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Keshav Agarwal

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54	Kartik Pontula	195	Pinnacle-Two Year Integrated Program	87	Divyansh Aggarwal	348	Four Year Classroom Program	120	Nishanth Daniel	461	Four Year Classroom Program
55	Akshat Garg	196	Intensive Contact Program	88	Vinayak Goyal	349	Intensive Contact Program	121	Geetigya Joshi	472	Three Year Classroom Program
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58	Aryan Ajay Vora	217	Four Year Classroom Program	91	Anand Kumar	369	Supreme-Four Year Integrated School Program	124	Sreemanti Dey	484	Four Year Classroom Program
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61	Aditya Soni	233	Intensive Contact Program	94	Abhimanyu Sinha	375	Four Year Classroom Program	127	Chirag Mahta	493	Three Year Classroom Program
62	Atulya Sharma	236	One Year Extended Classroom Program	95	Ujjwal	376	Three Year Classroom Program	128	Prateek Mishra	495	Two Year Classroom Program
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'No curbs on religious gatherings till Oct. 31'

NEW DELHI
Restrictions on religious gatherings have been lifted till October 31, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority said on Sunday. Keeping in mind the upcoming festive season, a maximum of 200 people will now be allowed to attend a religious congregation, which will have to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols.

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Three killed, one injured in road accident

NEW DELHI
Three men were killed and one injured after their car hit a tractor loaded with iron rods in Moti Nagar on Sunday. An FIR has been lodged and the bodies have been shifted to DDU Hospital for autopsy. Rajesh Sharma, 32, Tarun Gupta, 42, and Charandeep Singh, 38, were declared brought dead, while Parveen Singh, 38, is hospitalised.

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Paper-strip virus test to be out soon: Vardhan

India is looking at availability of several types of vaccines'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI
Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Sunday said his Ministry would soon roll out the FELUDA paper-strip test for SARS-CoV-2 diagnosis.

This has been developed by the CSIR-IGIB and approved by the Drug Controller General of India for a commercial launch. The test showed 96% sensitivity and 98% specificity.

"This compares favourably to the ICMR's current acceptance criteria of RT-PCR kit of at least 95% sensitivity and at least 99% specificity," Dr. Vardhan said, adding, however, that "an exact date on the availability cannot be specified yet".

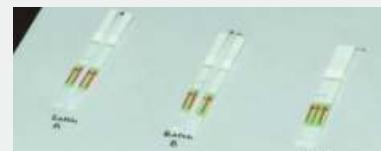
Various factors

Speaking about the COVID-19 vaccine, the Minister, in his weekly social media interaction *Sunday Samvaad*, said it was anticipated that supplies would initially be available in limited quantities. "In a huge country like India, it is critical to prioritise vaccine delivery based on factors such as risk of exposure, co-morbidity among various population groups, the mortality rate."

He said India was looking at the availability of several types of vaccines, of which some may be suitable for a

A new test on the horizon

A COVID-19 test named FELUDA, developed by the Delhi-based CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, is quicker and cheaper. A lowdown on the test



Test in time: The paper-strip test has been approved for a commercial launch. ▶ ANI

Cost: It is expected to cost between ₹500 and ₹600

Accuracy: Based on tests in over 2,000 patients, it showed 96% sensitivity (100% sensitivity = all positive samples return positive results) and 98% specificity (100% specificity = all negative samples return negative results)

Type of sample: Either saliva or blood, but saliva is preferred for testing

Turnaround time: The kit takes 45 minutes to give a result. In comparison, the real-time polymerase chain reaction

(RT-PCR) test takes 1.5 hours; Rapid antigen test takes 30-40 minutes and TruNat test gives results in 60 minutes

Is it similar to the pregnancy color-code test?

The paper strip generates two lines for a positive result and one line in the case of a negative result, much like a pregnancy test kit. However, this is a nucleic acid test and not a protein based one

particular age group, while the others may not be.

Categorically denying rumours about the government prioritising the young and the working class for the vaccine for economic reasons, Dr. Vardhan said, "The prioritisation of groups shall be based on two key considerations: occupational hazard and risk of exposure to infection, and the risk of developing severe disease and

increased mortality."

On the issue of emergency-use authorisation of vaccines, he said it was being deliberated at present, and "adequate safety and efficacy data is required for approval... Further course of action will depend on the data generated".

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Citizens' panel to probe north-east Delhi riots

It will examine media's role in fanning flames, steps taken by State machinery

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI
A citizens' committee, including former Supreme Court and High Court judges, has been constituted to inquire into the February communal riots in Delhi.

The committee will inquire into the role of the State machinery in restoring order and the part played by certain sections of the media to fan the flames through fake news before and after the violence that broke out following protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

The 'Citizens Committee on the Delhi Riots of February 2020: Context, Events and Aftermath' will include former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan Lokur; former Delhi High Court Chief Justice and Law Commission of India chairperson



Chand Bagh-Karawal Nagar locality in north-east Delhi after the communal violence in February. ▶ FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

Justice A.P. Shah; Justice R.S. Sodhi, former judge of the Delhi High Court; Justice Arjana Prakash, former judge of the Patna High Court; G.K. Pillai, former Union Home Secretary; and Meeran Chadha Borwankar, former Director-General, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Government of India.

The committee will file its

report in three months.

It was formed on the invitation of the Constitutional Conduct Group, comprising distinguished former civil servants who want an impartial probe into the events which led to the communal riots in the national capital.

"Considering the horrific nature of the riots in north-east Delhi in February 2020,

the scale of violence, the loss of lives and the resulting communal divide between communities, we felt that an expert body should carry out a thorough examination of what transpired before, during and after the riots. This has become even more necessary as the investigation by the Delhi Police has evoked extensive critical commentary in recent times," a statement from the Group on Sunday said.

The work of the committee would create a "contemporary record of acts of omission and commission around the riots, and their aftermath." All persons who engage with the committee would be accorded dignity and respect. Their communication would be kept confidential. Queries can be addressed to cgcenquiry10@gmail.com.

Kashmir tourism takes baby steps to normalcy

Domestic footfall picks up; UT has won bid to host tourism congress

PEERZADA ASHIQ SRINAGAR

The tide is finally turning for Kashmir's beleaguered tourism industry, a key contributor to the Union Territory's economy, which has witnessed a 13-month hiatus due to the double whammy of the revocation of special status last year followed by the COVID-19 pandemic this year.

The silver lining has come with the UT winning the bid



A fisherman casts his net in Dal Lake in Srinagar. ▶ PTI

the grim period, resulting in highest ever job losses of around 75,000. The SIAA congress has come as a good omen," Nasir Shah, secretary of Skal Club of Srinagar, told *The Hindu*.

"The Skal is a Spain-based tourism body with 15,000 members and 150 chapters

across the world. Kashmir won the bid against four top cities of Europe and Asia. This event will pave way for international tourism players to visit Kashmir and give a fillip to international tourist footfall," Mr. Shah said.

Mr. Shah, whose group has already started preparations for the event, said the J&K administration needs to further streamline COVID-19-related measures to ensure hassle-free movement.

With the pandemic situation improving, domestic tourists have also started planning their visits to Kashmir. In the last week

of September, the Kashmir Valley hosted the biggest group of 70 doctors from Delhi in 13 months at the Royal Hilton hotel.

"We can't stop the cycle of life. A group of doctors decided to come to Kashmir to bring positivity in our team, after spending months inside their homes. We chose Pahalgam for being the country's best hill station," said Dr. Archana, a doctor from the group.

According to official figures, the Kashmir Valley has 40,753 rooms in around 1,500 hotels. "The occupancy has been around 1% in the last one year," an official said.

Metro car shed at Aarey to be shifted

It will be relocated to Kanjuramarg; cases to be dropped: CM

STAFF REPORTER

MUMBAI

Fulfilling one of the Shiv Sena's poll manifesto promises, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday announced the shifting of the metro car shed from Aarey forest area in the western suburbs to a government plot in Kanjuramarg in the eastern suburbs at "zero cost".

"We are all aware of the metro car shed construction issues at Aarey. They were raised even before the Assembly election last year. We opposed the plan at that time," Mr. Thackeray said.

"The car shed will now be moved to Kanjuramarg. The

State government has allotted the land for metro for zero rupees," he said.

The CM said the move to build the car shed at Aarey had seen a lot of stir by green activists, and charges filed against protesters.

"The Cabinet has decided to drop all charges against protesters striving to protect the environment," he said.

The building tax has come up in Aarey will be utilised for public purpose, he said, adding: "About ₹100 crore was spent and it will not go to waste."

Nearly 800 acres in Aarey has been declared as forest area, making it the first extensive forest blossoming

within the city limits, the CM said, adding, "The State government has ensured that the rights of the tribal communities, stable owners and other stakeholders in the area are protected."

The move has been welcomed by environmental activists. "It is a win for both Aarey and the metro," said Stalin D, one of the leading green activists fighting against the construction.

The Opposition BJP, however, said the CM's claims were misleading. "The land in Kanjuramarg is under litigation. The expert panel had recommended Aarey land for the project," said BJP MLA Atul Bhatkhalkar.

BSES worker held for sexual harassment

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 32-year-old BSES employee was arrested for allegedly flashing his private part to a minor girl in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar, the police said on Sunday.

They said they received information at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday about the incident.

"The police then reached the spot following which the complainant said her six-year-old daughter was standing near door where one person from BSES committed the crime," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (south) Atul Kumar Thakur.

A case was then registered under Section 354A of IPC and 12 POCSO Act and accused Raju from Hauz Khas, was nabbed.

"...the service of the accused has been terminated by his employer..." said a BSES spokesperson.

UG admissions in DU to begin at 10 a.m. today

Varsity received over 3 lakh applications this year; officials

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Admissions to merit-based undergraduate courses in Delhi University (DU) are set to begin on Monday from 10 a.m. In a first, the admission process will be entirely online this year, including verification of documents.

The varsity has received over 3.53 lakh applications this year for around 70,000 seats.

University officials have urged students not to visit college campuses as it will be a "contactless" admission.

Once applicants log into the university portal, the home screen will reflect the cut-offs and application details. The applicants can then select a course or college and check the cut-offs.

The officials have asked



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the students to ensure that the course and college of their choice are submitted as only one application under each list will be allowed.

The students will also have access to a suggestive calculator that will help them ascertain their eligibility criteria in different colleges. They will be given a reference number to help them track the status of their applications. In case there are

further details or documents required from the applicant, they will be intimated by the college.

After verification of documents and once the application is approved by the college, the student can pay the fees. The students will be able to apply to colleges till October 14 and the last date of payment under the first list is October 16.

100% cut-off at LSR

This year, cut-offs in the university soared with Lady Shri Ram College, asking for 100% for psychology, economics and political science honours.

Apart from economics and political science, courses like B.Com honours also saw high cut-offs with several colleges setting the target above 98%.

HC grants bail to woman convicted of killing stepson

Bench observes that she needs to look after her minor son

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has granted bail to a woman, who was convicted of killing her stepson, as there is presently no one to look after her 7-year-old son.

A Bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Pajnishi Bhatnagar, as a condition for the bail, ordered her to work 'pro bono' (without payment) with an NGO here for the welfare of the children in the area.

"If it is found that the appellant [woman] is not willing to perform the pro-bono work of 'Pahal' [NGO], it shall be open to the State to move an application for cancellation of the bail granted to the appellant," the court said.

The woman was found guilty by a trial court here of committing the murder of her own minor stepson, on

the other hand, the son of the appellant – who is 7-years-old – is suffering without the company of his mother," the Bench said.

"The family of the appellant is poor and the father of the child is working as a rickshaw puller and has to work throughout the day. She stated that there is no other member in the family, who could look after the minor child. The bail plea also stated that she does not have a criminal past and that her appeal against the conviction is pending.

The court was informed that she has undergone incarceration for over four years and two months and that her jail conduct is found to be satisfactory.

"While on the one hand, the appellant [woman] has been found to be guilty of serious and heinous crime of committing the murder of her own minor stepson, on

Four held for killing man during robbery

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Four men were arrested for allegedly killing a person and injuring his friend during a robbery in central Delhi's GB Road, police said on Sunday.

The accused have been identified as Rahat Ali (19), a resident of New Seelampur, Fardeen (21), from Gautam Puri, Suhai (19) and Salman (22), both residents of Seelampur, they said.

According to police, Rahat Ali and Fardeen were arrested by the police whereas Suhai and Salman were arrested by the Crime Branch.

On October 5, one Anirudh Kumar Yadav called his friend Aman and made a plan to visit Aman's maternal uncle's house in Karawal Nagar. They met at ITO and went to visit G B Road to get cigarettes, police said.

Yadav was urinating whereas Aman was standing on the road. Meanwhile, Yadav heard Aman saying that his phone has been snatched by one person.

Later, Aman caught the snatcher and started beating him. Meanwhile, another person came there and attacked Aman with a knife. Yadav intervened and tried to save Aman, but the accused also attacked him with knife. After robbing the mobile phone, the accused fled the spot, a senior police officer said.

Aman was rushed to RML Hospital where he was declared brought dead, police said.

The weapon of offence, a scooter, two mobile phones and a country-made pistol were recovered from the accused, they added.

Three friends killed in road accident

Victims were out for dinner when their car hit a tractor: police

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Three persons were killed and one injured after their car hit a tractor in Moti Nagar on Sunday, the police said. The accident took place in front of Kirti Nagar metro station at 1.30 a.m., they said.

The police received information from Acharya Shree Bhikshu Hospital in Moti Nagar that three persons – Rajesh Sharma (32), Tarun Gupta (42) and Charandeep Singh (38) – all from Pandav Nagar, were declared brought dead while Parveen Singh (38) from Jhilmil was undergoing treatment, said DCP (West) Deepak Purohit.



The tractor and the car involved in the accident.

■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Mr. Purohit said the tractor was loaded with iron rods. An FIR has been registered and the bodies have been shifted to the DDU hospital for autopsy. Further investigation is under way, they said.

Parveen is the owner of the car, but he was not driving the vehicle at the time of the incident, they said.

said the four were friends since their childhood. "They went to have dinner last night in Punjabi Bagh when the incident happened. I spoke to Parveen's wife who said she was in trauma," Mr. Joshi said.

Sharma used to work in a courier company at Mahipalpur. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Singh used to work in a media organisation and is survived by his wife, daughter and son. Gupta used to run a computer shop at his residence and is survived by his wife and daughter.

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Road to nowhere



Motorists pass through roads filled with overflowing drain water in Bhalswa Dairy on Sunday. ■ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA



Lending a helping hand

Besides free food, Bangla Sahib Gurdwara is expanding its social service drive by providing essential tests at subsidised rates to the financially weak



(Clockwise from top) People standing in queue outside the pharmacy at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib in New Delhi; medicines stocked at the pharmacy; people collecting medicines from a counter.

■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR/R.V. MOORTHY



that money. If we feel that he is extremely poor or cannot afford a test, then we will do it for free. No one should go unhappy from the gurdwara," a doctor at the hospital said.

Modernised machines

The doctor said that as the clinic is old they were adding the machines to modernise it. "Also, we have many senior consultants who come here once or twice a week without taking any money. They also suggested that we should have these machines as people will benefit. Then we did a survey in the area and found that these tests were really expensive

and we should start them here as a charity," the doctor said.

The clinic, which used to witness a footfall of around 250-300 patients a day, has been partially operational since the virus outbreak. Though the timing of the clinic is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the administration is planning to run the new tests for 12 hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Close to the clinic, there is a pharmacy where anyone can buy medicines at a cheaper rate. "I came here to buy my vitamin tablets. The rates here are about 60% cheaper than outside," said R.P. Pandey, 63, who was waiting outside the pharmacy.

Magistrate may not act as 'post office' for police custody pleas

Case pertains to ATM theft of over ₹30L

ASHOK KUMAR
GURUGRAM

pointed out that the police were seeking custody to demarcate the place of theft, but the site plan was already recorded in their file.

Saying that the two investigation officers in the case had made "clear and deliberate lapse" in making a fair and proper investigation, the judge, in his five-page order, pointed out that the statement of the bank manager and the agency responsible for replenishing the ATM machine were not recorded about the serial number of the notes allegedly stolen.

"Without such statement, any of the recoveries of the currency notes, even if made from the accused, may not be linked with the alleged theft," the court observed.

The court also remarked that the investigating officers were habitual of recording the confessional statement of the accused at any time and subsequently to seek police custody on the basis of such confessional statement.

Upholding the order by the court of JMIC Komal, Mr. Sahrawat observed that "this court does not see any kind of illegality and irregularity in the order" and directed the Police Commissioner to take action against such "reckless" investigating officers.

City to get three 'rapid response' teams to rescue injured animals

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NEW DELHI

to forest and wildlife department officials. Until now, the department took the help of experts from wildlife NGOs and the Delhi zoo to rescue stranded or injured wild animals. "These are coordinated exercises."

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Timings	
DELHI	
MONDAY, OCT. 12	
RISE 06:20 SET 17:55	
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RISE 02:11 SET 15:52	
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14	
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RISE 03:18 SET 16:32	

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Delhi Palam Tomorrow
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With 2,780 cases, Capital's virus tally touches 3,09,339

2,81,869 people have recovered, leaving active cases at 21,701

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI

As many as 2,780 new COVID-19 cases were reported in Delhi in the past 24 hours, taking the total number of cases to 3,09,339, according to a health bulletin released by the Delhi government on Sunday. With 29 more deaths having been reported, the death count stands at 5,769.

Of the total cases, 2,81,869, people have recovered and there are 21,701 active cases. The number of new cases has been less than 3,000 for the past 10 days. But the number of daily tests, which was above 60,000 in mid-September, was only 48,803, on an average, during these 10 days. In the past 24 hours, 48,753 tests were done.

As per Sunday's bulletin, the number of active cases, people in hospitals, and people under home isolation have slightly decreased com-



A health worker conducting a rapid antigen test in west Delhi's Vishal Enclave on Sunday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPKAR

Virus spread

Total number of COVID-19 cases	Total deaths
3,09,339	5,769
New cases in the past 24 hours	New deaths
2,780	29

Source: NEHRU GOVERNMENT DEPT OF HEALTH

are vacant, as per government data.

But 55.6% of the ICU beds with ventilators and 56.7% of the ICU beds without ventilators have been occupied.

The positivity rate (percentage of people testing positive for every 100 tests done) was 5.7%, which is lower than September. The overall positivity rate till now is 8.5%. The number of containment zones is 2,710.

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out all over Delhi but they are not following the rules completely. I have penalised the NCRTC of ₹50 lakh. If they continue the violation, then the work will be banned," the Minister said.

Mr. Rai said that an anti-dust campaign is being carried

Order by Delhi Chief Secretary prescribes strict guidelines for all activities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

For the upcoming festive season, restrictions on religious gatherings have been lifted till October 31. An order to this effect issued by Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, however, prescribed strict restrictions on activities ranging from setting up food stalls to standing or squatting while attending such events.

The order stated that the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) would not allow any fair, mela, food stall, jhoola, rally, exhibition or procession inside or outside. They would also need to be videographed so they can be reviewed by a nodal officer.

In case of any violation of SOPs or guidelines, the permission granted for conducting the programme/event shall be withdrawn/revoke immediately for all subsequent days

ORDER BY DELHI CHIEF SECRETARY

"At all events related to festivities no person will be allowed in standing or squatting position. Only sitting on chairs maintaining social distancing norms shall be allowed. Seating capacity that permits compliance of COVID-appro-

priate behaviour will only be allowed," the order said.

