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## WINDOWS



### Ex-cricketer Dean Jones dies of cardiac arrest in Mumbai

**New Delhi:** Former Australian cricketer Dean Jones passed away in Mumbai on Thursday after suffering a cardiac arrest. The 59-year-old was part of the Star Sports commentary panel for the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) being held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). "It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Dean Mervyn Jones AM. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest," Star India confirmed in a statement.

### Cross-border terror key challenge for SAARC: India

**New Delhi:** Hitting out at Pakistan, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Thursday listed three key challenges in front of South Asia at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Foreign Ministers' meet. Addressing the informal and virtual SAARC FMs meet, the EAM said that cross-border terrorism, blocking connectivity and obstructing trade are the three challenges. He added these have to be overcome and "only then will we see enduring peace, prosperity and security in our South Asia region".

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### Cong to challenge farm Bills in court

**New Delhi:** A day after urging President Ram Nath Kovind not to sign the three farm bills, the Congress on Thursday said it will challenge the "black laws" in the court, saying they are "unconstitutional" and against the country's federal structure. Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said 18 opposition like-minded parties have urged the president to not sign the bills as they will be against the federal structure if they become laws. "If the president signs these bills, which I want and hope he should not sign, and once they become the law, I feel they will be against the federal structure," he said.



## FIT INDIA DIALOGUE 2020

### Modi reveals he makes parathas with drumsticks

**New Delhi:** Celebrating the first anniversary of the Fit India movement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with several fitness influencers, celebrities and citizens in a nationwide, online "Fit India Dialogue".

"Fitness ki dose, aadha ghanta roz," Modi introduced a new slogan to encourage citizens to exercise for at least half-an-hour in a day. Among the participants



Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacts with Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli during Fit India Dialogue on the first anniversary of Fit India Movement, in New Delhi

were Virat Kohli, Milind Soman, both known to be passionate about fitness, footballer Afshan Ashiq,

paralympic javelin gold medalist Devendra Jhajharia, and celebrity nutritionist Rujuta Diwekar,

among others. While talking about the importance of fitness and a healthy diet, he recounted how his mother always makes it a point to ask him if he is eating haldi (turmeric) or not. Turmeric has antioxidant properties; here are its other health benefits. The Prime Minister also talked about his recipe for making parathas with drumsticks, which he said he still eats once or twice a week.

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# Experts say second wave of Covid at peak in Delhi: CM

**New Delhi:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said the national capital witnessed the second wave of COVID-19 and has now turned the corner. The sudden daily spike in cases crossing 4,000, which took place earlier this month, was the second wave of the disease, Kejriwal indicated.

This is the first time any state in the country claimed to have reached the second wave of the virus, which surfaced in Kerala in December. The total number of cases in Maharashtra, the epicentre of the disease, is 12,63,799 cases. Delhi stands at the fifth spot with 2,56,789 cases. Speaking at



Kejriwal during a visit to Pusa Institute to observe the process of bio-decomposer techniques in New Delhi on Thursday

a programme in PUSA (Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University), Kejriwal said, "Experts feel

that Delhi has peaked in the second COVID-19 wave that the national capital is witnessing". "On

September 16, Delhi recorded approximately 4,500 cases. After that, the cases started to decline and in the last 24 hours, 3,700 cases have come up in the national capital," the Chief Minister said, providing data. "In the coming days, the numbers will decline further," he added.

The daily spike in cases in Delhi had crossed the 4,000-mark for the first time on September 9, when the total number of cases had crossed the 2 lakh mark. The death count recorded that day was 20, the total number of fatalities was 4,638.

The 4,473 cases recorded on September 16, was the highest single-day

spike since the disease reached the national capital. The daily spike in cases and fatalities recorded between September 15 and September 19 are: 4,263 (36 deaths); 4,473 (33); 4,432 (38); 4,127 (30); and 4,071 (38), according to government data. At the time, officials had attributed the spike to the increasing number of tests being conducted in the city. The National Capital saw its first case of coronavirus in March. The numbers thereafter went on increasing.

A drop was registered in July, when the number of cases logged everyday remained between 1,000 and 1,500.

## Centre allows TS to borrow from open market TS Govt planning to raise additional financial resources of ₹2,508 cr

HANS NEWS SERVICE

**Hyderabad:** Telangana has got an instant relief from the current financial crisis during the corona pandemic. The Union Government granted permission to Telangana Government to raise additional financial resources of Rs 2,508 crore through Open Market Bor-

rowings. Telangana state was one among the five states which has been permitted to go for more borrowings. The other states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa and Tripura.

The TS officials said that Telangana complied with the conditions and targets set by the Centre to raise additional borrowings by the

states from the open market. The important conditions which includes the successful implementation of One Nation One Ration Card system, Ease of Doing Business, urban body reforms and power sector reforms. The Union Finance Ministry on Thursday informed the state counterparts that the Centre satis-

fied with the performance of Telangana and permitted to go for additional borrowings. In view of the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre had recently allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to all the States for the year 2020-21.

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### Balasubrahmanyam extremely critical

**Chennai:** SP Balasubrahmanyam, who seemed to be recovering after testing negative for Covid-19 a couple of weeks ago, is in critical condition now, says the latest medical bulletin released by MGM Hospital, Chennai on Thursday.

## DELHI RIOTS

### Khurshid, Bhushan named in chargesheet



**New Delhi:** From politicians to lawyers and activists, names of various prominent personalities have come up in the chargesheet filed by the Delhi Police in the Delhi riots case. This includes the name of Congress leader Salman Khurshid and advocate Prashant Bhushan.

Their names have come up in the disclosure statement of the former Congress councillor Ishrat Jahan and one accused Khalid Saifi. Such statements are inadmissible under Section 25 of the Indian Evidence Act.

In her disclosure statement, Ishrat Jahan said that various personalities such as former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, advocate Prashant Bhushan, activist Harsh Mander and activist-turned-politician Yogendra Yadav took part in the protests.

A similar statement was also given by Khalid Saifi and other witnesses.

On September 16, the police filed a voluminous charge sheet against the

### Umar Khalid sent in judicial custody

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court Thursday sent former JNU student Umar Khalid, arrested under UAPA charges in a case related to northeast Delhi riots in February this year, in judicial custody till October 22. Khalid was produced before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat through video conferencing after his 10-day police custody expired. His lawyer Trideep Pais asked the court to pass an order to provide Khalid with security inside the jail since there was a threat that he may be attacked.

accused under various sections of the UAPA, the Indian Penal Code, the Arms Act and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. The copy of the chargesheet was supplied to their counsels on Monday.

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AP Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy and his Karnataka counterpart B S Yediyurappa laying foundation stone for Karnataka choultries at Tirumala on Thursday

### MODI-TRUMP FACTOR DRIVING INDIAN AMERICANS TOWARDS TRUMP

**Washington:** Indian Americans, particularly in the battleground states, are coming out in support of President Donald Trump in large numbers due to a combination of 12 factors, prominent among which is his friendship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to an internal research survey.

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## PLEA TO POSTPONE CIVILS EXAM

### SC notice to UPSC, Centre

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notices to the Centre and the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on a plea filed by UPSC aspirants, seeking postponement of the upcoming civil services exam. The plea has been filed against conducting of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination on October 4.

The apex court sought response from the Centre and the UPSC on the postponement of civil services 2020 examinations in view of rising cases of COVID-19 pandemic and

floods. The petitioners sought the exams to be postponed for two to three months so that the flood/incassant rains go away, and COVID-19 curve flattens.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Sanjiv Khanna issued notices to UPSC, Centre and posted the matter for hearing on September 28, 2020.

The plea submitted that the decision of the UPSC to conduct the exam in accordance with the Revised Calendar, violates the rights of the petitioners and those similarly situ-

ated, under Article 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution to practice their chosen profession/occupation of serving the public.

The plea further said that this seven hours long Offline exam, will be taken by approximately six lakh aspirants at test centres in 72 cities across the country.

By conducting the aforesaid examination across India at such perilous time, the UPSC will put lives of lakhs of young students at utmost risk and danger of disease and death, it said.

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# Womenia



Collection By Manish Malhotra @ FDCI ICW 2020

## Manish Malhotra's closes digital ICW with opulence

PUJA GUPTA

On Wednesday, veteran designer Manish Malhotra was the finale act as he closed the digital edition of the India Couture Week with a showcase of his latest couture collection 'Roohaniyat -A celebration called life.'

Bollywood actress Jhanvi Kapoor featured in the fashion film which was streamed in film format across the various social media handles of the organisers of the event, the Fashion Design Council of India. Focusing both on bridal wear and jewellery, the sequence was shot at the Leela Palace Hotel in New Delhi.

The film opened with a tribute dedicated to the artistry of Indian craftsmen and the art and craft of Awadh and Punjab.

It read, "The collection is a tribute to our diverse heritage and soulful artistry of the Indian craftsmen, the Nazakat of Awadh and the vibrance of Punjab, a story of over thousands of years of the people, their life and emotions, the two regions are culturally rich where the traditional art and crafts flourished seamlessly and an immersive walk through the cultural corridors

**At the grand finale the designer showcased his latest couture collection 'Roohaniyat — A celebration called life'**

of the heritage and the doorways of their life."

Inspired by the aesthetic of the Mughals, the collection presented a suitable lineup of ensembles for modern tastes. Kalidar kurtas, khada dupattas, ghararas, izar salwars for women and jama, angrakha and heavy shawls for men in pure and cotton silks, mashru, velvets, and muslins rich in tradition yet effortless in drape and style.

The designer has used archival hand-basted and hand-quilted fabrics that comprise accent borders that are zari-woven in original gold and silver. Using embroidery from Rajasthan, Ahmedabad, Kutch the collection was a reverie of heritage and opulence. Voluminous silhouettes

featured fine layering in a colour palette which ranged from natural earthen hues and light summer bridal shades like teal, pistachio green, dusky pink, grey, and maroon, all natural dyed.

"The collection breaks-away from the aesthetics of fast-fashion couture and aims to revive the slow and purist workmanship of our indigenous craftsmen and artisans. It seeks to recall our age-old craft and techniques while keeping the first line of inspiration from the most enduring facets of Mughal living. It's art and architecture – vintage gardens, palaces, paintings, jewellery, museums, and costumes that are immortalized in the grand and diverse culture of India," says Malhotra.



Collection By Designer Anju Modi @ FDCI ICW 2020

### QUICK TIP

## Night skincare treatment

Our skin has its own day and night biorhythm. During the day, it needs protection and ample hydration, and at night it needs support for its natural regeneration process. Nourishing and moisturising night creams, rich in active ingredients are useful, as skin works to repair and regenerate itself at night. So, don't miss your 'beauty sleep'.



SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER 24

### CROSSWORD

#### Across

- 3 Brings into harmony (5)
- 8 Halts (5)
- 10 Objects or articles (5)
- 11 Blood-classification system (3)
- 12 Impertinent (5)
- 13 Round table men (7)
- 15 Evade (5)
- 18 Head of grain (3)
- 19 Robberies, thefts, murders, etc. (6)
- 21 Once Basutoland (7)
- 22 Bad day for Caesar (4)
- 23 Bare or scant (4)
- 24 Prison (7)
- 26 Small group (6)
- 29 Interdict or prohibit (3)
- 31 A small piece (5)
- 32 Be consisting or containing facts (7)
- 34 A cylinder for holding tape (5)
- 35 Cholera (3)
- 36 TV picture element (5)
- 37 Simple organism (5)

#### Down

- 1 Get up (5)
- 2 Highest points (7)
- 4 Supporting votes (4)
- 5 Roman orator (6)
- 6 Gramophone needles (5)
- 7 An organic compound - "Dime I" change ? (5)
- 9 Japanese sash (3)
- 12 Rambles or saunters (7)
- 14 Owns (3)
- 16 Brown earth pigment (5)
- 17 English county (5)
- 19 Famous valley and the river flowing through it (7)
- 20 Platters (5)
- 21 Animal (5)
- 23 Brief reference (7)
- 24 Furnish (6)
- 25 PC alternative (3)
- 27 Pungent (5)
- 28 Checked out (5)
- 30 Song of praise (5)
- 32 River crossing (4)
- 33 It holds the ashes (3)

### SUDOKU



SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER 24

### NEWS ROUNDUP

## Asha Negi reveals why she opted for a digital detox

SIMRAN SETHI

Television actress Asha Negi, who announced a few days ago on Instagram that she has decided to take a break from social media, says such steps once in a while help one stay sane.

