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Max: 31°C
Min: 21.6°C
RH: 74%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky. Thundershowers likely. Max/Min temp. 30/22 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Nija-Ashvina Suddha Padyami till 9.10 pm
Star: Chitta till 11.52 am
Variyam: 4.46 pm to 6.10 pm
Durmuhurtam: 6.13 am to 7.46 am
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am

HJRI CALENDAR
Safar ul Muzaffar 29, 1442 AH

PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.09 am
Zohar: 12.11 pm
Asar: 4.15 pm
Maghrib: 5.58 pm
Isha: 7.06 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.09 AM
SUNSET TODAY 5.52 PM
MOONRISE TODAY 6.28 AM
MOONSET TOMORROW 6.33 PM

COUNTER POINT



We will restore power once the rainwater recedes!

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Navratri begins today



Idols of goddess Durga being taken to pandals as Dasara Navratri, the festival that spans nine nights and 10 days, starts from Saturday.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

2 hurt as residents fight over flood water release

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

Two angry groups of residents from three different colonies in Vanasthalipuram came to blows on late Thursday night over release of water from a flooded tank near a colony. It left two people grievously injured.

Residents of Hari Hara Puram Colony in BN Reddy Nagar, whose homes were inundated, had hired an excavator to widen a channel that carries water from Kappala Cheruvu, whose backwaters flooded their homes. When residents from downstream Gandhi-

nagar and Snehamani colonies learnt of this, a group of about 20 of them rushed to the site and objected, saying that if the channel was widened their homes would be flooded. The war of words that began at around 11.30 pm resulted in fist-cuffs and beating each other with sticks, police said. Vanasthalipuram inspector K. Murli Mohan said that the clash led to two persons receiving serious injuries and that a case has been filed. Police are investigating to fix responsibility for the clash.

The injured have been identified as Sai Goud and Sandeep Reddy from

the downstream colonies while one person, Hari Prasad from Hari Hara Puram Colony has been booked as an accused.

According to Arun Dev, a resident of Hari Hara Puram Colony, the rain water resulted in floods of up to eight to ten feet in his colony. “Even after two days, no government agency came to help us despite repeated appeals. So the residents took the initiative to release more water from the tank by widening the channel into the adjacent forest land. People from the other two colonies objected as they feared that the rising flow would inundate their residences.”

LANCET: INDIANS LIVING LONGER, ADDED 10+ YEARS

New Delhi, Oct. 16: India has gained more than a decade of life expectancy since 1990, but there are wide ine-qualities between states, according to a new study published in the journal *Lancet*.

It assessed more than 286 causes of death and 369 diseases and injuries in more than 200 countries and territories across the world.

The study noted that life expectancy in India has risen from 59.6 years in 1990 to 70.8 years in 2019, ranging from 77.3 years in Kerala to 66.9 years in Uttar Pradesh. However, the researchers, including Srinivas Goli from the Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar, said the increase in healthy life expectancy has not been as dramatic since “people are living more years with illness and disability.”

“The main improvement we see in almost every country is a decline in infectious diseases and more rise in chronic diseases,” said study co-author Ali Mokdad from the University of Washington. “In India maternal mortality used to be very high, but now it is coming down. Cardiovascular diseases used to be number five, and now it is number one, and cancer rates are rising,” Mokdad, Professor of Global Health at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, said.

“The interaction of Covid with the continued global rise in chronic illness and related risk factors, including obesity, high blood sugar, and outdoor air pollution, over the past 30 years has created a perfect storm, fuelling Covid deaths,” the scientists noted in a statement.

—PTI

TS STUDENT BAGS THIRD RANK IN NEET; 7 IN TOP 50

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

Seven students from Telangana state made it to the top 50 list of toppers in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Thummala, third rank on Friday.

Snikitha Thummala secured the third rank, with 715 out of 720 marks. Another student from Telangana, Anantha Parakrama B. Nookala, secured the 11th rank with 710 marks. After a whole day of waiting, and technical glitches on its official website, the National Testing Authority (NTA) declared the results of the medical entrance exam at 9 pm. Of the total 15,97,435 candidates registered, 13,66,945 had appeared and 7,71,500 qualified. In the state, out of 54,872 candidates who had registered, 50,392 appeared, of which 49.15 per cent qualified.

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Snikitha Thummala, third rank on Friday.

PM: Govt to fix ‘right age’ for girls to wed

Centre waiting for report by 10-member panel

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, OCT. 16

Amid the alarming fact that India and China together contribute to 90 per cent of 1.2 million missing female births annually worldwide, mainly due to gender-biased sex selection, considered among the main reasons for the still prevalent child marriages in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that the government will fix the “right age” of marriage as soon as a high-level panel submits its report.

“Discussions are underway to decide the right age for marriage of our daughters. From across the country, daughters have written to me asking why the concerned committee has not given its decision yet. I assure you that as soon as the report comes, the government will act on it,” Mr Modi said at an event to release a commemorative ₹75 coin to mark the 75th anniversary of India’s

Modi to address 12 rallies for Bihar polls

Patna, Oct. 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address 12 rallies in Bihar where the three-phase Assembly election will begin on October 28. Addressing a press conference on Friday, senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis said the PM will address the first set of rallies in Sasaram, Gaya and

long-standing ties with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN.

He also spoke of the steps taken for women’s health and hygiene. “We are taking appropriate actions for our daughters’ well-being. Through Jal Jeevan Mission, work is going on to provide water to every household. We are providing sanitary pads for one rupee each,” he said.

Bhagalpur on October 23. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and other leaders of the NDA constituent parties will attend the rallies to be addressed by Modi, he said. On October 28, Modi will address rallies in Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur and Patna, Fadnavis, the BJP’s Bihar election in-charge, said.

— PTI

The women and child development ministry had in June formed a task force under former politician Jaya Jaitley to examine matters related to the age of motherhood and lowering of maternal mortality rate (MMR). The 10-member panel was due to submit its report to the government by July 31, but as is evident by the PM’s remarks, it is yet to do so.



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CASES	DEATHS
(+64,091)	(+1,167)
74,28,912	1,13,302
covid19india.org	
STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS	
(+1,554)	(+7)
TS: 2,19,224	1,256
(+3,967)	(+25)
AP: 7,75,470	6,382

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

3,94,21,619
DEATHS
11,06,174
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES
213
worldometers.info/coronavirus

IN BRIEF

CM greets on Bathukamma fest

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao conveyed his greetings to people of Telangana state on the occasion of the Bathukamma festival. He asked the people to celebrate the festival strictly following Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. He urged the people to celebrate Bathukamma festival, a symbol of Telangana's pride and culture, with devotion. He prayed to the Goddess that the agriculture sector should prosper with high yields and every household should have peace and happiness.