All event organisers will have to obtain requisite permission from the District Magistrate concerned for organising events, well in advance, besides obtaining permission from all other authorities concerned.

Event capacity

"Capacity of each event site will be decided on the basis of area and social distancing norms laid down in MHA order... In closed space, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons," the order stated.

"In case any violation of SOPs/guidelines is observed... the permission granted for conducting such programme/event shall be withdrawn/revoke immediately for all subsequent days," it also stated.

In open spaces, according to the order, events will

Notification issued on tax waiver for battery vehicles

Order on registration fee in three days'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Transport Department on Sunday issued a gazette notification stating full waiver on road tax on the battery-operated vehicles under the Electric Vehicle (EV) policy.

Suggestions from the public have also been sought on exemption on the registration fee and order to waive off the fee will be issued in the next three days, the government stated.

Crucial step

"Another crucial step towards ensuring a pollution-free Delhi. This incentive-based policy will encourage large scale adoption of electric vehicles, and bring us closer to fulfilling our dream of mak-

ing Delhi the EV Capital of India," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted in reference to the notification.

Mr. Kejriwal had announced the Delhi EV Policy 2020, last month with a focus to increase the adoption of electric vehicles in Delhi by incentivising the purchase and use of the EVs.

The policy aims to register 5 lakh electric vehicles in the city by 2024. According to the notification, the rules issued in the policy for the exemption of registration fee have been opened for public opinion.

The Delhi government has implemented the EV policy to promote the use of electric vehicles to reduce Delhi's air pollution.

police have named only five. Even after reporting the matter to a police post, none arrived at the location to try to find out about the attack. Rahul had sustained injuries. He returned home, while the woman was brought home by her brother. Later, the SHO asked her to shift to a shelter home, claiming there could be a threat to her life.

Vijayanta Arya, DCP (North-West), said that if the woman's allegations are found true, then action will be taken against the policemen concerned.

Inconsolable, the woman said, had she known Rahul would be thrashed, she would never let him meet his brother. "I will fight till his killers are hanged. I want justice for Rahul and fair investigation into the case," she said.

"Apart from the woman's statement, we have technical evidence and eyewitnesses of the incident. We have obtained the CCTV footage from the area to get more clarity on the sequence of events," said Ms. Arya.

Rahul and the woman had known each other for three months. The woman's brother was against their friendship as they belonged to different religions. The victim was a DU student.

having tea. I requested them to come along and save my friend, but they said they could not do anything," said the woman.

She also alleged that there were a total of eight persons who attacked Rahul, but the

CM, family take part in anti-dengue campaign

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

As the Delhi government's '10 Hafta 10 Baje 10 Minute' anti-dengue campaign entered its sixth week on Sunday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his family inspected his residence for stagnant water to prevent breeding of dengue mosquito.

He also encouraged Delhites to involve their family members in the campaign and change accumulated water. Taking to social media, Mr. Kejriwal tweeted, "Today is the sixth Sunday of the campaign against dengue, my family also joined the campaign this time. We checked the house and replaced the accumulated clean water..."

Adarsh Nagar murder: witness alleges police inaction

Action will be taken if woman's allegations are found to be true, says DCP

SAURABH TRIVEDI

NEW DELHI

The 21-year-old woman, who is an eyewitness in the case of murder of her friend Rahul Rajput, has said that had the police acted on time, Rahul could have been saved.

The woman, over a video call from a shelter home, said that on October 7 evening, she was with Rahul when her brother called him to meet for a discussion on a tuition.

"The moment we reached, Rahul was attacked. I tried to save him, but could not. I rushed to a police post at Adarsh Nagar where the policemen were

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DECEASED'S FRIEND AND WITNESS IN THE CASE

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₹50 lakh fine imposed on NCRTC, says Rai

Agency has violated Delhi govt's air pollution norms at its construction site

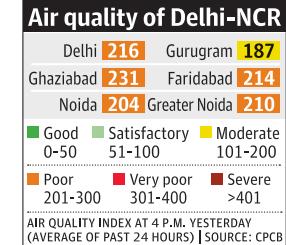
STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI

Environment Minister Goopal Rai on Sunday said that he has instructed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to impose a fine of ₹50 lakh on the National Capital Region Transport Corporation's (NCRTC) construction site in the city for violating air pollution control measures.



Boats on the banks of the polluted Yamuna river in Delhi. ■ AFP



the instructions of Delhi government, anti-smog guns have been installed at 33 places to prevent dust pollution. But at six sites, the equipment have not been installed.

Mr. Rai said that the NCRTC has installed only one anti-smog gun and the government has directed to install another one. They cannot restart work till then, he added.

Delhi Assembly body calls for scribes' appearance

Proceedings shall be live-streamed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Legislative Assembly's Committee on Peace and Harmony has called for the appearance of certain witnesses on Monday, including Prabir Purkaysta, the editor of online news portal NewsClick and Pratik Sinha, co-founder of Alt News.

The committee, in a statement, said it has so far examined journalist and author Paranjay Guha Thakurta, digital rights activist Nikhil Pahwa, digital rights activist and journalists Awesh Tiwari and Kunal Purohit.

"The Delhi Legislative Assembly body, after careful deliberations of the allegations in complaints levelled against Facebook, has taken prompt cognisance of this issue and has set its mechanism in full swing," the committee stated.

"To maintain utmost transparency in the functioning of the committee, the proceedings shall be live-streamed for more public outreach," it also stated.

According to the committee, Monday's proceedings are in continuation of the previous proceedings in light of "allegations and issues of grave concern" raised in complaints against social media platform Facebook.

delivered across the Capital and teams of officials are inspecting different places.

"There are 39 large sites

in Delhi, covering an area of more than 20,000 square meters where either construction work or demolition work is going on. On

gone viral on social media, Yogender Chandolia, former North Delhi Mayor and BJP member, was seen abusing a traffic policeman. Mr. Chandolia was furious after his two-wheeler was towed away by the policeman. The drama continued for an hour.

In a video, which has

Case against BJP member for abusing policeman

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI

A case has been registered against a BJP member for hurling "vulgar abuse" on an on-duty traffic policeman in central Delhi's Karol Bagh, a senior police officer said on Sunday.

In a video, which has

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'BJP-JJP government will fall sooner than expected'

Congress has a responsibility to raise its voice against anti-people policy of govt., says former Haryana Chief Minister

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the bypoll for the Baroda Assembly seat in Haryana, Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said given the farmers' anger after the enactment of new agriculture sector laws and the Centre's indifference to the farmers' issue, the ruling BJP-Janayak Janta Party coalition government will fall sooner than expected.

Do you think the Centre's new agriculture sector laws will be a key issue in the bypoll? How do you plan to continue your fight against laws?

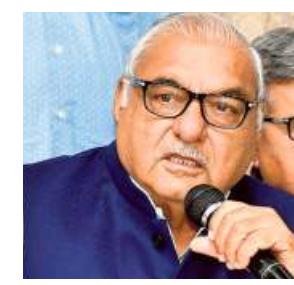
■ Yes, it's definitely going to be a major election issue among other issues. The Congress party, being the opposition party, has a responsibility to raise its voice against any injustice or anti-people policy of the government. We strongly feel that the new agriculture laws are tilted in favour of corporates at the cost of farmers.

First, these laws do not even mention the Minimum Support Price, leave alone talk of guaranteeing it. There is no denying the fact that MSP, though not remunerative price of the farmers' produce, has provided the farm-

ers security and stability of income over the last six decades.

The BJP government is trying to project these laws as 'historic' and 'reforms', but the timing, the undemocratic method and manner and the unwarranted haste with which these laws have been passed give rise to valid apprehensions in the minds of the farmers about the abolition of 'mandis' and the MSP in due course. We will continue the fight for the rights of the farmers with more vigour in the coming days and there are historic reasons for that.

In 2007, the Congress government in Haryana framed laws on contract farming which clearly stipulated that no agreement with the farmers would be done below the MSP. In 2010, the committee



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cond hand is tightly catching the chair.

It is time for the JJP to choose between the interest of farmers and their own interests. It is a Hobson's choice for them but in order to atone for the sin of betrayal of the farmers, they should resign forthwith. They cannot fool the people any longer.

This government will fall sooner than expected because of the inherent contradictions and lack of cohesion.

The increasing crime, the rampant corruption, the

swelling debt, the increasing unemployment makes this government a monumental failure. The sooner it goes, it is better for the State.

What does the Baroda Assembly bypoll mean for the Congress and State politics?

■ Any election is a referendum on the functioning of the incumbent government. The Baroda by-election is crucial and it will determine the direction of politics in Haryana in the coming years.

The Congress party is set to win this election and the people are eager to punish BJP-JJP government for crime, corruption, communalism, debt, unemployment, new farmer laws, contradictions, scams and scandals, drug menace, inefficiency, inflation, fear and falsehood. The BJP-JJP combine is afraid of entering into the poll fray and has conceded the Congress victory.

The Congress has suffered politically in Haryana on account of not having either

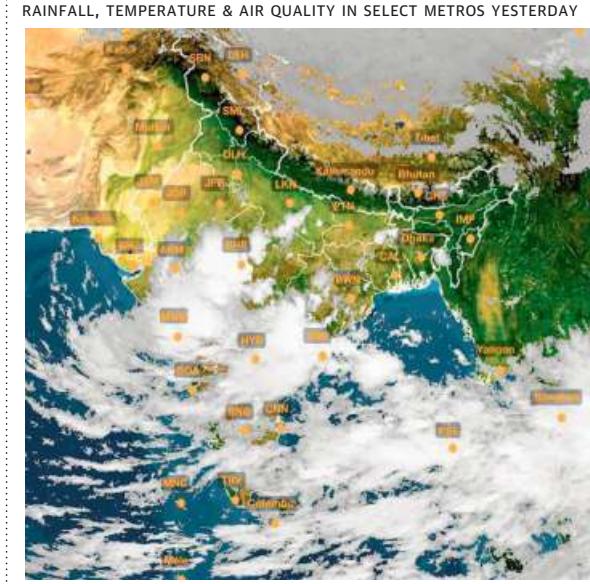
block or district committees... When is an organisational overhaul expected?

■ It is, of course, a fact that the Congress party has not made organisational appointments at the district and block level for the last few years. Hopefully, the organisation will be reorganised and revitalised at the earliest. We are in the process of reconstituting the block-level Congress committees and district Congress committees and other bodies of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee soon.

How do you assess the performance of ruling BJP-JJP alliance government?

■ As I said earlier, the performance of BJP-JJP alliance government is dismal and disappointing. They have failed to give any hope to the people of the State. The people of the State are disillusioned and disgruntled with this government as there is no semblance of governance.

WEATHER WATCH



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD; POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP; INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.30 hrs)
Forecast for Monday: Heavy to extremely heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over north coastal Andhra Pradesh, north Kerala, coastal and interior Karnataka, Odisha, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Vidarbha, south Chhattisgarh, Andaman Islands, Konkan, Goa, Central Maharashtra, Marathawada and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
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Ahmedabad	—	37.5...	23.6	Kurnool	1...	29.8...	22.2
Aizawl	—	28.3...	20.8	Lucknow	—	36.3...	22.6
Allahabad	—	36.3...	24.0	Madurai	0.1...	31.6...	24.4
Bengaluru	51...	24.2...	20.5	Mangalore	32.1...	29.4...	22.6
Bhopal	—	33.7...	19.8	Mumbai	1.4...	31.0...	26.2
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6...	25.9	Mysuru	—	28.6...	20.7
Chandigarh	—	35.0...	19.4	New Delhi	—	35.7...	19.8
Chennai	—	33.0...	37	Patna	—	36.6...	24.8
Coimbatore	1...	29.4...	22.6	Port Blair	51.2...	27.9...	22.8
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Gangtok	—	24.0...	16.6	Pune	12.4...	29.2...	22.2
Goa	—	28.5...	23.5	Raipur	—	33.0...	25.8
Guwahati	—	35.8...	28.7	Ranchi	—	29.4...	22.7
Hubbali	—	24.0...	22.0	Shillong	—	24.0...	17.5
Hyderabad	—	26.8...	23.3	Shimla	—	27.0...	17.1
Imphal	—	32.7...	19.6	Srinagar	—	26.2...	4.6
Jaipur	—	35.6...	23.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	30.5...	24.7
Kochi	15.6...	28.2...	24.0	Tiruchi	—	32.6...	25.0
Kohima	12.4...	24.8...	17.7	Vijayawada	—	26.8...	24.4
Kolkata	1.5...	35.6...	26.3	Visakhapatnam	5.3...	31.8...	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Chennai	.9	.13	.67	.51	—	■
Delhi	20	69	63	280	247	■
Hyderabad	.6	.55	.13	.81	.76	■
Kolkata	.9	.27	.23	.101	.97	■
Lucknow	—	.88	.21	.277	—	■
Mumbai	—	.22	.24	.124	.102	■
Visakhapatnam	—	—	—	—	—	—

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Meenit, Uttra trades wind speed and overall air quality index (AQI) score of 292 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Ex-student leader shot in Chandigarh

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CHANDIGARH

A former student leader of Panjab University was shot dead outside a nightclub here by some unidentified armed assailants, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place past midnight when Gurial Brar was waiting outside the nightclub in his SUV, they said.

Brar, who hails from Punjab, was currently residing in Mohali.

He was rushed to the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research here, where the doctors declared him dead.

Man buried alive for 'practising witchcraft'

Three brothers held for the murder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

An elderly man was buried alive in Meghalaya on October 2 for allegedly practising witchcraft, more than a week after two people were lynched and cremated in adjoining Assam for the same reason.

The police in Meghalaya's West Khasi Hills district said they have arrested three men – brothers Denial, Diferwell and Jayless Mairnar – for murdering their uncle Moris Mairnar on the allegation that he had cast an evil spell on their sister Sildaris through witchcraft.

The trio had dragged the man out of his house and held him captive at their sister's house for a few days before burying him.

Missing complaint

"The village elders filed a complaint at the police station in Nongstoin (district headquarters) after Moris Mairnar went missing," said Klanding Sohlongpiang, the headman of Mawliehbah Mawnar, where the incident happened.

A local police officer said the body of the man was exhumed and sent for an autopsy. The report is awaited.

Priest shot at in U.P. over land dispute

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GONDA

A temple priest was injured after he was shot at by some miscreants early on Sunday morning over a land dispute in a village here, police said.

The priest of Ram Janki Temple, spread over 30 acres, and some villagers had a dispute over the land in Tirre Manorama village, Superintendent of Police Shailesh Kumar Pandey said.

Some miscreants fired shots at Atul Baba alias Samrat Das, which hit his left shoulder.

Mr. Das was taken to the district hospital and then referred to King George Medical University in Lucknow, where his condition is stable.

A case of attempt to murder has been registered against four people on the complaint lodged by Mahant Sitaram Das and two persons have been detained for interrogation, Mr. Pandey said. He added that teams have been constituted to nab the accused.

Another BJP leader held in Assam paper leak case

Jintu Nath was arrested from Jamuguri in Sonitpur district

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- Caliban to Miranda in The Tempest, Act I, Scene 2

Modern education has 'Calibanned' our learners and made them "languageless". Unsurprisingly, recruiters of multinational companies complain that job seekers lack rudimentary competence in English. More demoralising are reports that students are unable to ace their examinations in their own mother tongue and struggle to read even the prescribed textbooks. Teachers of regional languages bemoan that learners find it an "uphill task to put their thoughts into words, deliver any important information, and that their expressions often sound bland and disengaging."

Centrality of language
The list of prerequisites for the 21st century workforce includes communicative competence as

one of the essential skills. But other skills such as creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, storytelling, and a growth mindset are also language dependent. Further, cognitive skills such as comprehension, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation can hardly be exercised sans linguistic competence. However, educationists concede that schools are churning out generations of learners, who function merely as bots programmed to carry on with their daily routines.

There are three major accusations for the decline of competence in one's mother tongue. But there are also possible answers.

English, the villain: English-bashing has become a common practice, among politicians in particular, and many call it "a killer language", "a linguistic terrorist", "an imperialist language", "an elitist language", among other pejorative terms.

Besides accusing English-medium schools, they affirm that the glamour that En-

glish enjoys even among the poorest is the primary and, perhaps, the sole cause for the accelerated decline in competence in the mother tongue. However, the current reality shows that the so-called native English-speaking countries exhibit new linguistic landscapes. For instance, Londoners speak more than 300 and New Yorkers over 800 languages. The

globalised world is still a babble of multiple tongues. The 2011 census reveals that India is becoming a country of polyglots; one in three speaks two or three languages. In fact, ours has always been a land of multiple languages. Hence English is just being used as a punching bag.

Demonsing social media:

Another scapegoat is social media. These platforms allow informal language with slang, ungrammatical constructions, incorrect spellings, transliterations, erratic punctuation marks, emojis, and focus on flippant 'statuses' that rarely demand a sophisticated level of linguistic competence. However, learners can be weaned away and coaxed to engage in tasks for betterment of their own language competence. Stu-

dies have shown strategies and techniques to create new genres of literature, viz., flash fiction, dribble, drabble, 'blooks', 'twitterature', digital poems, found poems, and poem collage.

Teachers' incompetence:

Although it is difficult to reject this criticism, several continuous professional development programmes (CPDs) have been put in place by both governmental and non-governmental agencies. But the results are either limited or not as desired.

A multi-modal approach to the teaching-learning process could positively address this issue. The current pandemic has taught us to swing seamlessly between offline and online

worlds. The new curriculum design must integrate materials from a variety of sources including mass and social media with print, audio, video, infographics, podcasts, and so on to minimise teacher interventions and to let learners access these resources autonomously.

A creative model called 'simultaneous teaching of languages' has to be evolved not just to stonewall any decline in mother tongue competence but also to enhance competencies in multiple languages and produce polyglots.

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Signalling optimism

The RBI has clearly sought to talk up confidence ignoring the risks of inflation

The RBI has used its latest monetary policy review to unequivocally indicate that it will prioritise the revival of economic growth over inflation, at least through the end of the current financial year. The bank's reconstituted Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), with three new external members, unanimously voted to keep policy interest rates unchanged even as it categorically stated that the RBI would "continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive growth on a durable basis and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy". Interestingly, the MPC none-too-subtly tilted away from its inflation targeting mandate by downplaying the risks on the price pressures front when it assessed that supply shocks were mainly responsible for keeping inflation above the tolerance band for months. These shocks, it posited, should dissipate as the economy unlocks, supply chains are restored, and activity normalises. As part of the shift in priority it also made bold to project that it would stick with the accommodative stance "at least during the current financial year and into the next financial year", a forward looking guidance that immediately prompted one of the new members, Jayant R. Varma, to dissent and vote against the wording. While one will have to wait for the minutes of the meeting to possibly glean the objections that Prof. Varma, a markets expert, had, the MPC's majority view of ensuring a 'dovish' position on interest rates for at least six months has left it little near-term leeway to tame price pressures.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das went to great lengths to emphasise that the current 'inflation hump' was a transient phenomenon that needed to be looked through when taking measures to support the 'emerging impulses' and helping the economy return to its feet. Through a series of liquidity enhancing and credit flow supportive steps, the central bank reiterated its commitment to maintaining stability in the financial markets, at a time when the resources-strapped Central and State governments are expected to resort to substantially higher levels of borrowing to meet their spending needs. There can certainly be no argument at this point that the economy needs all the support it can get to recover from its 23.9% estimated contraction of the first quarter. The RBI sees a gradual recovery, forecasting a marginal growth of 0.5% in the fourth quarter that would narrow the full-year contraction to 9.5%. It is the inflation assumptions, however, that cause disquiet. From a projection of 6.8% for Q2, CPI inflation is poised to sharply ease – 5.4% in Q3 and 4.5% in Q4. In overlooking the risks that the persistence of supply bottlenecks, cost-push pressures from higher taxes on transport fuels and the possibility of food-price inflation becoming entrenched pose to the outlook on prices, the RBI has clearly sought to talk up confidence.