Asha says, "Everybody should go on a digital detox once in a while. It keeps you sane. When so much is happening on social media, it becomes important to take a break. Sometimes, we end up doing nothing due to social media as we are busy scrolling all the while. So, it's important to engage yourself in some productive activities by disconnecting yourself from the virtual world for a while."

This isn't the first time that Asha has taken a break from social media. "I went on a digital detox in the past, too. I planned to take a break for a week but I enjoyed it so much that I came back on social media after almost 20 long days," the "Pavitra Rishta" fame actress recalled.

Asha is right now seen in the role of a journalist on the web show, 'Abhay 2'.

"The show has instilled confidence in me and made me believe that I am not just meant for 'girl next door' roles. I felt great to explore a new territory. I will now try to do different kinds of roles in future projects. Initially, I was nervous. I had doubts whether I would be able to play the role. But while working I realised nothing is impossible. I worked hard and gave my best," Asha shared.



# KITCHEN INGREDIENTS TO REVIVE YOUR HAIR

Every woman dreams of having a luscious, long, soft and healthy hair. Overexposure to harsh sunlight, weather changes, stress, inappropriate diets, pollution, chemical treatments and medical conditions makes our hair brittle, dull and frizzy by nature even if you were born with gorgeous, lustrous hair. Damaged hair is extremely fragile and tends to break more easily.

Whether your hair is long or short, curly or straight, dealing with dryness is inevitable when your hair is constantly battered by heat styling tools, chemical treatments, and environmental pollution. While it may take longer to see results, your hair will thank you in the long-term. Here's how to repair damaged hair with ingredients you most likely have in your kitchen.

#### Oil

Oil is a common kitchen ingredient. You can use sesame seed (til) oil, coconut oil, sunflower oil, or almond oil, for the hair. Warm the oil and massage gently into the scalp, at bedtime, using the fingers to actually move the scalp. Once or twice a week,



heat pure coconut oil and apply on the hair and scalp. Apply on ends too.

#### Egg

Egg is one of the most versatile ingredients. It contains silicon, sulphur and fatty acids that help to nourish the hair. The white of the egg has a powerful cleansing action too. Applied on the hair 15 minutes before shampoo, the egg coats the hair shaft and adds thickness, shine and body. For dry, damaged hair with split ends, cut off the split ends. Take one tablespoon almond oil and add 2 egg yolks. Mix together and apply



on the hair. Apply on ends too.

#### Milk

Milk can easily be applied on the hair to nourish it and add body and shine. After shampoo, rinse the hair with milk and leave on for 5 minutes. Then rinse off with plain water.

#### Banana pulp

Banana pulp by itself can be applied on the hair, like a pack. It nourishes and conditions dry hair, adding body and shine. Take the pulp of two bananas, add two teaspoons of lemon juice. Mix together and apply on the hair. Leave it on for 20

minutes and then wash hair.

#### Coconut milk

Coconut milk is extremely nourishing and softening for the hair. It is said to control hair loss and promote growth, being rich in protein, essential fats, iron and manganese. Mix one cup coconut milk with powder of curry leaves and 2 tablespoons orange juice into a paste. Curry leaves are rich sources of beta-carotene and protein, which encourage healthy hair growth. Apply and leave on for one hour. Wash off.

#### Gram flour

Gram Flour (besan) has a cleansing action and reduces oiliness. For a hair pack, mix a cup of curd, two teaspoons of besan, an egg white and the juice of half a lemon. If you have very dry hair, substitute the egg white with egg yolk or teaspoon of almond oil. Apply the paste on the hair and wash it off after half an hour. For oily scalp and dandruff, mix ripe papaya pulp with gram flour, egg white and four teaspoons apple cider vinegar into a paste. Apply on the hair and wash off after half an hour.

## Ceremonial dressing in Anju Modi's couture collection

PUJA GUPTA

Designer Anju Modi's latest couture collection titled 'Sindoori' celebrates the beauty and complexities of a bride and the ceremony of getting ready for the occasion. Beginning with Haldi and ending with Sindoor (vermilion), it is a tribute to the solemn occasion and marks the festivities in the run up to the nuptials.

The collection was launched on Wednesday through a fashion film, streamed online on the final day of the digital India Couture Week, by the Fashion Design Council of India. Modi says the collection is inspired by the 'unprecedented time' the world is facing today.

Speaking about it, the couturier says, "This is an unprecedented kind of time which we all are facing and enduring. It has brought a whole new perspective and my inspiration comes from here. Very intimate weddings are happening (at present). So of course, the girls are in a state of anxiety. 'How will I look, what should look the best on me?' I suggest they opt for reds, the 'Sindoori' is my inspirational colour."

Modi has taken cues from the artworks of Raja Ravi Varma and the miniature



The colour of the Sindoor (vermilion) and unprecedented times are the inspiration behind this collection

painting tradition to create a line-up that comprises anarkali, lehengas and sarees. Giving a contemporary twist to archival textiles and heritage embroideries, she crafts pieces into modern heirlooms. The ensembles feature mashru, brocades, jamdani and pashminas, zardozi with dabka and mukaish and foil print to create the bridal ensembles. The colours of the outfits are inspired by various traditional items used in an Indian wedding-- 'haldi' (turmeric), and deep wet 'mehendi' (henna) among others. There are hues of soft, creamy ivories and muted marble tones, culminating in red and purple.



## Cong leaders' wives move SC on Sudarshan TV case

**New Delhi:** The widow of Congress politician Rajiv Tyagi, who died recently of heart attack after participating in a TV debate, and the party spokesman Pawan Khhera's wife -- have moved the Supreme Court for intervention in the Sudarshan TV case and sought that certain news anchors and "peddlers of hate speech" should not be given the benefit of freedom of speech.

Sangeeta Tyagi and Kota Neelima, the author-researcher wife of Congress spokesperson Khhera, have referred to the prime time TV shows of four prominent anchors in their intervention plea alleging that their programmes are mostly communal in nature and favour the ruling party.

Seeking urgent hearing on their plea, filed through lawyer



Sunil Fernandes, they have compared the situation of the Electronic Media in the country with Nazi Germany. They also quoted Martin Niemöller, the German theologian and a Lutheran Pastor: "First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me.

## Wikipedia's desktop getting its first redesign in 10 years

**Mumbai:** Wikipedia has been a constant source of some-times-debated information over close to two decades now. For anyone growing up in the '90s, Wikipedia was one of the most accessed websites for the better part of the new millennium's first decade. This held true at least until the bigger internet boom came along, and brought with it the mobile-first internet generation. Now, after seeing its crucial importance being shared by a wider range of information sources, the non-profit open information source has announced that it is working on updating its desktop site's ageing design -- bringing

it up to speed with the hyper-connected, mobile-first internet generation.

Olga Vasileva, lead product manager at the Wikimedia Foundation, the non-profit holding arm of Wikipedia, states, "While Wikipedia's content has grown rapidly, our interface has not kept pace. We're proud that our website is more direct, simple, and advertisement-free than the rest of the internet. Yet, the design of desktop Wikipedia and other Wikimedia Foundation projects have not seen any substantive changes for the past 10 years, leaving certain elements of the site's navigation feeling

clunky and overwhelming to readers and editors whose main purpose is to create, learn, and curate content."

Acknowledging that the overall design of Wikipedia may not be the most intuitive to read, especially for new and first-time internet users, Vasileva says that the new desktop site design is set to become responsive to adapt to the wide range of screen sizes. Among its key redesign features include a re-configured logo at the top-left corner of the page, a fully collapsible sidebar to reduce excess information on pages, reducing the maximum width of each line to improve readability,



a relocated search bar, improved search functionality, seamless one-click language switching, a user menu including the all-popular 'Dark Mode', a 'more information' tab for articles, and more.

Each of these features will aim to make Wikipedia a more approachable website. Conceivably nearly two decades ago, Wikipedia's present design is still based on the desktop in-

ternet era. While Wikipedia has given a glimpse of how each of the new elements would appear like, it is yet to publish a prototype view of all the elements taken together. However, based on what the general design shows, it is mostly an incremental update that aims to add responsive elements to Wikipedia's pages, instead of overhauling the entire website.

# NCB SUMMONS: DEEPIKA LEAVES GOA FOR MUMBAI

**Mumbai:** In a major development, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) said that it has summoned Bollywood actors Deepika Padukone, Sara Ali Khan, Shraddha Kapoor, Rakul Preet Singh and fashion designer Simone Khambatta for questioning in a drug-related case. On Thursday, Deepika who was in Goa to shoot for an upcoming film, left for Mumbai. Deepika, along with her manager Karishma Prakash, has been called for questioning on September 25 and Sara and Shraddha have been called on September 26. Rakul has skipped questioning on Thursday and will join the probe on Friday. Simone Khambatta was questioned by the NCB for over four hours on Thursday.

Deepika Padukone's team has confirmed to the NCB that she will be joining the drugs probe on Friday. She will be coming back to her residence in Mumbai from Goa and is likely to appear before the NCB during the first half of the day on Friday.



Sara Ali Khan at the Goa airport with her family

### Police intervene as scribes scuffle over coverage

**Mumbai (PTI):** For a change, the action was outside the guest house where the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) team has been grilling Bollywood figures in a drugs case, as journalists scuffled over a vantage point and a slur. Police intervened in the fight between journalists of a national news channel - whose main anchor is known for his histrionics - and some Mumbai reporters, after they termed the local media as "chai biscuit wale partakar, an official said. The trigger was a Delhi-based TV journalist, who is in Mumbai to cover the NCB probe, coming "in the frame" of the camera of another national news channel. After he was asked to shift a bit and go out of the frame, he began abusing Mumbai journalists, calling them "depression wale partakar" and "chai biscuit khane wale garib partakar", a police official said.

Fashion Designer Simone Khambatta, whose name allegedly cropped up during Rhea Chakraborty's investigation in NCB's ongoing drugs probe, was allowed to go home after five hours of questioning on Thursday.

Rakul Preet Singh is in

constant touch with her team of lawyers. She is currently in Hyderabad herself and has acknowledged the NCB summon in the ongoing drugs probe in Sushant Singh Rajput case. She will appear for questioning before the anti-drug agency on Friday.

## 'Cocaine in IPL party'

**Mumbai:** While the NCB seems to be cracking a whip on Bollywood stars, actress Sherlyn Chopra has come forward and made a shocking revelation.

She told ABP News that she had seen cricketer's wives and actors using cocaine during an IPL after party in Kolkata. She further said that she is ready to help the NCB if summoned for questioning.

She said that she had gone to watch an IPL game in Kolkata and was invited for the after party. There she

was shocked to see what was happening in the bathroom. "I once went to Kolkata to watch a KKR match, after the game I was invited to an after party, which was attended by all popular cricketers and their wives.

"I was enjoying a lot in the party, however I got tired after dancing and went to washroom and the scene I saw there was beyond shocking, all these star-wives were snorting cocaine in the ladies washroom area, they smiled at me and I smiled back.

## Kangana house demolition: Bombay HC raps BMC

**Mumbai:** Kangana Ranaut has thanked the Bombay High Court for pulling up the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) over her partly demolished house being left like that during monsoon. The HC rapped the BMC during the hearing of a petition filed by the actress after the BMC advocate sought two days' time to reply in the matter.

Justice Kathawala said during the hearing, "We cannot leave the demolished house the way it is. The building is demolished partly, and in the heavy monsoon, we cannot leave it in this State. We will start hearing the petitioner tomorrow."

Kangana thanked the Bombay HC on Twitter for coming down hard on the BMC, saying, "Honourable Justice HC, this brought tears to my eyes, in the lashing rains of Mumbai my house is in-



deed falling apart, you thought about my broken house with so much compassion and concern means a lot to me, my heart is healed thank you for giving me back all that I had lost. Folded hands."

The Bombay High Court also directed Shiv Sena chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut to file his reply to the petition against the demolition of a part of her bungalow in Mumbai by the BMC. On Thursday, the bench said it will begin final hearing in the case on Friday.

**Ferozepur :** Farmers in Punjab on Thursday began their three-day 'rail roko' agitation to protest against the three farm bills while the Ferozepur Railway division suspended the operation of special trains due to the stir.

