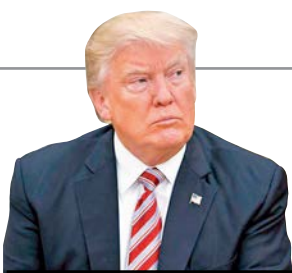


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WEATHER

Max: 30.5°C  
Min: 20.8°C  
RH: 92%  
Rainfall: Trace

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

COVID-19 COUNT

CASES	DEATHS
(+73,596)	(+905)
70,37,694	1,08,047

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+1,811)	(+9)
TS: 2,10,346	1,217
(+5,653)	(+35)
AP: 7,50,517	6,194

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

3,73,18,435

DEATHS

10,75,411

COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES

213

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Dakshinayana

Titthi: Adhika Ashwayuja Bahula Navami till 5.46 pm

Star: Pushyami till 10.14 am (Monday)

Variyam: 9.13 am to 10.49 am

Durmuhurtam: 4.20 pm to 5.07 pm

Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm

HILIRI CALENDAR

Safar ul Muzaffar 23, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

Fajar: 5.08 am

Zohar: 12.13 pm

Asar: 4.19 pm

Maghrib: 6.03 pm

Isha: 7.11 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.08 AM

SUNSET TODAY 5.57 PM

MOONRISE TODAY 12.24 PM

MOONSET TOMORROW 1.54 AM

COUNTER POINT

Leave it on, dad. They are paying me to watch their programme!

IN BRIEF

**BARC scientist from AP goes missing**

**Bengaluru:** A 26-year-old scientist working at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has gone missing for the past four days from Yelwal in Mysuru. According to his family sources, Abhishek Reddy Gulla went out on October 6 afternoon on his two-wheeler and did not return. A native of Madanapalle in Chittoor district of AP, Abhishek Reddy Gulla had joined the BARC in Mysuru about a year ago, family members said. BARC said the officer was absent since September 17. Police suspect that the officer was allegedly suffering from depression for quite some time.

## CRIME | ON WOMEN

# MHA issues new advisory to states for justice FIRs, med test mandatory

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI, OCT. 10

Following outrage over the Hathras rape case, Home ministry in an advisory to the states directed that all relevant laws and guidelines in cases of sexual assault and crimes against women be strictly enforced.

Any lapses, if noticed, need to be investigated and stringent action taken immediately against the concerned officers, the

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ministry has stated.

According to the advisory issued on Saturday, the Union home ministry has primarily stressed on three sections of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr PC) that focus on “compulsory registration of FIR”,

completion of investigation related to rape cases within 60 days along with a mandatory medical examination which should be conducted with the individual’s consent by a qualified medical professional within 24 hours of receiving information of such a crime.

“It is requested that states/UTs, may suitably issue instructions to all concerned to ensure strict compliance with the provisions in the law... also

requested to monitor the cases on ITSSO (an online portal to track sexual offence cases) to ensure suitable follow up action,” the notice said.

The ministry further said that “failure of police to adhere to these mandatory requirements may not augur well for the delivery of criminal justice in the country, especially in context of women safety,” and warned of “stringent action” against those not following these rules.

## Army tackles brazen Pak



Army personnel attempt to destroy a mortar shell, fired by Pakistani forces, in Dabraj village near the Line of Control (LoC) in Mankote sector of Poonch district, Saturday.

— PTI

# AP CM complains to CJI on Justice Ramana, judges Jagan alleges HC ‘bias’ in favour of TD

**N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC**  
VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 10

In an unprecedented and bold step, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy complained to Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde against the neutrality of judiciary getting affected in the state because of a “nexus between Telugu Desam chief N. Chandrababu Naidu, sitting SC judge Justice N.V. Ramana and a few judges of Andhra Pradesh High Court.”

In a letter to the CJI, copies of which were released to the media here on Saturday, the Chief Minister alleged that there is a “clear bias in the High Court towards Telugu Desam” as was “evident from several orders staying investigations, at the admission stage itself, into financial irregularities committed by the

● **THE CHIEF MINISTER** alleged the bias in favour of TD was evident from several orders staying investigations, at the admission stage itself, into financial irregularities committed by Naidu government.

Naidu government.” Ajay Kallam, principal adviser to the Chief Minister, released copies of the letter and annexures attached to the letter in a brief press conference. In one such annexure, the Chief Minister said, “facts would clearly demonstrate that the High Court is being used to destabilise and topple the democratically elected government in AP.”

Accusing Justice Ramana of “influencing the sittings of AP High Court”, the Chief Minister said the SC judge had been “ensuring that all the cases

involving the TD and its leaders were allotted to a select group of judges.” The CM pointed out: “Justice Ramana served as legal adviser to TDP and additional advocate general in Naidu regime.”

Referring to the recent orders issued by AP Chief Justice J.K. Maheshwari and Justice D.V.S.S. Somayajulu in related cases — staying the CID investigation into the purchase of lands by former advocate general Dammalapati Srinivas, the gag order against the media from publishing the contents of the FIR and follow up work of the Cabinet sub committee report — the Chief Minister said beneficiaries in both orders are “clearly and exclusively the politicians belonging to the TD.”

■ **Page 2: Jagan explains need for probe**

# 60,000 Chinese troops near Indian border: US

**Washington, Oct. 10:** China has amassed 60,000 troops on India’s northern border, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said as he hit out at Beijing for its “bad behaviour” and the threats it poses to the Quad countries.

The foreign ministers from the Indo-Pacific nations known as the Quad group — the US, Japan, India and Australia — met in Tokyo on Tuesday in what was their first in-person talks since the Coronavirus pandemic began. The meeting took place in the backdrop of China’s aggressive military behaviour in the Indo-Pacific, South China Sea and along the

Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh.

“The Indians are seeing 60,000 Chinese soldiers on their border,” Pompeo told *The Guy Benson Show* in an interview on Friday after his return from Tokyo wherein he attended the second Quad ministerial with his counterparts from India, Japan and Australia. “I was with my foreign minister counterparts from India, Australia, and Japan — a format that we call the Quad, four big democracies, four powerful economies, four nations, each of whom has real risk associated with the threats imposed — attempting to be imposed by the Chinese

Communist Party . And they see it in their home countries too,” he said.

Pompeo met foreign minister S. Jaishankar in Tokyo on Tuesday and they underscored the need to work together in the Indo-Pacific and around the globe. He described his meeting with Jaishankar as “productive.” “They see, the people of their (Quad) nations understanding that we all slept on this for too long. The previous administration bent a knee, too often allowed China to steal our intellectual properties and the millions of jobs that came along with it. They see that in their country too,” he said in the interview. — PTI

## WINTER CLOTHES FOR SOLDIERS STILL BEING IMPORTED: ARMY

**PAWAN BALI | DC**  
NEW DELHI, OCT. 10

As the Army prepares to keep thousands of troops at forward positions against China during the harsh Ladakh winter, Army’s Vice Chief Lt Gen. S.K. Saini on Saturday said the country still had to import winter clothing and equipment “due to the lack of viable indigenous solutions.”

“Special clothing and mountaineering equipment is another aspect which needs to be highlighted. A large number of our troops are deployed in super high altitude areas where the temperature touches minus 50° Celsius. However, we are still importing cold-weather equipment, mainly due to the lack of viable indigenous solutions,” Lt Gen. Saini said at a webinar organised by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies.

He said said amongst other threats, drones and UAVs stand out in their innovative employment and destructive potential. He said that considering their low cost, multi-use and dense proliferation, the threat will no doubt increase manifold in the years to come.

“In this context, third dimension threats may take precedence in the near future, for which we need to plan now. Both hard kill and soft kill counter-drone solutions including swarm technology are the need of the hour,” the Vice Chief said.

Lt Gen. Saini asked Indian defence industry to develop solutions for force protection requirements of armed forces. “It is a fact that forces and the resources which survive the enemy onslaught, both during peace and war, are the ones which will live to fight another day,” said Lt Gen. Saini.

He said that there is a requirement to focus on night-vision goggles, combat helmets, bullet-proof jackets, light portable communication sets and many more.

“The list is endless. However, what must be kept in mind is the overarching consideration of a fully-kitted soldier operating with reasonable loads in all types of terrain,” said the Vice Chief. The lack of indigenous production of defence material is viewed with concern.

# Tenali girl, Vizag boy top Eamcet rankings in AP

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 10

Gutti Chaitanya Sindhu from Tenali has topped the AP Eamcet medical stream and V. Sainath took the top rank in engineering stream in the results released on Saturday.

Krishna district tops in the number of students qualifying in the engineering stream, followed by Guntur. Interestingly, of the 15,731 candidates, who had registered from Hyderabad, only 7,163 had appeared for the exam and 6,768 of them have qualified.

Medical stream topper Sindhu comes from a family of doctors from Tenali in Guntur district. She is the granddaughter of famous surgeon Dr G. Subramanyam and daughter of Dr G. Koteswara Rao, ENT surgeon and Dr Sudha Rani, gynaecologist. Dr

# Women get 50% wards in GHMC

**Cabinet mulls continuing reservations for 2 terms**

**S.A. ISHAQUI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Fifty per cent of the seats will be reserved for women in the forthcoming elections to the Council of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. This works out to 75 of the 150-ward GHMC Council.

This was approved at a Cabinet meeting on Saturday, chaired by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Elections are due in February next year.

It is worth mentioning here that the government has already reserved the Hyderabad Mayor’s post for women in the general category.

The Cabinet also approved amendments to the GHMC Act with regard to the functioning of the ward committees and reservation of wards.

Sources revealed that the state government has approved the draft of the New Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Bill, 2020 with these amendments and it will be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday.

Sources revealed that the Cabinet discussed at a length the abolition of Section 21(B) under the 1955 Act which barred the people having more than two children from contesting the GHMC elections.

The Cabinet also discussed a provision to continue reservations in the GHMC wards for two consecutive terms, sources added. The integrated town-

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

The state Cabinet decided to amend the Telangana Non-Agricultural Assessment Act and the New Revenue Act to make land use conversion easier by taking the process online and removing the need for human intervention.

The Cabinet also decided to extend the deadline till October 20 for online registration of non-agriculture property details with civic bodies by property holders.

The Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, felt that the discretion of land use conversion had been left to revenue authorities, which was causing hardships to the people while converting their land from agriculture to non-agricul-

ship policy of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority also came up for discussion.

Sources said that the Cabinet discussed the Layout Regularisation Scheme in view of the High Court’s observations, Opposition criticism and the Congress promising free regularisation after it comes to power.

The Chief Minister is like-

ture purposes. To ease the process, the Cabinet has proposed to permit conversion of land use through the Dharani portal and the New Revenue Act would be amended to allow this.

The Cabinet has approved some minor changes to the Registrations Act.

With regard to agriculture, the Cabinet has decided to procure the rainy season crop of farmers at their doorstep by setting up 6,000 procurements across villages, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On paddy, the Cabinet appealed to the farmers to ensure the produce will have less than 17 per cent moisture to facilitate the state government to procure every grain. The Cabinet urged the farmers not to go for distress sales.

ly to make an announcement in the Assembly on Tuesday on the LRS.

Sources said that the Cabinet also a discussion on the promises of the Chief Minister in the recent monsoon session with regard to regularising the notary land transactions, houses build by the poor on government lands and registering sada binama (agreements on plain paper) land deals.

# Imports, large stocks make maize unviable, CM told

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 11

Agriculture experts and officials have explained to Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao that cultivation of maize was not advisable in Telangana state in view of the adverse market conditions in the country.

They said that with the policy decisions taken by the Centre on maize import and the new farm Acts which allow farmers to sell their produce to anyone and anywhere in the country have become a curse on the poor farmer.

They were briefing the Chief Minister on a review

meeting on cultivation of crops and marketing for the summer crop at Pragathi Bhavan here on Saturday.

The officials explained that 28 crore metric tonnes of surplus maize is available in the international market as on date.

The consumption in the country stood at 2.42 crore metric tonnes but 3.53 crore metric tonnes of maize is available. Officials told the Chief Minister that there are enough stocks of corn available not only for this year but also for the next year.

Agriculture minister Niranjan Reddy said that states like Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh,

Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are quoting a very low price for maize for use in poultry feed.

Therefore, poultry farmers of the Telangana state are not ready to buy locally produced maize.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that if farmers in Telangana state go in for maize cultivation in the summer season, they will incur heavy losses and it may not be possible to get minimum support price (MSP).

The officials said that farmers who prefer to cultivate maize even though they may not get the MSP may be allowed to do so.

## CRPF TO PROBE VIDEO ON BULLET PROOF VEHICLES

**New Delhi, Oct. 10:** The Central Reserve Police Force on Saturday said it is looking into the “authenticity” of a video, posted by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Twitter, in which some troops allege that they are being made to move for operational duties in a non bullet proof vehicle.

“CRPF has adequate protective vehicles to meet varied operational requirements,” force spokesperson Deputy Inspector General Moses Dhinakaran said in a statement.

“The authenticity of the video is being probed into by CRPF,” it said.

Gandhi attacked the government over provision of non-bullet proof vehicles for soldiers, while spending Rs 8,400 crore to procure aircraft for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“Is this justice?” he asked on Twitter along with the video. — PTI



## SHORT TAKES

## GRACE CANCER RUN GETS GOOD RESPONSE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

One lakh virtual participants from over 100 countries participated in the Grace Cancer Run organised to commemorate the World Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The virtual run was flagged off by health minister Etala Rajendar in the presence of Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, MLC Rajeshwar Rao, and CEO of the foundation Dr Chinnababu Sunkavalli. The theme of the run's third edition was 'Beat Cancer, Beyond Covid 19.'

