi was a good thing. It was not. The best we can offer Jaishankar's statement on the delay in reforms is a qualified yes, not a full endorsement.

The third is the exercise of the nuclear option, which happened in May 1974. India makes a big deal of having an atom bomb. It is not such a big deal. Many nations in South America, Europe, Asia and Africa had the capacity to make one but chose not to. The other thing is that India violated its foreign commit-

ments to make the bomb. The reactors producing the material used in our bombs came from Canada, whom we had promised that we would only use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes (this is why Indira Gandhi made the claim that the 1974 test was a "peaceful explosion").

We have held these weapons for 45 years now. How have they helped us? We cannot use them against Pakistan, which for 30 years we have accused of terrorism. We cannot use them against China, which is today inside our borders. It is debatable that the early weaponising of our programme could have helped us in any way.

Jaishankar calls these three things "burdens" and he lays them at the Congress' door. Let us see what his party has done and is doing. India may have been partitioned, but Pakistan and Bangladesh are still next to us. They have not been relocated to Africa. What stops India from unifying the subcontinent through trade or travel? It is our nationalism. We have free movement (without visas) with Nepal, but not with Bangladesh. Why? We

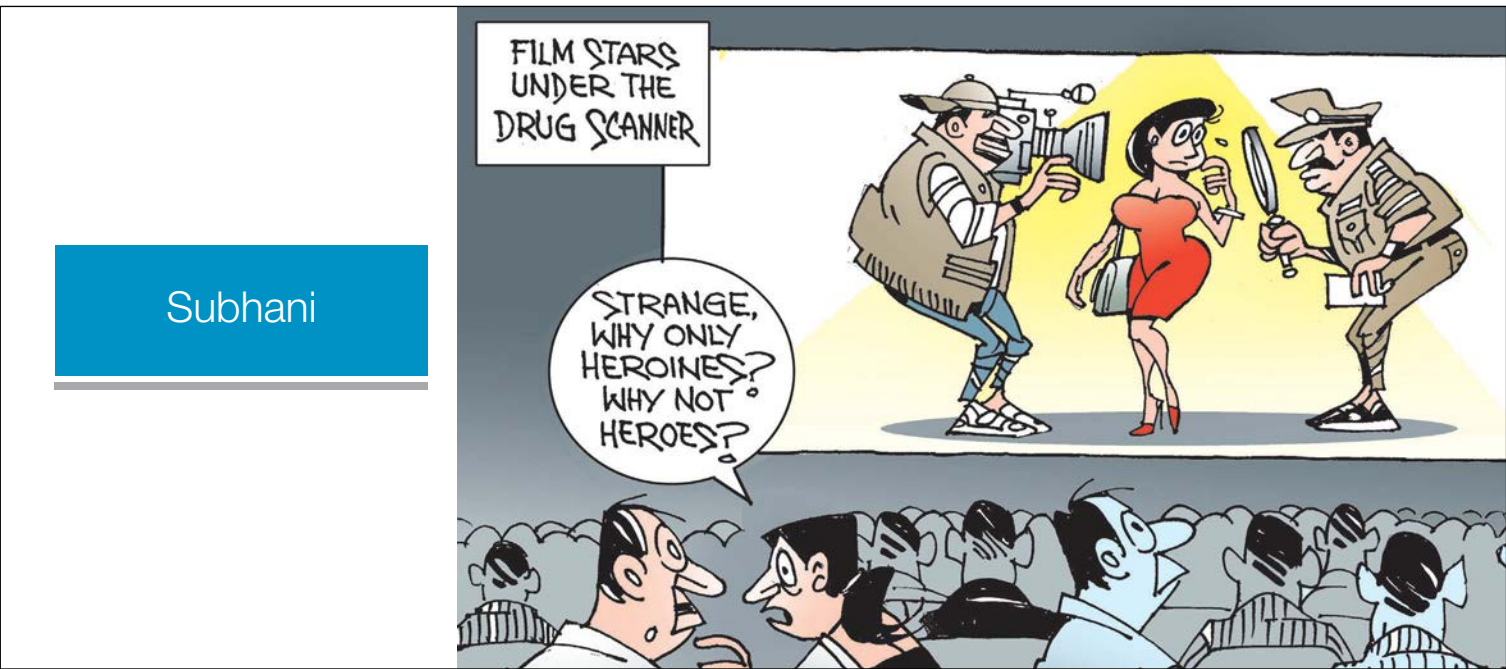
could unify South Asia with visa-free travel and trade if we chose to. The BJP does not want it.