Railway authorities said 14 pairs of special trains will remain suspended from September 24 till 26. The decision has been taken keeping in mind the safety of passengers and protection of railway property from any damage, officials said.

Among the trains which will remain suspended are Golden Temple Mail (Amritsar-Mumbai Central), Jan Shatabdi Express (Haridwar-Amritsar), New Delhi-Jammu Tawi, Karambhoomi (Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri), Sachkhand Express (Nanded-Amritsar) and Sha-

heed Express (Amritsar-Jaynagar), officials said.

At present, routine passenger train service remains suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The call for 'rail roko' agitation was given by the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and later, different farmers' outfits also extended their support.

Activists of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) squatted on rail tracks in Barnala and Sangrur on Thursday morning.

Farmers under the banner of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee have decided to squat on rail tracks near Devidaspur village in Amritsar and Basti Tanka wala in Ferozepur. The representatives of the committee said they were getting support from several sections including government employees and labourers.

## FARM BILLS PROTEST INTENSIFIES

# 3-day 'Rail Roko' agitation begins; trains suspended



Farmers block a railway track as they participate in 'Rail Roko Andolan' during a protest against the farm bills at village Devi Dass Pura, about 20km from Amritsar

Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee president Satnam Singh Pannu said that they have appealed to representatives of

political parties, ministers, MPs and MLAs not to take part in the farmers' agitation. They vowed

to gherao BJP leaders and socially boycott those who voted in favour of the farm bills.

As many as 31 farmers' outfits have given a call for the complete shutdown of Punjab on September 25 to protest against the bills.

Farmers in Punjab have expressed apprehension that the bills would pave way for dismantling the minimum support price system, leaving them at the "mercy" of big corporates. The Rajya Sabha has passed the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020.

# US elections: Trump says won't commit to peaceful transfer of power

**Washington (PTI):** US President Donald Trump has refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the November 3 election to his Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump, a Republican, also said he believed the election result could end up in the US Supreme Court, as he again cast doubt on postal voting.

Many American states are encouraging mail-in voting, citing the need to keep Americans safe from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed over two lakh people in the country. "Well, we're going to have to see what happens," Trump said when asked whether he would commit to a peaceful transition, one of the cornerstones of American democracy.

"I have been complaining very

strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster..." Trump told reporters at a White House news conference when asked about a peaceful transition of power after the presidential polls in November irrespective of the outcome.

"Mr President, real quickly, win, lose or draw in this election, will you commit here today for a peaceful transferral of power after the election? And there has been rioting in Louisville, there has been rioting in many cities across this country -- red and so-called red and blue states -- will you commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transferral of power after the election?" he was asked. Not satisfied with Trump's answer, the reporter again asked. "Do you



commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transferral of power?"

Trump exuded confidence that there will be continuation of power.

"We want to get rid of the ballots and we will have a very peaceful -- there will not be a transfer. Frankly, there will be a continuation. The ballots are out of control,

you know it, and you know who knows it better than anybody else? The Democrats know it better than anybody else," the president said as he refused to entertain any other question from the same journalist.

"Go ahead. Please go ahead. Yes, go ahead. You asked a question. Go ahead please," he said.

Trump's reluctance to commit to a peaceful transition was rooted in what he said were concerns about ballots, extending his assertion that widespread mail-in voting is rife with fraud.

In 2016, Trump also refused to commit to accepting the election results in his contest against the Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton, which she characterised as an attack on democracy.

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BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(5) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of <b>Cheema Printpac Limited</b> (CIN U22219CH2002PLC025313) having its registered office at 2523 SECTOR 35C, CHANDIGARH UT CH 160022 India
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Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13 (4) of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the EGM held on <b>25.09.2020</b> to enable the company to change its Registered office from the "UT OF CHANDIGARH" to the "STATE OF PUNJAB".
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## CHINESE FASCISM IN TIBET

Disturbing reports are emerging from Tibet about the repression unleashed by the Chinese and it is high time that the world took note of it and deal with China accordingly. In 2019 and 2020, the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) introduced new policies to promote the systematic, centralised, and large-scale training and transfer of “rural surplus labourers” to other parts of the TAR, as well as to other provinces of the People’s Republic of China (PRC).

In the first seven months of 2020, the region had trained over half a million rural surplus labourers through this policy. This scheme encompasses Tibetans of all ages, covers the entire region, and is distinct from the coercive vocational training of secondary students and young adults reported by exile Tibetans (RFA, October 29, 2019).

The labour transfer policy mandates that pastoralists and farmers are to be subjected to centralised “military-style” vocational training, which aims to reform “back-

ward thinking” and includes training in “work discipline,” law, and the Chinese language.

Examples from the TAR’s Chamdo region indicate that the militarised training regimen is supervised by People’s Armed Police drill sergeants, and training photos published by state media show Tibetan trainees dressed in military fatigues. Poverty alleviation reports bluntly say that the state must “stop raising up lazy people.” Documents state that the “strict military-style management” of the vocational training process “strengthens [the Tibetans’] weak work discipline” and reforms their “backward thinking.” Tibetans are to be transformed from “[being] unwilling to move” to becoming willing to participate, a process that requires “diluting the negative influence of religion.”

This is aided by a worrisome new scheme that “encourages” Tibetans to hand over their land and herds to government-run cooperatives, turning them into wage labourers. An order-oriented, batch-style matching and training mechanism trains labourers based on company needs. Training, matching and delivery of workers to their work destination takes place in a centralised fashion.

Recruitments rely, among other things, on village-

based work teams, an intrusive social control mechanism pioneered in the TAR later used in Xinjiang to identify Uyghurs who should be sent to internment camps. Key policy documents state that cadres who fail to achieve the mandated quotas are subject to “strict rewards and punishments”.

This means that Tibetan nomads and farmers must change their livelihoods so that they earn a measurable cash income and can therefore be declared “poverty-free so that Xi could take credit for the same. This draconian scheme shows a disturbing number of close similarities to the system of coercive vocational training and labour transfer established in Xinjiang.

The fact that Tibet and Xinjiang share many of the same social control and securitisation mechanisms renders the adaptation of one region’s scheme to the other particularly straightforward. These are policies that best suited the medieval ages or even pagan lifestyles.

Can the modern world accept these policies and allow suppression of masses in the occupied lands? Or is it that just because no news comes out of China vividly, the world ignores the Chinese fascism? Should not the world come together to halt Chinese atrocities in occupied territories, be it Uyghurs or Tibetans?



## ‘India should make a clean break from its feudal past’

VISHNU MAKHIJANI

India is a Civilisational State engaged in a “grand undertaking to re-architect” the Republic. It should make a “clean break” from its “socialistic, feudal past” to maintain the momentum and should stake claim to be a world power, says a new book on the country’s journey as it approaches the 75th year of its Independence, even as it calls for course corrections in the areas of governance, bureaucracy, foreign policy and the judiciary.

What then, are the course corrections required? In the area of foreign policy, the book says, the size of the country’s diplomatic corps “is tiny” compared to its global ambitions - there are only 2,700 staff members and 912 Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers, with countries like China (4,500), Japan (5,700), France (6,000) and the US (20,000) way ahead.

Not only should India ramp up its diplomatic strength, the selection process needs to be revamped with a separate exam to select foreign (service) officers assessing them on “parameters such as international aptitude, curiosity about the world, knowledge or demonstrated interest in foreign affairs and communications skills”, as recommended by a parliamentary panel, the book says.

It noted in this context that External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had, in February 2020, implemented a comprehensive restructuring of the ministry, initiating long-overdue administrative reforms necessary to align it with India’s changed trade and security objectives.

But then, the IFS is not the only civil service facing capacity constraints. A staggering 1,449 IAS posts -- 22 per cent of the sanctioned strength -- and 970 IPS posts -- 19.94 of the sanctioned strength -- are lying vacant.

“As for police forces across the country, over five lakh posts are vacant, with the highest - around 1.80 lakh -- being in Uttar Pradesh (India’s largest by population and the most significant politically).

Why is it surprising then, that there is no rule of law and any group can extract special benefits from the State based on its potential for violence,” the authors ask.

Then, the brief of the civil service is to execute the policy of the government of the day. “The argument that the bureaucracy acts as a check on the whims and fancies (even corrupt proclivities) of politicians isn’t sound. That’s not

their job, but that of other institutions entrusted specifically with the task of maintaining transparency,” the book says.

It also speaks of the need for bureaucrats to be given ample time to develop expertise based on their interest and governmental needs. For instance, after every bureaucratic reshuffle, it’s quite common, for example, that the urban development secretary has taken charge as the home secretary, the information and broadcasting secretary is shifted to personnel and training and the steel secretary has moved to the finance ministry.

“Such a system, based primarily on generalists, does not allow officers to build domain expertise and is highly detrimental to the administrative efficiency,” the authors write. As for governance, the book states it rather pithily: “The truth is that almost India’s half of ministries could vanish tomorrow and nobody would miss them”.

Why has it come to such a pass? “Ministries have to be literally invented to accommodate leaders and, when required, coalition partners. This situation also arises as India’s polity is also restricted when it comes to internal democracy.”

“Who Judges the Judges”, the book asks and points to the telling example of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), whose creation had been approved by both houses of Parliament, ratified by 16 state legislatures and finally assented to by the President of India. The Supreme Court, however, struck it down 4-1 on the ground that it violated the “basic structure” of the Constitution - but did not recommend or suggest a better framework.

The current Collegium system of appointments, the book says, “has given rise to nepotistic tendencies in the judiciary which the Constitution makers would never have fathomed - the rot is so deep that it competes with the scourge of dynastic politics, but while the latter has been widely critiqued and has to pass frequent electoral tests, the lack of public knowledge about the extent of dynastic sway in the legal world has saved the judicial establishment from scrutiny”.

There have been rare instances, though. Of the 28 incumbent Supreme Court judges, Outlook magazine reported in 2016, 11 “had either judges or legal luminaries as relatives”. Read this book-it provides you much to ponder over.

## MUSLIM EDUCATION IN INDIA

# Need for private and public sector investment

FRANK F ISLAM

Eminent columnist Swaminathan A. Aiyar called upon Wakf boards and wealthy Muslims to finance the development of “a string of world-class education institutions” that would attract foreign students and Indian Hindus as well. His article was written in response to Member of Parliament Asaduddin Owaisi’s recommendation for “government scholarships for all” to deal with the “literacy and attendance gaps” of Muslims and other communities.

The proposal was driven by his opinion that “the quality of government schools is so poor that giving more government scholarships will do little for Muslims or any other community”. And, that “Christians have long created their own educational institutions of excellence”.

There is no argument that Christians have created good educational institutions -- as have Muslims and others I might add -- and that government-supported schools need to be improved. But, a programme of the scope and nature that the article suggests would do nothing to address the very real problem that Owaisi has identified.

That problem is that Muslims and others in the weaker sections still lag far behind those in other religious groups in terms of their development. The development deficit occurs at points all along the educational continuum from pre-school through higher education.