Food for peace

The Nobel for the World Food Programme highlights multilateralism's benefits

Alfred Nobel's willed legacy to reward exceptional work that furthers fraternity among nations, eliminates or reduces armies and promotes congresses of peace has brought the Nobel Peace Prize to a variety of causes – from abolition of landmines, nuclear and chemical weapons to addressing climate change, besides conflict resolution. This year's prize has been awarded to the World Food Programme (WFP), of the UN system, for its contribution to combating hunger in conflict and disaster-struck sites. The Norwegian Nobel Committee took note of the WFP's life-saving role in the year of the pandemic, staving off catastrophes of hunger in Yemen, Congo, Nigeria, South Sudan and Burkina Faso. The Prize is a fitting tribute to the aid workers who brave hazardous conditions to reach starving people in theatres of war, civil strife and natural disasters, moving food on aircraft, trucks and even all-terrain amphibious vehicles. The decision to honour the WFP echoes the advice of another peace laureate from 1949, Lord John Boyd Orr, the first head of the FAO, that peace cannot be built on empty stomachs. That counsel must resonate even more with all countries and foster greater cooperation to close the WFP's funding gap of \$4.1 billion, as the world's hunger map presents a depressing picture with more than a quarter of the population facing undernourishment in many countries; in strife-ridden Syria, an estimated 4.6 million people survive on food aid. Clearly, without stronger commitment from the big powers, the challenge to feed the millions who suffer acute hunger due to conflict and failed agriculture can never be met.

The recognition that the WFP has received can help the humanitarian organisation prepare for a decade of ambition and help meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Of central importance is SDG 2 – achieving zero hunger by 2030 – a target that requires determination to resolve festering armed conflict, and more fundamentally, to mitigate carbon emissions early and avert effects on agriculture from disastrous climate events. As the Norwegian committee has pointed out, the need for international solidarity and multilateral cooperation is more conspicuous than ever. Democracy also needs strengthening to help achieve equitable food distribution and end hunger, a salutary outcome experienced by free societies that also have unfettered media. Several poor countries have suffered a severe setback to their developmental aspirations due to the pandemic, and lack strong institutional governance to manage the crisis. This is a time for the world's big powers to strengthen the UN system, espousing fraternity, shunning militarism, greening economies and resolving conflicts in the true spirit of the Peace Prize.

Pandemics and the collective consciousness

COVID-19, unlike the Spanish Flu, may eventually be remembered more for its economic and political impact



VIVEK KATJU

As the World Health Organization (WHO) assessed COVID-19 to be a pandemic on March 11 (<https://bit.ly/3dhSkm>), I began to look at the impact of the Spanish Flu of 1918–1920 globally, but especially on India. Like perhaps many others born in the middle of the last century, I recalled family members remembering that the disease had been widespread and mentioning the names of one or two persons who had died because of the influenza, the name they used for the pandemic. Certainly, no elder, who was an adult during the influenza, ever mentioned that it had caused millions of deaths. Nor, more significantly, did any textbook of Indian history focus on the great influenza or mention the enormous number of people who had died when it struck India.

The family archive

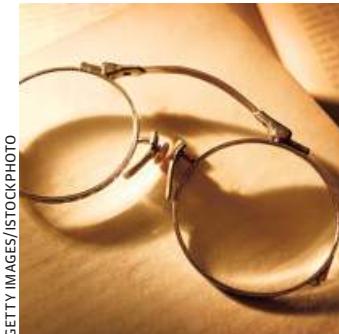
My search for material on the great influenza took me to an unpublished autobiography of Kailas Nath Katju, my grandfather. He was 31 in 1918 and had started to lay the foundations of a large law practice in the Allahabad High Court, and also take part in public life. Among pages devoted to family affairs in that period, prominent public events and Congress sessions that he had attended, I came across one paragraph on the influenza. He wrote: "Just as we were leaving Rau (a place near In-

dore in Madhya Pradesh; grandmother and he returned to Allahabad in the autumn of 1918 after spending a few months in Rau), the great influenza epidemic of 1918 began to afflict India. It was a veritable scourge, in six weeks, it was estimated six million people died of it. It made no distinction between rich and poor, prince and peasant, men and women. It swept the whole country like wildfire, and the number of persons who suffered from the disease must have exceeded crores. By the mercy of God, while all around there were any number of cases, none in our household at 15 Albert Road, suffered from it. It was a great blessing."

Overshadowed by events

Grandfather had begun the autobiography when he was in Naini jail in 1942 for participating in the Quit India Movement. Clearly, what he wrote about the great influenza was from memory. While he mentioned a figure of six million deaths, it is now believed that it led to around 17 million deaths in India before it was over. Remarkably, this enormous toll in human lives which amounted to around 5% of the then Indian population is not a part of the Indian consciousness. It has sunk almost without a trace amidst the events surrounding the anti-Rowlatt Act agitation, the massacre at Jallianwala Bagh and the Non-Cooperation Movement.

Jawaharlal Nehru's biography written over an eight-month period from June 1934 illustrates how the ravages of the great influenza had quickly faded from national memory. Nehru devotes a chapter to the "suppressed excitement", unrest and expectations in diffe-



rent sections of the Indian people at the end of the World War. He places these as the background for the resentment and anger caused by the Rowlatt Bill but entirely ignores the influenza's human toll and consequent popular emotion that may have resulted from the colonial government's inability to provide succour to the people. My grandfather too gives an account of the Rowlatt Act and the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in his autobiography, but the paragraph on the influenza stands alone, unremarked by these developments.

If the great influenza had faded from popular memory in India, it did so in the rest of the world too. The developments of the 20th century that hold attention are the two World Wars, the rise of communism in Russia and its spread to other parts of the world, the Cold War, the end of colonialism and even the Great Depression – but not influenza. As Laura Spinney notes in her riveting book, *Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How It Changed the World*, "We do not see the most dramatic event of them all, though it's right there before our eyes." If this is true for the people at large, it is also true for academia. The great influenza interested only epidemiologists and medical historians; it was from the

1990s that experts from other disciplines started to seriously study it.

Some epidemics do become a part of the historical consciousness of a region such as the Black Death which devastated Europe in the 14th century. It made a lasting impact on western European society. Now, some social scientists have begun to assert that the influenza also impacted decisively in many ways on the last century, including in creating conditions in the Indian subcontinent that led to disenchantment with British rule; hence, contributing to its end. These claims still need to be thought through by historians though.

The impact of this epidemic

Will COVID-19 slip out of the global consciousness the same way that the Spanish Flu did? It is perhaps premature to ask that question when the pandemic is far from over, but one assertion, relevant to finding an answer to this question can safely be made. COVID-19's toll, in human lives, will not be, in absolute numbers, leave alone as a percentage of the global population, anywhere near that of the great influenza. Hence, it may eventually be remembered more for its economic and political impact than the deaths on its account – substantial though they have been till now and will tragically only increase.

Will the political and administrative ineptitude which led to migrant labour taking to the highways remain in the Indian consciousness? Only time will tell. As of now, the country seems to have moved on from the issue but those who have suffered will not easily forget their trek. And now

even with COVID-19 raging through the country, the people's attention appears no longer to be mainly on it. This is reflected in the print and electronic media which are giving more space to domestic political and economic issues, foreign policy and security challenges to the state and crime than to the pandemic.

Virus in America

Ironically, the world's pre-eminent country, the United States, has suffered the largest number of recorded infections and deaths because of COVID-19. The manner in which U.S. President Donald Trump has handled the pandemic is a major election issue but some polls even there have suggested that the state of the U.S. economy is being accorded higher priority by many voters. That may now change with Mr. Trump and his wife, Melania, catching the virus. Certainly, the irresponsible personal conduct of an infected Trump may sway a substantial number of voters. Indeed, in the longer term, the fact that the holder of the world's most powerful political office caught the virus may be one reason for COVID-19 remaining in the global consciousness; history records the fate of leaders in battles won and lost, not the countless unknown who perished in it. That is a sad fact.

Why did the great influenza not remain in the human consciousness? Perhaps because of the human instinct that life must carry on and painful memories of loss be thrust to the remote corners of the collective consciousness if not erased altogether. Would that happen to COVID-19 too?

Vivek Katju is a former diplomat

Vaccines with a global common good guarantee

The post-COVID-19 world has to be one that shares the anti-virus therapeutics and the vaccines with the poor



MUHAMMAD YUNUS &
JOSÉ RAMOS HORTA

We are in the grip of a historic pandemic; the novel coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, is threatening the whole of the human family. COVID-19 does not discriminate. Across the globe, outbreaks of COVID-19 continue to claim thousands of lives.

Measures with huge costs

So far, we have exercised whatever tried and effective methods we have available to human society against the ravages of the infectious disease: quarantines, lockdowns, hygiene measures and social distancing – all a luxury for some, depending on the circumstances. While effective, the economic, emotional and societal costs of trying to stop the virus through lockdowns and social distancing are enormous and unprecedented. Countries are haemorrhaging cash in efforts to ease the

economic standstill created by COVID-19. And as the costs rise, the patience of their populations is waning from fear, uncertainty, and economic collapse.

The remedy for all: a vaccine as a global common good. Although vaccine development for COVID-19 is proceeding at historic speed, we do not have an effective option as yet. Remarkably and what is encouraging, there are many promising candidates already, several of which are entering the essential phase 3 clinical trials. Keeping the hope of the world alive, companies are willing to risk pre-financing production, and governments in turn are already committing billions of dollars towards the purchase of the vaccine/s in anticipation of its/their availability.

Right behind the race for the vaccine is the other race – the one to develop proven therapeutics (medicines) that can ease the burden on those struck by COVID-19. These too will find their way to the market, and the global buy up will begin again.

What an effective vaccine is
Being more cost effective than medicine, vaccines provide a method of prevention. They offer



protection from infection in the first place, disrupting chains of transmission and saving individuals from days of illness, hospitalisation or death, possible even in the face of excellent care. An effective vaccine is part of a more lasting solution. The allure of that security is immense. It means buying not only health but also enabling economic recovery and freedom itself in many ways. But an effective vaccine cannot be truly effective and humane until all communities are reached without discrimination.

Herein lies the tension. What will the post-COVID-19 world look like? A rich world that is protected, locking out the vast and potentially infectious populations of the poor countries? Or will it be one that shares the therapeutics and the vaccines with the poor?

History has shown us how to eradicate diseases for the global good of our own countries – but also for all. The successful eradication of major diseases such as smallpox or polio required a global effort and the availability of vaccines to all who needed it anywhere in the world. When Dr. Jonas Salk came up with a polio vaccine that was approved for the general population to use, he refused to patent it. When asked who owns the patent, his answer was this. "Well, the people, I would say," he told journalist Edward R. Murrow in 1955. "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?"

We need this sort of leadership – a leadership which will guide us away from incredible profits to humanity's survival, and lay stress on the need for the open source production of vaccine without any commercial ownership of any COVID-19 vaccine.

A message for the rich

For the rich world, we would say that this proposed act of human solidarity, to ensure that medicines and vaccines get to the whole human family simultaneously, is really in their own self-interest; not just an act of charity.

Surely, nobody will want the virus persisting in many parts of the poor world ready to re-infect the rich world and create new surges where it was under the pleasant thought that the rich had protected themselves from the pandemic. Compared to the cost of the trillions that have gone in the stimulus packages, that is a minuscule cost. The positive news is that we are confronted with clear and simple action that comes at an eminently affordable cost that would save hundreds of thousands of lives, if not millions of future lives. And that is in the self-interest of everyone, especially the rich world.

Already, many Nobel Laureates and global personalities have signed on to an Appeal to Declare the COVID-19 Vaccines as a Global Common Good (<https://bit.ly/3Po8Sz> and <https://bit.ly/3AQEc6>). We now urge all the countries of the world to unite to pass a resolution at the United Nations to make novel coronavirus vaccines as a product without any commercial ownership to turn this collective wish into reality.

This must be done soon.

Muhammad Yunus and José Ramos-Horta are Nobel Peace Laureates

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Court on protest

Anarchy will replace democracy if the right to protest is exalted as an unqualified right. The so-called leaderless and organic protest is a myth. One of democracy's hazards is its vulnerability to covert destabilisation of the elected government by vested interests. Every law creates its own discontent, but that cannot be the reason to romanticise disruptive and sectarian protests orchestrated by agenda-seeking masterminds who lurk in the background and pull the strings on the indoctrinated protesters. The spirit in which the Supreme Court of India's observations were made must be noted (Editorial, "The right balance", October 10). It did not call for a crackdown on all protests indiscriminately. V.N. MUKUNDARAJAN, Thiruvananthapuram

hunger, exacerbated by the

pandemic and concomitant loss of income, predominantly man-made climate change and never-ending wars, represents a humanitarian crisis of inconceivable proportions. The pangs of hunger must be experienced to be understood, and those who have food to eat should not avert their eyes from the hungry. The hard-working and dedicated staff of the WFP are frontline fighters, tackling huge logistical problems and going beyond the call of duty to avert starvation deaths. One only hopes that the WFP receives adequate funding. G. DAVID MILTON, Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

fails due to various factors

that try and destroy the spirit of living. But the producers of food do not give up. While the fury of nature and the power of the virus are news, the story of the struggle of farmers and aid workers trying to overcome these forces of destruction is kept out of the public eye.

AJOY KUMAR BASU, Kolkata

Savithri Vaithi

In the passing of Savithri Vaithi, a whole era of undaunted, selfless service to destitute women has come to an end (Chennai, "Founder of Vishranthi Old Age Home dead", October 11). She was a pioneer in setting up the "Vishranthi" in Chennai, a home for such women from the poor strata of society under the aegis of the Monday Charity Club. For nearly half a century she went about attending to their welfare in ever so many ways. Her most courageous act was her decision to perform the funeral rites for the deceased women among them, herself, when she found that their family members were either not

available or unwilling to take

up the responsibility. This act of hers truly explicated the message of the Bhagavad Gita on "nishkamya karma". She may even be called the Mother Teresa of Madras. Savithri Vaithi comes in the illustrious tradition of progressive women leaders devoting their life to the cause of public good in an altruistic spirit. She deserves to be conferred a Padma award.

C.T. INDRA, Chennai

■ Ms. Vaithi had foresight and was a pioneer in supporting social causes. Her performing the funeral rites of elderly abandoned persons if their relatives did not do so was indeed laudable and noble. It is a matter of regret that she has not been conferred with any national award for her unique services to the cause of the elderly.

P.S. SUBRAHMANYAN, Chennai

faces: its fragile middle-order

battling which is unable to accelerate the scoring rate when batting first or caves in while chasing even a moderate target. The second is there is not a single fast bowler who can bowl at high speeds; the medium-fast deliveries of its bowlers on slow wickets allow the opponent batsmen to step out often and hit those big shots at will. Virat Kohli did that during his brilliant 90 not out the other night. The "Whistle Podu" Army may soon find it hard to whistle.

R. SIVAKUMAR, Chennai

■ In any sport, there can be only one winner. No doubt, this year, the most favoured and loved team, CSK, has not lived up to expectation. Dhoni is a captain who has never shed his responsibility or been averse to bouquets or brickbats. At the same time, a bad show or two does not call for physical threats being issued to his family. This is most despicable.

JANAKI MAHADEVAN, Chennai

Worthy recipient
It is heartening that this year's Nobel Prize for Peace goes to the World Food Programme. The scourge of

CM YK

Promised free vehicles, funds? It's all fake

It is high time the government takes note of the fake schemes menace



RAKESH DUBBUDU & AKHIL MOTHE

Here's an exercise: Log onto any social media or technology platform, whether Google, YouTube, Facebook or Twitter. Type the name of any of these "schemes" – Free Laptop Scheme, PM Scooty Yojana, PM Kisan Tractor Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Solar Panel Yojana, and PM Kanya Aashirwad Yojana. You will be promised anything from free vehicles to free funds to fake employment offers. While fraudsters have been duping the public with non-existent government schemes for some time, this problem has become more widespread during the COVID-19 pandemic. We live in an era where selling personal data can get a fraudster lakhs of rupees. Many of these fake schemes are aimed not only at harvesting the personal data of citizens, but also duping them financially.

The extent and spread of fake schemes on these platforms can be quite surprising to some. But while other forms of misinformation (commonly known as fake news) are widely discussed and researched, fake schemes do not figure as often as they should in these debates in India, though they are very common. Like other forms of misinformation, fake schemes also cause immense harm to large sections of the public. Unlike other forms of misinformation, news about fake schemes is shared by people across the ideological and social spectrum.

Modus operandi
The modus operandi of fake schemes is more or less similar in most cases. In the case of fake employment and loan schemes, people receive a personal or general message informing them that they have been selected for a government scheme (which most often does not exist). They are told that if they wish to avail the benefits of the scheme, they have to pay a certain amount as processing charges. The fraudsters are available for contact till the processing charge is paid, but disappear once they receive the money.



Some fake schemes do not leave any digital trace on the Internet despite the times we live in. An example is the Gram Vikas Rozgar Yojana, a fake employment scheme. Letters were directly sent to 'village pradhans' (sarpanches) in Telangana, Punjab, Meghalaya and some other States asking them to select candidates from their village and send a demand draft of ₹1,200 per candidate to get their villagers enrolled under the scheme. Unfortunately, without checking with the official agencies, many youngsters sent these amounts. All this was done without leaving any digital trace or no phone number. There were only letters and an address.

In some cases, people even lined up before government offices and demanded officials to register them under these fake government schemes. At times, political leaders have had to come on television to clarify that there are no such schemes, as in the case of the PM Scooty Yojana.

Leaving details online
While communal, social and political fake news gain a lot of attention and mostly get shared on social media platforms, fake government schemes appear to have created their own niche in the world of fake news. They mostly get shared through fake web-

site links on social media platforms, WhatsApp messages and YouTube videos. A simple search with the name of these schemes on platforms like YouTube shows us how deep rooted and successful the fake schemes ecosystem is.

Though many people are literate, they still believe these schemes to be true and fall for them. On many YouTube videos explaining these fake government schemes, individuals have left their personal details like phone numbers, Aadhaar numbers and bank account details in the comments section. So, it is not just people's money but privacy too that is in danger with these fake schemes.

With no proper and quick grievance redress mechanism, most of the duped citizens blame themselves for falling for the scam and remain silent. There is also the danger that they won't apply for genuine schemes when they constantly come across fake ones.

Tackling the problem
While the Press Information Bureau and a few State governments have set up fact-checking initiatives, the visibility of these initiatives is limited. The need of the hour is an integrated and concerted effort by all stakeholders to tackle the menace of fake schemes.

