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**COVID-19**

**COUNT**

CASES (+86,317)  
DEATHS (+1,188)

63,91,960 99,804

Without Maharashtra data  
[covid19india.org](http://covid19india.org)

**STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS**

(+2,214) (+8)  
TS: 1,93,600 1,135  
(+6,751) (+41)  
AP: 7,00,235 5,869

**CASES AROUND THE WORLD**

3,43,28,744  
**DEATHS** 10,21,214  
COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES **213**

[worldometers.info/coronavirus](http://worldometers.info/coronavirus)

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## I am ready to fight with God for water: KCR

**S.A. ISHAQUI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao has announced that he would not mind even fighting with God to protect the interests of agriculture and farmers in Telangana.

Speaking at a high-level meeting with officials from the water resources department at Pragathi Bhavan on Thursday, Rao recalled that the movement for separate Telangana originated from discrimination against the region in the matters of river water-sharing.

Finalising the required strategy to adopt at the apex council meeting to counter Andhra Pradesh's claims and also expose the

Centre and get the rightful water share to Telangana, Rao said after the formation of a separate state, Telangana has transformed into a granary of the country and the state succeeded in strengthening the water resources sector by saving every single drop of river water.

"In the new state, there was a festive atmosphere in the agricultural sector with farmers of Telangana reaping bumper crops and becoming a role model for the entire country," said the Chief Minister, making it clear that "the rightful share of every drop of water from Godavari and Krishna rivers would be utilised optimally and without fail."

## 3 soldiers killed, 5 hurt in Pak firing

**YUSUF JAMEEL | DC**  
SRINAGAR, OCT. 1

Three Indian soldiers were killed and five others wounded in Pakistani firing in two different sectors of the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara and Poonch districts during past 24 hours, the Army authorities said here on Thursday evening.

They said that the

Pakistani troops resorted to an "unprovoked violation" of the November 2003 ceasefire understanding along the LoC's Nougam sector in Kupwara on Thursday.

Defence spokesman Col. Kalia said, "Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violations along the LoC's Keran and Machhal sectors today afternoon. Befitting response is being given."

## Men are superspreaders of Covid in AP, TN: Study

**KANIZA GARARI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Those in the same age group in India are associated with higher risk of infection, according to an analysis of 84,965 confirmed cases and 5,75,071 contacts in the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh published in the journal *Science*.

This is the first corpus of Indian data studied by researchers. The data till August 1 was evaluated and compared with the data from the United States to understand trends and clinical developments of Covid-19 after hospitalisation.

In both the states, 17.9 per cent of Covid-19 deaths before August 1 have shown that patients succumbed within six days. There were 1,042 fatal cases identified either 24 hours or less

### STATE MISSED 22 CASES FOR EVERY ONE DETECTED

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before death. Some cases were confirmed as Covid-19 after the death of the patient.

Infection passed from male members to the other members in the family. With men out of homes for work and other purposes they were the first point of contact.

The study has 'evidence' of children infected and stated to be spreaders of the disease. This has raised a lot of questions and there was considerable argument and debate about whether children can spread the virus. It has so far been believed that the virus spread by children is to a negligible degree.

In the study, 5,300 school-aged children had infected 2,508 contacts. With all the contacts not established, exact transmission and ability to transmit is not clear. It is also not clear if children had the ability to pass it on to adults. Researchers have noted that the role of children in transmission is underestimated in studies and needs to be looked into.

■ **Page 2: 5% patients in India infected 80% people**

### SC TELLS AIRLINES TO REFUND ALL LOCKDOWN FARES

**PARMOD KUMAR | DC**  
NEW DELHI, OCT. 1

The Supreme Court on Thursday said that airlines will have to give full refund of the air tickets that were booked for domestic and international travel during the lockdown period for travel within that period – March 25 to May 24 – within three weeks of the cancellation of such tickets.

The refund will be either in cash or through a credit shell with a little enhanced value of the fare paid by the passenger.

Similarly, the court said that the passengers are entitled to full refund of the tickets booked on foreign carriers for overseas travel during the lockdown period for travel within the lockdown period. This will apply to the tickets booked ex-India and the refund will be made within three weeks.

## UP cops manhandle Rahul on way to meet Hathras victim's family

Priyanka too stopped; Rahul taunts Adityanath, tells him not to be afraid

**SREEPARNA CHAKRABARTY | DC**  
NEW DELHI, OCT. 1

The political slugfest over the gangrape of a dalit girl in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras peaked on Thursday when Congress leaders Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi were stopped and detained on their way to meet the family of the woman who had been cremated in the middle of the night without the family's permission earlier this week.

The Gandhis, who were travelling in a cavalcade of cars, were stopped on the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida. When they decided to walk to Hathras they were detained and taken away in a police jeep and briefly kept in a guest-house, from where they were released after some time.

Before being taken away, Mr Gandhi, who when informed that he cannot go to Hathras as prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC had been imposed there, asked how could there be a problem with him travelling alone on foot there.

"Can you tell me under which law you can stop me from marching towards Hathras? I want to go alone to Hathras, and on what basis can you arrest me?" he asked the police personnel present.

He was then informed by the police that he had violated Section 188 IPC, of disobeying orders promul-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi slumps after UP police personnel manhandled him while he was on his way to Hathras along with party workers after his vehicle was stopped by the authorities, at Yamuna Expressway in Noida on Thursday. The Congress leader was trying to meet the family members of the 19-year-old Dalit woman who was gangraped two weeks ago and cremated in the dead of the night on Wednesday. — PTI

### HARYANA ERUPTS WITH PROTESTS AGAINST RAPE

**Chandigarh:** Protest marches were taken out at many places in Haryana against the gangrape in UP's Hathras, with some people demanding death sentence for the culprits.