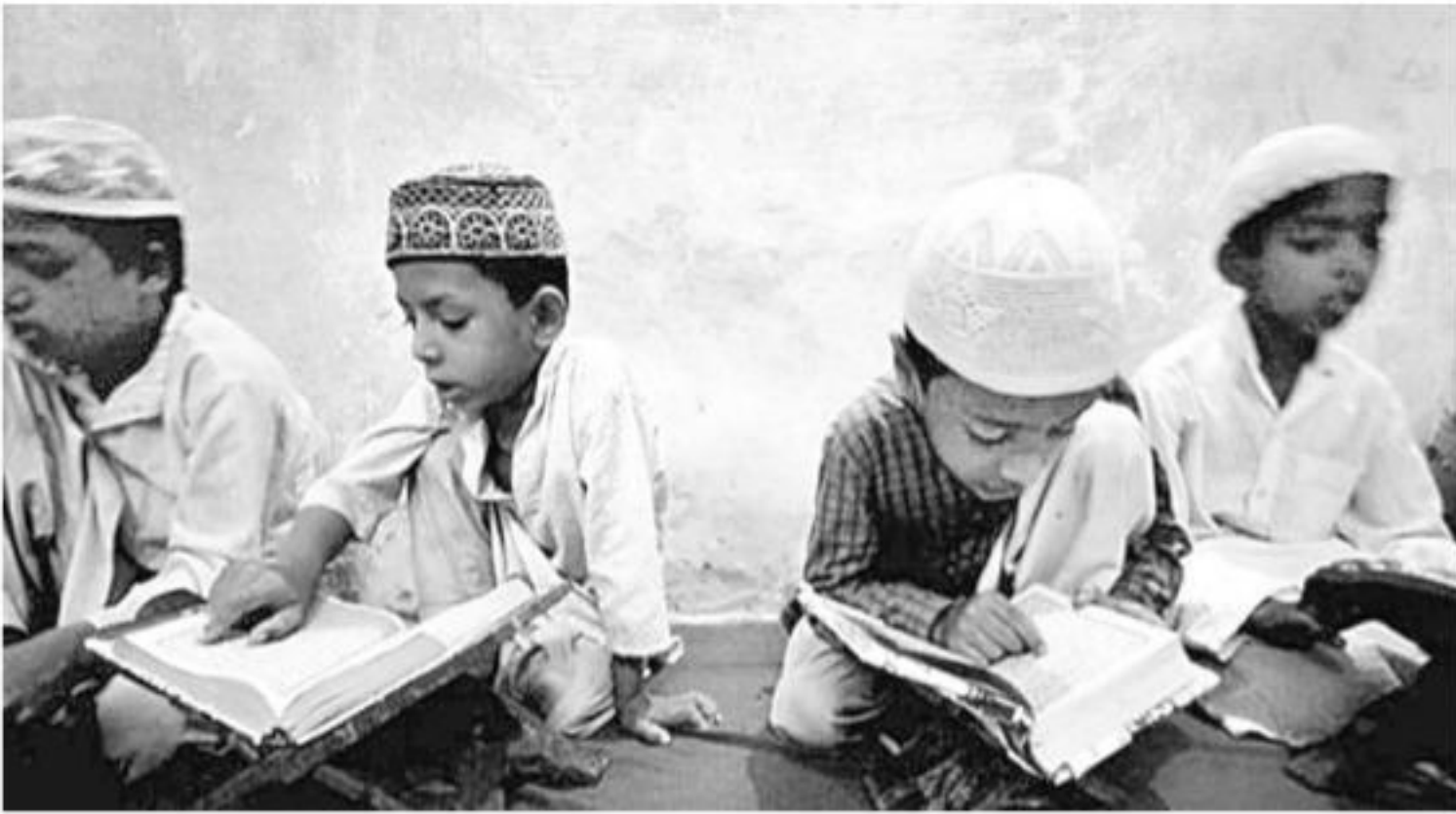
The Sachar Committee Report of 2006 disclosed this “development deficit” for minorities in many areas. The report resulted in the creation of an across the board programme for the development of minorities in India.

Some progress has been made since then but much remains to be done;

■ In the 2011 census, the overall literacy rate for Muslims went up substantially to 68.5 per cent from 59.1 per cent in 2001. The rate for Muslim females was much lower at not quite 52 per cent.

■ A study released by the US

There is no argument that Christians have created good educational institutions -- as have Muslims and others I might add -- and that government-supported schools need to be improved. But, a programme of the scope and nature that the article suggests would do nothing to address the very real problem that Owaisi has identified. That problem is that Muslims and others in the weaker sections still lag far behind those in other religious groups in terms of their development. The development deficit occurs at points all along the educational continuum from pre-school through higher education.



India Policy Institute at the end of 2013 states that since 2006, “the literacy level and the quantum of improvements for Muslims were modest compared to other populations.”

■ That same study showed that only 11 per cent of Muslims in India pursue higher education compared to a national average of approximately 19 per cent and that participation in the “general category of Muslims in higher education” had actually declined by 1.5 per cent for the period studied.

■ The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)’s 75th round report cited by MP Owaisi showed that 22 per cent of Muslim girls aged 3 to 35 have never enrolled in a formal educational course.

These are troubling findings that frame the continuing needs of Muslims and others in the weaker sections. What should be done to address those needs?

In my opinion, the answer must be a comprehensive and collaborative effort financed and supported through public and private sector investment.

That effort should improve educational opportunity and quality at all levels. Educational literacy should be the starting line and higher education of some form should be the finish line.

For students at the primary and secondary levels, the Indian government needs to continue to upgrade its educational improvement initiatives to ensure basic knowledge, skills and abilities in language, science, mathematics and technology. Although madrasas educate only between 2-4 per cent of Muslim children and youth, they need to modernize their curriculum and move away from Islam centric or Islamic-only education to a holistic approach that enables these students to integrate fully

into Indian society.

Higher education should not be solely the province of four-year colleges or universities. It should include technical, vocational and professional education at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

Education in those areas provides avenues for participation in 21st-century careers, the competencies to compete in a global economy, and the capacity to contribute to lifting Muslims and those in the weaker sections out of poverty and deprivation.

I know from my personal involvement that Muslims are already making commitments to assist in providing educational opportunities for Muslims at all these levels. For example, the American Federation of Muslims of Indian origin supports hundreds of schools and scholarships for underprivileged Muslims

and others throughout India.

The Duty Society of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has numerous members who have focused on educational development for those in the weaker sections and placed an intensified organizational focus there in 2016, its 125th anniversary year.

I myself have supported AMU with initiatives that enhance higher educational opportunities for Muslims and others including the funding of a new Management Complex, an Entrepreneurship Center, and an auditorium for the Mass Communications Department. At the dedication of the Frank and Debbie Islam Management Complex, I said, “From this Management Complex will come the future leaders who will make India and the world a better place. It will be an educational empowerment zone.”

I have had a lifelong passion and commitment to improving girls’ access to and participation in meaningful education. If we empower girls through education, they are most likely to control their own destiny. Education prepares the girl to become a change agent. Too many families are trapped in poverty because of lack of education. With her own education, the girl who becomes a woman and a mother can educate and equip her children to escape that trap. This is why my wife Debbie and I have also committed to support the development of a technical school for women in Azamgarh UP. Those women graduates will make invaluable contributions to making India and the world a better place as well.

Addressing the development needs of Muslims and others in the weaker sections is a strategic investment. It is a hand-up and not a hand-out. Those who get that hand-up will extend their hands to help others up. As a result, the return on these public and private investments will be exponential for the Indian economy and society.

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## It’s all God’s wish

There has been a commotion over the declaration to be obtained from those who are not Hindus for entry into the Tirumala temple for the darshan of Lord Venkateswara. It has been an age-old tradition to obtain such declarations from those other than Hindus. But there were deviations too when prominent politicians, who were either ministers or chief ministers entered the temple without giving such declarations.

Apart from the ingratiating statements from loyalists, here one thing is very clear. In all Vaishnava temples, the devotees visiting are supposed to be the “dastas” of the Lord Vishnu. Even Sree Chittirai Tirunai Balarama Varma, the Travancore king has the prefix “Padmanabha Dasa” before his name and wanted himself to be known as “Padmanabha Dasa” and not Maharaja.

Thus it is clear that the Lord’s will only prevails and He only chooses who should serve Him, irrespective of whether that person likes to do that or not and in the present case in Andhra Pradesh, it is the honourable Chief Minister, Sri Jagan Mohan Reddy, who was chosen by Him for this service. And when such service was rendered, He ensured that it was published in the visual as well as print media across the length and breadth of the country as also in the media abroad. In such an event, whether or not a dec-

laration is obtained from such a prominent person, will it make any difference?

S Padmanabhan, Nellore

## Insulting comments by Swami

Swami Paripoornaananda’s comments on the deaths of Indira Gandhi, YS are perverse and outrageous to say the least. He alleges that the said leaders had such ghastly deaths since they didn’t sign the declaration at Tirumala temple. Similarly, Jayalalitha had betrayed the Kanchi seer and hence had a tragic end. This politician in the wool of a seer wants to fool the public with his gibberish. He is always found to be fishing in troubled waters by arousing religious passions.

Does he not know that God has no religion and is never unkind. He is personification of kindness and magnificence. Just because one had failed to give the declaration, does God punish one? The very fact that the CM had donned the traditional gear and performed the job expected of him. If he had no faith, he would have deputed someone else for the job. Is it a sin to have faith in all religions?

As a head of the state he had a religious tradition to fulfil by making an offering to the Lord and he should be allowed to do that without any fuss. As a Hindu, I feel insulted at the meaningless comments of the seer. He should tender an



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apology for insulting the memory of the great leaders like Indira Gandhi and Rajasekhara Reddy who were loved by millions of people cutting across religions. They died on duty while serving the people.

Vinay Bhushan Bhagwat, Hyderabad

## Introduce weekend shutdown

It refers to advice of Prime Minister for considering 1-2 days lockdown in his conference on September 24 with Chief Ministers of seven worst-hit states with corona-crisis. Number of new corona-cases in the country is increasing on daily basis now nearing up to one lakh per day. This requires experimental complete two-day lockdown throughout the country on weekends starting from 10 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday. Already such partial lockdown per week is prevailing in some states. Such an experimental lockdown will not affect economy because traders will be getting extra customers on rest of the five days in the week.

However, in such a scenario, uniform weekly-off day of Sunday may be there for all private establishments like it exists in Mumbai but not in Delhi. Rather traders will also be enjoying more

time with family without any effect on their business. Many private offices are also adopting system of government-offices for five-day week especially after corona-pandemic. Experiment of two-day lockdown throughout the country per week will reveal if number of corona-cases reduce on days of lockdown.

Subhash Chandra Aggarwal, Delhi

## NDA has bulldozed Oppn

Three bills on labour codes have been passed by both, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in less than 24 hours time on September 23. At a time when opposition parties were abstaining from Parliament sessions as a mark of protest for unparliamentary proceedings on agricultural reforms that were passed by Rajya Sabha, these bills were introduced and completed the the process of passing in a hush hush manner without any discussion. There have been severe objections from the working class not to modify the existing labour laws. Government of India paid a deaf ear to such objections. At least consultative meetings could find no place in the present regime.

Unilaterally bulldozing the legally available bulwark of workers, favouring the capitalists, by govt is nothing but jettisoning the responsibility. Already GDP of April-June quarter was

contracted by 23.9% due no purchasing power in the market. The thunderstorm in the form of new labour codes will further exacerbates the buying capacity of marginalised as they find it difficult to stick on a particular job for a considerable time. Reform should be to improve the stability of work for all- worker as well as the provider. Hence the enacted labour codes pave way for further income inequalities in the society.

G Thirupathiah, Hyderabad

## Mockery of democracy

This refers to “Monsoon Session of Parliament ends” (THI 24 Sep). The government has well planned to cut short the monsoon session by scrapping the question hour. In a first of its kind, the ruling party BJP under the leadership of PM Modi has passed a democratic test inside the Parliament without answering the questions. In this process, they have also set a precedent for the students to demand examinations without questions and declare them as passed to get into the next level. A watershed moment for India indeed.

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Lord Malayappa Swamy rides Hanumantha Vahanam as Venkatadri Ramudu as part of Brahmotsavams at Tirumala on Thursday

## Lord rides Hunamantha Vahanam as Venkatadri Rama

**Malayappa Swamy is mounted on tastefully decorated Gaja Vahanam in the evening**

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**Tirumala:** As part of the ongoing annual Brahmotsavams at Tirumala, Sri Malayappa Swamy donned the avatara of Sri Venkatadri Ramudu and blessed devotees on Hanumanta Vahanam on the sixth day morning on Thursday. Hanumanta vahanam is usually considered an icon of devotional bliss.

Lord Hanuman symbolically

stands for pure devotion, complete surrender and absence of ego. His character tells us what we can do in our lives by becoming pure. Hanuman represents the tenets of devotion and Sharanagathi in its both physical mans intellectual form.

Sri Malayappa Swamy by riding Hanumantha Vahana sent message to His devotees that He is always there with those who completely shower pure love towards Him leaving aside their egos. Later, Malayappa flanked by his consorts on flower-decked Sarvabhupala Vahanam gave darshan. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, TTD

conducting the Brahmotsavam Vahana sevas in Ekantham i.e. with no devotees participation and also cancelled both Swarna Rathotsavam (golden chariot) on 6th day and Maharatham (wooden chariot) on the penultimate day of Brahmotsavams.

TTD authorities in the place of golden chariot conducted Sarvabhupala Vahanam on Thursday. In the evening the deity was mounted on tastefully decorated Gaja Vahanam enthralling devotees. TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy, EO Anil Kumar Singhal, Board members and officials were present.