Rajendar said, "There are nearly 15 per cent deaths due to cancer because of lifestyle changes, food habits and stress. Preventive initiatives are being taken up by the government and NGOs. Early detection is the key for a better cure and cancer screening is being undertaken by NGOs, which is helping in identifying early cases. Arogyasri is also providing free treatment to cancer patients."

## KCR ENLISTS ERRAVELLI PROPERTY INFO

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 11

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday enlisted details of his properties at his residence in Erravelli of Markook mandal of Siddipet district.

The Chief Minister gave all the details to village secretary P. Sidheswar when the latter approached him seeking details of his residence in Erravelli. The details were entered on record, and the official took a photograph of the Chief Minister to be added to the Telangana State Non Agriculture Property Book (TSNPB) app.

The Chief Minister said that the government is recording details of all fixed assets of all citizens and their families to provide security to their properties.

## JAGAN EXPLAINS NEED FOR PROBE

FROM PAGE 1

AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said his government "thought it fit to scrutinise decisions taken by the previous government which are nothing but acts of malfeasance and misfeasance leading to amassing of wealth by Naidu." "From the massive mandate given to me by the people, it is implied that they disapproved (of the) various misdeeds of the previous government and posed faith in me to investigate and punish the culprits," he said.

Kallam said that the CM explained how Justice Ramana had "resorted to judicial impropriety by passing majority orders in favour of parties who were represented by Dammalapati Srinivas" during the former's stint as judge of combined AP High Court. He also made it clear that the state government and the CM had enormous respect for the judiciary and the courts and the letter was only an effort to sensitise the apex court about acts of a few judges.

## PUBG ADDICT HANGS SELF IN TIRUPATI

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC  
NELLORE, OCT. 10

A 17-year-old Intermediate student hanged himself to death allegedly after his father rejected his plea for money to buy a gun in an online game and also chided the boy for playing PUBG on the smartphone at Tirupati on Saturday.

M. Thejesh's father Bhaskar is a TTD employee, residing in BTR Puram near Mangalam in Tirupati rural limits.

The addition of Thejesh for PUBG drew the ire of the family and on Saturday, Bhaskar warned Thejesh and asked him to put an end to online games.

Upset with the stern warning, Thejesh went into his room and hanged himself to death.

Family members broke open the doors of the room after he failed to respond only to find him hanging to the ceiling fan.

## Time for Mint Compound to get a facelift



Heavy rains on Friday night left the premises of Telangana state Government Mint Compound at Khairatabad in Hyderabad water-logged causing hardship for the employees. The buildings too are in a dilapidated condition and are in need of urgent repairs.

— P. SURENDRA

## 1,811 new Covid cases in TS

## Nine patients die, 2,072 people discharged from hospitals

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Telangana state recorded 1,811 fresh Covid-19 positive cases and nine deaths on Friday, while 2,072 people were discharged after recovery from the disease in the last 24 hours ending Saturday.

The total number of cases is 2,10,346, the death toll stands at 1,217 and the total recoveries are 1,83,025. From the

26,104 active cases, 21,551 are undergoing treatment at home, the Covid-19 bulletin issued by the state health department said.

Approximately, 50,469 samples were tested and the cumulative testing in the state is now at 35,00,394.

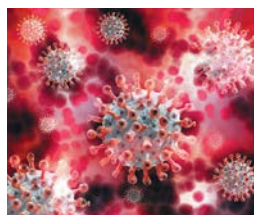
The GHMC limits recorded 291 new cases, Medchal Malkajigiri 171, Ranga Reddy 138, Nalgonda 108 and Karimnagar 100 cases.

## ECMO AIDS IN WOMAN'S RECOVERY

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) therapy aided in the recovery of a 58-year-old Covid-19 patient admitted in Yashoda Hospitals from Korutla in Jagtial district.

The patient was suffering from 80 to 90 per cent on ventilator support.



ing from severe acute respiratory distress and oxygen levels were fluctuating from 80 to 90 per cent on ventilator support.

She was put on ECMO treatment for 10 days after which her condition improved and she recovered completely.

The treatment is used in very severe cases when other medical support systems are not able to aid in recovery.

## AP records 35 Covid deaths

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 10

Andhra Pradesh registered 5,653 new Covid-19 cases increasing its overall tally to 7,50,517 and 35 deaths taking the toll to 6,194 in the last 24 hours.

The state health authorities issued the Covid-19 bulletin here on Saturday reporting that out of 73,625 samples tested, 5,653 individuals have

been found infected with the virus. Out of 64,94,099 samples tested so far in the state, 6,97,699 patients have been discharged after recovery while 46,624 active patients are undergoing treatment.

Among daily new positive cases, West Godavari has registered the highest number of 823, followed by 706 each in Chittoor and East Godavari, 538 in Prakasam.

## 200 CCTV cams launched by police

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Hyderabad city police launched 200 more CCTV cameras on Saturday under the Karkhana police station limits. The city now has 3.35 lakh CCTV cameras have been installed in Hyderabad city till now.

The launch of the latest batch of cameras at Mudfort High School was combined with the plantation programme under Haritha Haram. Along with police commissioner Anjani Kumar, other top police official and donors of CCTV cameras were present.

Speaking at the occasion, Kumar said

"Hyderabad is ranked 16th in the world and first in India for the number of CTV cameras according to a recent survey conducted by a private company. CCTV cameras give people a sense of confidence and security. Earlier, police used to interrogate more people to catch the accused. Now with the help of CCTV cameras, identification has become easy." He appreciated the principal of Mudfort High School, for providing a good environment to the poor who come to study there.

It might be recalled that the GHMC had embarked on a plan to have a vast network of CCTV cameras in place in a month's time in the city.

## PDA SLAPPED AGAINST FRAUDSTER

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat invoked the Preventive Detention Act against a member of an inter-state job fraud racket and detained her in special prison for women at Chanchalguda here.

The kingpin identified as Podala Shiva Ranjani, along with three others, lured job aspirants in the guise of providing them jobs in the railways, postal and forest departments by collecting ₹6.5 lakh per person.

They used to issue fake job offer letters and training letters to fool people.

## COVID-19 | IMPACT

## West Godavari lace industry in crisis

VADREU SRINIVAS | DC  
KAKINADA, OCT. 10

The famous lace industry in West Godavari, the country's major lace exporter, is in a crisis as there is a huge slump in exports and many manufacturers have given up their trade due to lack of business. Lace exports have fallen to ₹50 crore from ₹110 crore.

To make matters worse, the Covid-19 pandemic has badly hit the industry. Narasapuram, Palakollu and Seetharamapuram areas in west Godavari are famous for making lace garments. 98 per cent of exports are made from these areas and the remaining two percent are from Uttar Pradesh, New

Delhi and other areas in the country.

Considering the importance of lace produces in West Godavari, the union ministry of textiles has provided infrastructural facilities at Narasapuram and a lace park has been established at a cost of ₹20 crore.

The self-help group women in this area, in particular Seetharamapuram village, are making products with various designs.

West Godavari SHGs have participated in several trade fair exhibitions and fetched satisfactory orders from other countries. But many of the women have now given up the manufacturing of the lace products due to lack of orders.

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● Lace products made in Narasapuram area are exported to many of the countries like Germany, Japan, Belgium, Russia, US, Canada and middle Asian countries and lace cargo is exported from Madras port or AirPort but Covid-19 has hit exports.

"Sitharamapuram village is famous for lace-making and designs for the past 80 years. It has extended to other areas. One and a half decade back, when the women did not go for higher studies, there were two lakh people engaged in lace-related work.

After the introduction of

her parents on Saturday.

The adoption is for a period of three months. Her father said that when they visited the zoo, she had evinced an interest in adopting the birds.

Following directions from the Telangana High Court to interact with public prosecutors in trial courts in order to make them attentive and alert while dealing with criminal cases, Advocate General B.S. Prasad on Saturday conducted interactive sessions in the Bar Council premises with 50 public prosecutors from across the state in the presence of director of prosecution G. Vyjayanthi. The Advocate

## AIIMS OP soon, says Kishan Reddy

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday announced that all the out-patient departments will begin functioning at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bibinagar, on the city outskirts, in about a month.

On a visit to the hospital on Saturday, the minister urged the state government to extend all possible cooperation to the Centre for accelerated development of the AIIMS. The Centre, Kishan Reddy said, was ready to provide all kinds of facilities at the hospital.

He said that if an additional 10 acres of land can be allotted, a rural healthcare unit will be started at AIIMS, Bibinagar. Thanking the state for handing over 200 acres set aside for the hospital, Kishan Reddy directed the Yadadri-Bhongir district officials to complete the formalities and hand over the buildings to AIIMS.

Kishan Reddy called on people from Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh to take part in the 'People's Movement' (Jan



G. Kishan Reddy

Andolan) call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during this festive season to fight the Coronavirus pandemic by maintaining social distance, washing hands clean, and wearing face masks.

Kishan Reddy said the Centre cared for the doctors and recalled that it introduced a ₹50-lakh life insurance cover for those working in Covid-19 settings. Kishan Reddy was received at the hospital by AIIMS Director Dr Vikas Bhatia and district collector Anita Ramachandran.

## Squabble over medical waste

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Disposal of biomedical waste has become a bone of contention between doctors and waste management contractors. The waste is currently counted on per bed basis but the doctors want it based on weight.

Telangana Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (THANA) passed a resolution that biomedical waste must be ascertained based on weight alone.

While they are pressing for this and the government is considering it, some hospitals in Warangal are complaining that contractors are not collecting their waste. On the other hand, the Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) officials state that in Warangal hospitals are not giving waste to contractors.

A senior official in the biomedical waste department of the TSPCB, on condition of anonymity, said, "In Warangal, there is a constant complaint from hospitals. The contractor has been asked to go to the hospitals every day to collect Covid-19 waste."

A meeting with the government chief adviser Ravji Sharma, board officials of the Indian Medical Association and THANA was held in the last week of September. The

issue was discussed in detail and members explained that it is the central policy of the government to collect use the bed basis system. It is a functional system across the country and it cannot be changed in one state.

But doctors state that they find this system faulty and it is draining them in times of Covid-19.

Dr V. Rakesh, president of THANA in Warangal, said "The contractors have become one and are demanding ₹250 per bed. They are not coming every day and hospitals treating Covid-19 patients need their waste to be disposed regularly. The other hospitals do not have regular patients. Why must they pay? We want that the weight system be implemented."

THANA members in Hyderabad said that biomedical waste is regularly collected and till the new prices are fixed, they are paying old rates. Dr Mohan Gupta, general secretary of THANA, said, "In the meeting, it was decided that there will be separate rates for non-Covid-19 and Covid-19 hospitals. We are waiting for the government to come back to us with their decision."

TSPCB officials state that till the new rates are decided, they are going to charge the old rates.

## A-G conducts session with public prosecutors

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## IN BRIEF

**Arrangements for MLC vote counting**

**Nizamabad:** Officials are making arrangements for counting of votes polled for the Nizamabad Local Authorities MLC bypolls held on Friday, at the Government Polytechnic College in Nizamabad. On Saturday, scrutiny of reports submitted by the presiding officers, sectoral officers and micro observers was conducted. Election observer Veerabrahmaiah, MLC election returning officer and district collector C. Narayana Reddy reviewed the arrangements made for counting of votes. They also interacted with the polling agents who worked at the field-level during polling. On October 12, counting of votes will begin at 8 am and polling agents should reach the counting centre by 7 am. In view of examinations to the students, the main entrance of Polytechnic College will be open for students and faculty only, they said. Officials, staff and polling agents should enter the premises from the Women's College Road, they said.

**Mental Health Day observed**

**Nizamabad:** World Mental Health Day was observed in Nizamabad on Saturday. Sneha Society for Rural Reconstruction and Indian Medical Association jointly organised a programme. Speaking on the occasion, IMA Nizamabad unit president T. Jeevan Rao said that mental health problems have been increasing among people in these days. People focus more on physical health but ignore mental health which is more important than physical health, he lamented and said that awareness on mental health should be increased. Parents should not always be protective of their children but let them be independent, he suggested. Psychiatrist A. Vishal, Sneha Society secretary S. Siddaiah, principal S. Jyothi, vice principal Rajeshwari, project manager Moiz Ahmad and others were present.

■ People need to focus more on mental health as it would help them be happy and also lead a healthy life, said IMA president Jeevan Rao



A devotee offers Kode Mokku at Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada on Saturday, after the authorities began performing arjitha sevas at the shrine following the lockdown due to the pandemic. — DC

## Devotees throng Vemulawada temple

Nandeeshwaram, Parvatipuram cottages opened for public

**PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC SIRCILLA, OCT. 10**

After six months of the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the famous Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple is witnessing steady increase in the number of devotees, apart from VIPs, with the temple authorities launching daily puja rituals (Arjitha Sevas) in Vemulawada, Rajanna Sircilla district.

Following orders of the state endowments department to begin conducting arjitha sevas at the famous temple, following the the Covid-19 guidelines, the

temple authorities decided to conduct the rituals from 6 am to 10 pm.

Before launching the arjitha sevas at the temple, the EO Krishna Prasad, along with AEO Hari Kishan, made sure that all arrangements were made to observe physical distance among the devotees, apart from maintaining sanitation on the temple premises.

The regular puja rituals, along with kode mokku (tying of an ox) which is an unique ritual followed at the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple, were not performed till June 8 due to the lockdown imposed to

check the spread of Coronavirus. The temple was reopened on June 8 allowing the devotees to have only the normal 'Laghu Darshan'.

With the restrictions being lifted phase-wise, the temple authorities have decided to conduct Arjitha sevas daily at the temple.

On Saturday, being weekend, along with hundreds of devotees, some other prominent persons like the chairman of the Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Papi Reddy, Chevella Magistrate Manjula and Sircilla Magistrate Swathi Murali also visited the temple and

offered prayers to the deities. The priests conducted Panchopaniashad D w a b h i s h e k a m Pariwara Devatharchanalu Sadasyam to Lord Sri Sitharamachandra Swamy at the temple.