For starters, there is need for a centralised government portal with a toll-free number where people can inquire about the messages and file complaints, like they do in the case of cybercrimes. The portal should direct the complaints of people who get duped to the relevant State Police, who should be equipped to deal with the fraudulent practices in a swift manner.

Second, social media and technology companies design dedicated policies, like they do for countering hate speech, to take action against individuals/groups posting such content intended to cheat the public.

Third, most of these fake schemes operate through websites which look like government portals. Websites that have names similar to government schemes need to be monitored, and necessary proactive action should be initiated if they resort to malpractices. The same can be done with bank account names that sound similar to real government schemes.

Further, the government should not only print and broadcast advertisements about genuine schemes, but also alert people about fake schemes so that people are able to differentiate between what's genuine and what's fake. The mainstream media, both print and electronic, which gets government advertisements, should be mandated to carry some of these alerts. The messages should be available everywhere, including in districts, and in the local languages.

It would also help if there is one single website where people can access all the information they need about various government schemes at both the Central and State levels. The website should also have a mechanism for eligible individuals to apply. While some fact-checkers debunk these fake schemes and try to fill the information vacuum, the problem is too huge and widespread for any single stakeholder to solve. It requires a concerted effort and coordination between multiple stakeholders such as governments, the media, fact-checkers, NGOs and the civil society. It is high time the government takes note of the fake scheme menace.

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FROM THE READERS' EDITOR

The lost meaning of objectivity

In journalism we expect the method, and not the individual journalist, to remain objective



A.S. PANNEERSELVAN

Over the past decade, I have addressed many questions about the building blocks of journalism: impartiality, balance, fairness, accuracy and commitment to truth. While readers tend to agree with most of my readings, one area where I fail to convince many of them is the vexatious question of bias. A group of readers feels that the Office of the Readers' Editor has a way of finding theoretical explanations for their examples of bias in the newspaper.

The notion of bias

For instance, V.N. Mukundarajan, a regular writer to *The Hindu*, wanted to know whether it is possible for *The Hindu* to announce, like *The New York Times* did, that "its editorial board is a group of opinion journalists whose views are informed by expertise, research, debate and certain longstanding values. It is separate from the newsroom". He wrote: "The Hindu's editorials remain an island of balance and fairness in a vast sea of ideologically tilted news, headlines, cartoons, and opinion pieces [so much so] that readers have almost given up talking about *The Hindu's* unbalanced political reporting." He further contented that protests and objections are not going to make any difference. He wrote: "I have not seen a single case where the Readers' Editor has admitted that the paper was biased in its reporting. We, long-time loyal readers, will, however, not shy away from taking up instances of egregious bias. I think it may reassure many readers if there is an explicit message that the editorial board has a 'mind of its own', unlike the opinion writers who proffer one-sided views, mostly intending to show the government in poor light."

It is not only loyal readers like Mr. Mukundarajan but also a section of social media commentators who see the entire news ecology as a monolithic whole. They tend to lump the good, the bad and the indifferent within a single category called 'mainstream media'. There is a method in this attack, where some words are given a new spin. One word that is often subjected to over-interpre-

tation is 'objectivity'. Its natural corollary, the notion of bias, gets entrenched in the minds of some readers who receive much of their trusted information from social media.

While it is easy to explain the difference between news and views to an engaged reader, it is nearly impossible to do so to an enraged social media follower. As a news ombudsman, dealing with this issue has been both a challenge and a learning experience. The charge of bias is not restricted to India; it is prevalent across democracies. It has become shrill especially in the last decade.

The question of 'impartiality'

On October 8, members of the Organization of News Ombudsmen and Standards Editors held an internal shop talk on the question of 'impartiality'. It was led by Tom Rosenstiel, Executive Director of the American Press Institute. Mr. Rosenstiel explained that in journalism we expect the method, and not the individual journalist, to remain objective. He said of the implications of this: "One is that the impartial voice employed by many news organisations that familiar, supposedly neutral style of newswriting, is not a fundamental principle of journalism. Rather, it is an often helpful device news organisations use to highlight that they are trying to produce something obtained by objective methods." He pointed out that objectivity as practised by journalists is to have a consistent method of testing information – a transparent approach to evidence. Expanding on this idea, Mr. Rosenstiel said: "The practice began as a way of injecting more scientific rigour into the practice of journalism, but instead it has turned into a devotion to false balance and other elements of what journalism professor Jay Rosen called 'the view from nowhere'."

Substantial charges of bias come from those who support governments and strong leaders. It would be unethical, lazy and unfair to readers if a news organisation is reduced to be an amplifier for those in power. Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, Director of the Reuters Institute and Professor of Political Communication at the University of Oxford, has an interesting Twitter thread, "Misinformation often comes from the top, exhibit no. infinity", documenting how people in power play a big role in vitiating our news environment. Once the pandemic subsides, I hope to host an open house on this question of impartiality in journalism.

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Ending conflict in the Caucasus

The Madrid Principles could be the starting point for ending the hostility between Armenia and Azerbaijan

GARIMELLA SUBRAMANIAM

The military confrontation between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the gravest since a fragile ceasefire was established in 1994, reflects the failure of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Co-chaired by Russia, France and the U.S., the Minsk Group put forward in 2007 the Madrid Principles as the basis for the formulation of a peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Drawn from the 1975 Helsinki Final Act principles, signed at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, they provided for a prohibition on the use of force, respect for territorial integrity, and recognition of the equal right to self-determination.

The framework
In concrete terms, the Madrid Principles envisaged the demilitarisation of Nagorno-Karabakh, the Armenian majority region that seceded from Azerbaijan towards the end of the Soviet Union, and the gradual liberation of Azerbaijani territory that Armenia had occupied in the 1991-94 war.

Significantly, these steps are consistent with the UN Security Council's 1993 resolutions, calling for the unconditional withdrawal of Armenian occupying forces from Azerbaijan. Besides, the Madrid Principles mentioned that international peacekeeping operations were to be deployed immediately after the Peace Agreement came into force, to monitor the Armenian redeployment, and internally displaced persons and refugees were to be provided the right to return to their original place of residence.

The two Caucasus states also identified more specific guidelines that were to underpin any peace treaty. The most significant of them was Nagorno-Karabakh's right to self-governance and the election of officials with legislative and executive powers during the interim period preceding a plebiscite. Nagorno-Karabakh would establish judicial institutions, conduct external relations in certain areas, have representation on OSCE forums relevant to bilateral matters and, crucial

ly, be accorded representation in international organisations where statehood was not a constraint. The above catalogue in effect amounts to the grant of statehood for Nagorno-Karabakh in all but name.

A hawkish stance
Unsurprisingly, Azerbaijan, seeing itself as the aggrieved party over the years, has adopted a hawkish stance, matching aggressive rhetoric with a barrage of artillery and aerial attacks. During the oil boom, Azerbaijan's defence spending exceeded Armenia's total budget. In the current hostilities, the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, has asserted the country's long-standing claim over the occupied Nagorno-Karabakh, ruling out any dialogue with Armenia until the government there offered an apology. Armenia had until recently talked of Nagorno-Karabakh's reunion with the country as a precondition for a possible return of other territories.

Staunchly backing Azerbaijan is Turkey, given the deep cultural ties between the two countries. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan even described Armenia as the "biggest threat to peace in the South Caucasus". Mr. Erdogan has also been accused by French President Emmanuel Macron of sending Syrian rebel forces to fight in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Despite hosting a military base in Armenia and entering a mutual defence agreement with that country, the Russian response to the hostilities has so far been muted. The U.S. is all but absent from the picture.

Located in the main corridor of oil and gas supplies to Europe, Armenia and Azerbaijan have also relied on a nationalist rhetoric and fuelled the dispute through relentless propaganda against each other. In the absence of a peacekeeping force and the political will for peace, low-level frictions have persisted over the years. The adversaries cannot indefinitely delay striking practical compromises to promote their own mutual interest. Difficult as this process may appear, there is no better starting point than the reasonable framework outlined in the Madrid Principles.

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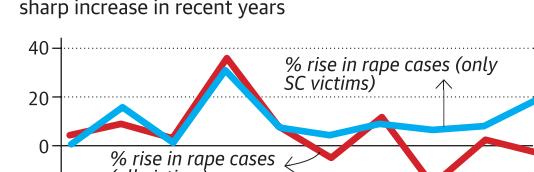


DATA POINT

Crime & punishment

The callous handling by the State police of the brutal gang rape and murder of a Dalit woman in Uttar Pradesh is not uncommon, NCRB data show. In a majority of States, <60% of cases involving victims from the Scheduled Castes were chargedheeted by the police in 2019. Moreover, only 40% of such cases tried in court resulted in convictions in most States. Such low rates were observed in rape cases too. Notably, rapes in which victims were from the Scheduled Castes have increased significantly in recent years. By *The Hindu Data Team*

RISE AND FALL | The overall growth in instances of rape has declined over the past four years in India. However, rapes in which victims were from the Scheduled Castes have seen a sharp increase in recent years

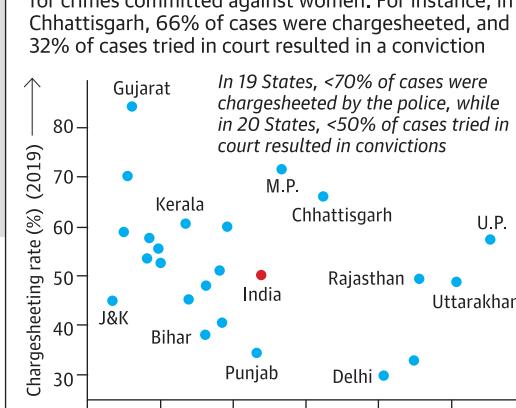


FALSE CHARGES | In 2019, police closed 8% of all rape cases as "false cases". The share of such cases in which the victims were from the Scheduled Castes was 6.7%. Thus, the common perception that cases filed under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act are mostly false allegations is untrue

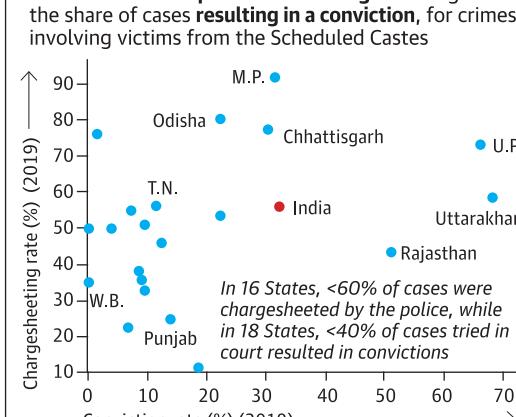


Source: National Crime Records Bureau.
*Cases closed by police as "final report false"

CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN | The chart plots the share of cases in which the police filed a chargsheet against the share of cases resulting in a conviction, for crimes committed against women. For instance, in Chhattisgarh, 66% of cases were chargedheeted, and 32% of cases tried in court resulted in a conviction



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The Hindu
FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1970

Pakistan's new charge against India

Pakistan intends to raise the question of India's alleged "nuclear-war preparations" in the current session of the United Nations General Assembly. According to the *New Times* of Rawalpindi, Foreign Office sources claim that some other countries have promised support to Pakistan in raising the issue in the U.N. against "India, Israel and some other countries, which are trying to become atomic powers and thus create a threat to world peace." The London Correspondent of Urdu daily *Jung* of Karachi, said in a despatch that Pakistan was trying to persuade the Big Powers that while it had accepted their atomic policy, India was bent upon defying them. But various political leaders have criticised the Pakistan Government for its approach on this issue. Mr. Qayum Khan, leader of the Pakistan Muslim League (anti-Ayub group), has said that "Pakistan will be only fooling itself if it thinks that by raising the issue in the U.N. General Assembly, India can be persuaded to put an end to its atomic preparations." *Huriat* of Karachi reported that Mr. Khan recently told a public meeting near Rawalpindi that India had already made an atom bomb and that, if it wanted, it could devour Pakistan through a police action.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCT. 12, 1920

The Madras Review

We have received the first issue of the 'Madras Review', a new Nationalist fortnightly started in Madras. The journal, we are assured, will stand for the greatest freedom of thought, expression and action in all walks of life, social, political, intellectual and religious. It will strive for a liberated and contented India which, while assimilating all that is best in other countries, will build its national life on the firm rock of her native genius and character. About the coming Reforms it refuses to believe that they initiate an era of peace and prosperity and disagrees with those who consider it as a substantial step towards Home Rule. As to Non-Co-operation, the journal, we are told, has no bias for or against the movement. It recognises it as one of the several ways leading to Swaraj and holds that the alternative to Non-Co-operation is not co-operation, but vigorous, persistent and unceasing agitation, both being equally necessary in our struggle. The first issue contains the report of an interesting interview with Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar on Non-Co-operation.

CM YK

FROM PAGE ONE

Paper-strip virus test to be out soon: Vardhan

The Minister informed that the COVID-19 vaccines currently in trial in India are two-dose and three-dose vaccines. The vaccine by Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech requires two doses, while the Cadila Healthcare vaccine requires three. For other vaccines in pre-clinical stages, the dosing is being tested, he said.

On the need to include other novel candidates as COVID vaccine, Dr. Vardhan said, "Considering the large population size of India, one vaccine or vaccine manufacturer will not be able to fulfil the requirements of vaccinating the whole country. Therefore, we are open to assessing the feasibility of introducing several COVID-19 vaccines in the country as per their availability for the Indian population."

Re-infection, the Minister said though there are sporadic reports of re-infection surfacing in various States, careful analysis of the ICMR database reveals that many of these cases have actually been misclassified as re-infections.

He added that it is very important to differentiate mislabelled re-infection from actual re-infection.

CBI removes Hathras FIR from website

The case was originally registered as an attempt to murder a Dalit at the Chandrapur police station in Hathras on September 14. Neither the complaint nor the first FIR had made any mention of rape or gang-rape.

After the 19-year-old victim succumbed to injuries at a Delhi hospital on September 29, triggering national outrage, political parties, activists and others called for an in-depth investigation into the ghastly crime.

PM slams Opposition for 'supporting' middlemen

Parliament had passed The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020 during the monsoon session.

Palaniswami is CM candidate: BJP leader

Asked to comment on Information Minister Minister Kadambur Raju's remark that Mr. Radhakrishnan had lost ground in his home town and that his observations need not be taken seriously, the BJP leader said the election would reveal who had popularity. He said the BJP delegation would meet Mr. Palaniswami on Wednesday to review the COVID-19 situation.

Speaking to reporters, he said the AIADMK was the leader of the alliance in the State, in which the BJP was a trusted ally.

Sriramulu may lose Health portfolio

Minister for Medical Education Sudhakar may get it

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Sunday is learnt to have decided to allocate Health and Family Welfare portfolio, now handled by B. Sriramulu, to K. Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister.

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office have confirmed the development, saying it had been decided that Dr. Sudhakar handle both Medical Education and Health portfolios while Mr. Sriramulu would continue to look after Backward Classes Welfare.

The decision was made af-

"Actual re-infection would mean a fully recovered person getting infected by a freshly introduced virus in his/her body, belonging to the same or different strain. ICMR is commissioning a study to understand the true burden of re-infected cases," he said.

Dr. Vardhan noted that the central government had so far, in the first phase, released ₹3,000 crore to States and UTs to battle the pandemic. "Almost all, except three States/UTs, have utilised the complete grant given to them. Maharashtra has only used 42.5% of the grant, followed by Chandigarh at 47.8% and Delhi at 75.4%," he said.

Responding to criticism surrounding the efficacy of AYUSH formulations in the treatment of COVID-19, Dr. Vardhan said, "Guduchi, Ashwagandha, Guduchi & Pippali combination and AYUSH 64 have a substantial number of studies which prove their immuno-modulatory, anti-viral, antipyretic and anti-inflammatory properties. These interventions have also shown a good binding affinity with COVID-19 virus in *in-silico* studies."

band, Andhra Pradesh reported 5,210 new infections and 30 deaths on Sunday. Official data put active cases at 6.13%. For the first time

in over three months, the daily positivity rate of tests

tally touched 75,000 and Chittoor's tally crossed 70,000.

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Jungle raj in Cong.-ruled Rajasthan also'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LUCKNOW

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Sunday said that like in Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled Uttar Pradesh, a 'jungle-raj' also prevailed in Congress-ruled Rajasthan.

She said that like in Uttar Pradesh, all kinds of crimes, especially murder of innocent people and atrocities against Dalits and women, were at a peak in Rajasthan. But instead of tightening their grip on the government, Congress leaders in Rajasthan were silent, said Ms. Mayawati.

"From this it appears that all the victims they [Congress leadership] have met in U.P., was only politics for votes and nothing else. People should stay cautious of such dramatics, this is the BSP's advice," the former U.P. Chief Minister said.

Ms. Mayawati's tweets are a fresh attack by her against the Congress top leadership which recently visited the family of the Dalit victim in Hathras.

Nitish unveils poll promises

Nadda kicks off campaign in Gaya; BJP announces 46 names for second phase

AMARNATH TEWARY

PATNA

With the first phase of the Assembly election in Bihar barely two weeks away, Janata Dal (United) (JD-U) president and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday reiterated that he would implement the sequel to his ambitious *Saat Nischay* (seven resolves) programme to make the State self-reliant.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which started its campaign on Sunday from Gaya, released the list of the party's 30 star campaigners and 46 candidates for the second phase of the election.

"*Saat Nischay* Part 2 is in continuation of the earlier set of promises made to the public during the ongoing National Democratic Alliance regime," Mr. Kumar tweeted on Sunday.

Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party, a former ally of the JD(U), had taken issue with Mr. Kumar over his flagship programme. He said, "The programme is not of NDA rule but was a carry-forward from the *mahagathbandhan* (grand alliance) government," of which the



Ready to roll: Campaign vehicles of the Janata Dal (United) parked in Patna on Sunday. ■ PTI

JD(U) had been a member.

Speaking to *The Hindu* in private, some BJP leaders voiced discomfort over Mr. Kumar's announcement on *Saat Nischay* Part 2 "without taking consent of alliance partners".

Areas of development

Meanwhile, Mr. Kumar's tweet on Sunday listed the areas of development which will be included in the development programme's sequel.

"Creating a centre of excellence for promoting quality of training in ITI and po-

lytechnic institutions, setting up district-wise mega-skill centres for giving job-oriented training, tool rooms and training centres in each division and a new department for skill development and entrepreneurship will also be set up," stated one of the promises.

The Chief Minister said the "government will also provide 50% grants, up to a maximum of ₹3 lakh, for setting up a new business and on loans of up to ₹7 lakh, grants of 7% will be given by the government."

Girls completing Class 12

exams will be given ₹25,000 each, and those completing their graduation ₹50,000, he said.

BJP president J.P. Nadda kicked off the party's campaign from Gaya. Attacking the Congress, he said, "The Nitish Kumar government took care of the people of Bihar amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that the leadership of the State is secured with him."

At a public meeting, Mr. Nadda listed the achievements of the NDA governments at the Centre and the State in the past six years.

"Leadership of India is secure in the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and it is also important that the leadership of Bihar is secure with Nitish Kumar," he said.

The BJP's list of 30 star campaigners includes Mr. Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, JD(U) sources told *The Hindu* that joint campaigns of Mr. Modi and Mr. Kumar would be held, but dates have not been fixed yet.