## 7,885 fresh Covid cases, 52 deaths reported in AP

**Amaravati:** Continuing the downward slide, the state registered 7,855 fresh cases of coronavirus, while 8,807 more patients got cured on Thursday.

State on Thursday reached a new milestone of over one lakh tests per million (population), the highest among states, after a total of 53,78,367 samples were screened till date.

Tamil Nadu is far behind with 87,338 TPM. The overall infection positivity rate stood at 12.17 per cent, against the national average of 8.50 per cent but in terms of recoveries, AP was seven percentage points ahead of the national average of 81.55 per cent.

The state also reported 52 more Covid-19 deaths in 24 hours ending 9 am on Thursday, according to the latest bulletin.

The overall mortality rate stood at 0.85 per cent, compared to the national average of 1.59 per cent.

The aggregate number of coronavirus positive cases touched 6,54,385, recoveries 5,79,474 and death toll 5,558 so far, the bulletin said.

The number of active cases declined further to 69,353.

While East Godavari district added more than 1,000 cases, West Godavari, Prakasam and Chittoor reported over 900 new cases each in 24 hours. Chittoor reported eight new Covid-19 casualties while Anantapur and Guntur registered six each.

Krishna, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam added five more deaths each while East Godavari had four more fatalities, the bulletin added.

# Food processing policy to be announced soon

● **Agriculture Minister Kannababu says CM has made some suggestions on the policy, which will focus on generating employment to rural population**

● **Govt releases Rs 80 cr for oil palm farmers, MSP to the crop increased to 11,000 per tonne from Rs 10,074**

● **Godowns and other infrastructure for Rythu Bharosa Kendras will be provided at a cost of ₹6,000 cr**



Agriculture Minister K Kannababu addressing the media at the Secretariat on Thursday

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**Amaravati:** Minister for agriculture Kurasala Kannababu said the state government's agriculture policy would be announced soon.

Addressing the media at the Secretariat here on Thursday, the minister said that Rs 80 crore was immediately released to help the oil palm farmers in the state and the minimum support of price (MSP) of oil palm has been increased to Rs 11,000 per tonne from the earlier Rs 10,074. The MSP in Telangana was only Rs

10,903, he said. Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy wrote to the Central government urging it to announce the MSP of oil palm keeping in view the interests of the farmers, he added.

Kannababu said that the Chief minister had agreed in principle to announce the food processing policy and he had even made some suggestions in this regard.

"The food processing policy will help in providing employment opportunities to the rural people. The Chief Minister will also review the rabi paddy procurement and other crops on Friday," he said.

Admitting that there were problems in paddy procurement in Nellore, the minister said that efforts were on to solve them adding that tobacco would be purchased through Markfed.

A massive plan at a cost of Rs 6,000 crore would be implemented for the construction of godowns and other infrastructure for Rythu Bharosa Kendras, he said.

Kannababu also announced that the government was toying with the idea of introducing government aqua processing units in the state to benefit aqua farmers.

## Buggana urges Nirmala to release dues to AP

● **Explains progress in Polavaram project works to Union Finance Minister and her deputy**

● **Seeks early release of GST dues to the tune of ₹3,000 cr**

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**New Delhi:** Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy here on Thursday urged the Centre to release all pending dues to the state, including the Polavaram funds and GST dues. The minister met Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and her deputy Anurag Thakur on Thursday and explained the progress in Polavaram project works despite Covid-19 impact.

Speaking to the media later, the minister said he explained the commitment of Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy to complete the project within the



State Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy meets Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Thursday

stipulated deadline and the measures adopted for the same. Also reiterating the Chief Minister's request, he said the earliest fund release in this case would only help the state to complete the project on time.

On the GST dues, he said he had told the Union ministers that about Rs 3,000 crore dues were pending from the ministry and he sought early release of the same. He also referred to other pending issues of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, like Ramayapatnam port and industrial incentives that were to be released yet to the state.

## Govt to launch portal for profession tax on Oct 1

● **Chief Commissioner of State Taxes Piyush Kumar reviews collection of tax with heads of 18 departments**

● **Asks officials to double the profession tax collection this year from the last year's ₹233 cr**

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**Amaravati:** The state government would launch a website for the collection of profession tax on October 1, announced Piyush Kumar, chief commissioner of state taxes.

Reviewing the collection of profession tax in the state with the heads of 18 departments at the Secretariat here on Thursday, Piyush Kumar instructed the officials to verify whether



Chief Commissioner of State Taxes Piyush Kumar addressing a review meeting on collection of profession tax with the heads of 18 departments at the Secretariat in Amaravati on Thursday

every service provider was paying profession tax or not as per the GO No 663 issued on August 24.

He also advised them to conduct survey to bring in more registrations in 10 days as per the amended Profession Tax Act.

The last year's collection under profession tax was Rs 233 crore and the officials should strive to make it double this

year. He made several suggestions to the officials to exceed the target in the collection of profession tax.

Stamps and registrations IG Siddhartha Jain, higher education commissioner M M Naik, prohibition and excise additional commissioner K L Bhaskar, and the heads of transport, commercial taxes, excise and other departments took part.

## Modi-Trump factor driving Indian Americans towards Trump

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Trump showing respect to Indian Americans, treating India and PM Modi on an equal footing have made him popular, says the survey, which is now shaping the campaign's outreach towards the community in the last 40 days.

According to the survey carried out by Al Mason, co-chair of the Trump Victory Indian American Finance Committee, and his team, the Trump administration, unlike the president's predecessors and the current challenger, staying away from the internal affairs of India, in particular on issues like Kashmir, the president's visible role in elevating India's stature on the world stage are some of the other key factors.

"It is mostly about the Trump-Modi factor," the survey said, adding that Indian Americans increasingly believe that the teamwork of Trump and PM Modi over the next four years will successfully checkmate China at the world stage.

Other factors such as Trump's strong stand against China, him being a man of peace rather than throwing the country into war, America's economic revival to the pre-COVID-19 era and his competent handling of the pandemic are driving Indian Americans towards Trump, the survey said.

"Trump has elevated India's stature on the world stage. Of course, due credit also goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his skilled policy towards the US. The India-US rela-

tionship has been rock solid. Kudos to the brilliance of both Trump and Modi for cementing the bond between India and US," says the survey. "His family echoes the same sentiments," it said.

"Every Indian American in the US has a family member back home like old parents, brother, sister, friend, business. They want India to be respected and protected from China, which is what Trump can provide. They fear that without Trump, China would start a war with India," notes the memo, which is playing a key role in the campaign, devising its outreach strategy towards the Indian American community.

In many must-win battleground states, Indian Americans comprise a substantial and potentially decisive share of the electorate: 190,000 potential voters in Florida, 120,000 in Michigan, 170,000 in Pennsylvania, 150,000 in Georgia, 110,000 in North Carolina, 165,000 in Virginia, and nearly 470,000 in Texas.

The survey results of Mason and his team show that as many as 50 per cent of the potential Indian American voters, the vast majority of whom have traditionally voted Democratic in the presidential elections, will defect from the Democratic Party and vote for Trump.

"This mass defection could add tens of thousands of new Trump voters in key battleground states and could very well end up helping to secure the president's re-election," said the survey.

## Modi reveals he makes parathas with drumsticks

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Modi also asked Kohli about the Yo-Yo test, which measures the endurance levels of athletes, to which the cricketer said how it is an important benchmark. He pointed out that India's Yo-Yo test scores were on the lower side as compared to global standards. He then went on to talk about how his grandmother inspires him to

eat healthy, home-cooked food.

Milind Soman, on the other hand, highlighted how one does not really require a lot of space or a gym to exercise, while Diwekar harped on avoiding packaged food and eating simple, traditional foods only.

Modi also joked with Milind about why netizens were obsessed with his age.

Replying to this, the Four More Shots Please! actor talked about how people expressed wonder about how he managed to run such long distances at his age. He went on to give his 81-year-old mother Usha Soman's example, who even today is a great fitness enthusiast. Not to mention we have seen enough glimpses of Usha's fitness level.

## Khurshid, Bhushan named in chargesheet

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The chargesheet was filed in little less than 200 days of the filing an FIR to investigate the conspiracy angle behind the riots that rocked northeast Delhi in February this year.

Clashes between the citizenship law supporters and protesters had spiralled out of control, leaving at least 53 people dead and around 200 injured.

The chargesheet names Tahir Hussain, Safoora Zargar, Gulfisha Khatoun, Devangana Kalita, Shafa-ur-Rehman, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Natasha Narwal, Abdul Khalid Saifi, Ishrat Jahan, Meeran Haidar, Shadab Ahmad, Talsim Ahmad, Saleem Malik, Mohammed Salim Khan and Athar Khan.

Tahir Hussain has been named as a main accused in the chargesheet. The chargesheet, however, does not name Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Mohammed Pervez Ahmad, Mohammed Ilyas, Danish and Faizal Khan.

Their names will be added in the supplementary chargesheet.

## Centre allows TS to borrow from open market

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Officials said that 1 per cent of the borrowings were made available till September and the remaining 1 per cent will be granted in the next two months. The officials said that to tide over the financial crisis, the TS government was exploring many options. "The T-State is raising Rs 23,400 crore at 3 per cent of the GSDP every year. The additional borrowing limit will give some relief to the state which required huge funds to meet the welfare schemes, Aasra pensions and the salaries of government employees.

The state had already borrowed Rs 15,000 crore in just four months from April to July and planning to borrow Rs 15,000 crore from August to December and another Rs 10,000 crore in the last quarter between January and March in the current financial year. In all, the borrowing burden on Telangana state in the current financial will be likely around Rs 40,000 crore as against Rs 20,000 crore in the previous years.

## FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEET

## Cross-border terror key challenge for SAARC: India



**New Delhi:** Hitting out at Pakistan, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Thursday listed three key challenges in front of South Asia at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Foreign Ministers' meet.

Addressing the informal and virtual SAARC FMs meet, the EAM said that cross-border terrorism, blocking connectivity and obstructing trade are the three challenges. He added these have to be overcome and "only then will we see enduring peace, prosperity and security in our South Asia region".

"Cross-border terrorism, blocking connectivity and obstructing trade are three key challenges that SAARC must overcome. Only then will we see enduring peace, prosperity and security in our South Asia region," he said taking to micro-blogging site Twitter.

This meet takes place every year on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) but this year it is taking place virtually due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

In the meet, EAM, "Reaffirmed India's commitment to Neighbourhood First policy" and "towards building a connected, integrated, secure and prosperous South Asia".

Special focus was on jointly dealing the COVID-19 crisis

with Jaishankar highlighting how New Delhi committed to USD10 million for COVID-19 emergency fund and how it has reached out to several countries of SAARC with essential drugs, COVID-19 protection and testing kits.

He emphasized how India supported SAARC neighbours amidst COVID-19 and gave examples of Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. India extended USD 150 million foreign currency swap support to the Maldives, currency swap support of USD 200 million to Bhutan and USD 400 million to Sri Lanka during the course of this year.

Amidst the pandemic, health professionals of SAARC met to share information and best practices of the region and SAARC Food Bank mechanism was activated to mitigate the adverse impact of the crisis. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken a lead in calling SAARC heads of governments virtual meet to deal with the crisis. This was the first such regional meet on COVID crisis anywhere in the world.

Bangladesh foreign minister Abdul Momen, Nepali FM Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Afghan FM Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Maldives FM Abdulla Shahid, Bhutan FMTandi Dorji, Sri Lankan FM Dinesh Gunawardene were present in the meet.

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**Amaravati:** Former finance minister and TDP senior leader Yanamala Ramakrishnudu criticised Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy for not being able to hold a joint press conference with the Union ministers after meeting them in New Delhi. In a statement on Thursday, he demanded Jagan to explain to people what projects and promises he had obtained from the Centre during his visit. The TDP leader asked why the Chief Minister was maintaining an unusual silence on all major issues.



## TODAY'S QUOTE

### I have immense faith in young entrepreneurs

“Economic and demographic ecosystem of internet universe is primed for companies like ShareChat. I have immense faith in young entrepreneurs of our country. ShareChat is an excellent example of a self-reliant company that is aiming to take India to the world”

- Hero MotoCorp CEO **Dr Pawan Munjal**



## INITIAL OFFER

### Angel Broking IPO subscribed 4 times

The initial public offer of Angel Broking was subscribed nearly 4 times on the last day of bidding on Thursday. The Rs 600-crore public offer received bids for 5,42,64,854 shares against 1,37,70,491 shares on offer, translating into 3.94 times subscription, according to data available with the NSE.