86% candidates clear PGECET

Hyderabad: A total of 86.01 per cent candidates have qualified out of 16,807 who had appeared for the TS PGECET 2020, as per the results of which were announced on Friday. A total of 22,282 candidates had registered for the test. The number of qualified candidates stands at 14,456, including 6,663 women. The percentage of qualifying male candidates stood at 46.37 per cent and 39.64 per cent for women. The tests were conducted for admissions into ME, M.Tech, M Pharm, graduate-level Pharm-D (Post Baccalaureate) programmes in 19 subjects from September 21 to 24.

Cancel non-final year exams: NSUI

Hyderabad: The National Students Union of India (NSUI) on Friday submitted a representation to education minister Sabitha Indra Reddy, requesting that all students, except those doing their final year, be promoted without conducting exams in view of the colleges remaining closed due to Coronavirus pandemic. NSUI state president Balmoor Venkat and other office-bearers said all first, second and third engineering and first and second year degree students should be promoted as per the UGC guidelines. He maintained that mass promotion is a necessity because students have found following online classes difficult and will have to complete their syllabus of the semester within a very short period.

7 parties lose common symbol

Hyderabad: The Telangana State Election Commission said on Friday that seven registered political parties have lost the common symbol allotted to them and forfeited the deposit amount of ₹10,000 and are ineligible to apply afresh for a common symbol till January 7, 2025. The SEC in a press release said these parties are the Telangana Jana Samiti, Jana Shankhaaravam Party, BC United Forum, Mana Telangana Rashtra Samaiya Party, Praja Sena Party, Samajwadi Forward Bloc and Yuva Telangana Party. The SEC said they had failed to set up 10 per cent candidates in the elections to municipalities and municipal corporations held in January this year. These specifications are mentioned in Paragraph 6A in Part-III of Symbols Order, 2018.

KTR tells civic body to clear sanitation issues

GHMC, SCB representatives donate salary to CM Relief Fund

MADHY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

Minister K.T. Rama Rao inspected rain-affected areas for the third consecutive day on Friday, interacting with residents and assuring them that measures are being taken up to bring quickly restore normalcy.

Rao, municipal administration and urban development minister, visited the shelter set up at BS Maqta and interacted with the residents of the area who have been shifted there for safety. Later, he inspected the inundated areas in Prakashnagar and Brahmanwadi in Begumpet.

The minister instructed GHMC officials to provide relief to the citizens. He also distributed ration kits to residents.

The government has started distributing blankets and relief material to citizens at GHMC shelter homes. As the rains have subsided, Rao said, the civic body is now focusing on repairing sanitation works.

He appealed to the citizens to ensure that they drink safe and boiled water to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases. He pointed out that all medical facilities and emergency services were being provided for flood-affected persons.

Meanwhile, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, GHMC corporators, and co-option members have decided to donate their one-month salary to the CM Relief Fund. Cantonment Board members have announced that their four-month salary would be donated to the CM Relief Fund. Letters to this effect were handed over to Rama Rao at the GHMC headquarters. Mayor Bonthu Ram-mohan, MLAs Danam Nagender, Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Mynampally Hanumantha Rao accompanied Rama Rao.



Minister K.T. Rama Rao interacts with flood victims who have been accommodated at a government school at BS Maqta on Friday.

Bandi: What happened to development funds?

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

TRS leaders, under protection from the KCR-led government, have grabbed lakes and ponds across the city during the past six years, TS BJP chief Bandi Sanjay asked on Friday after visiting flood-affected areas.

"What happened to the ₹69,000 crore development fund that was dedicated for Hyderabad," he asked, after surveying the damage in Dilksukhnagar, Biranalaguda, Gaddiannaram and Banjara Colony.

He strongly demanded that minister K.T. Rama Rao explain the status of development in the city. Sanjay also demanded that the Chief Minister come out and visit the flood affected areas.

He said that the people



TS BJP president Bandi Sanjay consoles a resident of flood-hit Saroornagar on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

will give a strong response to the ruling party in upcoming GHMC elections.

Sanjay said the Centre was ready to help Telangana state and emphasised that the Centre had allocated money to tackle Covid-19. "KCR should be held

accountable for the funds," Sanjay said.

He expressed serious concern over the condition of the flood-affected areas, and said the people had lost their houses. He demanded that the TRS government ensure that these people get relief immediately.

Many students share top ranks

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Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Snikitha, a student from Sri Chaitanya, said she and her family were excited by the achievement. She said that while they have not decided on a specialisation yet, her first preference would be to get an admission in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

Soyeb Aftab from Odisha bagged the all India first rank scoring a perfect 720, while second rank was secured by Akansha Singh of Delhi who also scored 720 and stood first among girls.

The rank was decided as per the NTA's tie-breaker policy.

The ranking of the candidate is initially determined based on the scores obtained in viology and chemistry. If there is a tie, candidates are shortlisted taking into consideration the number of answers that are incorrect, following which they are then shortlisted depending on their age. The elder one gets the preference.

The policy was used for deciding further ranks.

Snikitha (Telangana state), Vineet Sharma (Rajasthan), Amrisha Khaitan (Haryana) and

Guthi Chaitanya Sindhu (Andhra Pradesh) scored 715 out of 720 marks. They were ranked third, fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Those ranked from 8th to 20th have scored 710 marks and those ranked from 25th to 50th have scored 705, according to the NTA rules, PTT said.

The Directorate General of Health Services will conduct counselling for the 15 per cent All India Quota seats. Reservation for the 85 per cent seat quota seats is subject to policies of each state. Qualified students will have to register on the

website mcc.nic.in. Students will have to pay a non-refundable registration and a refundable tuition fee. Registration fee for the general category is ₹1,000 and ₹500 for the SC/ST/OBC category.

Seats will be allotted on the basis of choices filled, seats available, NEET rank, reservation criteria and other factors. The allotment list will be released after each round.

There are 80,055 MBBS seats as per Medical Council of India data and 26,949 BDS seats as per the Dental Council of India this year.

Guv: Promote critical thinking

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

As many as 78,395 students of the JNTU-H graduated at the ninth convocation ceremony, presided over by Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan and Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, secretary, department of defence, research and development and chair-

man, Defence Research and Development Organisation, on Friday.

In the ceremony that was held online, the university awarded 53 gold medals to students for their outstanding academic and research performance. A total of 61,295 B.Tech students, 5,191 M.Tech students, 4,793 MBA students, 3,406 B.Pharmacy students, among others,

graduated.