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She then allegedly throws a bouquet at him, following

Congress to probe 'assault' charge by U.P. woman worker

Party gave ticket to a rapist, she says; two leaders expelled



Tara Yadav. ■ ANI/TWITTER

behind and started assaulting me," Ms. Yadav told presspersons. She also said that she received bruises and cuts on her lip, ear and back.

Talking to a news channel, Ms. Yadav said that while the top leadership of the Congress, including general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, were "seeking justice for the daughter of Hathras", the local leadership in Deoria had handed ticket to a "rapist".

Congress leaders Deep Dayal Yadav and Ajay Kumar Sainthwar were expelled from the party for "indiscipline" during the meeting, said Kaushal Kumar Tripathi, secretary, U.P. Congress.

"The incident is a political conspiracy to defame the Congress," he said.

A three-member committee was formed by Congress State president Ajay Kumar Lallu to investigate the incident. The committee would submit its report to Mr. Lallu in three days.

Congress announces panels for Bihar poll

14-member coordination team set up

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Sunday announced several key committees for the upcoming Bihar Assembly election, with party general secretary Randeep Surjewala as the chairperson of the Election Management and Coordination Committee.

While senior leader Mohan Prakash has been made the convener of this panel, the 14-member election management and coordination panel includes senior leaders Tariq Anwar, Shatrughan Sinha, Meira Kumar, Kirti Azad, Shakeel Ahmed and Sanjay Nirupam.

Party president Sonia Gandhi also approved the setting up of the publicity, media coordination, public meeting and logistics, legal and office management committees, a statement will be on November 10.

Trouble knocking on Tripura CM's door?

7 MLAs are in Delhi to raise issues



Biplab Deb

and others were resentful at their place within the government rather than any genuine grievance against the government. But dissident MLAs, also considered close to BJP national secretary Sunil Deodhar, assert that they are not without support.

Sources in the BJP say the lack of a general secretary in charge of Tripura, after the exit of Ram Madhav from the national team, is telling on the handling of the State. While sources said general secretary in charge of the organisation, B.L. Santosh, had met the group, he did not give them any assurance of a change in leadership.

BJP State president Manik Saha said that the team was not acting according to the discipline required to be a member of a political party. "These issues needn't be aired in public and need to be told within the party forum. I, as president, have not been informed about their trip to Delhi. I'm observing these events and will act soon," he said.

One BJP MLA from the State told *The Hindu* that he and six other MLAs are in Delhi to share some issues with regard to Mr. Deb with national president J.P. Nadda, who is in Bihar.

"We have no issues with the party but feel that Chief Minister Biplab Deb is not delivering on the promises made to the people of Tripura who had elected the BJP with great hopes. We are halfway through the term of this government and nowhere close to the promises made. I and several others left the Congress party to join the BJP as it was the only way to overthrow the CPI (M) government. We feel that the disappointment with the government needs to be addressed," he said.

The team is being led by Sudip Roy Barman, MLA, and includes Ashish Saha, Ashish Das, Diwan Chandra Rankhal, Burb Mohan Tripura, Parimal Deb Burman and Sushanta Chowdhury.

Most of these MLAs had moved to the BJP just before the polls. Sources close to Mr. Deb said Mr. Choudhury

Pedal for peace



Bike trail: Children participating in a cycle race, Pedal for Peace, organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Police on the banks of the Dal Lake in Srinagar on Sunday. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

Hathras victim's kin to appear before HC

Division Bench to record their version, hearing likely to be in person

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The family members of a 19-year-old Dalit woman, who died after allegedly being raped by four men in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh, will appear before the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court amid tight security on Monday.

The court will record the version of the victim's family in the case. It had on October 1 asked the woman's parents to come to apprise it of

their version of the incident.

The hearing is likely to be held in person. The court had ordered the Hathras district administration to arrange for the family's travel. The case is listed for hearing before a Division Bench of Justice Pankaj Mital and Justice Rajan Roy at 2.15 p.m.

The High Court had directed the district judge to ensure that the victim's family members appear before it on Monday. It has also summoned Additional Chief Se-

cretary, Home, the Director-General of Police, Additional Director-General, Law and Order, the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police, Hathras, to furnish the status report of the investigation.

"The district judge, who has been appointed nodal officer for the appearance of the Hathras victim's family members before the High Court, is in touch with it as to when the case is listed. The family will move according-

ly. The family is in Hathras as of now," Superintendent of Police Vineet Jaiswal said on Sunday.

Sixty security personnel have been deployed and eight closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras have been installed at the victim's house to ensure the safety of the family members, according to the police. Mr. Jaiswal said a register of visitors is being maintained by policemen deployed at the entrance of the house.

Hathras victim 'no one' to Uttar Pradesh CM, police, says Rahul

Cong. leader slams police's remarks denying rape

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the State police were denying that the 19-year-old victim in the Hathras gang rape and murder case had been raped as she was "no one" to them.

Mr. Gandhi was responding to a news report about the Uttar Pradesh police denying that the victim had been raped. He tweeted: "The shameful truth is many Indians don't consider Dalits, Muslims and Tribals to be human. The CM & his police say no one was raped because for them, and many other Indians, she was NO ONE."

The Dalit woman was allegedly sexually assaulted by four men in her village last month. She succumbed to her injuries two weeks later at a hospital in

Delhi. Following a national outrage over the manner in which the State police and the local administration had cremated her without the consent of her family, top Congress leaders, including Mr. Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, visited Hathras on October 3.

Terming the Yogi Adityanath government as insensitive and anti-Dalit, the Congress has been demanding a judicial inquiry into the incident.

"According to the family of the victim, the district magistrate meted out the worst treatment to them. So, who is protecting him? He should be dismissed without any delay and his role should be investigated. When the family is demanding a judicial inquiry, why is the Special Investigation Team probing and that too after a CBI inquiry was announced," said Ms. Vadra on Twitter last week after meeting the family.

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Sanitisers, soaps can do damage: experts

'Their increased use can worsen antimicrobial resistance, making it difficult to fight infections'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Health experts at the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) here have warned that the increased use of antibiotics and the widespread use of hand sanitisers and antimicrobial soaps, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, can worsen the situation of antimicrobial resistance.

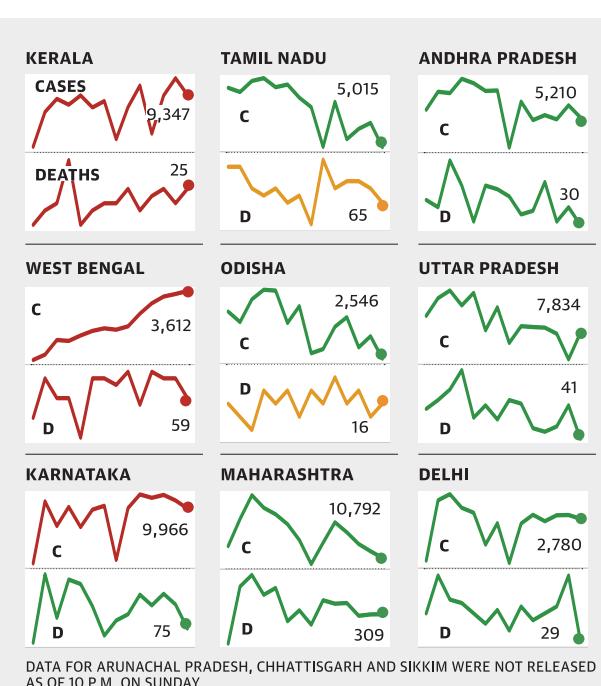
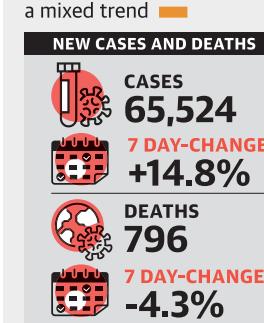
At a webinar on "Antibiotic resistance: renewed fight" earlier this week, Rama Chaudhry, Head, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, said antibiotic-resistant organisms had become rigidly established in the environment with many infections failing to respond to antimicrobials.

Major challenge

"Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest challenges of modern medicine. This antimicrobial resistance (AMR) mounts problems beyond the geographical as well as species barriers and can

Viral tracker

With 65,524 COVID-19 cases recorded on Sunday, India's tally stood at 71,16,907. As many as 796 new deaths were registered, taking the toll to 1,09,203. The graphs depict new cases and deaths in the last 14 days in select States. The States are classified based on where cases/deaths are rising (red), falling (green) or showing a mixed trend (orange).



DATA FOR ARUNACHAL PRADESH, CHHATTISGARH AND SIKKIM WERE NOT RELEASED AS OF 10 P.M. ON SUNDAY

transmit from animals to humans. AMR needs to be addressed in totality by all sectors, including healthcare, veterinary and agricultural domains. This is where one

health approach comes into place," she said in the webinar jointly organised by AIIMS and the American Society for Microbiology.

Experts said the pandemic

tions with all our resources being focused primarily on dealing with it, while many other important health issues such as AMR and other health programmes have taken a back seat," she said.

Over 60 lakh recoveries

The Health Ministry on Sunday noted that the recoveries have crossed the milestone of 60 lakh (60,77,976). "In the last 24 hours, 89,154 recoveries have been registered. For the last eight consecutive days, new deaths recorded are less than 1,000. 918 deaths were recorded in the last 24 hours. The active cases stand at 8,67,496. They have sustained on the downside and are less than 8 lakh since the last three days," the Ministry said.

It said the five top States (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu) have the highest case load (61% of the active cases) and are also contributing more than half (54.3%) of the recoveries.

When the police played peacemaker in COVID clinics

They persuaded doctors to treat all patients equally: report

VIAJITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

In a report compiled by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), the Maharashtra police have cited an incident in Malegaon in April where the police had to persuade doctors to treat all patients equally as the "doctors feared that treating patients from Muslim areas could infect their hospitals".

The BPR&D, the police think tank of the Union Home Ministry, has published a report, "Indian police response to COVID-19 crisis", with contributions from the State police units and Central armed police forces.

The Supreme Court is currently hearing a petition which has said that certain sections of the print and electronic media were spreading bigotry and communal hatred in relation to the Tablighi Jamaat conference held in the Nizamuddin Markaz area in Delhi in March. The petition said the "unfortunate incident of the Tablighi Jamaat was used to demonise and blame the entire Muslim community".

On March 28, the Ministry wrote to all States that around 2,000 Tablighis from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand and other countries who entered India on tourist visa appeared to be "potential carriers" of COVID-19.

Building bridges

In the BPR&D report, Superintendent of Police, Malegaon, Sunil D. Kadasne said his knowledge of languages such as Hindi, Marathi, Urdu, Arabic, English and Ma-



The Nizamuddin area in March after the Tablighi Jamaat centre was evacuated. ■ SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

dari Jaban (a local dialect of Malegaon) helped him establish a bridge between the people and the administration.

The congregation residing in Chandigarh were identified and subjected to health protocol".

It said that due to personal connect of the police with Muslim religious leaders, the latter decided not to visit mosques and cemeteries to observe Shab-e-Baraat on April 9 and 10.

Influx of migrants

The Bihar police said an influx of huge number of Bihar migrants from other States created unique problems for Bihar but despite severe resource constraints, the police rose to the occasion.

The report mentioned that till August 21, 76,768 police and CAPF personnel tested positive and 401 personnel died. The highest number of personnel who were infected and died was reported in Maharashtra – 12,760 were infected and 129 died.

A countrywide lockdown was first imposed on March 24 and was extended subsequently till June. From June, phase-wise opening of various sectors was allowed.

Two top Republic TV officials questioned in TRP racket case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Republic TV on Sunday said it will not succumb to any efforts to curtail editorial freedom, after its CEO and COO were questioned by the Mumbai police in connection with a Television Rating Points (TRP) manipulation investigation.

The two senior officials of the private channel appeared before the police on Sunday, an official said.

If there is an attempt to use state machinery to scrutinise the sources of an independent media network and

bring back an Emergency-style editorial control into the media, we will stand strongly against it," Republic TV said.

The police had issued summons to Republic TV's chief executive officer (CEO) Vikas Khanchandani and two chief operating officers (COO).

Mr. Khanchandani and COO Harsh Bhandari, who appeared before the police on Sunday, were questioned for nine and five hours, respectively, the police said.

They also recorded the statement of Ghanshyam Singh, a

senior member of the channel's distribution team.

From other channels

Two employees of Box Cinema and Fakt Marathi channels were also summoned by the crime branch of the Mumbai police.

In a statement, Republic Media Network said it won't "give in to any endeavours" to curtail editorial freedom. It also alleged that the Mumbai police seemed to be turning freedom of the press "upside down and we stand firmly against any such attempts".

Turban incident being distorted: WB

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Describing the scuffle which saw the turban of Sikh man fall down as an isolated case, West Bengal Home Department on Sunday said: "One political party is giving communal colour to the incident".

"Policing was done as per law, but highest respect for the Sikh panth and ways from GoWB is affirmed," the State Home Department tweeted.

Referring to the October 7 incident, when the scuffle took place between Balwinder Singh – who worked as security detail for a local BJP leader – and the West Bengal police during the BJP's march to the Secretariat, the Home Department said the incident was now "being twisted out of context".

The West Bengal police on Friday said the "pagri had fallen off automatically in the scuffle, without any attempt to do so by our officer". The police had said Balwinder Singh was carrying a firearm.

He was arrested on Thursday after the recovery of the firearm.

At 15, RTI Act crippled by huge backlog

Transparency law hit by short-staffed commissions, paltry penalties on officials

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Fifteen years after the Right to Information (RTI) Act came into force, more than 2.2 lakh cases are pending at the Central and State Information Commissions, which are the final courts of appeal under the transparency law.

The increasing backlog is exacerbated by the fact that most commissions are functioning at a reduced capacity, including the Central Information Commission (CIC), which has been headed since August.

A report card brought out by the Sarak Nagrik Sangathan and the Centre for Equity Studies to mark the anniversary on Monday found that Maharashtra had the highest number of pending appeals, with over 59,000 cases, followed by Uttar Pradesh (47,923) and the CIC (35,653).

Defunct for months
At the current rate of disposal, the Odisha commission would take more than seven years to dispose of all pending complaints, while the CIC would take more than two years, the report said.

Odisha is functioning with



First step: A file photo of an RTI meeting in Tamil Nadu to train participants in writing an application. ■ G. MOORTHY

just four commissioners, while Rajasthan has only three. Jharkhand and Tripura have no commissioners at all, and have been defunct for months. The CIC has no chief, and only five commissioners.

Under the law, every commission should have a chief and up to 10 commissioners.

The analysis also found that government officials face hardly any punishment for violating the law. Analysing data from 16 commissions in 2019-20, the report found that penalties were imposed in only 2.2% of cases that were disposed of, despite previous analysis

showing a rate of about 59% violations which should have triggered the process of penalty imposition.

Culture of impunity'
"Non-imposition of penalties in deserving cases by commissions sends a signal to public authorities that violating the law will not invite any serious consequences. This destroys the basic framework of incentives built into the RTI law and promotes a culture of impunity," the report said.

Out of almost 90,000 cases disposed of by the 16 commissions between April 2019 and July 2020, show-cause

JMM leader, wife found murdered at home

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DHANBAD

Senior JMM leader Shankar Rawani and his wife were found murdered at their residence in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district early on Sunday, the police said.

Prima facie it seems that Rawani, 50, and Balika Devi were shot and then stabbed to death at their home in the Bhowra area, Dhanbad City Superintendent of Police Ram Kumar said.

An empty cartridge of 9 mm pistol and a knife were recovered from the room, he said.

According to the SP, neighbours found out about the murder and informed the police, following which he, along with Sindri DSP S.K. Sinha and other officers, reached the spot and found the two bodies lying in a pool of blood.

Sniffer dogs have been deployed at the scene of crime, and a hunt has been launched to nab the killer, Mr. Kumar said, adding that the murder could be a fallout of old enmity.

Security beefed up in Srinagar after unknown blogger posts 'hit list'

Post names 29 persons including journalists and activists

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Security was beefed up at Srinagar's Press Enclave, which houses offices of newspapers and TV channels, days after a "hit list" was uploaded online by an unknown blogger, suspected to be supported by the armed groups in Kashmir.

A police officer told *The Hindu* that a number of additional closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras have been installed at all entry and exit points of the Press Enclave "to monitor movement of any armed men".

Probe on
The number of security personnel and mobile bunkers manning the area has also been increased.
A list of political, media persons, public figures and also posts of Lashkar-i-Islam were uploaded with the intention to create fear psy-

chosis among individuals," the police said.

The police said an investigation is under way against the unknown blogger for uploading a list of 29 persons, including journalists, editors and activists working with local, and national dailies and TV channels.

FIR lodged

A police officer said the Kotibagh police station on October 3 lodged a First Information Report (FIR) after the "hit list" went viral online against a wordpress blogger, kashmirfight.com.

A joint statement issued by the media, including the Kashmir Editors Guild, J&K Editors Forum, Kashmir Press Association, Kashmir Working Journalists Association, Kashmir National Television Journalists Association etc., noted with regret what they described as "villification of individuals representing the institution of media".

It said Kashmir media stands united "to defeat the ill designs of such elements".

MY MIND MATTERS



Murali Wade, a fellow journalist at the time, was one, and would speak to me for hours on end over the phone.

Books, my saviour

I looked for refuge in books and for peace by forging new friendships. In fact, I excelled at striking up conversations with strangers of all ages, mainly because they wouldn't ask me, "Tu paagal toh nahi hai?" I wasn't sure if it was written on my face, this sadness. I dreaded the mirror because it reflected a sorrowful image. I decided to fight it by immersing myself in work.

My coping mechanisms also lay in writings on spirituality. The *Autobiography of a Yogi* by Paramahansa Yogananda became a companion and I loved it when Virat Kohli tweeted a selfie with that book a few years ago. Not that he had my mental health condition. Swami Vivekananda also became my new friend.

Of course, I was ravaged time and again by painful memories of losing the people I loved, one by one – in just four years, I had lost three close friends. The realisation that I wouldn't see them again would leave me acutely depressed. It would become worse when seeking help from friends – as grateful I am for them, at the time, I felt they all had their own worlds and could not always spare time for me.

During the lockdown

My low moods were becoming more frequent and damaging, and worsened after the lockdown. My diabetes and hypertension forced me to stay home for months. I began to read literature online about battling depression. I was never convinced that counselling would heal my mental state. I believed in facing it on my own. But a few online counselling workshops during this period gave me the strength to come to terms with life and my condition again.

Then I got this priceless recommendation from a friend. I ordered *Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression – and the Unexpected Solutions* by Johann Hari and slowly accepted that depression was a condition that could be dealt with, and that the stigma attached to it should be broken – hence I am writing this.

I realised that your best friends are at home: my family, and my childhood friend Ghous Mohammad. They have all the time for you. I have learnt to smile again, thanks to them. I have acquired the courage to accept my condition and look for ways to conquer it, rather than deny it or pretend it isn't there: a daily walk, reading a variety of literature, and writing that often gives me an escape. I have learnt to enjoy my life in the moment.

To the question, 'Tu paagal toh nahi hai?' I would say, I am seeking help, not attention.

The writer is a veteran sports journalist

Loneliness, love, and literature

VIJAY LOKAPALLY

Trigger warning: The following article mentions suicide, and may be disturbing for some

"Tu paagal toh nahi hai (Are you mad)?" The rag-picker said, not angrily, but then proceeded to thrash me.