The assumption Jaishankar makes about liberalisation automatically producing economic growth is false. Under the BJP, India's economic growth has been declining since January 2018, according to its own figures.

That is two and a half straight years of decline in six years of government. This did not happen during socialism or the licence raj.

This year we will see a contraction of the economy. Mere liberalisation does not mean economic growth. What Jaishankar says in his three points is reductive and simplistic. The past does not matter that much. If we think that it does, it is because we are not good enough at running the nation competently today and are searching for excuses why. If Jaishankar's diagnosis is correct, what stops him from correcting it today? His book does not say that. Perhaps that will come in a future book.

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Subhani

## Mediation vital on LAC, Ladakh disengagement



Mohan Guruswamy

**We have two outstanding issues between India and China: Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. These two territorial disputes aren't going to be resolved in the foreseeable long term.**

The joint announcement by external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi in Moscow (no doubt helped along by Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov) is being clutched at like straws by desperate drowning men hoping for an end to the crisis. In case we have forgotten, the RIC (Russia India China) was a geopolitical group that was formed to balance growing American and Nato unilateralism. The operative part of the joint statement is that the military commander-level talks will continue. The audible sigh of relief in some circles may be premature, for talking doesn't mean a solution. For now, it only means a postponement of the armed conflict.

We have two outstanding issues between India and China. The larger one is about large tracts of territory in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh. These two territorial disputes aren't going to be resolved in the foreseeable long term. Hence, Deng Xiaoping had sagaciously suggested to Rajiv Gandhi at their 1988 Beijing meeting that it is best left to history.

The pressing dispute on hand are the two overlapping Lines of Actual Control. The term LAC was first used by Zhou Enlai in November 1959 when he wrote to Jawaharlal Nehru defining it as "the so-called McMahon Line in the east and the line up to which each side exercises actual control in the west". The problem is that India and China never agreed on where the LAC was, as the perceptions of what each side "controlled" varied, by a few meters to tens of kilometers. For instance, in Sikkim where they vary at a few places, the actual overlap often is a few meters. This varia-

tion is because both sides are vying for better tactical positions to locate their bunkers and sangars (small built-up structures) on higher ground to observe the other side. In the Depsang Plains overlooking DBO, it is by as much as 20-30 km.

The DBO overlooks the Chip Chap river as it curls southward to its rendezvous with the Shyok. The entire Chip Chap river was accepted by China as Indian territory even in 1956, but by 1960 China advanced its LAC to about 4 km of DBO and built a garrison at Tianwendian, about 24 km away. The PLA launches patrols from here into the contested Depsang. They have done the same in Galwan valley. In 1962 the Indian post was at the source of the Galwan river at Samzungling and the LAC is now about 2 km upstream of the confluence of Galwan and Shyok rivers.

Despite having two often widely overlapping LACs, Indian and Chinese forces had arrived at a unique modus vivendi since 1962 which enabled each side to patrol up to its perception of the LAC without confrontation. The desire for peace made both sides cobble up agreements from time to time. The 1993 agreement made it incumbent for both sides to caution each other whenever their perceived LACs were crossed. Though the agreement stipulated that any dispute both sides would jointly check this and decide upon an alignment, it never happened. Then in 1996 both sides agreed to "exercise restraint when the patrols come face to face". This agreement also stipulated that both sides would not use firearms or explosives 2 km from their perceived LACs. Both sides

adhered to this, but now the patrols, while not confronting each other, began tailing each other maintaining a distance between them. This agreement also obliged both sides not to construct anything of a permanent nature in the LAC overlaps.

This worked till 2013, when the PLA objected to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police leaving behind reusable shelters at a place called Chumar. In May that year a tailed PLA patrol decided to dig in midway between the two LACs in Depsang at a place called Rakhi Nula. This forced an Indian Army unit to dig in nearby. This crisis was resolved by a meeting between the local military commanders, with the Indian side agreeing to dismantle the Chumar structures and the PLA pulling out. This led to the more complex 2013 agreement, once again aimed at conflict prevention and conflict resolution, but not fixing the cause of conflict.

This is where we were when the PLA, taking advantage of Indian Army tardiness in not mirroring the annual PLA exercises in the area, dug in positions in Galwan Valley, Hot Springs, Ghogra and between Fingers 4 and 8 on Pangong Tso's northern bank. In Galwan the new PLA position is now less than 2 km from the upgraded 230-km-long road from Darbuk to DBO.