Right from the early hours, the devotees thronged the temple. They followed the Covid-19 protocols while standing in the queue. Some devotees even offered Kode Mokku.

The devotees also performed the rituals of conducting 'bonalu' and abhishekam and navagraha puja at Baddi Pochamma and Bheemeshwara Swamy temples in Vemulawada.

## Don't have misconception on asset registration: Errabelli

**ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, OCT. 10**

"This is Errabelli Dayakar Rao, your favorite MLA and minister..." These words from the loud speakers came as a surprise to the villagers of Ragannapet in Rayaparthi mandal, Warangal Rural district, on Saturday.

Minister for panchayat raj, rural development and rural water supply Errabelli Dayakar Rao has found a new way to reach the people and create awareness about the state government's initiative on registration of public property.

"The government has launched an asset registration programme to provide security to the properties of the people. You all must cooperate with the officials," he said, while addressing the villagers.

The minister made an unscheduled visit to the village and enquired



Minister for panchayat raj Errabelli Dayakar Rao addresses villagers of Ragannapet on Saturday. — DC

about the ongoing registration of public assets.

He asked the officials about the progress of registration works and the details of assets. He also enquired them about how the people were cooperating with them.

Later, he addressed the villagers on loud speakers set up in the panchayat.

He said people need not

have any doubts or misconceptions about registration of property. He also explained to the villagers about the development works taken up in their place.

The people in the village were very happy that the minister gave them due recognition and felt the need to clear their anxiety about the registration of

## Sanction unemployment dole, demands Congress

**PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC PEDDAPALLI, OCT. 10**

The TRS government has conveniently forgot to sanction Rs 3,000 unemployment dole to the youth about which it promised during the elections, sai DCC president of Jagtali unit, Adluri Laxman.

Speaking to mediapersons at Dharmaram mandal in Peddapalli district on Saturday, Laxman said that many unemployed youth actively participated in the separate Telangana movement

believing that the slogan of "Neellu, nidhulu, niyamakalu" would be a more transparent affair in the separate state, he said.

However, even after completion of six years of achieving Telangana state, the people are still facing the same problems, he pointed out.

KCR made a number of poll promises before going to elections. He promised that he would allot a job to each family and would sanction an unemployment dole of ₹3,000 to the unemployed youth. However, after becoming the CM, he betrayed them,

the Congress leader said.

When many unemployed youth are facing a lot of hardships in the newly formed Telangana state, the government removed field assistants and village coordinators from their posts, he pointed out. Some of them ended their life by suicide dejected over not getting jobs, he said.

Due to the outbreak of the pandemic, around 15,000 teachers and other non-teaching staff of the private colleges and schools in Dharmapuri constituency lost their jobs, he said.



**Sri K. Chandrashekhar Rao**  
Chief Minister, Government of Telangana

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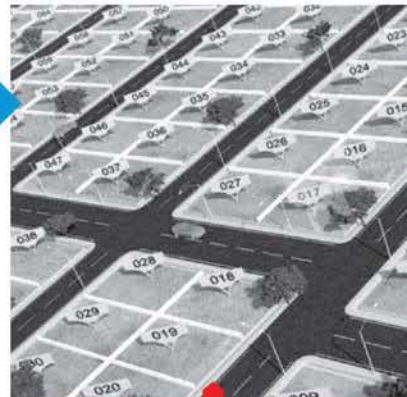
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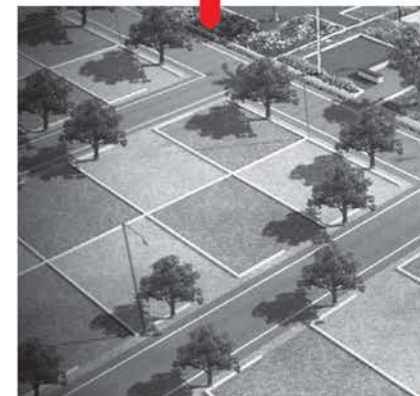
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## The politics MPs play for a house

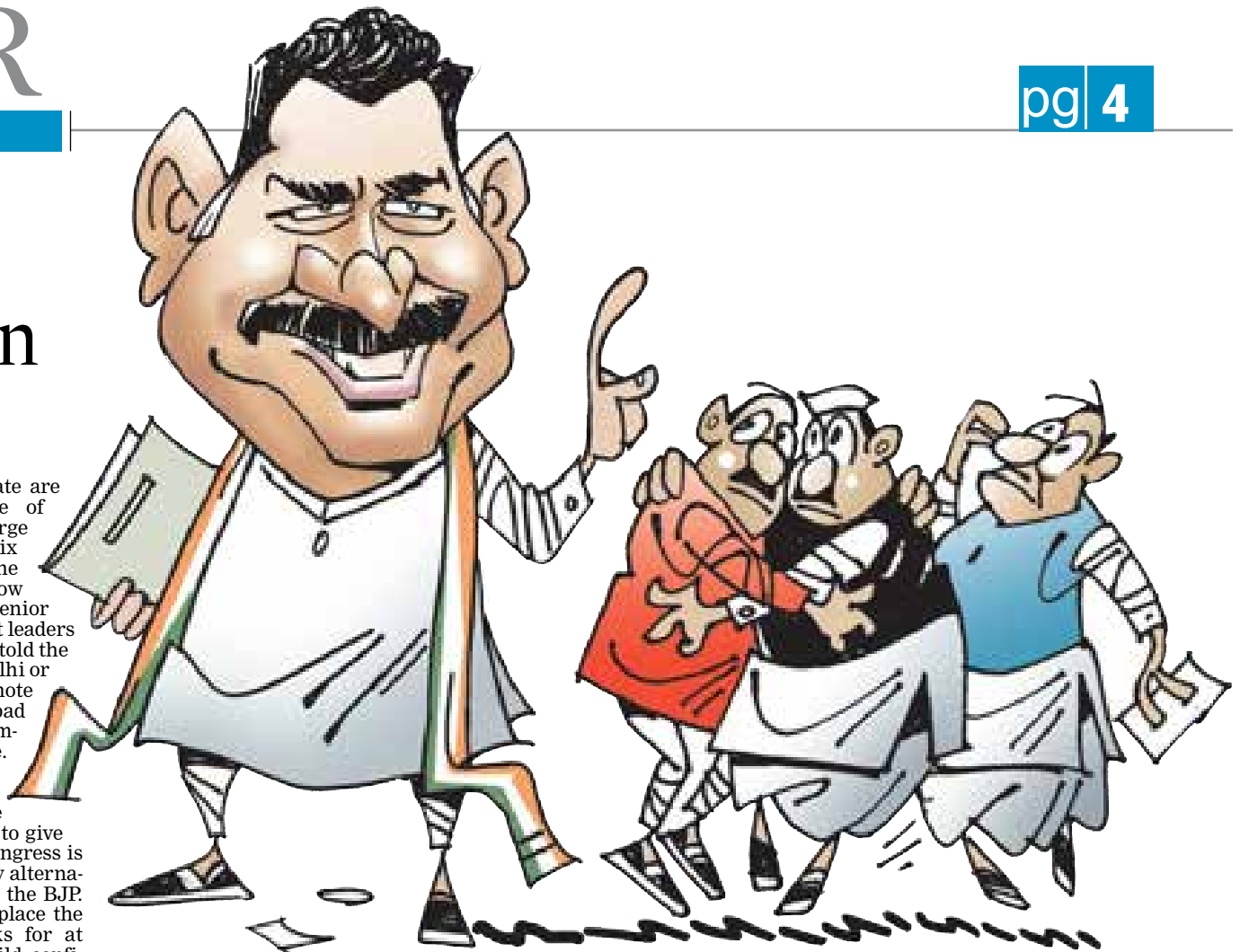
Politics sometimes get petty. The elite class, irrespective of parties, joined hands to deny Telugu Desam MP K. Ravindra Kumar, who comes from a humble background, a decent accommodation in the national capital. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat allotted to the TD member the individual quarters which was earlier occupied by Dr K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, once a powerful lobbyist on behalf of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy during the Congress regime. Machilipatnam Lok Sabha member V. Balashowry set his eyes on the quarters which he used to frequent in view of his proximity to KVP. He is said to have approached BJP MP C.M. Ramesh with a request to get the quarters allotted to him. In Delhi circles, Ramesh and maverick YSRC MP K. Raghu Ramakrishna Raju are popular for having a say in the allotment of accommodation, and ensuring individual quarters to themselves and their friends. The idea is to help KVP retain the quarters even after retirement till the elite group manages to change the allottee. Poor Ravindra Kumar is looking to RS Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu for help.

## AP's powerful babu in a 'spot'

Praveen Prakash, the most controversial bureaucrat in the Andhra Pradesh CMO, is facing a difficult situation. He no doubt enjoys enormous confidence of his boss and Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Though he has often failed to achieve the results in the tasks assigned to him, the CM is happy at the go-getter attitude of Prakash. He has been given a free hand to rule babudom. He is expected to get empanelled as additional secretary at the Centre and God knows he may eventually end up in the highest bureaucratic position in the country — Union Cabinet Secretary. The empanelment of his senior Anil Singhal has cleared the route for the next batch to which Prakash belongs. Sources said he even broached his dilemma with the CM and there may be some clarity on the issue in the coming weeks.

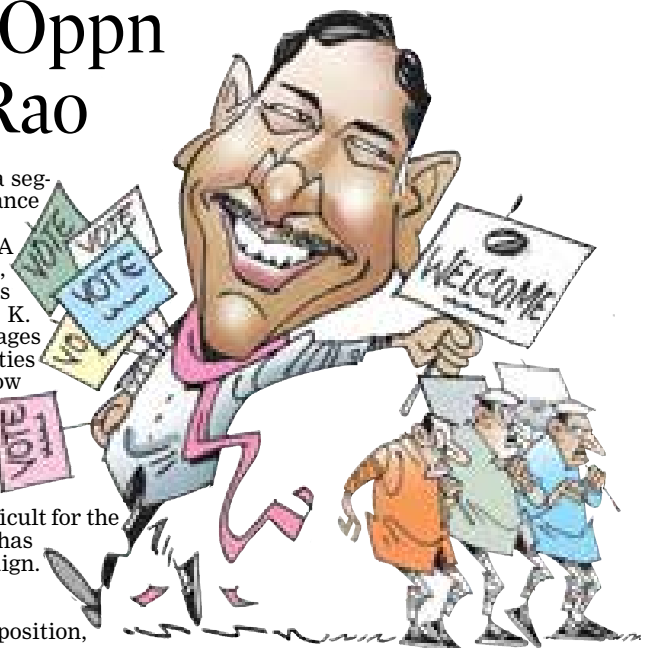
## Tagore tries to make Congmen fall in line

Many Congress leaders of Telangana state are taken aback by the tough attitude of Manickam Tagore, the new AICC in-charge of party affairs. First off, Tagore, one of the six Congress MLAs from Tamil Nadu, showed that he wanted discipline by getting the leaders to follow protocol. This he did by recently snubbing a senior leader who tried to join a meeting with state unit leaders to which he was not invited. Tagore also plainly told the party leaders that he was not the one to sit in Delhi or Tamil Nadu and run the party affairs by remote control. He said he would stay put in Hyderabad and wanted the party leaders to organise accommodation that was not flashy or expensive. Having set a target of 79 seats in the 2023 Assembly elections — he even invoked Indira Gandhi to rouse the cadre — his first job appears to give the impression that the Congress is very active and is the only alternative to the TRS, and not the BJP. He can be expected to place the leaders on tenterhooks for at least six months to build confidence among people regarding the party.



## When even the Oppn praises Harish Rao

The November 3 byelections to the Dubbaka segment has become a battle between finance minister T. Harish Rao versus the Congress and the BJP. After the demise of TRS MLA Solipeta Ramalinga Reddy from Dubbaka, Harish Rao entered the scene on the directions of the TRS boss and Chief Minister K. Chandrababbarao. He covered all the villages in the segment before the Opposition parties even got ready for the elections, and is now on his second round of tours. During the first round, Harish Rao ensured that many leaders of the Congress and the BJP joined the TRS. In the second round, he is wooing prominent leaders in both parties to join the TRS bandwagon. This has become difficult for the Opposition leaders to deal with. Harish Rao has become the target of their election campaign. They are even saying that the people of Dubbaka will vote for the TRS candidate for the sake of Harish Rao. Coming from the Opposition, that is high praise.



## CITY

### IN BRIEF

#### HC questions TS on Dharani details

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

The High Court has asked the state government under what authority and law it is asking people about their property details for entering them into the Dharani portal.

These details were sought by Justice Shameem Akther while dealing with a petition filed by G.R. Karunakar and others from Ranganaguda village of Ranga Reddy district, who have challenged the government's decision to collect property details from the people.

Pusuluri Shashikiran, counsel for the petitioners, said the government is compelling and harassing non-agricultural property owners to give details of their property. Otherwise, these properties cannot be registered for sale or conducting any transactions.

The exercise is not supported by any enactment, rules or regulations prevailing as on date. PAN is backed by the income-tax Act, the bank passbook is under the Banking Act and Aadhaar has backing of Aadhaar Act. Any compulsion must be supported by an Act. This clearly violates several Articles of the Constitution and hence should be stayed," counsel contended.

## KCR planning to grab Muslim votes: BJP

Assembly session not to discuss public issues, says Sanjay

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC JAGTIAL, OCT. 10

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state chief and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrababbarao had convened Assembly sessions not to discuss public issues but to grab Muslim votes ahead of the municipal elections, more so that of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

He made these remarks during a visit to temples in Kondagattu of Jagtial district.