## FOREX (buy rates in ₹)

US Dollar	78.33	South	
Euro	90.35	African Rand	5
UAE Dirham	22.13	Hong Kong Dollar	10.97
Thai Baht	2.69	Japanese Yen	0.81
British Pound	98.03	New Zealand Dollar	50.65
Australian Dollar	54.67	Saudi Riyal	21.66
Canadian Dollar	57.95	Swedish Krona	9.36
Swiss Franc	83.05	Singapore Dollar	56.38

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## BIZ BRIEFS

### Crowdfunding picks up in TS

**Hyderabad:** City-based crowdfunding platform Milaap said the two States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana had pioneered the evolution of crowdfunding in India. According to it, online fundraisers from AP and Telangana raised over Rs 110 crore through the platform which recently completed 10 years. Mayukh Choudhury, CEO and co-founder, Milaap, said, “Medical needs have raised the highest amount through various campaigns from Hyderabad. This amount has seen a growth of 170x over the last six years.” Overall, since the platform’s inception, the funds raised collectively through Milaap each year has seen nearly 200-fold increase, while the number of fundraisers set up each year has grown nearly 300 times. The city of Hyderabad has played a critical role, not only in Milaap’s journey, but also in the evolution of crowdfunding in India, he added.

### Manipadma’s new initiative

**Hyderabad:** Big Me, a lab of transformation project by Manipadma Human Development Foundation, was launched to enable individuals to achieve their highest potential. Being offered through the online medium using available social media channels, the Big Me workshop will connect the aspiring individuals with their own power and facilitate them to realize their potential to the fullest. Manavikas Prashasewa, founder, Manipadma Foundation, explains: “Big Me is a going to be a unique 40-day workshop, where an individual is taken through a series of life-transforming and the most enriching learnings and experiences. We will conduct our first Big Me workshop on October 2 this year. This is just a humble beginning and we hope to actively enable over 100 million individuals to align their lives with their supreme self through the workshop”.

### Tourism bodies’ appeal to Centre

**Hyderabad:** Ahead of World Tourism Day on September 27, leading travel and tourism associations of India have come together to appeal to the government to strengthen the packaging waste collection and recycling ecosystem, echoing cleanliness to play a vital role to attract regional and international tourists to Indian tourist destinations. Pronab Sarkar, president, Indian Association of Tour Operators, “Tourism sector is the key for the revival of Indian economy and cleanliness will play a pivotal role in the post-Covid era to attract tourists. Scared and battered tourists will seek destinations that are safe, hygienic, and clean. Pollution not only affect the environment but also the culture, society, and economy adversely”.

### ICCMA seeks support

**Hyderabad:** The Indian Corrugated Case Manufacturers’ Association (ICCMA), a pan India body, said that the corrugated box industry was reeling under the twin blows - four massive price increases in a short span of two months on one hand by kraft paper mills and cascading hikes in other conversion input costs on the other hand over the years. The industry is staring at huge losses on account of these hikes. Sandeep Wadhwa, president, ICCMA, said the industry body requested all the kraft paper mills associations to bring stability in prices and to ensure that supply chains are not hampered. “The industry growth is of vital importance to our Prime Minister’s cherished dream of Make In India. The support of all kraft paper mills as well as our valuable clients is very crucial to achieve that mission”.

# Mkts crash as Covid fears return

## Sensex tumbles 1,115 points amid global selloff; Investors lose ₹3.95 lakh cr



- Nifty slips below 10,850-mark
- 2nd wave of Covid haunts markets
- All Sensex components end in red
- Biggest single day fall since May 4
- World markets lands in a sea of red



**Mumbai:** The Sensex plunged 1,115 points while the Nifty crashed below the 10,850-mark on Thursday as investors dumped equities amid a sharp global selloff and concerns over economic recovery.

World markets were bathed in a sea of red as fears about a second wave of Covid-19 infections in major economies and lack of fresh stimulus from central banks clobbered sentiment. Back home, a sharp depreciation in the rupee and volatility on F&O expiry day further

weighed on the bourses, traders said.

Sliding for the sixth straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex plummeted 1,114.82 points or 2.96 per cent to finish at 36,553.60. The benchmark posted its biggest single-day fall since May 4 this year, when it had plunged over 2,000 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty tanked 326.30 points or 2.93 per cent to close at 10,805.55. The Sensex has now lost 2,749.25 points in six days, while the Nifty has declined by 799 points. The mar-

ket capitalisation of all BSE-listed companies stood at Rs 1,48,76,217.22 crore, down by Rs 3.95 lakh crore compared to the previous session.

Barring Hindustan Unilever, which inched up 0.36 per cent, all Sensex components ended in the red on Thursday. IndusInd Bank was the top laggard, tumbling 7.10 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finance, M&M, Tech Mahindra, TCS, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank and Infosys.

“Weak global cues coupled with worrying data points from

the US led to a gap down start today even as the re-emergence of the virus rattled the Euro zone. Indices here saw deep cuts led by TCS and Infosys as both along with RIL were the ones which led the recovery in the last five months,” said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities.

The broader markets were pounded today much beyond the 3 per cent cut witnessed in the Indices, headlined.

All sectoral indices closed with losses, with BSE IT index dropping 4.45 per cent, followed by tech, auto, metal, realty, basic materials, bankex and finance. The BSE mid-cap and small-cap gauges lost as much as 2.28 per cent. In the forex market, the rupee depreciated 32 paise to finish at 73.89 against the US dollar. In rest of Asia, South Korea’s Kospiindex plunged 2.59 per cent. Markets in Shanghai, Tokyo and Hong Kong closed with losses of up to 1.82 per cent. Bourses in Europe too started off on a weak note.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.22 per cent lower at USD 41.68 per barrel.

## Investors get poorer by ₹11.31 lakh cr in 6 days

**New Delhi:** Investors have lost a whopping Rs 11,31,815.5 crore in six days of market declines, with concerns over economic recovery sapping risk appetite.

Falling for the sixth straight session, the BSE Sensex plunged 1,114.82 points or 2.96 per cent to close at 36,553.60 on Thursday, tracking a heavy selloff in global markets. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies stood at Rs 1,48,76,217.22 crore, down by Rs 11,31,815.5 crore in six sessions.

Since September 16, the 30-share BSE benchmark index has fallen by 2,749.25 points. “The looming uncertainty over stimulus package in the US combined with issue of rising Covid cases worldwide have raised concerns over economic recovery,” said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap and midcap indices skidded up to 2.28 per cent. At the BSE, a total of 2,025 companies declined, while 625 advanced and 162

remained unchanged.

“The uncertainty regarding economic recovery, unabated rise in virus infections, and today being derivatives expiry day, all contributed to the negativity,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sumeet Bagadia, Executive Director - Choice Broking, said fears over fresh lockdown restrictions in Europe amid rising infections and uncertainty over US stimulus package dented investor sentiment.

## Export boost to help pharma overcome Covid crisis fall-out

**Mumbai:** Higher exports will help the Indian pharmaceutical sector come out ‘unscathed’ from the coronavirus pandemic and deliver a marginally lower 9 per cent revenue growth, ratings agency Crisil said on Thursday.

Exports and domestic formulations account for an almost equal share in the Rs 2.8-lakh crore domestic pharma sector, Crisil said. It added, “In 2020-21, growth in exports at 11-12 per cent, as against 10 per cent last fiscal, will outpace growth in domestic formulations expected at 5-6 per cent from 10 per cent in 2019-20.” This will lead

to a 8-9 per cent overall growth, which is down just 1.50 percentage points from the year-ago period, it added.



Operating profitability for the 350 pharmaceutical companies it rates, which represent 70 per cent of the sector’s revenue, would soften by 1.50 percentage points but remain healthy at 19 per cent despite the higher input prices, it said. Currently, the export pie is divided into regulated markets such as the US and Europe (45 per cent), rest of world (ROW) markets (35 per cent), and bulk drugs (20 per cent).

## Banking recovery to pre-Covid levels may take years, says S&P

**India, Mexico, and South Africa among the banking systems that will be slower to recover to 2019 levels-likely beyond 2023**

**New Delhi:** The path to recovery will be more painful for emerging markets such as India and the banks’ recovery to long-term averages for key asset quality and profitability ratios will take years, S&P Global Ratings said.

India, Mexico, and South Africa are among the banking systems that will be slower to recover to

2019 levels-likely beyond 2023, according to S&P Global Ratings. Covid-19 and the oil price shock of 2020 are taking a heavy toll on global banks. “S&P Global Ratings has taken 335 negative rating actions globally since the outbreak began, and we anticipate it will be difficult for the financial strength ratings on financial institutions to return to pre-crisis levels. We don’t expect the world’s largest banking sectors, including more than half of G20’s, to recover to pre-Covid-19 levels until 2023, or beyond,” the agency said. The recovery for some other jurisdictions will likely be



much further out. For India, Mexico and South Africa, a recovery to pre-Covid-19 levels may not arrive until after 2023. India, among these late-exiter banking jurisdictions are those jurisdictions where Covid-19 and other stresses have already had a meaningful negative effect.

### Maruti launches vehicle subscription programme

**New Delhi:** To offer flexible car ownership options, Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday launched its vehicle subscription programme.

The vehicle subscription programme ‘Maruti Suzuki Subscribe’ has been made available in Delhi, NCR (Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurugram) and Bengaluru. The company said the programme allows a customer to use a new car without actually owning it and by paying an all-inclusive monthly fee that covers maintenance, insurance and roadside assistance.

## Harley Davidson shuts plant in India

### Discontinues its current biz model in the country; to cut salesforce

**New Delhi:** American cult bike manufacturer Harley Davidson on Thursday said it is discontinuing its current business model in India. As part of the process, the company is planning to close its manufacturing facility in Bawal (Haryana) and significantly reduce the size of its sales office in Gurgaon, the bike manufacturer said in a statement.

The company is communicating with its customers in India and will keep them updated on future support, it added. The company’s dealer network will continue to serve customers through the contract term, Harley Davidson said. “As part of The Rewire, an overhaul of its operating model and market structure, the company is changing its business model in India and evaluating options to continue to serve its customers,” it noted. The Milwaukee-based company refers ‘The Rewire’ as a term to describe re-



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structuring actions related to employees and other services. Industry sources said the company is looking to tie up with a partner to run its business in the country.

“These actions are aligned with The Rewire which is planned to continue through the end of 2020, leading to The Hardwire, a new strategic plan for 2021-2025 aimed at building desirability for the Harley-Davidson brand and products,” the statement said.

In a separate SEC filing, the American firm said that between

August 6, 2020, and September 23, 2020, the company approved commitments to additional restructuring actions under ‘The Rewire’ related to optimising its global dealer network, exiting certain international markets, and discontinuing its sales and manufacturing operations in India. The India action will include an associated workforce reduction of around 70 employees, it added.

As a result of the actions approved through September 23, 2020, the company expects to in-

cur restructuring expenses of around \$75 million in 2020, of which around 80 per cent are expected to be cash expenditures, including one-time termination benefits of close to \$3 million, non-current asset adjustments of approximately \$5 million, and contract termination and other costs close to \$67 million. Full implementation of these ‘Rewire’ actions may require the company to commit more funds for additional contract termination and other costs, it added. Including previously disclosed restructuring charges, the company expects total restructuring expenses associated with Rewire restructuring actions approved through September 23, 2020, of approximately \$169 million in 2020, the filing said. The company expects to complete the restructuring activities approved through September 23, 2020, within the next 12 months, it added.

## UTI AMC’s ₹2,160-cr IPO to open on Sep 29

**Hyderabad:** UTI Asset Management Company (AMC) on Thursday fixed a price band of Rs 552-554 per share for its initial public offering (IPO), that will open for public subscription on September 29.

The IPO would open for public subscription on September 29 and close on October 1. The bidding for anchor investors would open on September 28.