The Indian Army has now positioned itself threateningly on the Chushul heights.

The timing of the crisis couldn't be worse. India was in the midst of a major economic meltdown brought about by the spread of the Covid-19 virus from Wuhan. The

electronic media, no doubt prodded by the Narendra Modi government, went into a fury over the "Chinese perfidy" and both Mr Modi and defence minister Rajnath Singh made fire and brimstone speeches ostensibly to the troops in Ladakh. The Indian military buildup was under the full glare of the embedded media and newly acquired military hardware were displayed. Like angry Bharatanatya dancers, both sides are now semaphoring intentions to each other.

Simultaneously, Indian Army and PLA commanders have been in talks from June 16 seeking a disengagement. The question is who withdraws and to where? This requires the determination of a single LAC. This is beyond the ken of the military commanders of both sides. Military men are usually reluctant to withdraw to tactically disadvantageous positions. But the need now is to give and take. This therefore calls for mediation between the two militaries, and that is best done by a trusted third country's military. A neutral military mediator can understand the tactical security concerns of either side and can help in determining the optimal under the circumstances.

The three countries have invested big in the RIC and it is now time to make it pay. The stakes are big. Even a limited Sino-Indian war will mean the end of the Russia-India-China (RIC) and its promise of a multipolar world.

Russia is uniquely placed to play the role of a neutral mediator to help the two countries find an agreement on a single Line of Actual Control. It enjoys a good measure of trust in both countries. One hopes that both countries will find the good sense to accept mediation.

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### LETTERS

#### POST-COVID CARE

Patients who recovered from Covid-19 need to be under the care of doctors. The Union health ministry's recommendations may lead to side-effects (*Chyawanprash, yoga advised for Covid recovered, DC, Sept. 14*). Some chyawanprash brands were earlier banned in other countries because of heavy toxic metals. Usage of modern medicines during hospitalisation may react to these. It would always be better to take the advice of doctors who treated them.

**P.J. David**  
Hyderabad

Chyawanprash manufacturers claim it boosts immunity, strengthens the nervous system and helps fight innumerable ailments. However, there is little scientific evidence for this. It would be appropriate to recommend inclusion of more affordable protein-rich foods along with fresh fruits and vegetables instead of the expensive bottled formulations.

**M. Saleemuddin**  
Hyderabad

#### PUNNY CARTOON

*Deccan Chronicle* is lucky like Subhani. His cartoon about the absence of Question Hour in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on September 14 was, very punny, pun intended. It deserves to be saved in Parliament Library.

**Kamtikar Vinay**  
Hyderabad

### 50 YEARS AGO IN

#### DECCAN Chronicle

##### Stay refused to ex-rulers on derecognition

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 14  
 The Supreme Court today refused to stay the operation of the Presidential Executive Order derecognising the former princes. The Counsel for former princes Mr. N.A. Palkhiwala, moving the petitions on behalf of the former rulers of Gwalior, Udaipur, Nabha, Nalagarh and Kutch, as "test case" asked for state of the derecognition order on the ground that the order was a case of "compound maladies."

He said thousands of persons' livelihood depended upon the former rulers. He said the order which could be later declared invalid, affected thousands of persons who were now dependent on the princes.



Duranty immediately debunks it in *NYT*, painting the famine with government propaganda. He calls it “widespread mortality from diseases due to malnutrition”.

        Jones was killed a year later. He was 29.

Duranty died aged 73, in Florida, in 1957.

Holland’s Mr Jones carries an urgent message: Two people may tell the same story differently. But there is only, always, one truth. You’ll know you’ve spotted it when authoritarian regimes, their cohorts and apologists scream, “It’s not true.”



## SHORT TAKES

## Hari meets Carlsen in online chess

**Chennai:** Indian Grandmaster P. Harikrishna will compete against the likes of world champion Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura in an elite field in the St. Louis Rapid and Blitz online chess tournament beginning on Tuesday. The India number No. 2 faces a stiff challenge in the tournament.