It is to be recalled that Sanjay Kumar, after recovering from Covid-19 was in home quarantine for a period of 20 days in New Delhi.

Along with a big convey of vehicles, he visited Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Nallagonda, Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada and Sri Anjaneya



BJP leaders and party workers accord warm welcome to party state unit president and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar at Kondagattu in Jagtial district on Saturday.

Swamy temple in Kondagattu and offered prayers to the presiding deities before reaching Karimnagar district.

Speaking to the press persons in Kondagattu, Mr. Sanjay Kumar came heavily on the TRS government. He alleged that keeping in view of coming up municipal elections and to allot reservations to those who purchased Cricket

teams, CM KCR decided to conduct a special assembly session.

He said when the Centre introduced the triple talaq bill in Parliament Chandrababbarao did not utter a single word but now to grab Muslim votes and to field maximum number of people from the community in the GHMC elections and to bring a new law he

has decided to hold an emergency Assembly session.

The BJP leader ridiculed the Chief Minister's aloofness when Coronavirus has left millions in distress. He said Rao never bothered to address public issues. He said

The Chief Minister did not implement EWS reservations, did not allot 12 percent reservation for Scheduled Caste (SC) but is now destroying the rights of BCs while trying to include Muslims in BC category.

Sanjay Kumar reminded that when Chandrababbarao called Hindus 'Bondagallu' in Karimnagar, the people had taught him a fitting lesson now the same fate will befall him in Hyderabad, the BJP leader said. The BJP will explain to the people about Chandrababbarao's vote-bank politics and teach the TRS government a fitting lesson, he said.

## MANUU TOLD TO LAUNCH ONLINE COURSES

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 10

Prof. V. S. Prasad, former vice chancellor of BR Ambedkar Open University and IGNOU, advised the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) in the light of new education policy (NEP) to go for the triple mode of education by launching online courses.

Addressing a webinar organised by Manuu, 'National Education Policy, 2020 — An Integrated Approach to Manuu,' Prasad said that the policy could be implemented effectively through an integrated approach and strategy.

Suggesting that they explore the interdisciplinary combinations in 75 courses offered by Manuu, Prasad, quoting former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, said both vision and mission are important to achieve results. He said that full utilisation of human potential, education for the development of the country are among the main objectives of this policy.

Manuu Vice Chancellor Prof. Rahmatullah, in his presidential address, emphasised making full use of the unique mandate given to the university in the light of NEP. He termed the NEP a revolutionary initiative and said that special attention has been paid to the quality of education and research.



Asifabad ZP chairperson Kova Laxmi, MLA Atram Sakku and ITDA PO Bhavesh Mishra take part in the foundation stone ceremony for the construction of houses for Kolam Gondi Adivasis on the outskirts of Asifabad on Saturday.

## Stone laid for houses to Kolams

DC CORRESPONDENT KUMARAMBHEEM ASIFABAD, OCT. 10

Asifabad Zilla Parishad chairperson Kova Laxmi and Asifabad MLA Atram Sakku and ITDA project officer Bhavesh Mishra on Saturday participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of houses for Kolam families which have been forced to vacate their village Kolam Gondi in the past.

The forest officials removed the Kolam families from their village stating that the village was located in the reserve forest in Kagaznagar mandal, last year.

The officials are planning to construct houses for 16 Kolam families on the out-

skirts of the Asifabad. Addressing the Adivasis on the occasion, Atram Sakku and Kova Laxmi said they will provide facilities like community hall, school building and Bheemanna temple beside basic amenities like water and electricity to the families.

ITDA project officer Bhavesh Mishra said the state government was committed to the welfare and development of the Adivasis.

Asifabad DTDO Dilip, TRS leaders Gadeveni Mallesh, Chiluvuru Venkanna Gopal Naik and Kolam Gondi Patel Atram Prakash, Atram Bheem Rao, Adivasi leaders Madavi Ambadas, Kova Bheemrao and Prakash were present.

## Picnic-goers make beeline to waterfalls in Adilabad

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC ADILABAD, OCT. 10

With the pandemic increasing mental stress among many and the central government relaxing rules for tourist places, visitors are thronging waterfalls and tourist places in large numbers. Tourist places were thrown open for the public after a 6-month closure following lockdown imposed to check the spread of Coronavirus.

During weekends, more number of people from Hyderabad, Nizamabad and Karimnagar rush to these exotic locales, especially Kuntala and Pochera waters falls and Kadam project.

Remaining indoors for months at a stretch had an impact on the mental health of many people.

Now, it seems like people



File photo of Kuntala waterfalls.

are able to accept that they need to live along with Coronavirus.

One can see a large number of visitors at Haritha Vanam at Mavala on the outskirts of Adilabad town.

The visitors are coming to Kuntala waterfall in their own vehicles as a precau-

tion to avoid contracting Covid by travelling in public transportation system.

The Kuntala and Pochera waterfalls are gushing with fresh water flowing from upstream and attracting the visitors. The water flow is not very high at both the waterfalls.

## BJP tells youth to get enrolled as voters

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, OCT. 10

BJP Warangal Urban district unit president Rao Padma has called on the youth to get themselves registered as voters in large numbers to exercise their franchise for the upcoming municipal elections and teach a befitting lesson to the ruling TRS party.

Addressing mediapersons here on Saturday, she said that the youth of Telangana were fed up with CM K. Chandrababbarao's regime.

She criticised KCR for cheating the youth by promising a job for each house and unemployment benefit but not fulfilling any of the promise. As a result, the youth are angry with him, she said. "The TRS party is trying

to muzzle the voice of the youth by preventing them from getting registered as voters for the upcoming elections.

She urged all those who have graduated by October 2017 and obtained a 3-year diploma to get registered as voters online for the forthcoming Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' Constituency elections.

Similarly, the TRS party plans to hold the Greater Warangal municipal elections in early November, which will result in many young people losing their right to vote. "We demand that the government hold elections in January," she added.

BJP Warangal Urban district general secretaries Kolanu Santosh Reddy, Deshni Sadanandam Goud and others were present.

## Adilabad MP urges Rajnath Singh to set up airport

DC CORRESPONDENT ADILABAD, OCT. 10

Adilabad BJP MP Soyam Bapurao, on Saturday, met Union Minister for Defence Rajnath Singh and appealed to him to take steps to establish an airport at Adilabad district headquarters.

Soyam Bapurao told Rajnath Singh that the proposal for setting up the air-

port has been pending for the last 6 years.

In a statement issued here, Soyam Bapurao informed that he requested Mr Singh and briefed him about the importance of establishing a full-fledged airport at Adilabad, as it is located in a crucial place on the border of Telangana and Maharashtra. The airport will help in better connectivity to the people in

Adilabad, the MP told the Union Minister.

The MP said that 369 acres belonging to the Indian Airforce Authority was available for establishing the airport and that the state government was acquiring an additional 1,500 acre land for the same. Adilabad district BJP president Payal Shankar accompanied Soyam Bapurao.



## SHORT TAKES

### SCIENTIFIC OFFICER FROM MYSURU MISSING

M.B. GIRISH | DC MYSURU, OCT. 10

Abhishek Reddy Gulla, 26, working as scientific officer attached to Baba Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Mysuru has gone missing for 20 days. Police have launched a search to trace him.

According to the police, Abhishek Reddy was working as a scientific officer at the research center for over a year and was staying at a rented house in New Janata Colony, Yelwala, about 20 kms from Mysuru.

Reddy did not attend office for about 20 days. Later, BARC administrative officer T.K. Bose lodged a complaint with the Yelwala police on October 8.

In the complaint, Reddy is said to have left the house on his two wheeler (KA09 JA0013). Reddy is 5 feet nine inches in height, has wheatish complexion and is bald.

Police have ruled out the possibility of a kidnap but suspect that he might have gone missing under depression and a search is on to trace him.

### ACTIVE COVID CASES BELOW 9L FOR SECOND DAY

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 10

With 73,272 fresh cases of coronavirus, India till Saturday had 69.79 lakh overall cases while the number of deaths were 1,07,416 after 926 new fatalities were recorded in the last 24 hours.

According to the union health ministry, 59.88 lakh people have recovered so far from Covid-19, taking the recovery rate to 85.81 per cent. The case fatality rate stands at 1.54 per cent. Union Health Ministry officials said, the number of active cases remained below 9 lakh, for the second day in a row — there are 8.83 lakh active cases in the country as of now.

“Presently the active cases comprise merely 12.65 per cent of the total positive cases of the country. These are nearly 1/8th of the total cases in the country. The total recovered cases are close to 60 lakh thereby enhancing the difference with respect to the active cases. As many as 82,753 patients have recovered and discharged in the last 24 hours whereas the new confirmed cases stand at 73,272,” officials said adding 18 states and UTs have recorded Recovery Rate more than the national average.

### MAN PADDLES WIFE 90 KM TO HOSPITAL

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, OCT. 10

In an incident identical to that of the 2016 Dana Majhi case, a 70-year-old man from Sakhigopal in Puri district on Friday paddled his unwell wife for 90 kms on a rented trolley rickshaw after he failed to hire an auto-rickshaw to take her for treatment at SCB Medical College and Hospital at Cuttack.

Kabir Bhoi had admitted his wife Sukanti at the Puri district headquarters hospital. The doctors there advised him to shift her to Cuttack. As he did not have money to take Sukanti to Cuttack, Kabir brought her back home. However, when Sukanti's health worsened, he hired a trolley rickshaw for ₹50 per day and paddled all the way from Sakhigopal to Cuttack.

### REPUBLIC TV MOVES SC OVER TRP SCAM

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, OCT. 10

A day after the Mumbai police issued summons to chief financial officer (CFO) of Republic TV, for being questioned in the TRP manipulation case, he did not turn up stating the media house had approached the apex court seeking relief.

The CFO also informed the police that since the Supreme Court could hear the matter in a week, the process of recording his statement should be held up until then.

The crime branch, meanwhile, recorded the statement of Madison World & Madison Communication's Sam Balsara on Saturday.

## End of an era



Chirag Paswan, son of Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader late Ram Vilas Paswan, lights the funeral pyre containing the mortal remains of his father during the cremation at Digha Ghat in Patna on Saturday. Chirag fainted after lighting the funeral pyre, but was saved from crashing on to the ground by his cousins who had been beside him, helping him perform the rituals. — PTI

# Soldiers posted along LAC mostly rely on foot mobility

Even in 1962, soldiers moved on foot and it has remained unchanged

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD OCT. 10

Technology and firepower aside, soldiers of the Indian Army posted in the rugged terrain along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh are mostly relying on foot mobility in the ongoing military operations.

To take on the People's Liberation Army of China (PLA), the Indian troops are sticking to the basic war principles which is advantageous in the theatre which mostly comprises mountains and ridges. When it comes to cross-country, the Indian Army is one of the best in the world.

On a day US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that China has amassed more than 60,000 troops along the LAC, highly placed sources told *Deccan Chronicle* that basic fighting principles have hardly changed in this region. This is true since the 1962 war between both the countries.

“Foot mobility continues to be the key in mountain

warfare and both sides know that too well. Helicopters will find it difficult to land as there are limited landing sites in this mountainous region. They will have to fly at lower speeds while the harsh weather will limit visibility. Despite having the best helicopters, flying through the limited approach between the valleys without being detected by the enemy is another huge task. This is precisely the reason why our soldiers are relying on cross-country,” they explained.

Ever since tensions between the two armies increased, especially after the Galwan valley clashes, Indian troops have taken up arduous journeys on foot for several kilometres, which enabled them to quickly dominate the areas and consolidate their positions.

Like it is for all armies, cross country is one of the key aspects of training of soldiers and officers of the Indian Army.

Carrying heavy loads, they are made to run several kilometres at a

stretch, non-stop. They are fully trained for survival in the mountainous regions while moving on foot, which tests the limits of physical endurance and determination.

“In this theatre, military operations will largely depend on how quickly soldiers are able to capture ground on foot. There needs to be quick link-ups between the special forces and soldiers from other units who will dominate and consolidate positions. Even in the 1962 war, soldiers moved on foot and it has remained unchanged in this region ever since. The intense training on foot mobility that a soldier or an officer undergoes during training are being put to use,” sources said.

Since moving on foot frequently requires unhindered logistical support, all logistical arrangements are in place for the soldiers who would need to sustain for several days at different points along the LAC. As winter sets in, the soldiers are fighting the harsh weather and the PLA alike.

## Army says local recruitment in militant ranks up

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, OCT. 10

The Army said on Saturday that even though the infiltration from across the Line of Control has been restricted to a fewer incidents due to the increased vigil being maintained by it along the de facto border, the recruitment of local youths into the militants' ranks has gone up slightly in the past one month.

Meanwhile, two Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants including a Pakistani national were killed in a gunfight with the security forces in Chinigam area of southern Kulgam district early

Saturday. In the afternoon, a brief clash took place between the security forces and the militants in Dadura area of neighbouring Pulwama district, leaving two unidentified ‘militants’ dead.

“In the past six months the recruitment of the youths into the terrorist ranks had come down but now it has again seen a little rise,” Lt. Gen. B. S. Raju, the General-Officer-Commanding of the Srinagar-based 15 Army Corps told reporters here.

At the same time, he noted with great satisfaction that many among those who are already in the militants' ranks are coming forth to surrender.

## Detention centres have to be outside jail premises: HC

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, OCT. 10

The Gauhati High Court has directed that detention centres cannot be inside the jail premises and if suitable accommodations are not available, the state government should look for and hire private buildings to run the detention centre.

There are six detention centres in Assam to detain ‘illegal foreigners’ but all are inside jails.

In these six detention centres altogether 425 detainees are lodged. Following a Supreme Court's order in April to prevent congestion in jails due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 350 detainees languishing in various detention centres had been released on bail.