Dr Soundararajan, in her convocation address, focused on the need to bridge the gap between the present state of learning outcomes and what is required in the country, and listed the benefits of the New Education Policy (NEP)-2020 in this direction. She noted that as India moves toward becoming a developed country,

there will be a growing demand for humanities and arts.

"Education must move towards less content and more towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems," Dr Soundararajan said.

Dr Satheesh Reddy was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy by the university at the function.

Metro Rail offers discounts

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited (LTMRHL) has announced four passenger fare discount options under its Metro Suvarna offer, beginning October 17.

The discounts range from 40 per cent to 50 per cent depending on the option. Three of the offers will go on till Sankranti. Passengers can avail one scheme at a time.

Under the flat 40 per cent offer, applicable on smart cards, paper and digital QR payments,

passengers can avail the benefit on every journey. It is valid till October 31.

In the offer through smart card, passengers can get up to 50 per cent cash back on the number of trips. Passengers will pay for 14 trips and get cash back on 20 trips (valid for 30 days); for 20 trips passengers will get cash back on 30 trips (valid for 45 days) and those paying for 40 trips will get cash back on 60 trips (valid for 60 days).

For those opting to recharge their travel cards online, the recharge offer is 50 per cent of the value on the

recharge made. A passenger who recharges for ₹400 will get ₹200 additional value and this is valid for 75 days. This scheme starts from November 1.

Under the trip offer in the T-Savaari app, passengers pay for seven trips and get three free. For 14 trips, they get six free trips (valid for 30 days), for 20 trips, 10 free trips (valid for 45 days). This option is available for up to 60 trips (valid for 60 days). This scheme starts from November 1.

HMRL managing director N.V.S. Reddy said there has been demand

for passenger passes since long and the Metro Suvarna offer was announced against this backdrop.

There has been a good response from passengers in terms of patronage since the Metro services were re-launched, said L&T-M-RHL CEO K.V.B. Reddy.

While Delhi Metro recorded 14 lakh passenger trips a day, Hyderabad Metro registered an average 1.17 lakh. Other Metros like Bengaluru (50,000) and Chennai (20,000) are a long way behind N.V.S. Reddy said.

IIIT-H, NDMA develop primer on earthquake risk

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

The International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H) and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have developed a rapid visual screening (RVS) primer for better insight into the structural safety of buildings in view of earthquake risks.

The primer will serve as a pioneering document to screen buildings for their structural stability and to assess and estimate possible damage during an earthquake.

"Assessing the structural status of buildings before and after an earthquake will provide an effective check-point for government institutions, industries, private organisations and local bodies against the threats posed by earthquakes," reads a paper published by IIIT-H

● **THE PRIMER** will assist in a more mitigation- and preparedness-centric approach with continued focus on response, which is proactive, holistic and integrated.

on the matter.

Experts who worked on the paper say that disaster management has hitherto followed a relief-centric approach, the RVS primer will assist in a more mitigation- and preparedness-centric approach with continued focus on response, which is proactive, holistic and integrated as per the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

IIIT-H's Prof. Pradeep Ramacharla, head of the team that wrote the paper, said, "Four out of five people in India are living under an earthquake threat. Focussed earthquake risk

mitigation activities such as construction of buildings, compliance with design standards, assessment and retrofitting of existing buildings can significantly reduce risk due to potential earthquake hazards."

As the way forward, the paper recommends wide dissemination of the primer to the public through national earthquake safety initiatives towards highlighting its benefits to various sections of society.

With this, it said, teachers, students, professional architects and engineers may develop a better understanding of structural behaviour. "Concerned stakeholders may document the building typology and develop an inventory of identified building typologies to carry out building safety assessment, vulnerability assessment and retrofitting thereon," the primer said.

TS REGISTERS 1,554 CASES, 7 COVID DEATHS

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 16

The number of Covid-19 tests increased by about 5,000 on Thursday, after dipping due to the rain and floods. The state health department said on Friday that 43,916 samples were tested on Thursday, against 38,895 on Wednesday.

The state recorded 1,554 new cases and seven deaths due to Covid-19, taking the overall tally to 2,19,224 and toll to 1,256.

The GHMC area recorded slightly more new cases at 249, Ranga Reddy recorded 128, Medchal Malkajgiri 118 and Khammam 88 cases.

These areas have been consistently recording high cases. While many of the new patients are asymptomatic, it is very important that they must properly follow the isolation schedule of 14 days to control the spread of the disease.

The bulletin said 19,251 people were in home and institutional isolation, showing that the number of severe cases is less. Hospitals are having 60 per cent of their beds empty.

The deaths were caused due to co-morbid conditions. Besides, patients with higher viral load were developing secondary infections, leading to complications and, in some cases, death.

The government has asked the people who step out from their homes to wear masks as that helps in curtailing the transmission of the Coronavirus, besides following physical distancing norms.

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S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
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2	11203818	ALUMINIUM ANGLE ANODISED SIZE 1.5X25X25X3600MM	13185 KGS	12-11-20
3	07201067	AXLE BOX HOUSING	3343 NOS	13-11-20
4	07200452	PRIMARY SPRING (OUTER) FOR LHB NON AC COACHES	485 NOS	13-11-20
5	07200100	SEALED WINDOW GLASS UNIT	2500 NOS	14-11-20
6	07200216	PRIMARY SPRING (INNER) FOR GENERATOR CAR	944 NOS	14-11-20
7	07200107	PROTECTIVE TUBE COMPLETE FOR AXLE BOX	7764 NOS	14-11-20
8	07201376	VERTICAL DAMPER (CAPACITY -600 KG)	331 NOS	16-11-20
9	07200254	SECONDARY SPRING (INNER) FOR LHB COACHES	234 NOS	16-11-20
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11	19200838	MAINTENANCE KIT FOR D&M	44 NOS	18-11-20
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SHORT TAKES

DHARMENDRA
CLEARS AIR ON
PENDING GST DUESAKSHAYA KUMAR
SAHOO | DC
BHUBANESWAR, OCT. 16

Union minister and senior BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday cleared the air on the pending Goods and Services Tax (GST) dues of Odisha saying that the Centre had cleared the entire compensation amount for the financial year 2019-20 and a part of the dues for the FY 2020-21 was also released.

“₹5,122 crore has been released as an entire GST compensation to the Odisha government for FY 2019-20. Similarly, of the ₹2,258 crore allocated for Odisha as GST compensation for the FY 2020-21, ₹1129 crore has been released,” the minister told reporters in New Delhi.