The company has fixed a price band of Rs 552-554 a share for its IPO, UTI AMC announced in a virtual press conference. At the upper end of the price band, the IPO would fetch Rs 2,160 crore. This will be the third AMC to get listed on the stock exchanges after Nippon Life India Asset Management and HDFC AMC. The IPO of UTI AMC comprises sale of 3,89,87,081 equity shares or 30.75 per cent stake by existing shareholders. State Bank of India (SBI), Life Insurance Corpora-



tion (LIC) and Bank of Baroda are offering to sell 1,04,59,949 shares each, while Punjab National Bank (PNB) and T Rowe Price International are going to offload 38,03,617 shares each. At present, SBI, LIC, Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda hold 18.24 per cent stake each in UTI AMC. The US-based T Rowe Price owns 26 per cent stake in the company. The company has also reserved 2 lakh equity shares for its eligible employees.



# Congress accuses TRS govt of blackmailing farmers

Given the controlled policy, the farmers who disobey the government guidelines are prone to lose benefits of Rythu Bandhu scheme, says Cong leader Ponnala Lakshmaiah

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**Hyderabad:** Former PCC chief, Ponnala Lakshmaiah on Thursday alleged that the TRS government was blackmailing farmers with its controlled farming policy, as those who fail to cultivate crops and disobey government guidelines are prone to lose benefits of schemes like Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bheema etc.

Speaking to media persons, Ponnala pointed out that the government was asking farmers to cultivate soya crop, but there was no clear assurance about its procurement. "On earlier occasions, farmers were asked to cultivate pigeon pea (kandulu) by the Chief Minister himself, but following harvest due to losses they had to torch the produce," the Congress leader said.

"Even as State was facing pandemic situation, the farmers were asked to refrain from selling sweet lemon (battayi) to other States. The farmers faced huge losses because of a drop in prices. The farmers who cultivated



tomato, onion, maize, lime and other fruits and vegetables faced a similar fate owing to failure from government support. On the other hand, the CM who steered model agriculture policy has completely failed

to achieve results in Yerravalli and Narsannapet villages and wasted public money to the tune of Rs 450 cr," Ponnala Lakshmaiah said.

Ibrahimpatnam MLA coercing farmers to give up their lands

Meanwhile, former MLA and vice president of All India Kisan Congress M Kodanda Reddy wrote to Governor Tamilsai Soundarajan highlighting the farmer's grievances with regard to the upcoming Pharma City. In the letter, he alleged that the Ibrahimpatnam MLA, Manchireddy Kishan Reddy without any locus standi has been promising Rs 16 lakh of compensation per acre to local farmers. "He is threatening farmers to sign agreement papers with him and using social media and his acolyte, he has been constantly issuing threats," he pointed out.

"I would urge you to initiate measures that prevent such unofficial intervention by the local MLA and other public representatives owing allegiance to the TRS party. Daily threats by the MLA should be stopped forthwith. Otherwise, farmers and villagers would be forced to take constitutionally guaranteed measures," he added in the communication to Governor.

# TRS bats for conduct of GHMC elections through ballot papers

After discussing with TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, leaders conveyed the stand of party to the SEC, says MLC M Sreenivas Reddy

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**Hyderabad:** The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi has urged the State Election Commission to conduct the ensuing GHMC elections through ballot papers.

The TRS wrote to the SEC stating that the party has decided to go for the option of ballot boxes for the forthcoming Corporation elections. The party MLC M Sreenivas Reddy said that after discussing with the TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, they have conveyed the stand of the party to the SEC.

He said that in the present circumstances conducting elections through ballot papers is the best option. "If there are problems for conducting elections through ballot papers, even the EVMs are also dangerous. Compared to the EVMs, the ballot paper is better in the present situation of Corona pandemic and if there are any safety measures, the Election Commission will look into it," said Sreenivas Reddy, adding the voter will



also be satisfied after he knows whom he has voted for.

Replying to a question, the TRS leader said that the party has nothing to do with the views of the Opposition parties. "The SEC has asked for opinions and we are here to tell our opinion," said Reddy.

The State Election Commission had sought the opinions of the registered political parties on conduct of GHMC polls through electronic voting machines or ballot papers. The SEC has asked the political

parties to submit their opinions to the Commission by September 30. The Commission said that if the parties do not reply by September 30, it would be construed that the parties have no opinion on it.

The GHMC term is ending on February 10, 2021 and the SEC has already started preparations for conduct of the civic polls. The SEC had a review meeting with the GHMC zonal officials on preparation of electoral rolls and other issues.

## CRIME NEWS

## Cricket betting racket busted, 3 arrested

As IPL begins, bookies and punters become active

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**Hyderabad:** The Commissioner's task force on Thursday, busted cricket betting rackets and apprehended three persons in two separate incidents.

In the first incident, the West Zone task force apprehended one, Vinay Kumar, a supervisor working in Padmini Lines Transport in Attapur for organising cricket betting and seized Rs 32,500 and five mobile phones from his possession.

According to task force police, due to lockdown the accused person hatched a conspiracy to bet on the ongoing IPL matches as he had knowledge about the betting. So, he started operating the cricket betting from his residence in Chudi Bazar and began to accept and distribute the money to the punters by watching the ongoing series. He was later handed over to Shahinayathgunj PS for further booking of cases.

In the second incident, two per-



sons were held by the South Zone task force who were allegedly involved in cricket betting. The persons were identified as Syed Sattar and Md Hasan.

Based on a tip-off, the task force raided 'Famous Spare Parts' shop on Shama Talkies road under Falaknuma police station limits and detained both the persons. While another person Syed Kaleem, also a punter is absconding.

The organiser was Sattar and he



was indulged in organising and distributing the money to punters. Later on the arrested persons were handed over to Falaknuma PS for further booking of cases.

## One arrested for chit fund fraud

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**Hyderabad:** The Detective Department (DD) of Central Crime Station (CCS) arrested one, Kancham Kiran Kumar from Bangalore and was brought to the city on prisoner transit warrant on Thursday and produced before the court for cheating many gullible people on the pretext of operating chit fund business. According to police, the accused person collected lakhs of rupees from gullible people who wanted to invest in chit fund business and instead of returning their money, he sold out his house in Hyderabad and went absconding. The issue came to light

when a complaint was filed by one, Vijaya Lakshmi who alleged that she deposited an amount of Rs 76 lakh with the accused as he lured her into investing in chit business. In such way he collected more than Rs 5 crore from various persons and finally when a case was booked against him in the month of March 2020, he fled the city. However, by using various advanced technologies, his identity was confirmed and his locations were traced out and he was arrested from Bangalore, said the investigating officer, G Girish Rao. He said, "The accused person was produced before the court and was remanded to judicial custody."

## Malkajgiri ACP held

**Hyderabad:** The officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested the ACP of Malkajgiri, Y Narasimha Reddy in connection with a disproportionate assets case booked against him.

According to the officials of ACB, it is said that the ACP was tested for Covid-19 and later on produced before the special judge for ACB cases wherein he was remanded to judicial custody.

The ACB carried out searches at multiple locations belonging to the ACP on Wednesday and unearthed properties worth Rs 70 crore which were booked on his name and his relatives name.

# Cyberabad police join hands with Google to curb cyber frauds

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**Hyderabad:** The Cyberabad police commissioner, VC Sajjanar on Thursday held a video conference with the officials of Google and discussed about the cyber frauds taking place through Google platform such as usage of Google Ad Services by fraudsters, posting of fake customer care numbers, misuse of Google view form link services and deletion of the objectionable videos and content from

YouTube and furnishing of user registration details and IP logs of Gmail and YouTube channels and Google pay transactions.

The Commissioner clearly instructed the officials of Google that the company should take more precautions to prevent the usage of Google platforms by the cyber fraudsters as they are using the platform to cheat many gullible people. Apart from it the issues being faced by the investigating officers were also put

forward with the company.

The officials of Google assured the commissioner that they will certainly work with the police department and will provide the information needed for investigation.

Also the suggestions kept forward by the commissioner were taken positively by the officials and they ensured that the company will work collectively with the department in curbing the menace of cyber fraudsters.

# New Revenue Act will end woes of rural people: Minister Singireddy

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**Wanaparthy:** Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy hailed the new Revenue Act as a historic and revolutionary development brought by the TRS government, which will remove all kinds of hurdles, problems and confusions among people relating to their ownership of lands in villages. The implementation of this new Act will enable the people in villages to live in peace without land related quarrels and disputes.

Taking part in the Farmers Coordination Committee meeting at his residence in Wanaparthy on Thursday, Minister Niranjan Reddy said the TRS government is farmers' friendly and doing all that is needed for the welfare and development of farming community in the State. Stating that majority of disputes, enmity in villages were due to land issues and because of this, he said there was no peace and tranquility in rural areas. "In a few cases, the warring parties even resorted to killings."

"The earlier revenue system was also giving scope for corruption and tampering of land records due to delay in mutation. The new Revenue



Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy handing over a cheque for Rs 2 lakh to the wife of a TRS activists, who was killed in recent accident, in Wanaparthy on Thursday

Act will now enable the people to get their land issues resolved easily and without delay as they can register and get mutation in a single day," the Minister stated. The main aim of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao in bringing this Act is to eradicate corruption prevailing in revenue department and at the same time to provide peace and tranquility among the people, he added.

Giving Wanaparthy district as an example for the

various welfare schemes introduced by the government for farmers, the Minister said earlier the district people were deprived of even drinking water. However, after the TRS government came to power six years ago, there has been remarkable changes brought in the district. Not just drinking water, but the entire constituency has received irrigation water, which was never imagined earlier, he stated.

He reminded other gov-

ernment schemes like Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, subsidized seeds, fertilisers, waiver of agriculture loans etc. for the welfare of farmers and the agriculture sector in the State.

Earlier, the Agriculture Minister handed over CMRF cheques to a few beneficiaries, who were suffering with various health issues. He also gave a cheque for Rs 2 lakhs to the wife of a TRS activist, who died in a road accident recently.

# New revenue act will enrich people's lives: KCR

Directs officials to ensure that poor do not get adversely affected during the implementation of the new act

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**Hyderabad:** Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has asked the public representatives and officials to ensure that poor do not get adversely affected during the implementation of the new revenue act. The CM made it clear that the State government's aim to bring in the new act was to enrich the lives of poor.

At a high-level meeting with public representatives and mayors from the municipal areas on Thursday, he urged them to get themselves involved at the ground level in the process where non-agriculture properties like plots, flats, houses which are not yet registered online are being registered now. Several new acts have been brought into force as part of revolutionary administrative reforms programme, he felt.

Reiterating that the government has no intention of filling its coffers with



money collected from the poor through regularisation of lands, Chandrashekar Rao instructed the officials concerned to prepare solutions for the problems faced by people with regard to lands, properties before Dharani portal becomes fully operational. The

CM also decided to solve all the problems related to the residential properties, construction sites and property issues, which were unsolved for decades together.

Adding green-coloured passbooks would be given for the agriculture lands and maroon-coloured passbooks for non-agriculture properties, the Chief Minister said under the new revenue act, every inch of property would be registered online.

The officials and local representatives were asked to leave other works and visit all the wards, collect details of people's properties and ensure that they are registered online. He wanted the update of even the minutest detail about land and properties.

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao, Home Minister Mahboob Ali and Education Minister P Sabita Indra Reddy attended the meeting.

# TRS will win MLC elections: SUDA Chairman

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**Khammam:** The TRS cadres were asked to make serious efforts towards voter enrolment for Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda Graduates' MLC constituency elections. Stambhadri Urban Development Authority (SUDA) Chairman Bachu Vijay Kumar had launched voter enrolment in Khammam Assembly constituency on Thursday.

Speaking to the press, SUDA chairman said the TRS is going to win the elections. He asked party workers and leaders to conduct door-to-door visits to enrol graduates in the voters list for the victory of the TRS in the MLC election.



SUDA Chairman Bachu Vijay Kumar and other leaders participating in voters' enrolment programme in Khammam town on Thursday

The process of registering new voters was started in six municipal divisions on Thursday and it would be carried out daily in all the municipal divisions

in Khammam city. Similarly, it would be conducted in other parts of the constituency, Vijay Kumar informed.

Along with DCC Bank Chairman K Nagabhushanam, Mayor G Papalal, Deputy Mayor B Murali, TRS town president Kamartapu Murali and TRS district party in-charge RJC Krishna, Vijay Kumar visited many localities in Khammam.