The high court order came in response to a batch of petitions related to detention of ‘foreigners’ in Assam.

The petitions were filed by a team of lawyers and activists, facilitated by Studio Nilima, a research collective. Renowned advocate Nilay Dutta argued the case on behalf of the petitioners.

The High Court observed that the declaration of a part of the jail premises in six districts of Assam as detention centres are not the complete requirement of the order of the Supreme Court in Bhim Singh vs Union of India case, communications of the MHA as well as the Model Manual for the Detention Centres.

The decision in the Bhim Singh vs Union of India as reported had held that detainees cannot be treated as prisoners and cannot be confined to prison and deprived of basic human rights and human dignity.

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the directions of the Supreme Court, communications of Ministry of Home Affairs and the Model Manual for Detention Centres, 2019 provides that detention centres should be set up outside the jail premises. “If suitable accommodation is not available, the state government may look for hiring of private buildings for the purpose,” the court stated.

Part of the jail premises in Silchar and Kokrajhar have been declared as detention centres in 2010 as a “temporary measure”.

Later, parts of the existing jail premises in Goalpara, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Tezpur were also declared as detention centres for the purpose of detaining persons declared as illegal foreigners, pending their deportation.

“It is discernible that more than 10 years have gone by since a part of the jail premises in Goalpara, Kokrajhar and Silchar had been declared to be detention centres. Certainly a period of more than 10 years cannot be understood to be a temporary arrangement,” the court observed.

It may be noted that the court has directed the Home and Political Affairs Department of the state government to submit an action taken report by October 16 as to what steps have been taken to set up detention centres outside the jail premises in compliance with the law.

## RBI to SC: More moratorium not in borrowers' interest

PARMOD KUMAR | DC with agency inputs NEW DELHI, OCT. 10

A loan moratorium exceeding six months might result in vitiating the overall credit discipline, which will have a debilitating impact on the process of credit creation in the economy, the Reserve Bank of India told the Supreme Court.

In its 17-page “consolidated affidavit” filed ahead of the hearing on Tuesday of the loan moratorium case, the RBI stated that extension of the moratorium beyond the six-month period that expired on August 31 will impact credit behaviour of borrowers and increase the risks of delinquencies.

The moratorium, the RBI stated, “would not even be in the interest of borrowers” as it does not address “deeper cash flow problems” of borrowers, but, in fact, “exacerbates the repayment pres-

ures”.

The RBI submitted that any waiver of interest on interest would also entail significant economic costs which cannot be absorbed by the banks without serious dent of their finances, and this, in turn, would have huge implications for the depositors and the broader financial stability.

Thus, a more durable solution was needed to rebalance the debt burden of viable borrowers, both businesses as well as individuals, relative to their cash flow generation abilities.

The banking regulator filed the affidavit in pursuance to the apex court's October 5 order asking the Centre and the RBI to place on record the K.V. Kamath committee recommendations on debt restructuring because of Covid-19 related stress on various sectors as well as the notifications and circulars issued so far on loan moratorium.

## US: Talks won't make China change its stance

**Washington, Oct. 10:** China has attempted to “seize” control of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India by force as part of its territorial aggression, US' national security advisor has said, underlining that time has come to accept that dialogue and agreements will not persuade Beijing to change.

India and China are locked in a five-month-long tense border standoff in

eastern Ladakh that has significantly strained their relations. Both sides have held a series of high-level diplomatic and military talks to resolve the border row. However, no breakthrough has been achieved to end the standoff.

“CCP's (Chinese Communist Party) territorial aggression is also apparent on its Indian border where China has attempted to seize control

of the Line of Actual Control by force,” US National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien said in a remark on China early this week in Utah.

The India-China border dispute covers the 3,488-km-long LAC. China claims Arunachal Pradesh as part of southern Tibet, while India contests it.

The Chinese territorial aggression is also true in the Taiwan Strait where

the PLA (People's Liberation Army) Navy and Air Force continue to conduct threatening military drills, O'Brien said.

“Beijing's signature international development programme, One Belt One Road (OBOR), involves impoverished companies taking on opaque and unsustainable Chinese loans to pay Chinese firms employing Chinese labourers to build

their infrastructure, he said. Many of these projects are unnecessary, shoddily built and are “white elephants”, he said.

“And now these countries' dependence on the Chinese debt leaves their sovereignty eroded and with no choice but to huddle to the party's line on UN votes or any other issue that the CCP considers a red line,” he said. — PTI

### CASTE | BIAS

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# Dalit president of TN panchayat forced to sit on floor

A. ARUL PALANI | DC CUDDALORE, OCT. 10

Atrocities and discrimination against Dalit local body members and office bearers continues unabated in the state. The women members face worse as they are not only prevented from performing their official duties but also constantly abused by men from dominant castes.

Dalit village Panchayat president, S. Rajeswari, 31, was made to sit on the floor while all others were seated on chairs in a panchayat meeting at Therku Thittai village near Chidambaram in Cuddalore district. The photo of the incident in

which she was seen sitting on the floor went viral.

It is reported that upper caste men have been preventing her from performing official duties and that they have been taking all the decisions since she assumed office in January this year.

They also abused her continuously. On a complaint from Rajeswari, the Bhuavagiri police registered a case against the Panchayat Vice-President, K. Mohanraj and Secretary Sinhuja under 3 (1) (m) and 3 (1) (r) sections of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act.

As Rajeswari's photos, taken at a meeting held on July 17 went viral, the district administration swung into action with Cuddalore District Collector Chandra Sekhar Sakhamuri and Cuddalore SP M. Sree Abhinav conducted preliminary enquiry at the panchayat on Saturday.

While Mohanraj escaped from the place, Sinhuja has been placed under suspension.

The Collector said a case has been registered against perpetrators of the crime and investigation is going on. He appealed to ward members and panchayat leaders to work in unison for the wel-

● **THE INCIDENT** came to light two months after V. Amurtham, Aathupaakam village panchayat president in Tiruvallur, was prevented from unfurling the national flag on the occasion of Independence Day.

fare of the village burying caste and religious differences

The administration would take necessary action to prevent such incidents in the future and raise awareness among the people. Block Development officials will monitor the village panchayats and, if necessary, such panchayat meeting

will be monitored through CCTV cameras, he added.

The village consists of around 500 families who are mostly Vanniyars and 100 Dalit households. The panchayat was reserved for SC community.

Since January, the panchayat has conducted four meetings and in all of them Rajeswari was asked to sit on the floor while the vice-president and four members of the panchayat belonging to the dominant caste sat on chairs.

The fifth member from the Scheduled Caste community, Suganthi, member from ward 1, was also not allowed to sit on a chair. Nor was she allowed to

hoist the Tri-colour during Independence Day and the flag was hoisted by Vice-President.

Suganthi, a Dalit ward member of the panchayat said that Therkuthittai village is Vanniyar-dominated.

“They act in a rude manner against us. They consider Dalits as their servants. Besides ill-treating us they also abuse us repeatedly. In the same way, they conduct themselves in the panchayat also.”

The incident came to light two months after V. Amurtham, Aathupaakam village panchayat president in Tiruvallur, was prevented from unfurling

the national flag on the occasion of Independence Day. However, Amurtham, hoisted the Tricolour five days later after the district administration intervened.

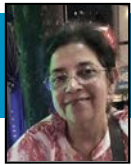
Reacting to the incident, S. Karuppiyah, State Secretary, Dalit Liberation Movement, said this is not an isolated incident. Such atrocities and discrimination are common across the state.

“Dalit panchayat presidents, especially women Dalit leaders, continuously face threats in villages. The government must provide adequate security to them and allow them to perform their duties freely,” he said.



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Off the beaten track

### Papa's haircuts and other hair-raising experiences

Covid-19 has forced quite a few young fathers or fathers with small children, particularly boys, to turn into barbers. They cut their sons' hair with an apparent air of professional expertise. Interestingly, these "neo-barbers" have had no qualms about displaying photographs of their handiwork. They do so, through various social media platforms. The photos, of course, cannot hide the serious look on the fathers' faces and the puzzled, perplexed, even slightly disturbed, expression on the kids'. The latter seem disturbed about what they look like after being subjected to a first-time experience of their fathers' mercy on their hair.

Paradoxically, the father's pride and sense of achievement in becoming a "barber" is hardly pleasing to the child. So what if the father is a professional expert in the medical field, business, academics or some other area? The little ones care little when their hairstyle faces their scissors. Even toddlers of today's day and age seem fairly smart in judging their parents' expertise at whatever they may be attempting. It isn't surprising that a certain number of children have preferred going totally bald than opt for the said haircut.

The fairer sex is luckier. With the mask on, they can afford to be calous about their facial hair. Why should they care if the make-up industry is suffering from a sudden fall in demand? They have too many things to bother about — having to stay at home for too long a period, precautions to be exercised because of the pandemic, and so on. And as far as their hair is concerned, it can just be knotted into a bun or clipped as convenient. Of course, men, too, exercise the option of having long hair and styling it as they please. But leaving it loose isn't considered "safe" while Covid-19 lasts.

This hairy issue is a cause of great concern for celebrities. Covid-19 has not diminished their love for the lime-light. But it certainly appears to have had a great impact on their hair. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's hairstyle and beard is no more what they used be before the vicious virus struck this country. Politically speaking, this is perhaps one way of his letting others know that he is not above board where the impact of coronavirus is concerned.

Paradoxically, his rival Rahul Gandhi's hairstyle is less wild than what it earlier used to be. Rather, sometimes, not a hair seems to be out of place.

Of course, Modi, Rahul and all other celebrities have a personal right to do what they like with their respective hairstyles and beards. The same can be said about the styling of their moustaches and sideburns. On this front, men may be said to be as lucky as women, though. For they can let their masks hide what they don't want seen.

Also, till masks remain compulsory, all conscious of their looks can certainly extend their "cosmetic moves" beyond their lips — to their eyebrows and hair. They can style their hair along the forehead and around the ear. Clearly, Covid masks don't spell the end of style for both ladies and gentlemen. Amazingly, the little ones aren't far behind. Even before they learn how to walk and speak, toddlers appear to have become fairly conscious about their looks. It is not without reason that they are extra-fond of staring at their faces in the mirror. When it comes to haircuts, several adults are needed to hold down the yelling chappies throwing their arms and legs into the wind.

Also, a rudimentary analysis of such hairy issues suggests that political celebrities as well as those in the entertainment industry are almost equally conscious about this subject. After all, they are extra-concerned about presenting a "good" image of themselves before the public. Both are public figures, counting on their stars for their success in how people view them. They have the right as well as, in their perception, the "duty" to care. And the media has no other option but to play its part. It is up to the audience to notice, ignore, criticise or even praise what they are presented, including changing hairstyles, growing beards and other hairy issues.

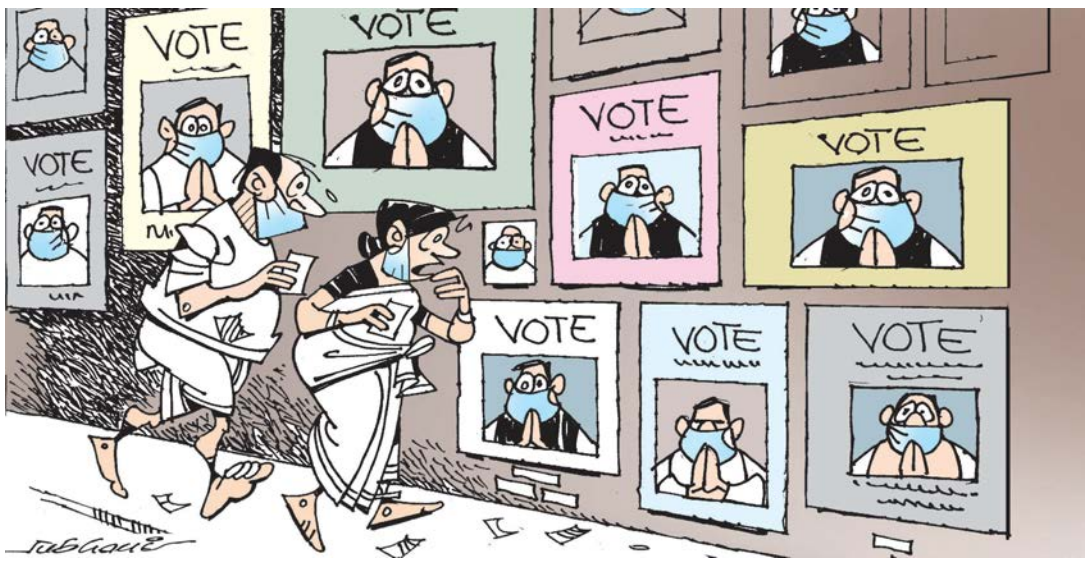
Frankly speaking, of late, quite a few media outlets are also facing hair-raising experiences. This is not only linked with too many people losing jobs but also with the media being pushed into a corner for according too little and much importance to various issues. Now, who should be blamed for all that hair pulling that is to be witnessed? Give it a thought!

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### Why Eco Prize is the most prized Nobel of them all



Mohan Guruswamy

The truth is that there is no Nobel Prize in Economics, yet it is the most prized among all the Nobels. The winners of these prizes often acquire the voice of God in the intellectual discourse of nations. What is thought of as the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences is officially the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel. It is administered by the Nobel Foundation established by the Swedish inventor of dynamite. The prize was established in 1968 by a donation from Sweden's central bank to commemorate the bank's 300th anniversary. It is now easily the most awaited of the Nobels. To know who will get it in 2020 we will have to wait till Monday.