The minister's clarification came in the wake of the state government raising the issue of non-clearance of the compensation on different occasions and platforms, ostensibly for scoring a few political brownie points.

The ruling BJD and BJP, though have supported each other on the floor of Parliament on passing many crucial Bills, are arch political rivals in state politics.

The minister's clarification is seen as a tactical move to rob the BJD of the opportunity to raise the pending GST issue during the forthcoming by-polls in Tirtol and Balasore assembly constituencies and portray it as an act of apathy by the Centre.

The minister went on to add that Odisha was also permitted to borrow an additional ₹2,858 crore at 0.50 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product for meeting the shortfall arising out of GST implementation.

Pradhan stated that the Modi government had provided ₹22,267.66 crore to the Odisha government in the forms of grants, materials and assistance to effectively fight the adverse situations caused due to the Covid crisis.

While the BJP is trying hard to retain the Balasore seat where its sitting MLA Madan Mohan Dutta died in July, the BJD is also working hard to defend its position in Tirtol. Tirtol's sitting MLA Bishnu Charan Das died also in July.

'NEXT 2.5 MONTHS
CRUCIAL IN FIGHT
AGAINST COVID'

New Delhi, Oct. 16: The next two-and-a-half months are going to be crucial in the fight against Coronavirus because of the winter season and festivals, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Friday.

Vardhan, who is also Science and Technology Minister, said three vaccine candidates are progressing well in India with one of them in the advanced stage-III clinical trial and two others in stage-II trial.

He hoped that India will soon have indigenous production of vaccine against Coronavirus.

The next two-and-a-half months are going to be very crucial for us in our fight against corona because of the winter season and the festival season. It becomes the responsibility of every citizen to not let our guard down and follow Covid-19 appropriate behaviour to curb the spread of the infection, Vardhan said.

Meanwhile, India's Covid-19 caseload rose to 73,70,468 with 63,371 new infections being reported in a day, while the number of people who have recuperated from the disease crossed 64 lakh pushing the recovery rate to 87.56 per cent, according to the Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The toll climbed to 1,12,161 with the virus claiming 895 lives in a span of 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am showed.

Festive spirit



A worker gives a finishing touch to a display mask of Chhau dancers at a community puja pandal ahead of the Durga Puja festival in Kolkata on Friday.

— PTI

Assam SP held in
police job scam

Sanjit Krishna is the brother of Assam chief secy

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, OCT. 16

In a major breakthrough in the Assam Police job recruitment scam, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) busted the entire racket by arresting serving IPS officer Kumar Sanjit Krishna who also happens to be the brother of Assam chief secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna.

Pointing out that Sanjit Krishna was kingpin of recruitment scam as he was responsible for leaking question paper of the Sub-Inspector recruitment exams, security sources said that the CID sleuths have also succeeded in recovering more than ₹5.70 crore cash from the accused involved in selling the leaked question papers to aspirants.

Informing that Sanjit Krishna hatched the conspiracy to leak the question paper with a former DIG P.K. Dutta, security sources said that with his arrest one part of the investigation into the scam is complete.

Indicating that some more arrests were possible among those who were involved in

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selling the question papers, sources said that police have already re-created the crime scene from where question papers were leaked and circulated on the WhatsApp, a day before the state-level SI recruitment test on September 20.

Sanjit Krishna, who was holding the post of SP (Karimganj), was transferred as SP of Foreigner Regional Registration Office, Barpeta, on Sunday after his name surfaced in the scam. Subsequently, he was summoned by the CID.

Sanjit Krishna was questioned by the CID on Monday and his residence in Guwahati

was also raided on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the CID raided the officer's Karimganj residence and interrogated five police personnel, including the driver of the former SP, the in-charge of the police guest house and the security guard of the SP's official residence. After this, CID officials produced the five police personnel at a local court in Karimganj.

Police are also investigating the involvement of PK Dutta, an APS officer who served as Sanjit's deputy in Karimganj. Meanwhile, Assam chief secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna in social media post clarified that the law would take its course and his name should not be dragged in as his brother “is a mature, independent individual in a different profession”.

The police have so far arrested over 50 people in connection with the case including a ruling Bharatiya Janata Party leader Diban Deka (who has since been expelled from the party).

Former DIG Dutta and BJP leader Deka are alleged to have fleeced many candidates for the SI post by assuring them jobs in lieu of cash.

Actors ‘employed’ as
MNREGA workersRABINDRA NATH
CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, OCT. 16

Bollywood stars Deepika Padukone and Jacqueline Fernandez have been given “employment” under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) in a Madhya Pradesh village.

This may sound ridiculous but villagers in Piparkhedha Naka Panchayat in Khargone district have found to their shock that job cards carrying photographs of the actors have been issued by the local authorities under MNREGA scheme.

A job card issued to a member of the family of Monu Shivshankar carried Deepika Padukone's photograph. Similarly, a job card issued to a woman beneficiary carried a photograph of Jacqueline Fernandez.

Fake job cards carrying photo-

graphs of Bollywood stars and models have been issued in the panchayat under the anti-poverty scheme, enquiry by the local villagers have found.

The corrupt practices in the scheme have come to the fore when the local villagers started browsing the MNREGA site to know if wages under the scheme have been released to the beneficiaries, Sonu alias Sunil Singh, one of the beneficiaries of MNREGA in the panchayat said on Friday.

According to him, funds under the scheme have been siphoned off by issuing fake job cards as the website indicated release of wages to fake beneficiaries.

The villagers promptly took up the matter with the ‘zilla panchayat’ chief executive officer Gaurav Bainal who ordered a probe into it. “Stringent action will be taken against the officers involved in the fake job card scam”, the CEO said.

MP CONG TO
RELEASE FRESH
POLL MANIFESTORABINDRA NATH
CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, OCT. 16

A row has erupted in Congress over the absence of Rahul Gandhi's photograph on the cover page of the poll manifesto booklets released recently by the Congress for the November 3 by-elections to 28 Assembly constituencies in Madhya Pradesh.

The party is set to release the fresh election manifesto here on Saturday.

The Congress last fortnight released poll manifestos separately featuring Sonia Gandhi, Indira Gandhi and former CM Kamal Nath.

However, Rahul Gandhi was missing on the coverage page, causing consternation among a strong section in the party.

BJP RELEASES REPORT
CARD FOR CENTRE,
BIHAR AHEAD OF POLLSNAYEAR AZAD | DC
PATNA, OCT. 16

The BJP on Friday released a report card to highlight the performance of the Centre as well as the state government ahead of Bihar polls. Assembly elections in the state are scheduled to begin from October 28 and the NDA comprising JD(U), the BJP and two partners HAM and VIP are in the fray against Opposition coalition led by the RJD.