With an Elo rating of 2714, he is the second lowest rated player in the field and would be up against Carlsen, who has been near unbeatable in recent times, and the highly-rated American Nakamura. The others in the fray are American Wesley So, Russians Ian Nepomniachtchi and Alexander Grischuk, experienced Armenian Levon Aronian, Iran's teen prodigy Alireza Firouzja and Americans Leinier Dominguez and Jeffery Xiong, the lowest rated player in the tournament. The ten players will be competing for a \$250,000 prize fund in nine rapid and 18 blitz games. — *PTI*

## Defeating Anand was special: Vidit

**New Delhi:** India's chess Olympiad gold-winning team captain Vidit Gujrathi says the experience of playing against and defeating iconic Viswanathan Anand was the most special moment of his career. The 25-year-old Gujrathi, who became a Grandmaster in 2013, beat the five-time world champion Anand in 2019. "It was a really nice feeling to play against a player to whom you look up to. I was in the Indian Top-5 but never got a chance to play against him, so I was thinking that I'm missing out on that experience," the youngster said during the show, *In the Sportlight*. Gujrathi had the honour to captain the likes of Anand and the women's Grandmaster Koneru Humpy during India's gold winning campaign in the online Chess Olympiad recently. — *PTI*

## Hyderabad FC sign Lalawmpuia

**Hyderabad:** Indian Super League side Hyderabad FC on Monday signed long-term deals with attackers Lalawmpuia and Sweden Fernandes ahead of the new season. Both the 20-year-olds, who were a part of fellow ISL side FC Goa for the last three years, have each penned a three-year deal till the end of the 2022-23 season. Lalawmpuia, fondly known as Opi, came through the ranks at Pune FC and DSK Shivajians before being promoted to the senior side with the latter. The Mizo striker was signed by FC Goa for their developmental side in 2017, and has since regularly featured in local and national competitions for the Gaurs including the Goa Pro League, Durand Cup and the second Division League. Fernandes, meanwhile, has been involved in Goan youth football. — *PTI*

## Bernal fails in France, Tadej wins

**Culoz, France:** Egan Bernal's defence of the Tour de France was reduced to cinders on Sunday as the Colombian suffered a meltdown on the first major mountain of the race, while the overall leader Primoz Roglic denied any suggestions he was doping. With three massive mountains, the stage itself was won by 21-year-old rookie Tadej Pogacar, but the extent of the 2019 champion's astonishing collapse on the final climb is the story of the Tour so far. "I lost three years of my life on that climb, I gave it everything. But I just couldn't keep up," said Bernal. — *AFP*

## Live on TV

## TENNIS

**Rome ATP Masters:** Matches from 2.30 pm on Sony Six, HD

## BASKETBALL

**NBA Eastern Conference Finals (Game 1 of best-of-7):** Boston Celtics vs Miami Heat from 4 am (Wednesday); **NBA Western Conference Semifinals (Game 7, decider):** Los Angeles Clippers vs Denver Nuggets from 6.30 am (Wednesday) on Sony Six, HD

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## TENACIOUS THIEM

## Wrests US Open title after a historic comeback

**New York, Sept. 14:** Dominic Thiem produced a historic comeback to beat Alexander Zverev in a nervy five-setter and win the US Open on Sunday for his first Grand Slam title.

The second seeded Austrian beat the fifth seed 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) in 4 hours and two minutes in a near-empty Arthur Ashe Stadium.

It marked the first time in the US Open's Open era history that a player had recovered from losing the opening two sets to win the title.

Pancho Gonzalez did it against Ted Schroeder in 1949 at an event then known as the US Championships and held in Forest Hills.

It was also the first time the final had been settled by a tie-break.

"I wish we could have two winners today. I think we both deserved it," said Thiem.

The title is the 27-year-old Thiem's maiden Grand Slam trophy after three previous defeats in finals of tennis majors.

Thiem was runner-up at the Australian Open earlier this year and also lost in the last-two showdowns at the French Open in 2018 and 2019.

He also becomes the first new Grand Slam champion since Croatian Marin Cilic won at Flushing Meadows in 2014. Thiem is also the first Grand Slam champion other than Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal or Roger Federer since Stan Wawrinka won the third of his majors at the 2016 US Open.

"I achieved a life goal, a dream of myself, which I had for many, many years," the winner added. Zverev, 23, smashed four aces and 16 winners in the first set as he displayed an impressive serve and volley game to take a 1-0 lead in just 30 minutes.

The German was helped by some sloppy serving from Thiem, who hit three double faults as he was broken twice, in games three and seven.

In set two, Zverev wasted three set points while 5-1 up but held on to take a 2-0 lead on his fifth set point.

The tide was beginning to turn though as Zverev's



Dominic Thiem of Austria celebrates with US Open championship trophy after defeating Alexander Zverev in the men's singles final at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in the Queens borough of New York City on Sunday. Thiem won 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6). — *AFP*

play became increasingly cagey as his suspect second serve got slower and his forehand, another weakness, became more defensive.