The winners last year, the husband-and-wife duo of Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, won it ironically enough for their study in eastern Odisha of one the most spectacular development economic bombs of recent times. It was a scheme to replace open-fire cooking used by three billion of the world's poorest people with more efficient, less polluting stoves. The \$400 million project was backed by the United Nations and launched by former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton in 2010. It set out to reduce indoor air pollution, which kills two million people a year, while empowering women and helping the environment. After its initial success, millions of stoves built in India were largely abandoned within four years.

Banerjee and Duflo studied the reasons for it and told the world why such an altruistic and even rational project flopped. The

reasons were quite mundane, something which the world's finest development economics and policymaking minds didn't anticipate. The new stoves needed more attention, were prone to break down and took longer to cook food. They couldn't be moved because they were tethered to fixed chimneys sending the smoke outside. I don't think Narendra Modi's genius factored the more mundane considerations when the government of India launched its colossal public toilets scheme, which we now know is also a spectacular flop. Open defecation is again rampant. It is little wonder that Mr Modi has given the duo a big avoid.

But Economics Nobel winners also spawned spectacular flops. The hedge fund Long Term Capital Management (LTCM) had a plan to apply expert knowledge and theories of academics to the real world. The collapse of this \$125 billion fund directly led to the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the 1998 Russian default that brought the financial world to the brink of collapse. LTCM had recruited some of the biggest names in economics and trading, hiring people like 1997 Nobel Economics winners Myron S. Scholes and Robert C. Merton to sit on their board of directors. But the combined brilliance of the top academics and high-flier bankers couldn't spot the coming disaster. Both failures highlighted an inability to understand how ordinary people behave.

Classical economics was linked closely with psychology. Adam Smith's other great work was *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* and dealt with

the psychological principles of individual behaviour. Smith emphasised the concept of empathy, the capacity to recognise feelings that are being experienced by another being. Jeremy Bentham described utilitarianism as "the greatest happiness of the greatest number that is the measure of right and wrong" and is seen by many as father of the welfare state. Classical economic theory, also known as *laissez faire*, claims that leaving individuals to make free choices in a free market results in the best allocation of resources. Since individuals made choices, the emphasis was on understanding human beings and their behaviour as individual and as groups.

Neo-classical economists based their thinking on the assumption that people have rational preferences; that individuals maximise utility and firms maximise profits; and people act independently. Consequently, neo-classical economists distanced themselves from psychology and sought explanations for economic analysis heavily based on the concept of rational expectations. For most of the past century, economics became increasingly mathematical. Much of economic theory came to be presented as mathematical models, mostly calculus, to clarify assumptions and implications.

It is not as if the switch was complete. Many great economists like Vilfredo Pareto, John Maynard Keynes and Joseph Schumpeter continued to base their analysis on psy-

chological explanations. In more recent times, this school of economics has been given greater importance and is reflected in the award of Nobels to behavioural economists like Daniel Kahneman of Princeton University and to Richard Thaler at Chicago. Banerjee and Duflo are considered development economists but the focus of their research was in how beneficiaries looked at gift horses.

The dominance of the classical school on the world of economics can be gauged by the fact that since the relatively recent inception of the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1968, the Chicago economics faculty have won the Nobel as many as 12 times, twice as many as MIT, which has six Nobel laureates. Seen from Harvard's ivory tower, even MIT is considered as leaning more towards classical economic theory. Recent Harvard winners for economics like Oliver Hart (2016), Alvin Roth (2012) and Eric Maskin (2007) were rewarded for their work based on mathematical empiricism than behavioural speculation. Amartya Sen (1998) was one of the few who broke this mould and won it in recognition of his work and abiding interest in welfare economics. A well-known economist explained that Sen won it for being a good person!

Every politician worth his salt knows the national mood and perceptions are decisive in determining national outcomes. People often don't make rational choices, something that marketers of diverse products like soap and automobiles, as well as political dreams, are fully aware. But economists took their time recognising this, and the Nobel Committee even longer.

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LETTERS

### WELL DONE IMA

Kudos to Indian Medical Association (IMA slams Vardhan over AYUSH, yoga, DC, Oct. 9). By recommending a treatment whose efficacy is not proved, the minister has not been sensitive to innocent citizens who may blindly follow his advice and risk their lives. I am sure this IMA initiative will inspire other experts to realise their responsibility and not blindly toe the government line.

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### DHARANI PORTAL

The property details being sought for Non Agricultural Passbook (NPB) are available with the government in the sale deed. The property details of owners and their verification by authorities is done with the help of a sale deed. Why ask for it again? Instead of this mammoth exercise of seeking information from every property owner, the government can take details from sale deeds and put them on Dharani portal and ask people to verify and represent if any corrections are required. The questions on caste and details about family members are irrelevant for holding a property and need not be asked.

Dr O. Prasada Rao  
Hyderabad

The GHMC already has all property details and names of owners with them since the property owners are paying taxes. Why duplicate property details? What is the GHMC gaining from this exercise which involves waste of public money, time and energy, especially when GHMC officials have better things to do in these Covid times?

V.P. Ramanath  
Secunderabad

Authorities may upload the property records available with them by taking particulars from the allied water and electricity departments. Then the Aadhaar numbers for properties can be issued. Objections and discrepancies can be addressed then. This will make the job easier for authorities and people.

N. Bhaskara Ramam  
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### Sihanouk for direct talks with Nixon

PARIS, Oct. 10. Deposed Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk proposed direct cease-fire talks for Cambodia with Mr. Nixon in an interview broadcast here yesterday, but was not optimistic about US acceptance of the idea.

The interview was given to a Turkish journalist in Peking many days ago, just before the President's speech proposing a cease-fire throughout Indo-China.

Prince Sihanouk said he believed that only massive aid from the United States prevented his supportive fighting the Lon Nol Government in Cambodia from taking the capital Phnom Penh, and ousting the revolutionary group. "Thus it is to Mr. Nixon that we should like to speak to end this devastating war. Mr. Nixon just assumed the responsibilities for this war. Consequently we propose to him to discuss a cease-fire directly with us," he said.

Sowjanya Tamalapakula



### Desexualise, don't deny caste rape

Dalits live like Jews in Holocaust Germany and Black slaves in pre-capitalist America. Yet, the world knows nothing about their pain!

Dalits live in this country without any respect and recognition of their right to life. Dalits don't have access to legal justice in the world's largest democracy since its inception.

From the first reported incident of caste violence in Independent India, the Kilvenmani massacre in Tamil Nadu in which 44 dalits were burnt alive by dominant caste landlords in 1968 for demanding a hike in wages to the Chundurur massacre of 13 dalits in 1991 in Andhra Pradesh and the Khairlanji atrocity (2006), dalits have been vainly hoping for change. The rape and murder of a dalit woman in Hathras is only the tip of the iceberg that endemic violence against dalits represents. From Khairlanji to Hathras, what dalits witnessed was manipulation of witnesses, a faulty prosecution to cover up crimes and distorted reportage by a brahminical media.

Caste is the most pertinent and compelling factor in understanding

sexual violence in India. In December 2012, a young middle class educated woman, "Nirbhaya", was gang-raped, tortured and murdered in the national capital of Delhi. The gruesome incident had shocked the nation. Nationwide protests erupted. Still, was the rape of "Nirbhaya" the first of its kind that took place in India? During the Nirbhaya protests, dalit scholars have repeatedly questioned the absence of a similar response from the general public against the Khairlanji atrocity.

A few years before "Nirbhaya", on December 5, 2006, a mob of dominant caste men and women attacked a dalit woman, Surekha Bhotmange, and her three children in the village Khairlanji, Maharashtra. Surekha Bhotmange had been fighting for her land rights against dominant castes. They had encroached on her small piece of agricultural land. Enraged by a dalit woman's assertiveness, dominant castes have dragged Surekha Bhotmange, her daughter and two sons out of their home, paraded them naked, raped them and lynched them. Burnt charcoals were inserted into the private parts

of Surekha Bhotmange and her daughter, Priyanka. Their bodies were dumped on the outskirts of the village. The participation of caste Hindu women in the rape and lynching of a dalit woman and her children shocks the human conscience. It did not shock the nation, however.

It took more than a week's time for the news of the Khairlanji massacre to appear in print. Neither did any candlelight march take place, nor did the media give a thought to changing the victims' names the option of which is given to them by the law. And, to top it off, the brahminical media actually distorted the case by reporting that Surekha Bhotmange had had an extramarital affair with her cousin that thence "justified" the atrocity. But the media, police and politicians have operated according to the interests of the dominant castes. While "Nirbhaya" was considered by the media as an innocent young person and a "pure" victim, Surekha was constructed as sexually impure by the same media.

Sexual purity/caste purity determines the value of a woman in brahminical society. Brahminical society

constructs the brahmin and caste-Hindu women as sexually pure and aims to "protect"/control their sexual purity. Dalit women are constructed outside the normative of caste purity and sexual purity as the caste system sanctions the upper caste man's access to the dalit woman's sexuality, body and labour. Endemic caste-based sexual violence against dalit women is condoned and considered normal. Dalit women are casually exploited in agricultural fields and construction sites where they toil for their livelihoods. They are also raped, paraded naked and/or lynched by dominant castes when they want to teach a lesson to dalit caste groups for transgressing the caste order. Any act of transgression ranging from dalits inadvertently entering sacred spaces such as temples to fighting for a hike in wages leads to violence against dalits.

The police, politicians, judiciary and the media have so far protected the interests of dominant caste perpetrators in every case of caste atrocity. Hathras is not another "Nirbhaya" but another Surekha.

The government's inclination to protect the interest of dominant castes is evident in the Hathras case.

While significant positions in the judiciary, politics, media and bureaucracy are occupied largely by brahmins and dominant castes, dalits are living in poverty and under inhuman conditions in Indian society. B.R. Ambedkar said, "Rights are protected not by law but by the social and moral conscience of society." Such a rise of moral conscience of the middle classes and upper castes was evident in the nationwide protests post "Nirbhaya".

But caste hierarchies have proved that women are not a monolithic category. These hierarchies determine the putative value of a woman, even her right to life. Can the middle classes and upper castes rise to fight for all women irrespective of the caste location of the victim? As long as the responsibility of fighting against caste atrocities lies solely with dalits, the dalit's access to legal justice is simply not possible.

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## IN BRIEF

**Graft charges: Zuma summoned**

**Johannesburg:** Former South African president Jacob Zuma has been issued with a legal summons to appear before an inquiry commission probing corruption charges, including the veteran politician's alleged role in assisting the controversial Indian-origin Gupta family in looting billions of rands from the state-owned entities. Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo said Zuma would be required to appear on November 16-20, adding that if the former president wished to present his evidence virtually rather than in person, it would be permitted. Zuma, 78, has evaded appearing before the State Capture Inquiry, complaining about his illness with controversial doctors' letters, as well as claims that he needed time to prepare for the separate court cases where he is facing corruption charges. Zuma's supporters have also called for Zondo to recuse himself.

**UK calls back envoy to Belarus**

**London:** Britain has joined several eastern European nations in withdrawing its ambassador from strife-torn Belarus in protest at President Alexander Lukashenko's expulsion of diplomats from Poland and Lithuania. In a tweet late Friday, Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said the UK "condemns Belarus' decision to expel Polish & Lithuanian diplomats". "Completely unjustified and will only isolate the Belarusian people. In solidarity, we are temporarily recalling our Ambassador for consultations on the situation in Belarus," he said. The ambassadors of Lithuania and Poland were recalled on Monday after Minsk accused them of backing mass protests that have erupted against Lukashenko since a disputed election on August 9. Following a demand from Belarus, Poland and Lithuania recalled a further 35 diplomats on Friday. Romania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia and Latvia have all withdrawn their ambassadors.

**Anti Nuke activist Sister Platte dies**

**Washington:** Anti-nuclear activist Sister Ardetth Platte, a Dominican nun who spent time in jail for her peaceful protests, died in her sleep on September 30. She was 84. Sister Carol Gilbert, who confirmed Platte's death, lived with her at a Catholic Worker house in Washington, D.C. Gilbert said Platte had participated in a street corner demonstration against nuclear weapons just a few days before her death. In 2010, Platte was arrested for trespassing at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during a protest, according to the Knoxville News Sentinel. At her sentencing hearing, Platte said, "Nuclear weapons are the taproot of violence, and they must be abolished. So I refuse to be silent," the newspaper reported. She served a four-month sentence. It was one of several arrests over many years of anti-war protests.

**DELTA: MORE DESTRUCTION IN LOUISIANA**

**Lafayette (US), Oct. 10:** Ripping tarps from damaged roofs and scattering massive piles of storm debris in the wind and water, Hurricane Delta inflicted a new round of destruction in Louisiana communities still reeling along a path Hurricane Laura carved just six weeks earlier.

Delta hit as a Category 2 hurricane, with top winds of 100 mph (155 kph) before rapidly weakening over land. By Saturday morning, it dwindled to a tropical storm with 45 mph (75 kph) winds, but storm surge and flash floods continued to pose dangers across much of southwestern Louisiana and parts of neighboring Texas. Mississippi also got its fair share of rain overnight. Delta made landfall Friday evening near the coastal town of Creole — only 15 miles (24 kilometres) or so from where Laura struck land in August, killing 27 people in Louisiana.

It then moved directly over Lake Charles, a waterfront city about 30 miles (50 kilometres) inland where the earlier hurricane damaged nearly every home and building, and where moldy mattresses, sawed-up trees and other debris still lined the streets. Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter spoke with AP as he rode out Delta's arrival downtown.

**Don-Biden 2nd Prez debate cancelled**

**Washington, Oct. 10:** The second presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden set for October 15 has been cancelled, the organisers have announced, after the incumbent US President refused to do a virtual face-off with his Democratic challenger despite concerns over his Covid-19 diagnosis.