The report card released by the BJP claims that the Centre, as well as the state government, extended all kind of support to the people who were stuck outside the state during the Covid period. The BJP also asserted that the state saw all-round progress under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led NDA government.

The report card highlights that “the government spent about ₹30,000 crore to support people during the Covid period. ₹203 crore were transferred to the bank account of about 21 lakh people who were stranded outside the state”.

While presenting the achievements of the state government, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who was also present on the dais along with other senior NDA leaders, said that the party is contesting polls in alliance with Nitish Kumar's JD(U) for the development of Bihar.

“We are here to discuss the work done under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. We understand our responsibility and we will continue to work for the development of Bihar. But there are others who are only interested in the development of their family”, Ravi Shankar Prasad said while targeting the Opposition RJD.

During the event, he also accused the Opposition coalition of corruption and said that “they keep talking about the future of Bihar but their past exposes the reality. We are also trying to figure out how their assets keep changing during every election. This is the reality and we will continue to highlight this”.

INDIA TO GET MORE RAFALES NEXT MONTH

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, OCT. 16

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will get the second batch of three to four Rafale fighter aircraft in the first week of November boosting its firepower amidst on going tensions with China.

These fighter jets will be arriving at the Ambala airbase in Haryana from France.

Preparations are going on to receive these jets.

The Indian Air Force will like to operationalise the second batch of Rafale jets as soon as possible.

BRAVE | HEART

Balwinder Singh Sandhu fought terrorism in Punjab for years

Shaurya Chakra awardee shot dead

Amritsar, Oct. 16:

Shaurya Chakra awardee Balwinder Singh Sandhu who fought terrorism in Punjab was shot dead by unknown assailants in Tarn Taran district on Friday, months after the government withdrew his security cover.

The motorcycle-borne men pumped four bullets into 62-year-old Sandhu when he was at his office adjoining his home at Bhikhiwind in the district and escaped, police said. He was taken to the hospital where doctors

declared him brought dead. Sandhu had fought against terrorism in the state for years, facing scores of terror attacks during the height of Khalistani militancy.

Singh's security cover was withdrawn by the state government a year ago on the recommendation of Tarn Taran police, his brother Ranjit said, adding their entire family had remained on the hit list of terrorists.

Balwinder's wife Jagdish Kaur said it was the handiwork of terror-

ists, maintaining that their family did not have any personal enmity with anyone.

The family always fought against terrorists. As many as 62 attacks were made on my family by terrorists. We made numerous requests with DGP Dinkar Gupta for the security cover but all in vain, she said.

Tarn Taran Senior Superintendent of Police Dhruvan Nimbale said the investigations were underway. He said those responsible for the mur-

der would be nabbed soon. The entire incident was captured by the CCTV, he said adding the footage was being checked.

The Tran Taran braveheart also featured in some documentaries. Inspired by Sandhu and his family, many people followed him and defended themselves from terror attacks. The Union government awarded him Shaurya Chakra in 1993.

Balwinder Singh Sandhu and his brother Ranjit Singh Sandhu are

opposed to the activities of terrorists. They were on the hit lists of terrorists. The terrorists so far have made 16 attempts to wipe out the Sandhu's family within in about 11 months, the citation for the gallantry award said.

The terrorists attacked them in groups of 10 to 200, but every time Sandhu brothers with the help of their brave wives Jagdish Kaur Sandhu and Balraj Kaur Sandhu have successfully foiled the attempts, it said.

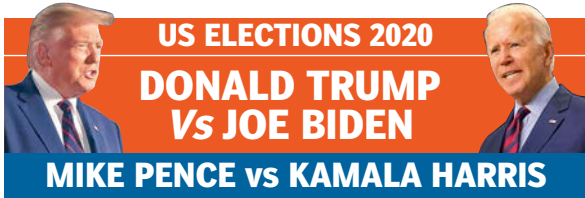
— PTI

Televised townhalls replace US Prez debate

Greenville (US), Oct. 16: US President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger Joe Biden held simultaneous and separate televised town halls in lieu of the second presidential debate, taking questions from pre-selected individuals at sessions moderated by eminent television journalists.

While Trump's town hall was hosted by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) in Miami, Florida, that of Biden was held in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia by the *American Broadcasting Company* (ABC) News. The second presidential debate had originally been scheduled for on Thursday night. However, it was cancelled after Trump refused to participate in a virtual format of the presidential debate as amended by the independent debate commission following the president's Covid-19 diagnosis.

A final debate is still scheduled for October 22 in Nashville, Tennessee. The first debate was held on September 29 in Cleveland, Ohio.



Trump, 74, has recovered from a brief spell of Covid-19 after he and First Lady Melania Trump, 50, tested positive for the deadly viral infection on October 1. Trump's doctors have now cleared him for his election campaigns. During the town hall, Trump defended his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

He also reiterated his stand on tax returns. However, Trump refused to denounce the QAnon conspiracy theory. According to QAnon, a far-right group that has been labelled a terror threat by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Democrats are running a secret paedophilia ring. When asked by moderator Savannah Guthrie if he would denounce the QAnon theory and "just say it's crazy and not

true", Trump said, "I don't know about QAnon." When pressed further on whether or not he believed that Democrats were running a pedophile ring, Trump said, "I have no idea."

Biden's during his town hall said he would soon express his position on court packing, an issue that he has avoided so far. The 77-year-old democratic presidential nominee said he will come out with a clear position before Election Day about where he stands on expanding the Supreme Court, depending how the rest of the confirmation process of Judge Amy Coney Barrett is handled. President Trump has selected Judge Barrett to succeed Supreme Court Justice late Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Senate Judiciary Committee finished its

confirmation hearings for Barrett earlier on Thursday. Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham said that the committee will vote on Barrett's nomination on October 22. If the committee approves her nomination, which is expected, it would be sent to the full Senate floor.

At the town hall with ABC's George Stephanopoulos, Biden said he is "not a fan" of court packing. When asked by Stephanopoulos if he was open to increasing the number of judges on the court if Barrett is confirmed before the election, Biden said, "I'm open to considering what happens from that point on".

Republicans have repeatedly criticised Biden for not directly giving his view on court packing. "They do have a right to know where I'll stand and they'll have a right to know where I stand before they vote," Biden said, when asked whether voters had a right to know where he stands on the issue of expanding the court.