After Thiem took set four, Zverev found himself serving for the championship at 5-3 in the fifth set. But he could not hold and soon Thiem found

himself 6-5 ahead. He took a medical timeout before it was his turn to serve for the championship.

However, like Zverev moments earlier, Thiem failed to clinch the match and it went to a tie-break.

He found himself 5-3 up after two double faults by Zverev but Thiem, by now exhausted and limping,

blew two championship points. He won the title and the winner's cheque of \$3 million on his third after Zverev hit a backhand wide.

Thiem collapsed to the ground with his head in his hands before the pair, who are close friends, embraced on the court. Zverev smashed 15 aces

## I'LL BE GRAND SLAM CHAMP, SAYS ZVEREV

**New York, Sept. 14:** Alexander Zverev pledged to bounce back from his bitterly disappointing loss in the final of the US Open on Sunday to capture a Grand Slam one day.

The 23-year-old German went two sets and a break up in his first Grand Slam final before losing in five sets to Austria's Dominic Thiem.

"I was super close to being a Grand Slam champion. I was a few games away, maybe a few points away," a dejected Zverev told reporters.

"For me what upset me the most is not the third set, it's the fifth set.

"I had a lot of chances in the fifth set and didn't use them," he added.

The second seeded Thiem beat the fifth seed Zverev 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) in 4hr 2min.

It was the first time in the US Open's Open era history that a player had recovered from losing the opening two sets to win the title.

It was also the first time the final had been settled by a tie-break.

Zverev said it hurt to lose in the manner he did.

"Obviously being two sets to love and a break up in a Grand Slam final then losing is not easy," he told reporters.

Zverev's debut appearance in the last-two of a tennis major came after he reached the semifinals of the Australian Open earlier this year.

"I'm 23 years old. I don't think it's my last chance. I do believe that I will be a Grand Slam champion at some point," Zverev further added. — *AFP*

compared to Thiem's two. But the German also hit 15 double faults, with Thiem hitting eight.

The match was watched by just a few dozen people, mostly officials, journalists and event staff after the Coronavirus pandemic forced the tournament to be held behind closed doors. — *AFP*



England fast bowler Chris Woakes (left) celebrates the dismissal of Australia's captain Aaron Finch during the second ODI cricket match at Old Trafford in Manchester, England, on Sunday. — *AP*

## England hit Oz hard, pull level

**Manchester, Sept. 14:** Australia batted itself into a winning position before dramatically collapsing as England won the second one-day cricket international by 24 runs to stay alive in the series.

England's decision to bat first at Old Trafford had appeared to backfire with the world champions limited to 231-9 and Australia reaching 143-2 with 20 overs left on Sunday.

Australia was making the run chase look easy thanks to a 107-run stand for the third wicket between captain Aaron Finch (73) and Marnus Labuschagne (48). But the tourists then collapsed to 147-6, and 166-8, in Manchester before finishing 207 all out in 48.4 overs.

A trio of England pacers did the damage: Chris Woakes (3-32), Jofra Archer (3-34) and Sam Curran 3-35. In what has become an unwanted tour tradition for Australia, Archer again claimed opener David Warner (6). — *AP*

England captain Eoin Morgan said bringing Woakes and Archer back into the attack dramatically swung the game in the home team's favor.

Earlier, no England batsman reached 50, with Morgan (42) and Joe Root (39) leading the scoring. Both men were dismissed by Adam Zampa.

Australia was aiming to wrap up a series victory after beating England by 19 runs in the first ODI last Friday, also in Manchester.

The series finale is at the same venue on Wednesday, when England will be hoping to avoid its first ODI series defeat at home since 2015. Australian batsman Steve Smith could be in consideration for a recall for the series decider after missing the first two games because of concussion. — *AP*

**Brief scores: England 231/9 in 50 overs (Eoin Morgan 42; Adam Zampa 3/56) bt Australia 207 in 48.4 overs (Aaron Finch 73; Chris Woakes 3/32).**

## AUSTRALIA EYE CROWDS FOR BOXING-DAY MATCH

**Melbourne, Sept. 14:** Victoria state Premier Daniel Andrews on Monday said his government is negotiating with Cricket Australia and Tennis Australia to have crowd attendance for the city's iconic sports events — Boxing Day Test involving India and the Australian Open.

There is speculation that MCG may miss out on hosting the Boxing Day Test, an annual highlight on the calendar, since Victoria is reeling under pandemic.