In a statement, the non-partisan (CPD) confirmed on Friday that the second version scheduled to be held in Miami, Florida, would be scrapped. The CPD said it was preparing for the next debate to be held on October 22 in Nashville, Tennessee, less than two weeks ahead of the November 3 presidential election. The first presidential debate between Trump and Biden was held on September 29 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The one-off debate between the vice presidential candidates Mike Pence

and Kamala Harris took place on October 7 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"On October 8, CPD announced that for the health and safety of all involved, the second presidential debate, scheduled for October 15 in Miami, would be conducted virtually," the CPD said in a statement, officially announcing the cancellation of the second debate.

"Subsequently, the campaigns of the two candidates who qualified for participation in the debate made a series of statements concerning their respective positions regarding their willingness to participate in a virtual debate on October 15, and each now has announced alternate plans for that date." "It is now apparent there will be no debate on October 15, and the CPD will turn its attention to preparations for the final presidential debate scheduled for October 22," the CPD added.

The cancellation is the culmination of a furious 48-hour back-and-forth between the commission and the Republican and Democratic campaigns over the

**WH offers \$1.8 tn stimulus**

**Washington, Oct. 9:** With the presidential election fast approaching, the White House on Friday proposed a beefed-up \$1.8 trillion economic rescue plan to try to coax congressional Democrats into an agreement.

President Donald Trump, who this week has veered wildly in his position on stimulus to help the world's largest economy recover from the damage done by the Covid-19 pandemic, now seems to be making a major push to

roll out funding before he stands for re-election on November 3.

The new proposal, an improvement over the administration's previous \$1.6 trillion offer, brings them closer to the Democrats' latest package costing \$2.2 trillion.

White House spokeswoman Alyssa Farah said the administration was "willing to come up on the level" but wanted to keep the price tag "below \$2 trillion." But Trump, who is trailing in the polls again

st Democratic rival Joe Biden, said he wants an even more robust plan.

"A lot of people are being hurt. I would like to see a bigger stimulus package, frankly, than either the Democrats or the Republicans are offering," Trump said in an interview with conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh.

"I would like to see money going to people. It was not their fault." That marked the latest dramatic shift from the president. — *AFP*

**Ballot drop-off order blocked**

**Houston, Oct. 10:** A US judge has blocked an order from Texas' governor cutting the number of sites voters can drop off mail-in ballots for November's presidential election, which Democrats had said amounted to voter suppression.

The order, issued in early October by Republican Governor Greg Abbott, limited the number of drop-off centres to one per county, even as mail-in voting is expected to become much more popular due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The move would help curb "illegal voting," Abbott had said, in line with views expressed by President Donald Trump, who

frequently claims without evidence that postal ballots are a source of massive vote fraud.

But in a decision published Friday following a challenge by voting rights advocates, federal judge Robert Pitman blocked the order, arguing it "restricts the rights of some voters, those who qualify to vote absentee in larger, more populous counties".

The order also added to voter confusion, Pitman's 46-page decision said, and would force voters to travel further to cast their ballot and wait in longer lines to vote, leading to greater risks of exposure to the Coronavirus. — *AFP*

**Prez warnings on Columbus Day**

**Washington, Oct. 10:** President Donald Trump's proclamation Friday commemorating Columbus Day veered from a typical White House holiday announcement, with stark warnings of "radical activists" seeking to tarnish the explorer's legacy.

Native American advocates have pressed states for years to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day over concerns that Christopher Columbus helped launch centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas.

"Sadly, in recent years, radical activists have sought to undermine Christopher Columbus's legacy," Trump said in his proclamation declaring Monday Columbus Day.

"These extremists seek to replace discussion of his vast contributions with talk of failings, his discoveries with atrocities, and his achievements with transgressions."

Trump has been projecting himself as a defender of America's history and

monuments as he seeks reelection. He signed an executive order recently to establish a commission to promote what he calls "patriotic education".

The move is in part a response to *The New York Times'* "1619 Project", which highlights the long-term consequences of slavery and the contributions of People of Colour Americans.

Trump frequently cites the commission at his campaign rallies, and he did so again in his proclamation Friday. Trump has also ordered federal agencies to end diversity training programs.

In his proclamation Friday, he said many such programs "are grounded in the same type of revisionist history that is trying to erase Christopher Columbus from our national heritage."

"Together, we must safeguard our history and stop this new wave of iconoclasm by standing against those who spread hate and division," Trump declared.

— *AP*

**Military rigged '18 polls: Oppn**

**Karachi, Oct. 10:** For the first time, Pakistan's two major Opposition parties have come out openly against the country's powerful military, accusing it of rigging the 2018 elections that brought Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party to power.

In the past, political leaders have only indirectly pointed to the involvement of the military establishment in the country's political affairs but this is the first time that the leaders of the two main Opposition parties — the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) have openly criticised the military. Former prime minister and PML-N supremo Sharif, who is in London since November last year and facing a number of corruption cases, fired the first salvo at the inaugural meeting of the Pakistan Democratic Movement, an alliance formed by Opposition parties last month to oust Prime Minister Khan.

Sharif alleged that the military rigged the 2018 elections to bring Prime Minister Khan to power. He said interfering in politics in uniform amounts to treason under the country's Constitution. His allegations sparked an

**APPEAR BEFORE NOV. 24, COURT INFORMS NAWAZ**

**Islamabad, Oct. 10:** A Pakistani court through newspaper advertisements asked Nawaz Sharif to appear before it by November 24 to avoid being declared a "proclaimed offender" after the former three-time prime minister reportedly refused to receive non-bailable arrest warrants at his residence in London.

The Islamabad High Court on Friday noted that it was left with no option but to order issuance of proclamation for intimidating 70-year-old Sharif. — *PTI*

angry response from Khan, who said Sharif was "playing a very dangerous game" by humiliating the military and intelligence services. PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari accused the military of rigging the 2018 elections. He warned that any interference in the legislative assembly elections in Gilgit-Baltistan would result in a siege of Islamabad and a sit-in in the city. — *PTI*

**DISCONTINUE TWO-FINGER TEST ON RAPE VICTIMS, SAYS LAW MINISTRY**

**Islamabad, Oct. 10:** The Pakistan government has disapproved of the two-finger test performed on rape victims and recommended that it should not be part of any medico-legal examination report in sexual assault cases. The Ministry of Law and Justice has intimated the Additional Attorney General at Lahore, Chaudhry Is-

htiaq Ahmed Khan, about the recommendation. He will now inform the Lahore High Court about the federal government's stance. The court sought the ministry's response after going through a statement by the WHO, which has declared virginity testing as "unscientific, medically unnecessary and unreliable". — *PTI*

**Protest in Ankara**

Turkish police detain people during a protest marking the fifth anniversary of the twin suicide attacks in which over 100 people were killed, in Ankara on Saturday. On October 10, 2015, suicide bombers believed to be linked to Islamic State blew themselves up in a crowd of pro-Kurdish peace activists planning to hold a rally outside Ankara's main train station, killing 103 people and wounding about 500 people. — *AFP*

**Taiwan: Lessen China tensions**

**Taipei, Oct. 10:** Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said Saturday she has hopes for less tensions with China and in the region if Beijing will listen to Taipei's concerns, alter its approach and restart dialogue with the self-ruled island democracy.

Speaking at Taiwan's National Day celebrations on Saturday, Tsai took note of recent remarks by Chinese leader Xi Jinping in a video message to the UN General Assembly that China would never seek hegemony, expansion or to establish a sphere of

influence. "As countries in the region and around the world are now concerned about China's expanding hegemony, we hope this is the beginning of genuine change," Tsai said in her annual address at the Presidential Office in downtown Taipei.

If Beijing can "heed Taiwan's voice, change the way it handles cross-strait relations, and jointly facilitate cross-strait reconciliation and peaceful dialogue, I believe that regional tension can surely be resolved," Tsai said. China's ruling Communist Party

claims the self-governing island as Chinese territory to be annexed by force if necessary. Beijing cut contacts with Tsai's government following her election to a first term in 2016 and has steadily increased diplomatic, military and economic pressure on the island of 23 million people to compel her to endorse its contention that Taiwan and the mainland constitute a single Chinese nation, which it refers to as the "1992 Consensus".

In Beijing, a spokesperson for the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office responded to Tsai's address by

renewing China's demand for concessions and accusing her of "disrupting the exchanges and cooperation" between the sides, according to state broadcaster CCTV. Zhu Fenglian also accused Tsai of "deliberately misleading the people of Taiwan".

Tsai, of the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party, was reelected by a wide margin this spring, and especially since September, China has been sending warplanes and ships into areas under Taiwanese control. — *AP*

**TRUCE BETWEEN AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA FAILS**

**Moscow, Oct. 10:** Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed to a Russia-brokered cease-fire in Nagorno-Karabakh starting on Saturday, but immediately accused each other of derailing the deal intended to end the worst outbreak of hostilities in the separatist region in more than a quarter-century.

The two sides traded blame for breaking the truce that took effect at noon (0800 GMT) with new attacks, and Azerbaijan's top diplomat said the truce never entered force. The cease-fire announcement came overnight after 10 hours of talks in Moscow sponsored by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

The deal stipulated that the cease-fire should pave the way for talks on settling the conflict. If the truce holds, it would mark a major diplomatic coup for Russia, which has a security pact with Armenia but also cultivated warm ties with Azerbaijan. But the agreement was immediately challenged by mutual claims of violations. — *AP*

**WHO: Record 3.5L daily cases**

**Geneva, Oct. 10:** The World Health Organisation has announced a new daily record high in Coronavirus cases confirmed worldwide, with more than 350,000 infections reported to the UN health agency on Friday.

The new daily high of 350,766 cases surpasses a record set earlier this week by nearly 12,000. That tally includes more than 109,000 cases from Europe alone.

In a press briefing on Friday, WHO emergencies chief Dr Michael Ryan acknowledged that even as Covid-19 continues to surge across the world, "there are no new answers".

He said that although the agency wants countries to avoid the punishing lockdowns that have devastated economies, governments must ensure the most vulnerable people are protected and numerous measures must be taken.

"The majority of people in the world are still susceptible to this disease," Ryan warned. He said countries should focus not just on restrictive measures, but also on bolstering their surveillance systems, testing, contact tracing and ensuring populations are engaged.

As the virus continues to surge across Europe and elsewhere, Ryan acknowledged that restrictive measures might be warranted at some point. British scientists reported this week that the Covid-19 outbreak is doubling every few weeks, French hospitals are running out of ICU beds, Germany may enlist the army to help contain its outbreak and Spain declared a state of emergency in Madrid as cases soar. Ryan said lockdowns "may be unavoidable where the disease has got out of control again". — *AP*

**INDIA | CONNECT****Queen's Birthday Honours List was 'most ethnically diverse'****Billionaire bros, Skipping Sikh feted**

**London, Oct. 10:** A pair of Indian-origin billionaire brothers, a leading Oxford University academic and a septuagenarian fundraiser fondly referred to as the Skipping Sikh, lead the "most ethnically diverse" Queen's Birthday Honours List released on Saturday.

Zuber and Mohsin Issa, who recently hit the headlines with their multi-million-pound acquisition of the UK's supermarket chain Asda, have both been honoured with CBEs for

services to business and charity. The brothers from Blackburn, whose parents moved to the UK from Gujarat in the 1970s, own the Euro Garages chain of petrol stations as part of their EG Group business.

They are joined by Yadvinder Singh Malhi, Professor of Ecosystem Science at the University of Oxford, who receives a CBE (Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his services to ecosystem sci-

ence. Malhi had been appointed Trustee of the Natural History Museum in London earlier this year. British Indians honoured with an OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) include Nilay Shah, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Imperial College London for services to the decarbonisation of the UK economy, and Dr Sanjiv Nichani, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Healing Little He-

arts for services to medicine and charity.

The list, which had been deferred from its usual early June release to consider nominations of people playing crucial roles during the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic, includes numerous British Indians under this category led by Rajinder Singh Harzall. The 74-year-old "Skipping Sikh" receives an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for his inspirational

health and fitness videos during lockdown.

Harzall, who has raised nearly £14,000 for the National Health Service, is joined by Lavina Mehta, who also receives an MBE for services to health and fitness during Covid-19 for her work encouraging people to stay active during the lockdown. "The hard work and dedication of these unsung heroes has helped carry us through," UK PM Boris Johnson said. — *PTI*



## SHORT TAKES

## Swiatek crowned French champion

**Paris:** With the poise of a veteran and the shots of a champion, 19-year-old Iga Swiatek picked the perfect place for her first tour-level title: The French Open.

Unseeded and ranked merely 54th, Swiatek grabbed the last six games to beat Sofia Kenin 6-4, 6-1 in the final at Roland Garros on Saturday, becoming the first Polish tennis player to win a Grand Slam singles trophy.

When she smacked one last forehand winner to the corner to end things, Swiatek placed her right hand over her mouth then crouched, shaking her head.

Swiatek is the first woman to triumph in Paris without ceding a set since Justine Henin in 2007. She lost only 28 games across seven matches, too. She is the first teen to win the women's title at the French Open since Iva Majoli in 1997. And Swiatek did it with victories over such opponents as 2018 champion Simona Halep and 2019 runner-up Marketa Vondrousova, both by scores of 6-1, 6-2. Meanwhile, world No.1 Djokovic set up a blockbuster French Open title showdown with Rafael Nadal after defeating Greek fifth seed Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 4-6, 6-1 in the semifinal. — *Agencies*

## Valtteri revs it up to Eifel pole

**Nurburgring, Germany:** Valtteri Bottas topped the times ahead of championship leader and Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton in Saturday morning's belated and sole practice session ahead of Sunday's Eifel Grand Prix.

The Finn maintained the momentum from his victory in Russia two weeks ago as he clocked a best lap in one minute and 26.225 seconds to outpace the six-time champion by a tenth of a second.