— PTI

Antiviral drug Remdesivir found ineffective: Study

WHO disappointed with mortality test results

London, Aug. 16: Antiviral drug remdesivir has "little or no effect" on a hospitalised Covid-19 patients' chances of survival, a World Health Organisation (WHO) clinical trial has suggested.

The potential Coronavirus treatment option is one of four repurposed drugs being examined under the UN agency's large Solidarity trial that launched in March.

Randomised trials at hospitals around the world have involved remdesivir, lopinavir, hydroxychloroquine and interferon-beta 1a — looking to assess their impact on inpatient mortality.

The hydroxychloroquine and lopinavir arms of the trials were discontinued on June 20 and July 4 respectively.

In a statement provided to the PA news agency on Thursday evening, the WHO press office said results from these first four treatment options of the Solidarity trial were "unpromising".

"The trial found that remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir/ritonavir and interferon have little or no effect on mortality for hospitalised patients," WHO said.

"Other uses of the drugs, for example in community and pre-hospital settings, would have to be examined using different trial designs." It added: "For each drug in the study, the effect on mortality was disappointingly unpromising. These results were not significantly affected by the exclusion of certain countries, regions or sub-groups."

WHO said later on Thursday that the results of the trial are under review for publication in a medical journal, and have been uploaded as a preprint at the medRxiv website.

Millions of French face Covid curfew

Paris, Oct. 16: Millions of French people were looking forward to a last night of freedom on Friday before a Covid-19 curfew in Paris and other large cities comes into force for at least a month, prompted by an alarming surge in new cases.

The curfew aims to keep some 20 million people home from 9 pm to 6 am — 30 percent of the French population. It was ordered

by President Emmanuel Macron this week as the number of new infections and deaths raised the spectre of hospital overloads like those seen in March and April.

Health authorities reported on Thursday a record 30,621 new cases in the previous 24 hours as well as 88 deaths and over 200 new Covid admissions to intensive care units.

— AFP

Chinese Covid-19 cure shows hope

Beijing, Oct. 16: One of China's leading Covid-19 vaccine candidates, called BBIBP-CorV, was shown to be safe and elicited immune response in a small early-phase human trial, researchers said on Friday. A previous clinical trial reported similar results for a different vaccine that is also based on inactivated whole SARS-CoV-2 virus, but in that study the vaccine was only tested in people aged under 60 years.

The latest study, published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* journal, included participants aged between 18 and 80 years, and found that antibody responses were induced in all recipients. Participants aged 60 and over were slower to respond, taking 42 days before antibodies were detected in all recipients compared with 28 days for participants aged 18-59, the researchers said. Antibody levels were also lower in

DOZENS CONTRACT VIRUS AT NYC'S 'SWEET16' PARTY

New York, Oct. 16: A 16th birthday party in New York state became a super-spreader event with dozens of attendees contracting Coronavirus, according to officials.

The September 25 shindig at the plush Miller Place Inn on Long Island left 37 people infected with Covid-19 and forced more than 270 into quarantine.

Over 80 people attended the party, known as a "Sweet 16" in the United States, well above the state's 50-person limit. The venue has been closed temporarily and fined \$12,000, local officials said.

— AFP

those aged 60-80 years compared with those aged 18-59, they said.

— PTI

Thai PM rejects calls to resign

Bangkok, Oct. 16: Thailand's prime minister rejected calls for his resignation on Friday, while his government failed to stop student-led protesters from rallying again in the capital in defiance of a strict state of emergency.

More than 1,000 protesters gathered in torrential monsoon rains to push their core demands, including that Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha leave office, the constitution be amended and the nation's monarchy undergo reform.

It was the second day they defied an order not to gather, imposed after some demonstrators heckled a royal motorcade, an unprecedented development in Thailand, where the monarchy is normally held in reverence.

Police had earlier closed roads and put up barricades around a major Bangkok intersection where some

10,000 protesters defied the new decree Thursday. Police in riot gear secured the area, while malls in the normally busy shopping district closed early.

Nearby mass transit stations were closed to stop crowds of protesters from getting near the area. — AP

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China warns Canada not to aid HK 'rebels'

Ottawa, Oct. 16: A top Chinese diplomat warned Canada on Thursday against granting asylum to Hong Kong democracy protesters, adding that doing so could jeopardize the "health and safety" of Canadians living in the southern Chinese financial hub.

The remarks by Cong Peiwu, Beijing's Ottawa envoy, prompted a rebuke from Canada's foreign minister, further escalating tensions between the two countries.

Cong was responding to reports that a Hong Kong couple who took part in last year's huge and

sometimes violent protests had been granted refugee status.

The landmark decision makes it likely other Hong Kongers will be given sanctuary in Canada, which has emerged as a top destination for those fleeing Beijing's crackdown.

"We strongly urge the Canadian side not (to) grant so-called political asylum to those violent criminals in Hong Kong because it is the interference in China's domestic affairs. And certainly, it will embolden those violent criminals," Cong said in a video press conference.

— AFP



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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	39,982.98	0.64
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S&P 500*	3,499.18	0.45
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Pound Sterling (₹)	94.87	0.36
Euro (₹)	85.90	0.06
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	51,704,324	0.62
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	0.742	0.008
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.935	0.037
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	42.92	-0.24

FinMin kick-starts budget making exercise

The finance ministry on Friday kicked off the exercise to prepare the annual budget for 2021-22 amid the urgency to push economic growth. As per the finance ministry schedule, the nearly one-month long exercise to finalise the revised estimate (RE) for 2020-21 and budget estimate (BE) for 2021-22 began on Friday. The meetings will conclude on November 12, according to an official statement.

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Rough imports grow, orders pick up
Diamond hub busy again

SANGEETHA G.
CHENNAI, OCT. 16

After a gap of seven months, rough diamond imports have seen positive growth in September. While the employment levels in polishing units are still lower than last year, import of polished diamonds by jewellery makers remains a worry. Festive season orders from most key markets are coming at last year's levels, except from the US.

The cutting and polishing industry imported Rs 9,905 crore worth rough diamonds in September against Rs 8,231 crore worth goods imported in the same month last year, thus, registering a positive growth of 20 per cent. In terms of carats, too, the imports were 7.5 per cent higher than the year ago month.

Imports have been declining from March. The nation-wide lockdown and the voluntary stoppage of imports by the industry to clear inventories have seen the imports declining for the past seven months. Even in August imports were down by 40 per cent. Easing of lockdown and an increase in festive season orders have supported imports in September.