"We just have to work out what a safe crowd would be. It is too hard to say now what that number is," Andrews said in a daily news briefing.

With Melbourne looking a dicey venue, Adelaide is seen as the front-runner for the Boxing Day Test against India. — *PTI*



Royal Challengers Bangalore's captain Virat Kohli (right) and AB de Villiers in this file photo.

## Kohli, AB look to turn RCB around

**New Delhi, Sept. 14:**

South African veteran AB de Villiers said captain Virat Kohli is "leading from the front" as Royal Challengers Bangalore look to shed their wooden-spooners tag in the Indian Premier League.

De Villiers said India skipper Kohli was inspiring much hard work in the build-up to the IPL's start in the UAE on Saturday.

"I think everyone has bought into this hard-working environment and a lot of credit should go to Virat for that," De Villiers said in an interview posted on his team's YouTube channel on Monday.

"He leads by example, he sets the standards and it is pretty easy to follow when you have a captain leading from the front," he added.

Bangalore begin their campaign against Sunrisers Hyderabad in Dubai next Monday. Kohli, who took over as captain of the Bangalore team in 2013, has said he has "never felt so calm" entering an IPL season.

"It's a tricky one because we say that (we'll improve) every season. (But) I promise you, 'it's different', that's all I can tell you," said de Villiers. — *AFP*

## PSG lose amid racism scuffle

**Paris, Sept. 14:** Neymar insisted he had been the victim of racism as he was one of five players sent off in a mass brawl at the end of Marseille's 1-0 win over French league champions Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday.

PSG's Brazilian star appeared to accuse Alvaro Gonzalez of calling him a "monkey" in a series of furious tweets after he was sent off in injury time for slapping the Marseille defender on the back of the head.

"Look at the racism. That's why I hit him," Neymar, who was returning from Coronavirus quarantine, said as he left the pitch. Gonzalez later denied making a racist comment.

"The only regret I have is not hitting this idiot in the face," Neymar, the world's most expensive player, tweeted.

Neymar was red-carded after a VAR review, while teammates Layvin Kurzawa and Leandro Paredes were also sent off. Marseille striker Dario Benedetto and defender Jordan Amavi were also expelled.

"It's easy for VAR to show my 'aggression'. 'Now I'd like them to show the image of the racist who called me a 'MONKEY SON OF A BITCH'. I'd really like that!" Neymar tweeted.

Florian Thauvin's close-range volley on 31 minutes earned Marseille a first victory over their bitter rivals since November 2011 but the ugly scenes overshadowed the game at Parc des Princes.

PSG's last goal came in the 3-0 win over RB Leipzig in the Champions League semifinal on August 18. — *AFP*



PSG and Marseille players scuffle at the end of their French league football match at the Parc de Princes stadium in Paris on Sunday. Marseille won 1-0. — *AFP*

## Everton ride on Calvert's goal, tear up Tottenham

**London, Sept. 14:** Everton signalled their intent for Carlo Ancelotti's first full season in charge as Dominic Calvert-Lewin's towering header earned their first win over Tottenham since 2012 in a 1-0 victory on Sunday.

Ancelotti has been heavily backed with the signings of James Rodriguez, Abdoulaye Doucoure and Allan, and the Toffees looked a much-improved side on the one that finished 12th last season as they were thoroughly deserving winners at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Spurs are also hoping for an upturn in Jose Mourinho's first full sea-

son as boss, but the hosts looked short on ideas as they slipped to a damaging home defeat for their aspirations of mounting a challenge to get back into the top four this season.

Everton settled the quicker with their new midfield trio helping to control possession, but it was on the counter-attack they wasted by far the best chance of the game.

Richardson intercepted Ben Davies's wayward pass and accelerated past Toby Alderweireld and Hugo Lloris before skewing high and wide with an open goal to aim at and Calvert-Lewin begging for a cut-back.

Everton surrendered meekly to a 1-0 defeat

when they visited the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in July without mustering a meaningful shot on goal.

## BETIS EASE PAST ALAVES

**Madrid:** It was a thrilling return to the Spanish league for Manuel Pellegrini. And a disappointing one for Unai Emery.

Back in the league on Sunday after long absences, Pellegrini's Real Betis won 1-0 at Alaves thanks to a stoppage-time goal from substitute Cristian Tello, while Emery's Villarreal couldn't get more than a 1-1 draw at home against promoted Huesca. — *AP*