After both Friday sessions were cancelled due to fog and rain that prevented the use of the circuit medical helicopter, there was relief when on-track action began albeit with the notable absence of Racing Point's Lance Stroll, due to an unspecified illness. Charles Leclerc of Ferrari was third fastest, as the Italian team showed improved form in the cold weather, with Max Verstappen fourth for Red Bull and Sebastian Vettel fifth. — *AFP*

## Firmino shines as Brazil drub Bolivia

**Sao Paulo, Brazil:** Liverpool striker Roberto Firmino scored a brace as Brazil romped to a 5-0 victory over Bolivia in their opening 2022 World Cup qualifier on Friday. Barcelona playmaker Philippe Coutinho and Paris Saint-Germain defender Marquinhos also got on the scoresheet while star forward Neymar set up two goals in a totally one-sided encounter that sent Brazil top of the South American qualifying table. On 65 minutes, a cross from Coutinho flew into the net off the unlucky Jose Carrasco's chest.

In a Corinthians Arena deserted due to Covid-19 restrictions, Bolivia showed almost no ambition as Brazil dominated throughout, with PSG's Neymar starting after overcoming a back problem.

In the night's other match, Atalanta pair Duvan Zapata and Luis Muriel fired Colombia to a 3-0 win over Venezuela. — *AFP*

## Heat hit back to lay Lakers low

**Orlando:** Jimmy Butler's triple-double propelled Miami to a 111-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday that kept the Heat alive in the NBA Finals.

Butler scored 35 points with 12 rebounds and 11 assists and the Heat withstood a 40-point performance from Lakers superstar LeBron James to deny Los Angeles a title-clinching win in the NBA's quarantine bubble at Orlando.

The Lakers still lead the best-of-seven series three games to two and can secure the title with a game-six victory on Sunday.

LeBron James added 13 rebounds and seven assists for the Lakers while Anthony Davis added 28 points and Caldwell-Pope scored 16 for Los Angeles Lakers. — *AFP*

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# Knightmare for Kings

## Punjab choke again to hand KKR a two-run win

## SCORECARD

**Kolkata Knight Riders:** Rahul Tripathi b Shami 4, Shubman Gill run out 57, Nitish Rana run out 2, Eoin Morgan c Maxwell b Ravi Bishnoi 24, Dinesh Karthik run out 58, Andre Russell c Simran Singh b Arshdeep Singh 5, Pat Cummins (not out) 5. **Extras:** (b-1, lb-2, w-6) 9. **Total:** (for 6 wkts, in 20 Overs) 164. **FoW:** 12-1, 14-2, 63-3, 145-4, 150-5, 164-6. **Bowling:** Mohammed Shami 4-0-30-1, Arshdeep Singh 4-1-25-1, Chris Jordan 4-0-37-0, Muejeb Ur Rahman 4-0-44-0, Ravi Bishnoi 4-0-25-1.

**Kings XI Punjab:** K.L. Rahul b Prasidh 74, M. Agarwal c Gill b Prasidh 56, N. Pooran b Narine 16, P.S. Singh c Rana b Prasidh 4, G Maxwell (not out) 10, M Singh c (sub) Green b Narine 0, C Jordan (not out) 0. **Extras:** (lb-2) 2. **Total:** (for 5 wkts, 20 Overs) 162. **FoW:** 1-115, 2-144, 3-149, 4-151, 5-158. **Bowling:** Cummins 4-0-29-0, Krishna 4-0-29-3, Nagarkoti 3-0-40-0, Chakravarthy 4-0-27-0, Narine 4-0-28-2, Rana 1-0-7-0.

play with Pat Cummins bowling three of the first six overs.

Rahul was dropped by Andre Russell off the bowling of Prasidh Krishna in the second over when he was on two. Russell hurt himself while fielding after a few overs but returned in the 11th over only to leave the field again in the 13th over.

KKIP were 76 for no loss at the halfway mark and the duo kept on getting the ones and twos without much trouble with the KKR suddenly finding a death over bowler less without Russell. — *PTI*



Prasidh Krishna (left) of Kolkata Knight Riders celebrates the wicket of Mayank Agarwal of Kings XI Punjab during their Indian Premier League match at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. — *BCCI*

## IPL POINTS TABLE

Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
Delhi Capitals	6	5	1	0	10	+1.267
Mumbai Indians	6	4	2	0	8	+1.488
Kolkata Knight Riders	6	4	2	0	8	+0.017
Royal Challengers Bangalore	6	4	2	0	8	-0.820
Sunrisers Hyderabad	6	3	3	0	6	+0.232
Chennai Super Kings	7	2	5	0	4	-0.588
Rajasthan Royals	6	2	4	0	4	-1.073
Kings XI Punjab	7	1	6	0	2	-0.381

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

## WE LET DELHI OFF THE HOOK, SAYS SMITH

**Sharjah, Oct. 10:** Rajasthan Royals skipper Steve Smith said they let Delhi Capitals off the hook by conceding an extra 15-20 runs in their Indian Premier League match on a slow Sharjah pitch.

Delhi posted 184 for eight, the lowest first innings total at the ground this season on Friday.

"I think the wicket did slow down a bit, probably it was not that good as it was in our first two games, but having said that, we probably let them off the hook in the first innings, we probably let them get 10-15 too many," Smith said.

Delhi Capitals' Harshal Patel agreed with the Australian run-machine at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Smith added, "During the chase, we lost wickets again, I got out, we just kept on losing wickets at regular intervals, and chasing 180 odd on a wicket that has slowed up is not easy." — *PTI*

## NUMBERS GAME

## HEAD TO HEAD

**OVERALL:**  
● Matches: 11  
● Hyderabad: 6  
● Rajasthan: 5

## MEETING IN 2019

● Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Rajasthan Royals by 5 wickets in Hyderabad.

● Rajasthan Royals beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 7 wickets in Jaipur.

## FOR THE RECORD

● David Warner, who scored 4,933 runs at an average of 42.89 in 132 innings of as many matches, needs 67 runs to become fourth batsman to score over 5,000 runs in IPL.

● Steven Smith, who hit 98 sixes in 174 innings of 198 matches, needs two more sixes to complete a century of sixes in Twenty-20 cricket.

— *S. PERVEZ QAISER*

look to stage a comeback. The top guns — Jos Buttler, Smith and Sanju Samson — will again need to live up to the expectations by contributing in a big way. — *PTI*

# Kohli wins it for Bangalore

## SCORECARD

**Royal Challengers Bangalore:** Devdutt Padikkal c du Plessis b Thakur 33, Aaron Finch b Chahar 2, Virat Kohli (not out) 90, AB de Villiers c Dhoni b Thakur 0, Washington Sundar c Dhoni b Curran 10, Shivam Dube (not out) 22. **Extras:** (lb-1 w-10 nb-1) 12. **Total:** (for 4 wkts, in 20 overs) 169.

**FoW:** 1-13, 2-66, 3-67, 4-93. **Bowling:** Deepak Chahar 3-0-10-1, Sam Curran 4-0-48-1, Shardul Thakur 4-0-40-2, Dwayne Bravo 3-0-29-0, Karn Sharma 4-0-34-0, Ravindra Jadeja 2-0-7-0.

**Chennai Super Kings:** S. Watson b Washington Sundar 14, Faf du Plessis c Morris b Washington Sundar 8, A. Rayudu b Udana 42, N. Jagadeesan run out (Morris) 33, M.S. Dhoni (c) c Gurkeerat Singh b Chahal 10, S. Curran c 'de Villiers b Morris 0, RA Jadeja c Gurkeerat Singh b Morris 7, D.J. Bravo c Padikkal b Morris 7, D. Chahar (not out) 5, S. Thakur (not out) 1. **Extras:** (w 5) 5. **Total:** (for 8 wkts, in 20 overs) 132. **FoW:** 1-19, 2-25, 3-89, 4-106, 5-107, 6-113, 7-122, 8-126. **Bowling:** C. Morris 4-0-19-3, N. Saini 4-0-18-0, I. Udana 4-0-30-1, Washington Sundar 3-0-16-2, Y. Chahal 4-0-35-1, S. Dube 1-0-14-0.

over, led from the front with a majestic 52-ball knock that was the finest blend of skill and peak fitness. His innings had four fours and as many sixes but in searing Dubai humidity, ran four twos in the final over, a testament to the hours put in rigorous physical training.

The RCB captain was involved in two half-century partnerships — one with opener Devdutt Padikkal (33 off 33 balls) and Shivam Dube (22 off 14 balls) for the fifth wicket, an unbeaten 76-run stand, which powered the total. — *PTI*

# Mumbai, Delhi in crunch clash

**Abu Dhabi, Oct. 10:** Many small battles are expected to unfold when the season's two most consistent teams — Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals — cross swords in a clash of equals in the Indian Premier League here on Sunday.

Be it a potent top-order, a strong middle-order or a lethal bowling attack, there is hardly anything that separates the two sides.

If at all one team has a slight upper hand in any department, it's the experience in Mumbai Indians' pace bowling arsenal. Both Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult, with years of experience behind them, could be the difference in the most sought-after contest of this edition.

It means that Shikhar Dhawan will have to strive harder to give the Capitals a solid start. The left-handed batsman has got started in the last few games but needs a bigger innings under his belt and if it comes in a big contest, Capitals will have gained a lot.

In a way, young Prithvi Shaw and the in-form Rishabh Pant will face their first stiff test when they face Bumrah and Boult, who can trouble any

## NUMBERS GAME

## HEAD TO HEAD

**OVERALL:**  
● Matches: 24  
● Delhi: 12  
● Mumbai: 12

## MEETING IN 2019

● Delhi Capitals beat Mumbai Indians by 37 runs in Mumbai.

● Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by 40 runs in Delhi.

## FOR THE RECORD

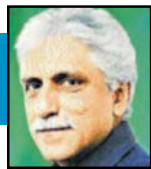
● Rishabh Pant, who has smashed 99 sixes in 60 innings, needs just one more to become the 20th batsman to complete a century of sixes in the IPL.

● Quinton de Kock, who has dismissed 27 batsmen behind the wickets in 22 innings, needs one more to equal Parthiv Patel's record (28 in 40 innings) for Mumbai Indians in IPL.

— *S. PERVEZ QAISER*

batsman with their pace and accuracy. The good news for Capitals is Shimron Hetmyer getting his touch back with the innings against Rajasthan Royals on Friday. He seemed to be the only weak link in Capitals' ranks but his six-laden knock against Royals has removed that worry. — *PTI*

# IPL's mid-season transfer rule can bring twist in the tale



Ayaz Memon  
Over The Top

The IPL's mid-season transfer rule — which comes into effect from October 13 — not only adds an interesting dimension to the league but could well end up influencing the outcome of matches. Perhaps even which team wins the title this year!

For instance, imagine Ajinkya Rahane, who is struggling to find a place in Delhi's strong batting line-up, moving to Chennai Super Kings, who have been desperate for stability and runs in the middle order. Or indeed, going

back to Rajasthan Royals who also have a fragile middle order.

A marquee name like Rahane, with a proven record could substantially alter CSK's or RR's progress in the tournament. There are several established names — along with others of good experience and newbies — eligible for such transfer. But first let's put the backdrop to what the scope and ambit of this rule is.

This is not the first time the mid-season transfer window comes into effect. In 2019 too, the rule existed,

but with an important difference: where last year, only uncapped players could be transferred, in IPL2020, even capped players have been made eligible.

The previous year, where franchises had shown little or no interest in the mid-season transfers, this time there is expected to be a fair amount of movement. In fact, some franchises had planned for the rule to kick in and make their decisions accordingly.

For instance, before IPL2020 began, Mike Hesson, Director of Cricket Operations with Royal Challengers Bangalore, had talked about this in a press conference conducted virtually.

"We've got a small squad and we've done that for a reason. If something was

to occur, we'd certainly look at that," Hesson had said.

Managements of other franchises may not have been as vocal, but all have been seized of the possibilities that the mid-season transfer offers and have been working on how to gain from this as one gathered from some sources.

One can assume that injuries to players would not be the sole determinant in choosing or dis-carding players' mid-season. Form would be equally important, as well as finding the right team combination, though injury replacement could be the excuse.

One other factor which has willy-nilly come into play is that the tournament had to be shifted to the UAE because of the Covid pandemic, while

franchises chose their squads based on playing in Indian conditions. Some tweaking of personnel may become imperative.

The mid-season transfer is not a simple exchange of players between franchise but governed by a set of conditions that constitute the rule. Briefly, these are as under:

1) The transfer season comes into effect only after the half-way mark in the league phase when all franchises have played seven games each i.e. from October 12.

2) Both capped and uncapped, domestic and overseas players are eligible this year for this transfer.

3) The player to be transferred should not have participated in more than two matches.

4) Transfer will take

place with mutual consent between franchises and would be binding on the player.

5) Price for the player under transfer can't be lower than what he was sold for in the pre-season auction.

As is to be expected, there is a great deal of speculation and conjecture about how the mid-season transfer will unravel this year. Inquiries with franchise managements have been met with tight-lipped response.

Understandably, cards are being held close to the chest. But it seems inevitable that some big ticket transfers will happen, more so given the topsy-turvy nature of IPL2020 so far.

Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians are frontrunners so far in the

league — but not that far ahead that their places in the play-offs is guaranteed. The other six teams are embroiled jostling to break through from the pack, towards the top of the points table.

The tournament's still wide open, and some clever bids at this point in time could add dramatic twists and turns in the remainder of the tournament.

There's also the player's point of view to consider. Rather than just warm the bench, like say marquee names Rahane, Mitchell Santner, Lockie Ferguson — to name just three — have been doing, they are far better off playing.

Gives them opportunity to make an impact this season, and who knows, this can open up new vistas in the next.