Solitude, a soulmate

Sadness has been an integral part of my life: the sadness of losing loved ones, friends, family members. I would read of a stranger's death and skip a meal, brood. I loved it, this being alone, being sad. I was surrounded by family and friends, all of whom loved me, yet I revelled in solitude. I don't know when I began to love melancholy in cinema, and dreamt of being Rajesh Khanna from *Anand* or Guru Dutt in *Kaagaz ke Phool*.

Why would anyone feel alone amidst so many people? It is hard to explain, but easy to understand if you are in depression – a condition I was diagnosed with only later in life, but probably had even as a boy – where you want to shut yourself off from the world and just disappear.

The first time it came to the fore was when I was 12 years old. I was emotionally attached to my sister-in-law. She

was a friend, sister, mother, and I drew inspiration from her. One day, she scolded me for something silly and my world seemed to have crashed. I slipped out of her home in Delhi and wandered around, looking for ways to end my sadness. Over the next few days, I contemplated suicide many times over, showing up at a spot in the city often.

This one time, a rag-picker had been observing me, and that day, two strong hands pulled me back from the brink. He dragged me to the police station nearby, and I pleaded with them to let me go. They took pity on me, and did. I returned to my sister-in-law's arms and just broke down.

That was my first brush with death. I grew up with the guilt of having caused suffering to my *vahini* (Marathi for sister-in-law).

I also grew up avoiding people, not turning up for social events, because I wanted to stay in my room. I never understood why;

my family thought it was the anger that goes with teenage years. It wasn't.

Working at it

As a sports journalist travelling around the world, I have walked

around both strange and familiar cities alone, not wanting to communicate with people. Many have misunderstood this to mean that I call only when I want something.

Playing football and cricket, and my sports writing kept me afloat, but I did not have the courage to confide in anyone that there was something wrong inside. What would they think of me?

I had the best parents. They pampered me, and then I lost them in quick succession when I was 30. Much before they took leave of this world, they had come to understand what some of my friends thought were my "weird" ways. Being alone was weird.

Then 15 years ago, my family doctor confirmed I was suffering from acute depression, when I repeated the suicidal episode. This time, I had my wonderful wife and son – Sunanda and Akshay – and office colleague C Rajsekhar Rao to look after me. They hijacked me from my work, and sent me off to the mountains – 15 days of bliss. I came to terms with myself and settled into a routine, looking to make new friends, basically to convince everyone that I was normal.

Only a few knew. Kadambari

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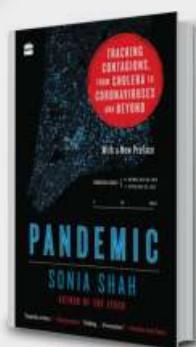


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PANDEMIC: TRACKING CONTAGIONS, FROM CHOLERA TO CORONAVIRUSES AND BEYOND

By Sonia Shah, Harper Collins India

Where do pandemics come from? How do microbes turn into deadly pathogens? Science journalist, Sonia Shah explores these and many more questions in this timely and extensively researched book. Her epidemiological reportage refers to over 300 infectious diseases that have either emerged or re-emerged over the past 50 years. Though alarm bells had been sounded, scientists could not foresee which pathogen (Ebola, avian flu, the drug-resistant superbug, or the novel Coronavirus) would cause the next global outbreak. Shah emphasises on the need to understand and unravel the stories of pandemics to be in a state of preparedness in future. She delves into science and politics, interweaving history, first-hand reporting, and personal narrative to explore the origins. She believes there is much we can do to prevent pandemics from happening in the first place.



THE INVENTION OF SURGERY

By Dr David Schneider, Hachette India

The biography of surgery through centuries, from the instinctive practice of the ancient Greek physicians to the implant revolution and robotic surgeries of the 21st century comes from Dr Schneider, a shoulder and elbow replacement surgeon with decades of experience of holding the scalpel. He talks of

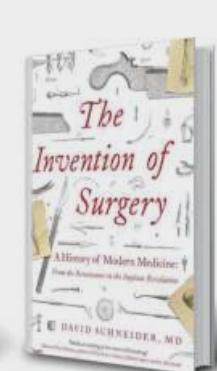
surgery as a practice in progress that transforms with new technologies, the evolution of medical education and the development of medicines. The author explains the dramatic progress by linking historical figures with pioneering scientists who first understood what causes disease, how organs become infected and how surgery helps people.

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IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD, M

By Manjiri Indurkar, Westland Publications

An unapologetic narration of the author's struggles with mental health, this is a story of strength and resilience and the ultimate potion of self-care and acceptance. It delves into a life plagued with various mental illnesses brought on by the sexual abuse she suffered as a child.

In her twenties, when Manjiri Indurkar started living away from home, she began to suspect that all was not well with her. She grew up with a loving and supportive family, but grappled with the trauma of the past. The book speaks of how she learnt to lead a balanced life.



BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH – THE PURSUIT OF ETERNITY: FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

By Dr Kashyap Patel, Penguin Books

An oncologist of two decades in the US, Dr Kashyap Patel sensitively weaves together true stories of hope and fear in order for us to have a deep understanding of the anxieties that those with terminal illness face.

The protagonist is Harry, who, after a life full of adventure, is diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. He leans on the doctor while undergoing the process of death. His doubts are addressed caringly through the stories of other patients treated by Dr Patel. He is eventually prepared to exit the world gracefully.

SIT YOURSELF DOWN -- A NOVICE'S JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF VIPASSANA

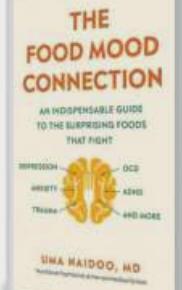
By Gayatri Jayaraman, Hachette India

When the author embarked on a 10-day *vipassana* course, she had no inkling to how it would transform her. Her inward journey made her want to share her experience, so others considering it could get an understanding of what it entailed. The former journalist-turned counsellor gives a witty account of self-exploration with humility and honesty. Through her own journey, where she puts the chaotic world behind, along with mobile phone and dinner (!), she advocates for silence that gives us a clear perspective and a revelation of inner strength.

THE FOOD MOOD CONNECTION

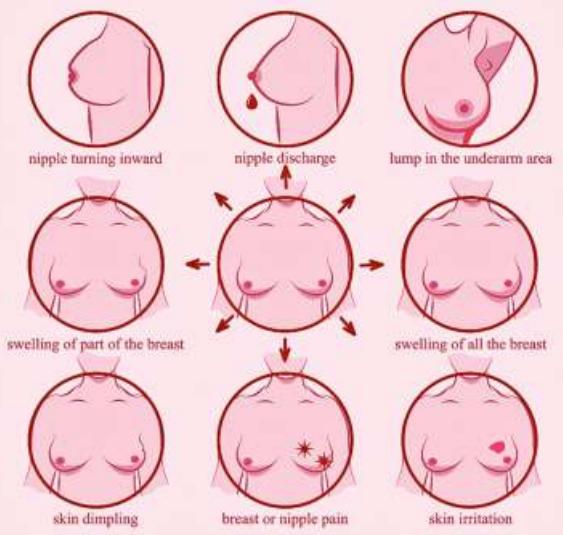
By Dr Uma Naidoo, Hachette India

Most people tweak their diets for weight loss, fitness, cardiac health and longevity. This book tells us how what we eat affects our brains more than our bodies. For instance, how Vitamin C and antioxidants such as flavonoids in blueberries help the body cope with the after-effects of trauma. Or how vitamin D intake helps in the treatment of anxiety. Psychiatrist and nutrition specialist, Dr Uma Naidoo draws on research to explain the connection between the food we eat and our varying moods. Quoting several studies on the profound impact of diet on mental health conditions from ADHD to depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, OCD and dementia, Dr Naidoo shows how a healthy diet can help treat and prevent a wide range of psychological and cognitive issues.



HOW TO... Be Breast AwarE.

Symptoms of breast cancer



SUSAN JOE PHILIP

Swelling under the armpit or around the collarbone
Rash on or around the nipple
Bloodstained spontaneous (without pressing) discharge from one or both nipples
Dimpling of the skin
Constant pain in any portion of the breast or armpit

What if there is a change?

• The changes do not always mean that it is cancerous. "Nine out of 10 breast health issues are benign. But this should not stop women from consulting a doctor," says Dr Ram. To know if the lump is benign or cancerous, a woman will have to go through a triple assessment. "It comprises clinical breast examination by a doctor, breast imaging (a combination of mammogram and ultrasound), and core needle biopsy (ideally guided by ultrasound)," he explains. Along with being breast aware, a woman over 40 should also ideally undergo a screening mammogram once a year or at least once in two years.

Who is more prone to breast cancer?

• Studies prove that prolonged exposure to the estrogen hormone is a contributing factor: "People who had their menarche at a very early age (before 11 years), those who have late menopause (after 55)." Post-menopausal obesity is also a factor as fat cells are capable of producing estrogen. Childbirth below 30 years of age and breastfeeding for two years has proven to decrease this risk. Another factor is hereditary. It is caused by an abnormality in BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. However, only 5% to 10% of breast cancers are caused by this anomaly.

Changes to look out for

• During the examination, we must look out for changes including:

Painless lump or thickening
A noticeable change in size
Recent retraction of the nipple

In this column, we introduce you to or remind you of basic wellness hacks

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K JESHI

"You don't hide symptoms or precautions of COVID-19 from children, do you?" asks Kairavi Bharat Ram, author of *C is for Cat and D is for Depression*.

"Why do we hide depression from them? Physical and mental health has to be treated the same way. We have to educate children about mental illness. They have to be aware to identify early if anything is going wrong," she adds.

In the book published by Scholastic India, Kairavi talks about her journey with mental health, narrating the subject using rhymes for young children. "Though I wanted to focus on children because no one talks to them about it, the book is



not limited to any age group," she says.

Illustrations by Priya Kuriyan make it interactive. "When a child has fever or stomach ache, parents don't send them to school. What about when they have an anxiety attack? It has to be dealt in the same way because when the mind is not okay, they are in a worse state."

The 22-year-old went through depression when she was in Class XII. "I took a break and started a make-up blog to interact with people again.

Now, I do that on my Instagram handle @thetypsprincess." Kairavi is currently studying Fashion Management at London School of Fashion, and has co-authored two books on mythology: *Ramayana in Rhyme* and *Krishna in Rhyme*.

The metaphors she used with her therapist found their way into the book. "My therapist would try and make me view

Kairavi Bharat Ram's book *C is for Cat and D is for Depression* takes young children on her journey with mental health, despair and hope

Facing your demons An illustration from *C is for Cat and D is for Depression*, (inset) Kairavi Bharat Ram • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

my thoughts as external bodies. So, instead of saying 'I'm having negative thoughts', we would say 'the radio of doom and gloom is back on'. I started thinking along the same lines to describe my emotions. Over the period of therapy, I started writing these, and the book was born," she says.

The book, she adds, is not only to educate children but also parents and adults about mental illness. "Anything can trigger a breakdown in a child. The metaphors help a child articulate what he or she is feeling and express themselves better." The objective is to get the message that there is help available.

"What I learnt from my journey is that, though it sounds clichéd, change is the only constant. So hold it out and keep swimming till you get to the point where things change. The book is completely black and white; it starts on a dark note and ends sounding bright and sunny. It won't be rainbows and sunshine for the rest of your lives. There will be ups and downs, but you should be hopeful. That is important," she adds.

C is for Cat and D is for Depression is available on Amazon.in



Dance of democracy

Kozhikode-based artist M Dileef is chasing a world record with what is, perhaps, the longest political cartoon strip known to Indians

SUSAN JOE PHILIP

A cartoon book that is 400 metres long, features 800 different frames and weighs 75 kilograms – this is what M Dileef spent six months of lockdown time to produce.

Dileef recently launched his magnum opus named *I Can't Breathe* at an exhibition in Kozhikode, Kerala in a bid to set a Guinness World Record. "I glued drawing papers together to get the required length. I then folded it to make a book and put it inside a wooden box. It was a great experience and I am waiting to get the certificate from officials," he says.

I Can't Breathe touches upon issues of the common man in a series of political cartoons. Featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath as main characters, the cartoon book calls to attention headline-grabbing issues of the recent past, including demonetisation, NRC, UAPA and the Farm Bills 2020. "I have followed news carefully to have a clear understanding of the matters, and have also taken care to be unbiased while presenting the issues," says Dileef, adding that it was a back-breaking task.

"It was not the drawing part that

was tough. My working hours were long. I took a break only for food. I got blisters on my hand after holding my pen continuously for long hours," he remarks. Dileef is now working on a colour scheme for the cartoon book and also has plans to exhibit it in Sharjah, UAE in November.

He believes that humour and criticism employed in political cartoons is a powerful tool. "It is a simple art form that everyone can understand," says the cartoonist, adding, "I was inspired by the works of artist Ajit Nainan [to take up this profession]. They made me realise the power of this medium."

Dileef is no stranger to such World Record attempts; his first was in 2014, when he set the record for the biggest badminton racket installation in Kozhikode. "I made it with wood, iron and plastic thread," he says. He also made a handwritten copy of the *Quran* that took him three years to complete; his work found a mention in the Arabian World Records. "It was one kilometre long," he says, adding, "Such records help us artists take our work to a global audience."

Novel attempt
M Dileef is seeking a Guinness World Record for creating the longest cartoon strip • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



No frills music

The recently-launched Carvaan Malayalam comes with 5,000 pre-loaded tracks for offline listening

HARIKUMAR JS

After music label Saregama's portable digital audio player Carvaan made its mark in other languages such as Hindi and Tamil, the company now gears up to be on song in Malayalam as well.

With its retro design, Carvaan Malayalam, which was launched recently, comes with 5,000 pre-loaded tracks from yore for seamless offline listening. "We received a great response both in Hindi-speaking regions and in South India. When it comes to the movies and the quality of music, there is a clear understanding that Malayalam has always done so well. This was obviously the next big step," says Vikram Mehra, managing director, Saregama India. Edited excerpts:

About selecting the tracks for the built-in playlist...

• We are invested in big data with innumerable data points spread around the world and across different media such as streaming services, YouTube, radio stations and so on. We source feedback from Saregama's content usage. This helps us track by language



Simply melody Vikram Mehra, MD, Saregama India • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

and by artist to ascertain the most popular ones.

What are the few noteworthy songs that made the cut?

• The core idea of our system is tapping the nostalgia factor. The oldest song is perhaps 'Omanathinaling Kidavo' from the 1950 film *Sthree*, and the latest 'Changampuzha Kavithakal' from

the film *Meghasandesham* (2001). Other popular albums are from: *Chemeneen*, *Pareeksha*, *Vishukkani*, *Madanolsavam*, *Avalude Ravukal*.

In this digital age, how is Carvaan different from other music streaming services like YouTube or Spotify?

• Carvaan's USP is convenience; it is less about music and more about the convenience of listening to music. There are some in the older age bracket who may be a bit uncomfortable with new technology. This is no frills. Just press the button for your curated 'old is gold' [songs]. No repetition, no ad breaks, and there is no need for an Internet connection either.

Any new features?

• We have not tinkered with our basic product. This version too has Bluetooth, Aux output and USB support, and can also be used simply as a pair of high-end speakers. FM/AM is added, so it doubles up as a pocket-sized radio.

Carvaan Malayalam is priced at ₹6,190, and is available to buy on saregama.com

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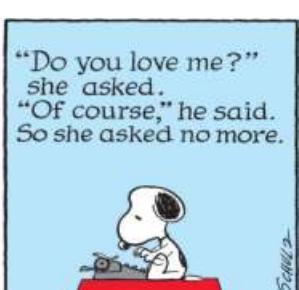
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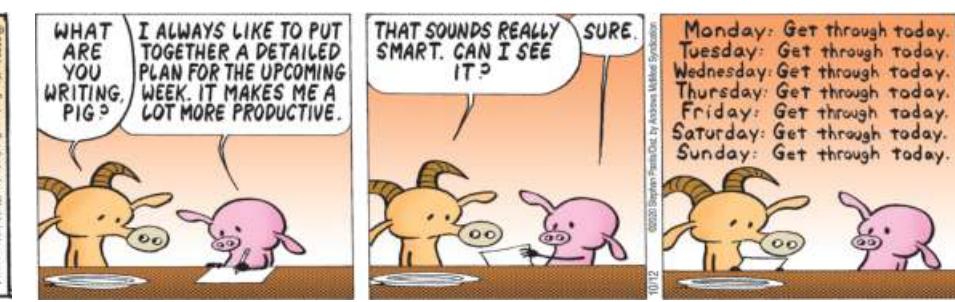
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



Trump claims immunity from virus ahead of campaign rallies

White House doctor says the President is 'no longer considered a transmission risk'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday declared himself immune from COVID-19 and ready for a fight as his White House race against surging rival Joe Biden enters its critical final weeks.

"It looks like I'm immune for, I don't know, maybe a long time and maybe a short time, it could be a lifetime, nobody really knows, but I'm immune," Mr. Trump said in a Fox News interview on Sunday.

"You have a President who is immune... so now you have a President who doesn't have to hide in a basement like his opponent," Mr. Trump added – in a jab at the Democrat Joe Biden and his far more cautious approach to campaigning in a pandemic.

It is not yet clear to what



Back in action: Donald Trump takes his mask off before speaking at the White House rally on Saturday. • AFP

degree contracting COVID-19 confers immunity from future infection, with early studies suggesting a few months while newer ones have indicated it could last longer.

Mr. Trump was given the all-clear on Saturday to return to the campaign trail after he was ruled no longer a COVID-19 transmission risk.

"I am happy to report that in addition to the President meeting CDC criteria for the

continued – though he did not state that the President is now virus-free. Dr. Conley said that he would continue to monitor the President as he "returns to an active schedule."

Biden is coughing

During his interview, Mr. Trump went on to suggest that his White House rival could himself be sick. "If you look at Joe, he was coughing yesterday horribly and grabbing his mask, as he's coughing," Mr. Trump said. "And I don't know what that was all about, and it didn't get much press."

The Republican leader rallied hundreds of supporters for a comeback event at the White House on Saturday, and is planning rallies this week – in Florida on Monday, then Pennsylvania and Iowa – in a bit to salvage his struggling campaign.

safe discontinuation of isolation, this morning's COVID PCR sample demonstrates, by currently recognised standards, he is no longer considered a transmission risk to others," Dr. Sean Conley, the White House physician, said on Saturday.

Tests showed there was "no longer evidence of actively replicating virus," and that Mr. Trump's viral load was "decreasing," Dr. Conley.

It is not yet clear to what

Senate Republicans reject Trump's virus aid offer

Differences over President's efforts to resuscitate stimulus talks with a \$1.8 trillion offer to Democrats

EMILY COCHRANE
WASHINGTON

Republicans revolted on Saturday over President Donald Trump's efforts to resuscitate bipartisan stimulus talks with a \$1.8 trillion offer to Democrats, balking at what they called an exorbitantly costly plan in the latest sign of steep obstacles to any deal before the election.

Even as Democrats held out for more concessions over funding from a newly pliant President urgently seeking an agreement before he faces voters next month,

it was the deep divisions among Republicans that were standing in the way.