According to Dinesh Navadiya, regional chairman, Gujarat, Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the units in Gujarat are operating with 70 to 75 per cent employees. Despite polishing activity recovering to similar lev-



DIESEL SALES ABOVE PRE-COVID LEVELS

NIDHI VERMA
NEW DELHI, OCT. 16

India's diesel sales rose in October for the first time since March, signalling a pick-up in industrial activity.

Diesel sales by state-run fuel retailers rose 8.8 diesel year-on-year in the first half of October, provisional data compiled by IOC shows.

Sales of diesel totalled 2.65 million tonnes, up 24

per cent from September. An official at a state refiner, however, cautioned that diesel sales growth could be temporary.

"Typically, transportation of goods picks up ahead of festivals and dips during and after the key festivals. This year key festivals are towards the end of this month and early November; last year they were in October," he said.

—Reuters

els, imports of polished diamonds are still continuing. Import of cut and polished diamonds in September was 124 per cent higher than the same month last year and that by the SEZs were 244 per cent higher.

According to Colin Shah, chairman of GJEP, Jewellery manufacturing in SEZs has been happening with raw materials procured from overseas. The industry expects the import of polished goods to come down with the polishing activity picking up.

Another positive development is that festive season orders have started coming from the key markets. "Demand from China and Hong Kong has returned to normal levels. While orders are coming from the US, Europe and the Gulf region, the US demand is still down compared to last year," he said.

The industry expects the festive season sales to be 10 per cent lower than last year's. The total gems and jewellery exports for the year is expected to be 20 to 25 per cent lower.

Urban consumption sees worst fall in 2 decades

SANGEETHA G.
CHENNAI, OCT. 16

Urban consumption has contracted more than 25 per cent between April and August, witnessing the worst decline in two decades due to massive job losses and reduction in income levels.

Real private consumption expenditure declined 26.7 per cent in the June quarter against the same period last year. While urban consumption contracted 34 per cent, rural consumption shrank only 4 per cent. In July and August, while urban consumption declined 18 per cent, rural consumption was almost flat, says brokerage Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

From an average growth of 8 per cent during FY17-19, urban consumption declined 0.6 per cent for the first time in two decades in FY20 before collapsing by more than a quarter during April-August 2020. Rural consumption, on the other hand, grew at an average of 6 per cent during FY17-19 before easing to 3.4 per cent in FY20 and shrinking 4 per cent in during April-August.

According to Motilal Oswal, revival in private consumption is unlikely without a recovery in urban consumption. Covid-19 has affected the urban sector disproportionately, it said.

HCL Tech net up 18%, to hire 9,000 freshers

New Delhi, Oct. 16: IT firm HCL Technologies on Friday posted 18.5 per cent rise in September quarter net profit at Rs 3,142 crore, and said it is looking at hiring up to 9,000 freshers in the second half of this fiscal on the back of strong growth momentum.

The Noida-based company had registered a net profit of Rs 2,651 crore in the year-ago period (as per US GAAP).

Its revenue grew 6.1 per cent to Rs 18,594 crore in the quarter under review from Rs 17,528 crore in the year-ago period.

"We delivered a solid performance in Q2. Our stellar performance is broad-based across verticals, service lines, geographies and Mode 1, 2, 3 offerings. Our new bookings remained very robust, it increased 35 per cent compared to the last quarter, we won 15 transformational deals," HCL Technologies president and CEO C. Vijayakumar told reporters in a virtual



C. Vijayakumar

briefing.

He added that the company's deal pipeline grew 20 per cent quarter-on-quarter, which is "an all-time high".

"We are implementing the salary increments effective October 1, up to E3 levels, and effective January 1, for E4 and above levels. This is only a one quarter shift from the regular increment cycles that we give our employees annually," he said.

The hikes—which were previously deferred amid business uncertainty on account of Covid-19 pandemic—will be similar to previous year. Last year, the company had offered

an average 6 per cent raise to its staff in India and 2.5 per cent increase in wages of overseas employees.

The board has declared an interim dividend of Rs 4 per equity share for the financial year 2020-21.

Sanjeev Hota, head of research at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said HCL Technologies reported strong quarterly results, beating its estimates on all fronts and its own margin guidance as well.

However, shares of the company fell 3.76 per cent on the BSE at Rs were trading at Rs 827.10.

In the second quarter, HCL Technologies recorded revenue growth at 4.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter in constant currency—higher than its estimate of 1.5-2.5 per cent sequential rise. It has maintained its revenue growth guidance of an average of 1.5-2.5 per cent increase quarter-on-quarter in constant currency for the third and fourth quarters. —PTI

Sanjeev Gupta targets Thyssenkrupp steel unit

CHRISTOPH STEITZ & TOM KÄCKENHOFF
FRANKFURT/DUESSELDORF, OCT. 16

Liberty Steel, founded by commodities tycoon Sanjeev Gupta, on Friday said it had made a non-binding offer for Thyssenkrupp's steel unit, hoping to forge a European champion to master the transformation towards carbon-

neutral production.

A deal would combine the continent's fourth- and second-largest steelmakers after a planned joint venture between Thyssenkrupp and Tata Steel was blocked in 2019.

"I truly believe in the future of European steel," Gupta told journalists during a call. "By investing in green steel I believe the industry can transform

and thrive in the long-term."

He said that steel as a business needed time, adding that was one of the reasons why belonged in private hands. Gupta shied away from putting a number on expected synergies.

Essen-based Thyssenkrupp said it would carefully study the offer, details of which were not disclosed. —Reuters

GAMES

SHORT TAKES

Karthik hands over captaincy to Eoin

Abu Dhabi: Wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik on Friday stepped down as captain of the Kolkata Knight Riders team, handing over the reins to his English deputy Eoin Morgan hours before the IPL match against Mumbai Indians here. Karthik told the KKR management that he wants to "focus on his batting and contributing more to the team's cause." Appointed skipper in 2018, the 35-year-old led KKR in 37 matches.

"We are fortunate to have leaders such as DK, who has always put the team first. It takes a lot of courage for someone like him to take a decision such as this," team CEO Venky Mysore said in a statement. Midway into the ongoing season, KKR find themselves at fourth place in the points table with four wins and three losses. Morgan was widely tipped to take over at some point from Karthik given the topsy-turvy run. — PTI

Srikanth bows out in quarters

Odense: Top Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth bowed out of the Denmark Open badminton tournament with a 22-20, 13-21, 16-21 defeat to Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei in the men's singles quarterfinals here on Friday.

The world number two Taipei player came back after losing the first game and took the next two to win the match in one hour and two minutes and storm into the semifinals.