Corporators Kothapalli Neeraja, P Nagaraju, Potla Sashikala Veerender, Prashanthi Jaswanth, SUDA Directors Kishore Babu, K Padma, K Ramesh Goud, Khader Baba, leaders V Ramarao, Shoba Rani, Sudarshan, Yakub Pasha, Vijay, Dileep and others were present.



# Rest in Peace Prof: Cricket community pays tribute to Jones

**New Delh (IANS):** Former Australian cricketer Dean Jones passed away in Mumbai on Thursday after suffering a cardiac arrest. The 59-year-old was part of the Star Sports commentary panel for the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) being held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Tributes flowed on Twitter for the former batsman soon after news of his death broke. "Absolutely heartbreaking news about Dean Jones passing away," said Indian batting great Sachin Tendulkar. "A wonderful soul taken away too soon. Had the opportunity to play against him

during my first tour of Australia. May his soul rest in peace and my condolences to his loved ones." "Awful to hear the news of Dean Jones passing away in Mumbai. He was a wonderful player for Australia and he will be missed. My thoughts are with his family. RIP Deano," said talismanic Australian batsman Steve Smith.

"Shocked to hear about the tragic loss of Dean Jones. Praying for strength and courage to his family and friends," said India captain Virat Kohli.

"Rest In Peace, Prof. The cricketing world will miss your entertaining lectures," said India



batsman Rohit Sharma.

"Terrible news of Dean Jones passing away. My heartfelt Condolences to the family," said former India batsman VVS Laxman.

"Unbelievably sad news about @ProfDeano. Thoughts and prayers with family. absolutely shocked. Awful news," said former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara.

"Stunned by the news of Dean Jones's passing. Always a Larger then life personality. Brilliant player. Condolences to Jane and family #RIPDeano," said former Australia fast bowler Damien Fleming.

"Can't believe it that's terrible

news. Fantastic player and always enjoyed his company on and off the field. Thoughts are with his family at this tragic time. #RIP," said former Australia batsman Mark Waugh.

"How cruel life can be. Dean Jones was at the same hotel as all of us. He had breakfast post his regular workout sessions earlier this morning and now the news of his sudden passing away. Totally saddened and shocked #RIPDeanJones," said former India batsman Hemang Badani.

Jones had been a regular in the commentary teams for the IPL and the league also paid tribute to him. "We are extremely

shocked and sad to learn of the untimely demise of Mr. Dean Jones. His energy and enthusiasm for the game will be truly missed. Our thoughts with his family, friends and his followers in this hour of grief," the league tweeted.

He was also an integral part of the Pakistan Super League, coaching Islamabad United and Karachi Kings. "PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) is devastated with the news of Dean Jones' passing. On behalf of Pakistan cricket, the PCB offers its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and the entire cricket community," said the PCB.



## Sat on bench for hours after losing in 1992 Oly quarters, reveals Paes

**New Delhi (IANS):** Eighteen-time Grand Slam champion Leander Paes made history in 1996 when he became the first Indian tennis player to win an Olympic medal in Atlanta. However, his dream of winning an Olympic medal could have been fulfilled four years earlier had he and Ramesh Krishnan not lost to the Australian duo of John Basil Fitzgerald and Todd Andrew Woodbridge in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles event in Barcelona. "When Ramesh Krishnan and I lost a chance to win an Olympic medal in 1992 after losing in the quarter-finals of the doubles competition, I realised that Ramesh was retiring and he was not going to be around for the 1996 Olympics," Paes said during the fifth episode of 'The Finish Line', hosted by Asian Games gold medallist squash player Saurav Ghoshal. "I also realised that there were no youngsters who were going to be prepared enough to win a medal in Atlanta. In 1992, I was only looking to get to the Olympics. And then when I came so close to winning a medal, I sat on the bench after we lost the quarter-finals for around two hours and 45 minutes."

# It was all about being ruthless: Rohit Sharma

**Abu Dhabi(IANS):** Rohit Sharma returned to his usual, elegant self with a masterful innings to lead Mumbai Indians to a 49-run win over Kolkata Knight Riders at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi. Rohit scored 80 off 54 as MI scored 195/5. In reply, KKR managed to score 146/9.

Interestingly, this marked MI's first ever victory in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), having lost all of their matches in 2014 when a part of the group stage was played in the UAE.

"It was only two players from the 2014 squad. It was all about how we executed our plans today, we never let it go. We were in good position throughout the game but it was all about being ruthless, getting as many (runs) as possible. We knew the wicket was good and dew was coming down," said Rohit in the post-match presentation ceremony in which he was declared Player of the Match.

As the KKR bowlers fumbled with their line and length and gave Rohit short deliveries, the MI captain replied with his trademark pull shots to deposit the ball over the boundary.



"I back myself to play (the pull shots), love playing it and practiced it quite a bit. Pretty glad it came out well, they were all good (laughs), can't pick one. I haven't played a lot of cricket in the last six months time and was looking to spend some time in the middle; it didn't come out well in the first innings but glad to have done it tonight," he said.

## 'Don't judge Cummins just after one game'

**Dubai:** Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Dinesh Karthik finds it extremely "unfair" that his premier pacer Pat Cummins is being criticised after just one bad performance, that too when he played straight after completing his quarantine. All eyes were on Cummins, this edition's highest paid overseas recruit and he was taken apart by Mumbai Indians

skipper Rohit Sharma as he went for 49 runs in 3 overs during KKR's 49-run IPL defeat on Wednesday. "It is very unfair to judge him (Cummins) right now. He is just off quarantine, (it is) at 3.30/4.00 PM when he got permission to come and play the match itself. We are just happy to have him and I don't think this is a game where we need to judge

him at all," Karthik said at the post-match press conference.

The KKR skipper termed Cummins as a champion bowler who will eventually come good.

"Just the fact that he is a world champion bowler, from whatever I have heard and seen he is one of the best going around in the world. I trust him and I'm sure, he will come good," said Karthik.

## TIGER WOODS COMMITS TO DEFEND TITLE

**New Delhi (IANS):** Former world number one golfer Tiger Woods will defend his title at the Zozo Championship scheduled to be played from October 22-25 at the Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, California.

Earlier this month, PGA Tour and Zozo Inc. officials announced that the championship would not be played in Japan this year due to logistical issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic but will instead move to Sherwood Country Club.

"I am excited to defend my title at the Zozo Championship. It is disappointing that we will not be able to play in Japan this year, but Sherwood Country Club will be a great backdrop for what I know will be a great championship," Woods said.

Eleven months ago, he had equalled Sam Snead's long-standing record of 82 career wins on the PGA Tour by securing a three-stroke victory at the inaugural Zozo Championship played at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club in Chiba, Japan. In front of large galleries, Woods led the tournament from start to finish to beat Japan's Hideki Matsuyama, while Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy and Sungjae Im of Korea shared third place in the star-studded tournament which heralded Japan's first official PGA Tour event.



## Advantage Chennai Super Kings

**Dubai:** Chennai Super Kings have always held the advantage over Delhi Capitals when it comes to the Indian Premier League. In 21 games since 2008, Chennai Super Kings have held a 15-6 advantage. However, in IPL 2020, there could be a change in momentum heading into the clash in Dubai. Chennai Super Kings got their campaign off to a great start with a fine win against the Mumbai Indians in Abu Dhabi. However, they were undone in Sharjah by the brilliance of Sanju Samson, Steve Smith and Jofra Archer. MS Dhoni's team have some work to do in ironing out the flaws in the side. On the other hand, Delhi Capitals got out of jail big time. With their star spinner Ravichandran Ashwin injured and Mayank Agarwal going all guns ablaze, Delhi Capitals were under sheer pressure. It took Marcus Stoinis, who had earlier rescued Delhi Capitals with a 20-ball fifty to once again do the job with the ball. Stoinis took two wickets as the

game ended in a tie and in the Super Over, Kagiso Rabada delivered the goods in grand style. Both teams look solid on paper, but Delhi Capitals would be determined to snap their losing mojo against the Chennai Super Kings.

**THE TEAMS**

**Chennai Super Kings:** Murali Vijay, Shane Watson, Faf du Plessis, Ruturaj Gaikwad, MS Dhoni(w/c), Kedar Jadhav, Ravindra Jadeja, Sam Curran, Deepak Chahar, Piyush Chawla, Imran Tahir

**Delhi Capitals:** Shikhar Dhawan, Prithvi Shaw, Shreyas Iyer(c), Rishabh Pant(w), Shimron Hetmyer, Marcus Stoinis, Axar Patel, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Mohit Sharma.

**Today's fixture**  
**Chennai Super King vs Delhi Capitals at 7.30 pm**

# Team moving in right direction in preparation for Olympics, says Vandana

**Bengaluru (IANS):** One of the most experienced strikers in the Indian women's hockey team, Vandana Katariya has been extremely satisfied with the way the national side has progressed since the team resumed sports activities last month.

The 28-year-old has expressed that the Indian team is working towards moving back to top form in a slow and steady manner. "Our coaches have told us that we shouldn't rush into anything at the moment. We have a lot of time in our hands, so we are slowly rebuilding our own games. It's been great to see the way the players have responded on the pitch while we carry out our sports activities," said Vandana.

"We are certainly moving in the right

"Our coaches have told us that we shouldn't rush into anything at the moment. We have a lot of time in our hands, so we are slowly rebuilding our own games. It's been great to see the way the players have responded on the pitch while we carry out our sports activities"



direction and we will get back to our top form at the right time as it's very important to peak at a certain time before the Olympics," she added.

The forward, who has played over 200

matches and scored 64 goals for India, also said that the side is very fortunate to be preparing for the Olympics in a safe environment amid the Covid-19 pandemic. "It's been a very difficult time for the entire world, but we have still found a way to continue our preparation for the Olympics. We ensured that we maintained our fitness when we were away from the pitch, but it feels great to be back on the pitch to carry out our sports activities now," said the 28-year-old.

"Hockey India and SAI have worked extremely hard to ensure that a safe environment was created for us at the SAI campus in Bengaluru and we are very fortunate to be in a place where we can start rebuilding our game without anything else on our minds."

# On this day: Dhoni's India beat Pak to win first World T20

**New Delhi (IANS):** It was on this day in 2007 when Team India, led by MS Dhoni, won the inaugural edition of the T20 World Cup, defeating Pakistan in a pulsating summit clash which kept the fans, both in the stadium as well as those across television sets, on the edge of their seats till the very last moment.

With one wicket in hand, Pakistan needed six runs from the final four balls at the Wanderers in Johannesburg. Joginder Sharma, who was probably bowling the over of his life, was under immense pressure after giving away seven runs of the first two balls.

Misbah-ul-Haq was at the crease along with Mohammed Asif and all the players in the Pakistani dug-out were on their feet, waiting for Misbah to score the winning shot and celebrate what would have been one of their biggest wins at the international stage.

Amid all the nervousness, Joginder has a long chat with Dhoni who comes all the way down from the wicket-keeper's end to soothe the medium-pacer. He takes a deep breath, takes off



from his run-up, and bowls a slower delivery outside the off stump. Misbah goes for the scoop shot over short fine-leg. The ball goes straight up in the air and S. Sreesanth takes the catch, a moment because of which his name got etched in the record books.

Thirteen years have passed but still the images of Dhoni lifting the World T20 trophy along with his teammates is as fresh as it can get in the memories of cricket fans across the country.



"I will remember this special day till my last breath. It changed the Indian cricket in terms of what followed the next http year. It was a complete team effort through out the tournament,"


**tweeted Irfan Pathan on Thursday while remembering that day.**

India's journey to the World T20 title was nothing short of a fairytale. A relatively young team, led by a long-haired Dhoni, made it's way into the last-four riding on famous wins over the likes of South Africa and England who had more T20 experience and were counted among tournament favourites.

And after beating hot favourites Australia in the semifinals, the Men in Blue entered the summit clash with a belief they could achieve something special and leave behind the poor performance in the 50-over World Cup where they had to crash out of the tournament in the initial stages in the West Indies.

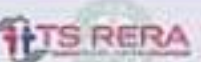
After opting to bat, Gautam Gambhir, who had been one of India's top performers in the tournament, scored 75 runs as Dhoni's side were limited to 157/5 in their stipulated quota of 20 overs in the finale. The other Indian batsmen fell cheaply and only Rohit Sharma managed to hit some good runs as he made 30 not out.





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