Severe backlash

Months of simmering tensions came to a head in a tense phone call on Saturday morning between Senators and top administration officials, in which nearly half of the Republican conference spent more than an hour lashing out at Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, and Mark Meadows, the White House chief of staff, about the revived negotiations and

warning that they could not support much of what was under discussion.

The backlash was so severe that Mr. Meadows at one point told Senators that he would relay their concerns to Mr. Trump, but "you all will have to come to my funeral" after he delivered news of such negative reactions.

The stark divisions between most Senate Republicans and what the White House has signalled it was willing to endorse to secure Democratic support further undercut the potential for an

agreement before November 3, even as the country's economic recovery continues to falter and tens of thousands of Americans, businesses and schools struggle to weather the pandemic without federal relief.

Days after abruptly ending negotiations and then reversing course to demand negotiators "go big," Mr. Trump appears to be faced with two unpalatable choices. Either he is likely to have to concede an inability to wrangle a compromise and deliver critical aid before the election,

or defy warnings from his own party in the Senate and pressure Republicans to vote on a proposal that, as of now, they believe would largely favour Democratic demands.

Most of the Senators signalled an openness to negotiations. But there was dissatisfaction with both the mounting cost of the administration's offers and the perception that Mr. Mnuchin, in talks with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, was acquiescing to the Democratic plan of a \$2.2 trillion package as a baseline. NY TIMES

China grants \$90 million to Sri Lanka after visit by official

It would be used for 'medical care, education, water supplies'

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COLOMBO

China announced on Sunday that it was providing a \$90 million grant to Sri Lanka, two days after the island nation's President sought help from a visiting Chinese delegation in disproving a perception that China-funded megaprojects are "debt traps" aimed at gaining influence in local affairs.

Calling the financial assistance a "timely grant," the Chinese Embassy in Colombo said that it would be used for medical care, education and water supplies in Sri Lanka's rural areas, and that it would "contribute to the well-being of (Sri Lankans) in a post-COVID era."

The announcement follows a visit to the Indian Ocean island nation on Friday by a Chinese delegation led by Yang Jiechi, a Commu-

nist Party Politburo member and a former Foreign Minister.

During talks with Mr. Yang, Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa asked China to help him in disproving a perception that China-funded megaprojects are "debt traps" aimed at gaining influence in local affairs.

Crucial link

China considers Sri Lanka to be a critical link in its massive "Belt and Road" global infrastructure building initiative and has provided billions of dollars in loans for Sri Lankan projects over the past decade. The projects include a seaport, airport, port-city, highways and power stations.

Critics say that the Chinese-funded projects are not financially viable and that

Sri Lanka will face difficulties in repaying the loans.

In 2017, Sri Lanka leased out a Chinese-built port located near busy shipping routes to a Chinese company for 99 years to recover from the heavy burden of repaying the Chinese loan the country received to build it.

The facility is part of Beijing's plan for a line of ports stretching from Chinese waters to the Persian Gulf. China has also agreed to provide a \$989 million loan to Sri Lanka to build an expressway that will connect its tea-growing central region to the Chinese-run seaport.

China's economic influence over Sri Lanka has worried its closest neighbour, India, which considers the Indian Ocean region to be its strategic backyard.

S. Korea urges North to stick to its pledges

It expresses concerns over Pyongyang's unveiling of long-range ballistic missiles

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SEOUL

South Korea on Sunday urged North Korea to commit to its past disarmament pledges while expressing concerns over the North's unveiling of a suspected new long-range missile during a military parade.

During celebrations marking the 75th birthday of its ruling party in Pyongyang on Saturday, North Korea paraded a variety of weapons systems, including two missiles that were disclosed for the first time to a foreign audience.

One is what appeared to be an intercontinental ballistic missile that is larger than any of the North's known ICBMs, and the other would likely be an upgraded version of a missile that can be fired from submarines.

While some experts say they could be mock-ups of missiles under develop-

ment, their disclosures suggest North Korea has been continuously pushing to boost its weapons capability amid a stalemate in nuclear diplomacy with the United States.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said Sunday it was expressing concerns about the fact that North Korea unveiled weapons including what was suspected to be a new long-range ballistic mis-

sile." A ministry statement demanded North Korea abide by 2018 inter-Korean deals aimed at lowering animosities.

Defence reassessment

South Korea's Foreign Ministry issued a separate statement urging North Korea to return to talks to produce progress in its past commitment to achieving denuclearisation and peace on

the Korean Peninsula. After an emergency National Security Council meeting, council members in South Korea said they'll continue to analyse the strategic significance of the North Korean weapons systems disclosed on Saturday and review South Korea's defence capabilities.

Ties between the Koreas remain strained amid the deadlocked nuclear diplomacy between Pyongyang and Washington.

The fact that Mr. Kim maintains his self-imposed moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests indicates he still wants to keep chances for diplomacy with the U.S. alive. But some experts say he'll eventually carry out a major weapons test after the U.S. presidential election to boost his leverage in potential new negotiations with the U.S., whoever wins the election.

Power posturing: North Korean Hwasong-12 ballistic missiles on display during a parade in Pyongyang on Saturday. • AFP

In Belarus, women led the protests and shattered stereotypes

Strongman Lukashenko, who has scoffed at women as too weak for politics, faces a movement led by them to topple him

IVAN NECHEPURENKO
MINSK

With masked riot police officers massing nearby, threatening to attack protesters like him with batons and fists, Aleksei Zulevsky felt safe for the first time in weeks of anti-government unrest in Belarus: He was surrounded by hundreds of women he knew would shield him.

"I feel protected here," said Mr. Zulevsky, as fellow protesters, many holding red and white flags, the banner of the opposition, chanted at a rally last month. "Only cowards beat women!"

In a country whose strongman President, Alexander Lukashenko, has openly scoffed at women as too weak for politics and told them their place was in the

kitchen, Belarusian women became the face and driving force of a movement aimed at toppling a leader known as "Europe's last dictator."

That effort may be flagging, with Mr. Lukashenko refusing to give up power even though tens of thousands continue to come out

to the streets of Minsk to protest every Sunday. But whether or not it succeeds in ousting him the protest movement has already shattered deeply entrenched gender stereotypes built up over generations.

"Women were stronger in this situation," said Tatiana

Kotes, a film production designer and activist. "We had to assume a more significant role. Men's dominating role in the society has collapsed."

The collapse began even before an August 9 presidential election that Mr. Lukashenko claimed to have won by a landslide, setting off two months of almost nonstop protests. To his obvious distaste, Mr. Lukashenko faced an unexpectedly strong challenge from a woman candidate, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, the wife of a popular blogger who had hoped to run himself but was imprisoned before he could register as a candidate.

Mr. Lukashenko mocked his rival as a housewife, a meek mother ill-equipped to debate serious issues of state with a veteran leader like

himself. "She just cooked a tasty cutlet, maybe fed the children, and the cutlet smelled nice," Mr. Lukashenko said in an interview shortly before the election. "And now there's supposed to be a debate about some issues."

Symbol of unity

Adding to his rage and, perhaps, consternation, was the fact that the Opposition, previously led by men and prone to bitter internal feuding, had united around three women – Ms. Tikhanovskaya, whom they backed as the candidate; Veronika Tsepko, the wife of a would-be candidate who fled the country to avoid arrest; and Maria Kolesnikova, the campaign manager for Viktor Babariko, a jailed banker who had also hoped to

challenge Mr. Lukashenko.

With all the main male opposition figures knocked out of the race by arrest or flight abroad, Ms. Tikhanovskaya and her two colleagues ran a strategic and successful campaign, holding large rallies across the country while Mr. Lukashenko confined himself to Soviet-style visits to factories and military bases.

"At our first rallies, we were amazed to see how many people turned up," Ms. Tsepko, 44, said in an interview. "It was a symbol of the unity of Belarusians against the dictatorship."

Ms. Kolesnikova, the only one of the women to remain in Belarus after the election, achieved hero status when she tore up her passport to foil the government's plan to deport her to Ukraine. NY TIMES

U.S. turns focus on Dhaka for Indo-Pacific strategy

Senior U.S. diplomat to arrive on Oct. 14

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh is expected to be the focus of the U.S.-led Indo-Pacific strategy when Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun arrives in Dhaka for a visit from October 14 to 16.

The visit by the senior American official is the clearest sign so far of Trump administration's desire to draw Bangladesh closer as a key Indo-Pacific partner. Bangladesh has not hosted a senior U.S. diplomat of this stature since the visit of Secretary of State John Kerry in August 2016 during the last phase of the Obama administration. Mr. Biegun's visit to Dhaka will be followed by his interactions in New Delhi. Mr. Biegun will arrive in India on Monday.

Sunni cleric shot dead in Pakistan

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KARACHI

Gunmen riding on a motorcycle shot and killed a religious scholar who belongs to a little-known branch of Islam in Pakistan's bustling city of Karachi, police said on Sunday.

The killing of Maulana Adil Khan was immediately condemned and seen as an attempt to trigger sectarian violence between Sunnis and Shites in the country.

Mr. Khan is the son of late prominent scholar Maulana Saleemullah Khan, who founded the grand seminary, Jamia Farooqia, decades ago. The seminary adheres to the Sunni Muslim teachings of the Deobandi sect, whose scholars have been the target of killings in the past.

Mr. Khan held a doctorate in religious studies, received training in his father's seminary and had taught in Malaysia.

Police said the cleric and his driver were both killed in the attack on Saturday evening, which took place in the middle class neighbourhood of Shah Faisal Colony. Police added that when the cleric's vehicle stopped in front of a busy shopping area, gunmen opened fire targeting the driver before firing three bullets that struck Mr. Khan's head, neck and chest. The three attackers then fled away.

PM blames India

Prime Minister Imran Khan termed it "an attempt by India to create sectarian conflict across the country," though no immediate evidence was given that India was behind the attack.

Pakistan has a history of sectarian enmity between Sunnis and Shiites extremists.



Women to the fore: Demonstrators at a rally in solidarity with the Belarusian Opposition in Minsk, in this file photo. • AFP

to the streets of Minsk to protest every Sunday. But whether or not it succeeds in ousting him the protest movement has already shattered deeply entrenched gender stereotypes built up over generations.

"Women were stronger in this situation," said Tatiana

for all, U.S.-Bangladesh cooperation on COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, and sustainable economic development," the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka said in a statement announcing Mr. Biegun's visit.

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ASK US



N. SREE KANTH

Q. I am a senior citizen. I am planning to buy a senior citizen scheme jointly with my wife to the tune of ₹15 Lakh for the FY21 and ₹6 lakh in FY 22, respectively. Am I eligible to get I-T benefit for FY21 and FY22, respectively?

KALYAN KUMAR DEY

A. Senior citizens can invest in Senior Citizens Savings Scheme in order to avail of deduction of the amounts deposited under the said scheme up to ₹1.5 lakh in an assessment year under Section 80C of the Act, provided there are no other specified investments or expenditure under Section 80C and underlying Section 80CCC.

Q. I work in an Indian IT firm and was assigned onshore work in U.K. under a work permit from January 2018. My assignment got completed and I returned home in January 2020. I did not receive any Indian pay and there was only U.K. pay (but there was an Indian component to it). For FY18-19, my tax in India was 0. But for FY19-20, tax was deducted in India for whole year. I paid tax in the U.K. also for two years. Does this count for dual tax and can I claim my tax paid in India? Also, my colleague returning after February 2020 did not pay any tax in India.

SRIVATSAN

A. For the purposes of taxation in India, for the FY18-19, you were an NRI and for an NRI, only incomes accrued and/or received in India are taxed in India as per the residential status determination of the Income Tax Act. As there has been no tax deductions in India for FY18-19 and taxes were paid as per U.K. laws for the income earned and received in U.K., the situation of double taxation does not arise for this year.

For FY19-20, as per the residential status determination provisions, you still will be an NRI as you were outside India for more than 180 days in the financial year and were outside India for the purpose of employment due to which income tax does not arise in India for the income earned in U.K. You may contact your HR department to understand the reason for deducting the tax for the whole year. Indian income tax return has to be filed for any income received in India for this year. If any excess Indian tax deduction is made by your company, the same can be claimed as refund. However, it is to be noted that any excess tax paid in U.K. cannot be claimed as refund in India or vice versa.

Q. I am a very senior citizen and so, I am exempt from paying advance tax. I calculate self-assessment tax and pay it in the stipulated month. Now that the last date of submission of I-T return has been shifted to November 30, can I pay the self-assessment tax in November and file my I-T return by the same date?

K.A. NARAYANAN

A. The government issued a Notification dated June 24, 2020 granting relief to assesses by extending the due dates for filing ITR for AY20-21 (FY 19-20) to November 30, 2020. However, a proviso in the notification and a clarificatory press release stated that penal interest for non-payment of self-assessment tax within the original due dates – in your case July 31, 2020 – will be applicable if the self-assessment tax liability exceeds ₹1 lakh. If your self-assessment tax liability exceeds ₹1 lakh, it is advised that the same be discharged along with interest as soon as possible. The return filing may be done at a later date but before November 30, 2020.

This reply is based on the developments and the announcements up to August 21, 2020.

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RAVIKANTH



"Are you making me buy salt or smuggle some? They want me to reveal some secret code sent to your phone now!"

Perils of treading the PE path

Investors must understand the business, cash flows and risks before valuing a stock

VIDYA BALA

Last week, I was interviewing a fresher. His enthusiasm for stock markets was infectious. He excitedly opened his mobile to show me the list of stocks he had filtered using online financial screeners.

He was going to start investing in what he thought were, stocks that the rest of the market had not 'discovered.' And at prices that he thought were true 'value.' Not surprisingly, I found many of his low PE stocks were value traps or worthlessness.

If you are a new investor like him, running screeners through equity apps to pick your stocks, here's what you need to know about the PE ratio.

PE ratio is nothing but the measure of the price of a company's stock as a multiple of the earnings that a company generates/seeks to generate. The PE ratio is calculated either using the current earnings per share (annualised) or the trailing, four-quarter earnings or the ex-

pected earnings per share (forward PE).

Many stock market crash courses will teach you to ask yourself whether a company will grow at the rate of its PE. For example, when a stock's PE is 35 times, the question you are required to pose is whether you expect a 35% growth in the company's earnings.

But growth is not the only factor to influence PE. The market may be willing to afford a higher price for low debt, high return on equity, or steady payouts. Or, it may be unwilling to pay more if there are risks in the form of cyclicalities of business or risk of regulations or competition. Sometimes you will see a high PE stock move to a higher PE without being accompanied by commensurate earnings growth.

Let us take Dabur India as an illustration. The stock returned 24% in the past one year, far higher than the Nifty's returns. A year ago, the stock's PE was at 52 times. If you had asked yourself whether the company would deliver an earnings growth of 52% in the next 2-3 years, the answer would have been a clear

no. If you, therefore, had left the stock and moved on, you would have missed the opportunity of catching a stock with index-beating returns.

At 62 times PE now, the stock was not de-rated although its earnings did not grow last fiscal. The high PE was awarded for other factors such as its high ROE, low debt, steady, if not high, dividend payouts. Hence, unless you view the PE as a function of multiple factors (for which you need to understand the company), the ratio can be quite misleading.

PEs change with time, rate

Stock markets tend to value stocks for certain qualities and with time, they may value those qualities less and move to better metrics to estimate prospects. Real estate, infrastructure, retailing and media pre-2008 enjoyed high PE valuations but have never gone back to those levels in the past decade. Real estate play, DLF for instance, enjoyed over 50 PE post its listing, going up to even 100 times. It is now at a more modest 27 times median PE in the last three years. Once

the markets got a grip that earnings growth in real estate was

not a mere function of the land book, the PEs automatically readjusted to lower levels. A similar story played out with IT companies post Y2K and is likely playing out with finance companies now.

Interest rate scenarios, too, influence PE. The underlying value of a company is simply the sum of its future business cash flows in today's value (discounted at a risk-free rate). When the risk-free rate is low, the discounting leads to an higher-valued asset. Hence, in a low interest scenario, you will find fewer stocks with low PE (as is the case now) and that may lead you to believe that there is no opportunity.

PEs also act very differently for some sectors. When your screener throws a commodity company with very low PE, it means its earnings has peaked.

It is likely entering a downturn and may not deliver returns any time soon. Hence, if you didn't know the sector cycles, you can be taking wrong decisions.

Different interpretations

Another problem is that you can interpret PEs very differently based on how you calculate the PE. For example, in a period of growing earnings in India, analysts tend to use the forward PE (which will naturally be lower as your earnings grow) to hide the fact that current PE is very high. But an analyst who wants to issue a 'sell' on such a stock may cite the current PE ratio to make a case for an over-valued stock. As an investor you'll be left confused, unless you have an idea about the company, its financials, cash flows and very importantly, its prospects.

So, screener lovers... make sure you understand businesses, understand cash flows, and understand risks. Ratios will start making more sense.

(The author is co-founder, Pri meinvestor.in)

POINTS TO PONDER

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COVER NOTE: NEED-BASED BUYING

Focus on your needs while buying an insurance plan

Tax break must not be sole purpose of buying a policy since it can lead to a bad choice

K. NITYA KALYANI

Reading up on insurance gives us many answers. It also gives rise to many new questions in the mind. We realise that there is much we don't know and need to understand. These questions lead us to the right product and the right insurance company.

Once you have researched your needs and the products available at the site of Insurance Web Aggregators (IWAs), which we saw in detail in the earlier instalment of Cover Note, you can make inquiries on their websites.

Answering queries

Following this, the insurance company/companies concerned will reach out to you and take you through the process of answering your questions and finalising the sale.

You can also contact any agent or the representative of a

corporate agency or an insurance broker to take the process forward.

At this stage, you will face a lot of hard sell and pressure to make up your mind. Do take your time and be convinced you have all the information you need before finalising your insurance purchase.

In the midst of all the confusing inputs and mixing up of issues in an attempt to convince you to buy quickly, don't lose sight of the purpose for which you are buying insurance. It may be health or life risk coverage, or may be it is an investment tailored to your needs and time frame.

It can also be statutory as in the case of Motor Third Party Liability insurance.

Except for the last category of policies, a carrot that the intermediary will dangle is the tax break. While it exists and has its value, it cannot and



Tough choice: A prospective client can face hard sell and pressure to decide from an insurance broker. ■ GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

should not be the reason for you to buy insurance, or a specific policy. Many have regretted bad choices being misled by

such incidental advantages.

We saw many insurance intermediaries in the last few instalments, here is one more.

Apart from the agent or broker, you can also buy insurance from an intermediary called an Insurance Marketing Firm (IMF).

Unlike other institutional intermediaries (the corporate agent, including bancassurance partner and the insurance broker), an IMF sells insurance but can also be in the business of selling other financial products such as National Pension Scheme (NPS) accounts, post office small savings schemes and mutual funds.

Increasing coverage

The objective of creating this additional channel to sell insurance is to locate intermediaries and their field personnel in economically-backward districts in order to facilitate increasing insurance coverage there. Their registration conditions also reflect it.

About 375 IMFs are regis-

tered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). IMFs can appoint insurance sales persons and financial services executives. The former is licensed to sell only insurance and the latter, with suitable licences from other financial regulators, can sell other financial products.

In such geographical locations, it will be more convenient for the customers to buy insurance from the same entity that they approach for other savings and investment products.

For the intermediaries too, this will lead to better efficiency since they create infrastructure that can be used to sell a wider range of products and can cross-sell to the same customer base.