With the defeat of Srikanth, seeded fifth, India's campaign ended in the \$750,000 Super 750 tournament, the only world tour event happening this year in a calendar thrown haywire by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Srikanth took the early lead at 7-4 but Chen fought back to 11-10 midway into the first game. The Indian made his way back to 19-19 and then 20-20 before taking the first game 22-20. — PTI

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QUINTESSENTIAL!

Quinton cracks whip as MI thrash KKR

Abu Dhabi, Oct. 16: The Mumbai Indians juggernaut rolled on unabated as they recorded their fifth straight win with an eight-wicket mauling of Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL here on Friday.

A tidy bowling effort by Mumbai Indians ensured that KKR were restricted to 148 for 5 after an unbeaten 53 by pace spearhead Pat Cummins.

Then, the defending champions rode on a blistering 44-ball 78 by Quinton de Kock, to chase down the target with 3.1 overs to spare.

De Kock, who struck nine fours and three sixes and skipper Rohit Sharma (35 off 36 balls), laid the foundation for the emphatic win with their 94-run first-wicket stand.

The two openers took the KKR attack to cleaners with de Kock being the more aggressive one. The South African notched up his fifty in just 25 balls, with a maximum over deep-square leg.

It rained boundaries for Mumbai as the two dominated the KKR bowling attack.

Pacer Prasidh Krishna (0/30) faced their brunt, conceding three fours in the third over and de Kock followed that up by hammering Cummins (0/28) for two successive fours, both pull shots, in the next.

De Kock kept playing shots all around the park and was again brutal on Prasidh, whom he hit for two fours and a six, in the seventh over. — PTI



Quinton de Kock (right) of Mumbai Indians gestures after scoring a fifty against Kolkata Knight Riders during their Indian Premier League match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Friday. — BCCI

SCORECARD	
Kolkata Knight Riders: R. Tripathi c Suryakumar Yadav b Boult 7, Shubman Gill c Kieron Pollard b Rahul Chahar 21, Nitish Rana c Quinton de Kock b Nathan Coulter-Nile 5, D. Karthik b Rahul Chahar 4, Eoin Morgan not out 53, Andre Russell c Quinton de Kock b Jasprit Bumrah 12, Pat Cummins not out 53. Extras (LB-2, W-5) 7. Total (for 5 wickets in 20 Overs) 148.	0-22-1, Krunal Pandya 4-0-23-0, Rahul Chahar 4-0-18-2.
Mumbai Indians: Rohit Sharma c Dinesh Karthik b Shivam Mavi 35, Quinton de Kock not out 78, Suryakumar Yadav b CV Varun 10, Hardik Pandya not out 21. Extras (LB-5) 5. Total (for 2 wickets in 16.5 Overs) 149.	1-94, 2-111.
Bowlers: Chris Green 2.5-0-24-0, Pat Cummins 3-0-28-0, Prasidh Krishna 2-0-30-0, Andre Russell 2-0-15-0, CV Varun 4-0-23-1, Shivam Mavi 3-0-24-1.	

IPL POINTS TABLE						
Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
Mumbai Indians	8	6	2	0	12	+1.353
Delhi Capitals	8	6	2	0	12	+0.990
Royal Challengers Bangalore	8	5	3	0	10	-0.139
Kolkata Knight Riders	8	4	4	0	8	-0.684
Sunrisers Hyderabad	8	3	5	0	6	+0.009
Chennai Super Kings	8	3	5	0	6	-0.390
Rajasthan Royals	8	3	5	0	6	-0.844
Kings XI Punjab	8	2	6	0	4	-0.295

Tabulated as Played, Won, Lost, No Result, Points, Net Run Rate

Virat & Co. take on reeling RR

Dubai, Oct. 16: Royal Challengers Bangalore would aim to get their strategy right after some inexplicable decisions during the loss to Kings XI Punjab when they take on an erratic Rajasthan Royals in an IPL match here on Saturday.

The Virat Kohli-led RCB has won five of its eight games on the back of all-round performances but seemingly blundered in the eight-wicket defeat to lagards KXIP on Thursday.

Against KXIP in Sharjah, AB De Villiers, who has been in fine form, was sent in to bat at number six, a baffling decision by the RCB. The experiment didn't work as all three batsmen struggled with the South African scoring just two off five balls. However, Kohli and his men will look to shrug off the defeat.

On the other hand, the Royals' campaign this season has been marred by numerous top-order collapses, forcing the lower half to pull them across the finish line.

After failing in his first match of the season, Ben Stokes hit 41 before he was run out against the DC.

NUMBERS GAME	
HEAD TO HEAD	
OVERALL:	
● Matches: 21	
● Rajasthan: 10	
● Bangalore: 9	
● No result: 2	
MEETING IN 2019	
● Rajasthan Royals beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 7 wickets at Jaipur	
● No result at Bangalore	
MEETING IN 2020	
● Royal Challengers Bangalore beat Rajasthan Royals by 8 wickets at Abu Dhabi	
FOR THE RECORD	
● Abraham de Villiers who scored 3954 runs at an average of 42.06 in 124 innings of 134 matches, needs 46 runs to become only second batsman after Virat Kohli (5716) to score 4000 runs for Royal Challengers Bangalore in IPL.	
● Sanju Samson 18 sixes in eight innings of as many matches is the highest in this IPL.	
— S. PERVEZ KAISER	

Jofra Archer spearheads the RR bowling unit, along with the spin duo of Tewatia and Shreyas Gopal, who have consistently figured in an XI that has gone through a lot of chopping and changing. — PTI

Rejuvenated CSK face in-form DC

Sharjah, Oct. 16: Their campaign is back on track, courtesy Mahendra Singh Dhoni's smart captaincy but a stiff test awaits Chennai Super Kings when they face a dominant Delhi Capitals in their next IPL match, here on Saturday.

Every tactic that Dhoni employed against SRH, worked, and they are expected to continue in the same vein as they battle to salvage the season.

Whether it was promoting Sam Curran to the opener's slot or finishing pacer Deepak Chahar's quota upfront while using seven bowlers to dry up runs, every move produced desired result.

CSK will look to build on the win over SRH as the

league phase moves towards the business end.

However, they are up against a team which is high on confidence and well-served by the South African pace duo of Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje, who bowled a 156.2 kmph delivery during his spell against Rajasthan Royals.

Add the wily R. Ashwin and Axar Patel to the mix and DC has a rather impressive bowling unit.

Pacer Tushar Deshpande, who made a memorable debut in the win over the Royals on Wednesday, adds teeth to the attack. The Capitals side would be a tad worried about fitness status of Shreyas Iyer, who hurt his left shoulder in the previous game. — PTI

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