(The writer is a business journalist specialising in insurance and corporate history)

Bank Fixed Deposit Rates

Bank Name	Interest Rates (%)			
	Highest Slab	1-year tenure	3-year tenure	5-year tenure
SMALL FINANCE BANKS				
Suryoday Small Finance Bank	7.50	6.75	7.15	7.50
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	7.50	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jana Small Finance Bank	7.50	6.90	7.50	7.00
Equitas Small Finance Bank	7.35	7.10	7.15	6.75
ESAF Small Finance Bank	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.00
Fincare Small Finance Bank	7.00	6.50	6.90	6.00
AU Small Finance Bank	6.75	5.50	6.75	6.50
Capital Small Finance Bank	6.65	6.35	6.35	6.25
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	6.50	6.50	6.05	5.80
PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS				
RBL Bank	7.15	6.85	7.15	6.50
IndusInd Bank	7.00	7.00	6.75	6.75
DCB Bank	6.95	6.50	6.95	6.95
Nainital Bank	6.50	5.40	5.50	5.50
Lakshmi Vilas Bank	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
IDFC First Bank	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Bandhan Bank	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Karur Vysya Bank	6.00	5.50	5.65	5.65
City Union Bank	6.00	5.50	5.75	5.50
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank	5.75	5.75	5.50	5.50
Karnataka Bank	5.70	5.40	5.65	5.65
Dhanlaxmi Bank	5.60	5.25	5.40	5.50
South Indian Bank	5.50	5.40	5.50	5.50
CSB Bank	5.50	5.25	5.50	5.50
PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS				
Federal Bank	5.50	5.25	5.50	5.50
Axis Bank	5.50	5.15	5.40	5.50
HSBC Bank	5.50	5.10	5.15	5.30
ICICI Bank	5.50	5.00	5.15	5.35
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	5.30	5.10	5.30	5.30
Kotak Mahindra Bank	5.10	4.60	4.90	4.50
FOREIGN BANKS				
Deutsche Bank	6.25	4.00	4.75	6.25
DBS Bank	5.20	4.15	4.70	5.20
HSBC Bank	4.00	3.15	4.00	4.00
Citibank	3.75	3.00	3.75	3.75

Rates as on October 7

Source:Paisabazaar.com

Home Loan Interest Rates

Nadal's never-ending Parisian love story turns another page

The Spaniard ties Federer's record tally of 20 men's Majors after subduing Djokovic and clinching his 13th title at Roland Garros

FRENCH OPEN

AGENCIES

Rafael Nadal demolished World No. 1 Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 in the French Open final to claim a record-equalling 20th Grand Slam title on Sunday.

With his record-extending 13th triumph at Roland Garros, the World No. 2 Spaniard is now tied with Swiss Roger Federer for most men's singles Majors.

In a match that started under the roof of court Philippe-Chatrier, Nadal was the early aggressor, choking Djokovic to win the opening set in brutal fashion, having committed only two unforced errors.

He then kept a firm grip on his subdued opponent in the second as well, winning it 6-2.

Djokovic, who was looking for his 18th Grand Slam title, rebelled in the third set, breaking back for 3-3, only to drop serve on a double fault in the 11th game. Nadal held

with ease, closing with an ace, to bag his 100th victory in Paris.

"Congrats to Novak for another great tournament. Sorry for today," said Nadal. "In Australia (in the final in 2019) he killed me. One day one wins, another day the other wins."

Djokovic had won five Grand Slam finals in a row since being beaten by Stan Wawrinka at the 2016 US Open, but Nadal was unperturbed on his favourite surface changing conditions and the lack of spectators amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Streaks of success

The 34-year-old Nadal has put together streaks of four or more French Open championships thrice – 2005-08, 2010-14 and 2017-20 – to go alongside his four trophies at the U.S. Open, two at Wimbledon and one at the Australian Open.

Nadal is now even with Federer for the first time since each man had zero Slams to his name in early 2003.



Undisputed king: Rafael Nadal is all pumped up after a dominant display against Novak Djokovic in the men's title clash. ■ AP

Incredible 13

- This is a record fourth time Nadal has won a Slam without dropping a set (all at French Open; 2008, '10, '17 and '20).
- The Spaniard's sixth Major after turning 30, the most among men in the Open Era.
- He has won at least one Grand Slam in 14 of the past 16 years, except 2015 and '16.
- The final was Nadal's 100th win at Roland Garros. Only Federer has more match wins at a single event among men (102 at Australian Open and 101 at Wimbledon).
- At 34 years and four months, Nadal is the second

I am not even thinking about Roger Federer or No. 20. For me, it's just a Roland Garros win. It means everything to me—NADAL

It's a true honour to congratulate him. I hope 20 is just another step on the continuing journey for both of us. Well done, Rafa!—DJOKOVIC

THE GRAND SLAM LEADERBOARD

- 20 Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal | 17 Novak Djokovic | 14 Pete Sampras | 12 Roy Emerson | 11 Rod Laver and Bjorn Borg | 10 Bill Tilden

Tewatia, Parag pull off a Royal comeback

IPL 2020

SPORTS BUREAU

Rahul Tewatia and Riyan Parag stole a sensational win from right under the nose of Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday.

The five-wicket victory, with a ball to spare, at the Dubai International Stadium finally brought an end to the terrible run for Rajasthan Royals, which had come into the match after losing its last four.

Ploy fails

On a surface where stroke-making wasn't easy, the target of 159 set by Sunrisers, after opting to bat, looked distant for Royals when its top-order crumbled again. The ploy to promote Ben Stokes – playing his first IPL game of the season – didn't work as he chopped Khaleel Ahmed on to the stumps.

Skipper Steve Smith's hesitation while going for a second run for Jos Buttler ended in his run-out. A couple of balls later, Buttler followed Smith to the dugout, edging Khaleel behind.

Then Rashid Khan sent back Sanju Samson (26) and



Dynamic duo: Tewatia and Parag's unbeaten 85-run stand took Royals home. ■ BCCI/IPL

Robin Uthappa. At 78 for five, Royals was in dire straits. Another 81 was needed off eight overs when Tewatia (45 not out, 28b, 4x4, 2x6) joined Parag (42 not out, 26b, 2x4, 2x6). They were not separated till the winning shot came from the youngster: a six over cover off Khaleel.

It was splendid batting from Tewatia – whose stunning knock against KXIP had given Royals their first win a

fortnight ago – and Parag, who has such a mature head on his young shoulders.

Earlier, Sunrisers was restricted by another excellent spell from Jofra Archer. But it was young seamer Kartik Tyagi who broke the opening partnership between Warner and Jonny Bairstow.

The Englishman's attempt to hit a second straight six failed as Samson came up with a brilliant diving catch,

timing his run towards his left from deep square-leg to perfection.

Warner then added 73 for the second wicket with Manish Pandey (54, 44b, 2x4, 3x6) before Archer cleaned up the opener with a fast, fuller, straighter delivery.

Kane Williamson and Priyam Garg scored 35 off the last two overs to boost the SRH total. However, Tewatia and Parag had other ideas.

SCOREBOARD

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

David Warner b Archer 48 (38b, 3x4, 2x6), Jonny Bairstow c Samson b Tyagi 16 (19b, 1x6), Manish Pandey c Tewatia b Unadkat 54 (44b, 2x4, 3x6), Robin Uthappa lbw b Rashid 18 (15b, 1x4, 7x6), Riyan Parag (not out) 42 (26b, 2x4, 2x6), Rahul Tewatia (not out) 45 (28b, 4x4, 2x6); Extras (lb-4, w-2): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 158.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-23 (Bairstow, 4.4 overs), 2-96 (Warner, 14.4), 3-122 (Manish, 17.4), 4-158 (Garg, 19.6).

ROYALS BOWLING

Archer 4-0-25-1, Shreyas 4-0-31-0, Tyagi 3-0-29-1, Unadkat 4-0-31-1, Tewatia 4-0-35-0, Stokes 1-0-7-0.

RAJASTHAN ROYALS

Ben Stokes b Khaleel 5 (6b, 25-2), Vijay Shankar 3-0-22-0.

Innings scan

SRH	Dots	RR
42	38	
6	12	
9	6	
26/1	36/3	
7.90	RR	8.21

Next assignment

SRH: Oct.13 vs. CSK

Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST

RR: Oct.14 vs. DC

Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST

Suryakumar and de Kock deliver for MI

SPORTS BUREAU

Suryakumar Yadav played a second match-winning knock of the week to help Mumbai Indians cruise to a comfortable victory against Delhi Capitals and emerge as clear leader in the Indian Premier League points table.

Suryakumar's 53 (32b, 6x4, 1x6) ensured that Quinton de Kock's quickfire fifty (53, 36b, 4x4, 3x6) didn't go waste as Mumbai Indians hunted down the target of 163 with five wickets and two balls to spare at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

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Easing the pressure When de Kock mistimed a sweep to Prithvi Shaw at deep square in the 10th over, the winning mark was still 86 runs away. But, on a slowish pitch, Suryakumar and Ishan Kishan kept hitting the boundaries to ease the pressure.

Suryakumar used the crease effectively to sent Kagiso Rabada through third-

man for a four followed by a whip over long-leg for a six that fetched him his fifty.

However, he perished in the last ball of the 15th over and the Capitals captain Shreyas Iyer pouched a skier. By then, however, the target was well in sight with 33 runs required off five overs. Despite a bit of a stutter, Kieron Pollard and Krunal Pandya saw their team through in the last over.

Capitals handed debut caps to Jinkya Rahane and Alex Carey. Shikhar Dhawan (69 n.o., 52b, 6x4, 1x6) took the onus of batting through the innings after Prithvi Shaw and Rahane succumbed in the PowerPlay.

But Shreyas holing out in the deep in the 15th over after a partnership of 84 runs with Dhawan gave MI a chance to put the brakes. And a needless run out of Marcus Stoinis in the 17th over meant MI tightened the screws, conceding only 35 runs in the last four overs.



Blazing away: Quinton de Kock and Suryakumar Yadav came up with sparkling half-centuries. ■ BCCI/IPL

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS

Prithvi Shaw c Kunral b Boult 4 (3b, 1x4), Shikhar Dhawan (not out) 69 (52b, 6x4, 1x6), Ajinkya Rahane lbw b Kunral 15 (15b, 3x4), Shreyas Iyer c Boult b Kunral 42 (33b, 5x4), Marcus Stoinis run out 13 (8b, 2x4), Alex Carey (not out) 14 (9b), Extras (w-5): 5; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 162.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-4 (Shaw, 0.3 overs), 2-24 (Rahane, 4.2), 3-109 (Shreyas, 14.6), 4-130 (Hardik, 15.2), 5-152 (Ishan, 17.3).

CAPITALS BOWLING

Rabada 4-0-28-2, Nortje 4-0-28-0, Axar 3-0-24-1, Ashwin 4-0-35-1, Harshal 2-0-20-0, Stoinis 2.4-0-31-1.

Toss: DC; MoM: de Kock.

MI won by five wickets with two balls to spare.

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Boult 4-0-36-1, Patterson 3-0-37-0, Bumrah 4-0-26-1, Kunral 4-0-26-2, Pollard 1-0-10-0, Rahul Chahar 4-0-27-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS

Rohit Sharma c Rabada b Axar 5 (12b), Quinton de Kock c Shaw b Axwin 53 (36b, 4x4, 3x6), Suryakumar Yadav c Shreyas b Rabada 53 (32b, 6x4, 1x6), Ishan Kishan c Axar b Rabada 28 (15b, 2x4, 2x6), Hardik Pandya c Carey b Stoinis 0 (2b), Kieron Pollard (not out) 11 (4b, 1x4), Krunal Pandya (not out) 12 (7b, 2x4); Extras (w-4): 4; Total (for

Innings scan

DC	Dots	MI
33	37	
17	15	
1	6	
46/2	44/1	
8.1	8.44	

Next assignment

DC: Oct.14 vs. RR

Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST

MI: Oct.16 vs. KKR

Abu Dhabi, 7.30 p.m. IST

SUDOKU

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TV PICKS

NBA Finals: Sony Six (SD & HD), 5 a.m.
St. Petersburg Open: Sony Six (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Wolff cards day's best;
Cantlay, Laird share lead

LOS ANGELES
Patrick Cantlay and Martin Laird shared the lead after Saturday's third round of the PGA Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. They each fired six-under 65s to set the pace on 20-under 193. But it was Matthew Wolff who stole the show by shooting a 61, one off the course record and in a third-place pack on 195 with Brian Harman, Wyndham Clark and Austin Cook. AFP

Shubhankar loses ground; Hatton on top

WENTWORTH
Shubhankar Sharma endured a rollercoaster third round, carding an even par 72 to tie tied 44th at the BMW PGA Championship here. England's Tyrrell Hatton moved into pole position to claim a third Rolex Series title, surging ahead of a star-studded field with a four-under 68. Joachim B. Hansen of Denmark and Frenchman Victor Perez were the closest contenders on 11-under, both having carded third round 70s. PTI

Duda ends Carlsen's record unbeaten run

OSLO
World No. 15 Polish Grandmaster Jan-Krzysztof Duda handed World chess champion Magnus Carlsen his first defeat in more than two years and a record 125 games, at a tournament in Norway. The World No. 1 had not been beaten since losing to Azerbaijani GM Shakhriyar Mamedyarov on July 31, 2018. Carlsen has posted 44 wins and 81 draws since then. AFP

Hamilton keeps his date with destiny

The Briton claims 91st win to equal Schumacher's record

EIFEL GP

REUTERS
NURBURGRING

Lewis Hamilton equalled Michael Schumacher's all-time record 91 Formula One wins on Sunday with an Eifel Grand Prix victory that catapulted the Mercedes driver closer to a seventh world championship.

While the Briton triumphed at the Nurburgring, the German circuit where Ferrari great Schumacher won five times, team mate Valtteri Bottas suffered a huge hit to his title hopes with a first retirement of the season.

Big lead

Hamilton, celebrating his seventh win of the season, is now 69 points clear of the Finn in the standings with six rounds remaining.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen finished second, and took a bonus point for fastest lap, with Australian Daniel Ricciardo third for Renault.

Fast Facts

- Kimi Raikkonen's 323 starts make him the most experienced driver in F1 history, overtaking Rubens Barrichello
- Mercedes' first win at Nurburgring since it returned to the sport in 2010
- Ricciardo's first podium with Renault after joining the outfit last year
- Renault becomes the seventh team to finish on the podium this year, the first time this has happened since 2012

Schumacher's son Mick, the Formula Two leader who could be racing against Hamilton next season, presented the Briton with one of his father's red helmets from his second stint in F1 with Mercedes.

Standings: Drivers: 1. Hamilton 230; 2. Bottas 161; 3. Verstappen 147; 4. Ricciardo 78; 5. Perez 68; **Constructors:** 1. Mercedes 391; 2. Red Bull 211; 3. Racing Point 120; 4. McLaren 116; 5. Renault 114.

a 2013 skiing accident and has not been seen in public since. "Thank you so much, it's such an honour," said Hamilton before stepping up onto the podium at the circuit closest to Schumacher's boyhood home in Kerpen.

The results: 1. Hamilton (Mercedes) 1h35m49.641s; 2. Verstappen (Red Bull Racing) +4.470s; 3. Daniel Ricciardo (Renault) 14.613s; 4. Perez (Racing Point) 16.070s; 5. Sainz Jr. (McLaren) 21.905s; 6. Gasly (AlphaTauri) 22.766s; 7. Leclerc (Ferrari) 30.814s; 8. Hulkenberg (Racing Point) 32.596s; 9. Grosjean (Haas) 39.081s; 10. Giovinazzi (Alfa Romeo) 40.035s; 11. Vettel (Ferrari) 40.810s; 12. Raikkonen (Alfa Romeo) 41.476s; 13. Magnussen (Haas) 49.585s; 14. Latifi (Williams) 54.449s; 15. Kyat (AlphaTauri) 55.588s; **DNF:** Norris (McLaren); Albon (Red Bull Racing); Ocon (Renault); Bottas (Mercedes); Russell (Williams).



Special moment: Lewis Hamilton with Michael Schumacher's helmet handed to him by his son Mick. ■ REUTERS

Champagne moment

Hamilton scored his 91st Grand Prix win at the Eifel Grand Prix in the Nurburgring, equalling Michael Schumacher for the most wins in F1 history



Women's T20 Challenge in the UAE next month

CRICKET

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
KOZHIKODE



From the album: Captains Mithali Raj (Velocity), Harmanpreet Kaur (Supernovas) and Smriti Mandhana (Traiblazers) at Jaipur last year. ■ FILE PHOTO: ROHIT JAIN PARAS

Big Bash in Australia.

The squads: **Supernovas:** Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Jemimah Rodrigues, Chamari Athapaththu, Priya Punia, Anuha

Patil, Radha Yadav, Tanya Bhattacharya (wk), Shashikala Sivardene, Poonam Yadav, Shakera Selman, Arundhati Reddy, Pooja Vastrakar, Ayushi Soni, Ayabonga Khaka and Muskan Malik.

Traiblazers: Smriti Mandhana (Capt.), Deepi Sharma, Punam Raut, Richa Ghosh, Dhemalatha, Nuzhat Parween (wk), Rakeshwar Gaykawad, Harleen Deol, Jhulan Goswami, Simaran Dil Bahadur, Salma Khatun, Sophie Ecclestone, Nattakan Chantham, Deandra Dottin and Kashvee Gautam.

Velocity: Mithali Raj (Capt.), Veena Krishnamurthy, Shafali Verma, Sushma Verma (wk), Ekta Bisht, Mansi Joshi, Shikha Pandey, Devika Vaidya, Sushree Diabdarshini, Manali Dakshini, Leigh Kasperek, Danielle Wyatt, Sune Luus, Jahanara Alam and M. Anagha.

Mohammedan Sporting, FC Bengaluru post wins

I-LEAGUE QUALIFIERS

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Mohammedan Sporting FC continued its winning run by downing ARA FC of Ahmedabad 4-1 in an I-League Qualifier match here at the Salt Lake Stadium on Sunday.

In a surprise move, Sporting also sacked coach Yan Law in the middle of its ongoing campaign. The club issued a letter notifying the "termination" of its contract with the former Punjab FC coach. According to club insiders, the sacking of Law is

the result of a factional discord in the administration. Assistant coach Saheed Ramon will be in charge of the team for the remaining matches of the I-League Qualifier, said a statement issued by the club.

Meanwhile, FC Bengaluru United prevailed over Garhwal FC by a solitary goal in the other match played at the Kalyani Stadium.

The results: League A: Group 4: Ukraine 1 (Malinovskyi 76pen) lost to Germany 2 (Ginter 20, Goretzka 49); Spain 1 (Oyarzabal 14) bt Switzerland 0. League C: Group 1: Luxembourg 2 (Sinan 12, 26) bt Cyprus 0; Montenegro 2 (Jovetic 9, Ivanovic 71) bt Azerbaijan 0. League D: Group 1: Faroe Islands 1 (Faero 28) drew with Latvia 1 (Ikauniens 25); Andorra 0 drew with Malta 0. Group 2: Liechtenstein 0 lost to Gibraltar 1 (De Barr 10).

Spain beats Switzerland

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Mikel Oyarzabal's goal sealed a 1-0 victory for Spain over Switzerland in the Nations League on Saturday.

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