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many of them were injured. Earlier, in a tweet in Hindi, Mr Gandhi said: "In

times of sorrow, loved ones are not left alone. It is Jungle Raj in UP that meeting a family in mourning also scares the government. Do not be so afraid chief minister".

AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the party in-charge for Uttar Pradesh, said they were repeatedly stopped from going to Hathras. "When we started our march on foot with Rahul ji, we were repeatedly stopped and lathis were rained on us in a barbaric manner."

■ **Page 3: Lathis can't stop us, says Priyanka**

### UTTAM PROTESTS DETENTION OF GANDHIS, HELD

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Tension prevailed at the Gandhi Bhavan and Tank Bund on Thursday with a flash protest by Telangana Congress leaders led by TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy condemning the detention of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. They demanded death penalty for the accused in the Hathras gangrape and murder case.

The police arrested Uttam Kumar Reddy and others at Tank Bund. In the evening, Congress leaders and workers, led by Reddy, took out a candle light rally at Tank Bund demanding capital punishment for the accused in Hathras gang rape and murder case.

Tension prevailed at Ambedkar statue near Tank Bund when the police prevented them from taking out the rally as there was no permission for rallies and public meetings.

Later, the police arrested Reddy and others who were shifted to Bollaram police station. They were released later.

■ **Page 3: Congress, BJP workers clash**

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## SHORT TAKES

**'GRACE CANCER RUN' TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

The city based Grace Cancer Foundation is hosting the third edition of the 'Grace Cancer Run' as a Virtual Run, on Saturday October 10, across the globe with the theme, 'Beat Cancer, Beyond Covid 19.' This largest cancer awareness drive in the world, already has already attracted 50,000 participants from hundred plus countries. To register, enthusiasts can visit <https://gracecancerrun.com/> and can sign up for a .5k, .10k or 21.1k (half marathon) runs. All the participants have to do is to register, run, and record their runs and upload their videos on websites the links for which can be found on the registration website.

**KTR REGISTERS AS MLC GRADUATE VOTER**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Municipal Administration and Urban Development K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday enrolled his name in the graduate's voters list for the ensuing Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahabubnagar Graduate MLC elections.

He handed over papers to the Deputy Municipal Commissioner to also mark the commencement of the voter enrolment process as per the schedule released by the Election Commission.

Stressing the need for improvement in voting percentage in the Council elections, he called upon all the graduates to register their names and reminded everyone that only those who register their names afresh will be allowed to cast their votes.

**GADKARI URGED TO GIVE ₹500 CR FOR NH-65 WORK**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

IT and Industries Minister K.T. Rama Rao has urged the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to sanction ₹500 crore in the current year's annual plan (2020-21) to resolve infrastructure problems on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada section of National Highway-65.

In a letter to him here on Friday, Rama Rao highlighted that 25 kms stretch faces problems like at-level junctions, inadequate land capacity and absence of service roads for local traffic. He pointed out the State PWD has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for about ₹500 crore for construction of flyovers, grade separators, service roads, augmentation of lane capacity.

He mentioned about infra projects that have been taken up by the state government, including decongestion of traffic in the city, with thrust on good access to National Highways.

KTR said, "of the four urban projects sanctioned by the Centre, three are progressing well while works on Amberpet flyover will commence shortly."

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# Sero-survey finds 22 positive cases missing for 1 detected

Actual case load in TS is 42,59,200 against 1,93,600 official Covid cases

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

The state health authorities have been missing 22 positive cases of Covid-19 for every one detected in Telangana, a sero-prevalence study conducted by the Indian council of medical research's (ICMR) national institute of nutrition (NIN) has found.

This means that against the official 1,93,600 Covid-19 positive cases reported by the state health department till Thursday, the actual case load in the state

works out to a whopping 42,59,200 in the state. The August 26-27 study was conducted in three districts of the state — Janagana, Nalgonda, and Kamareddy.

If the 1,17,415 cases listed by the state government as on August 27 are taken into consideration, by that date, as per the study results, Telangana already had 25,83,130 cases.

The study's findings were released by ICMR-NIN on Thursday. In what might be considered good news, the study says that the spread of SARS-CoV2 virus, that

causes Covid-19, has been spreading at a slow pace in the state, possibly because of appropriate measures taken by the government and the people.

The study covered 1,309 people in the three districts. There were 83 positive cases out of 454 persons tested in Janagana working out to 18.2 per cent of the people having developed IgG antibodies, that indicated infection by the virus. In the first round of the study in May, Janagana had 0.5 per cent of its people develop antibodies.

In Nalgonda, there were 47 people out of 422 tested that were positive for the antibodies working out to 11.1 per cent as against 0.25 per cent in the May's first round of the sero-prevalence survey.

For Kamareddy district, there were 30 positive cases out of 433 tested which worked out to 0.9 of the district's population, compared to 0.25 per cent in the first round of the survey.

The NIN study concluded that the total percentage of sero-prevalence for Covid-19 in Telangana was 12.2

per cent. NIN said that there were 22 missed cases for every one case detected in Telangana. The national average of missed cases is 80 to 120 for every positive case of Covid-19. Since the studies are in real time and evolving during the pandemic, changes are expected from time to time, NIN said.

To ensure that the virus spread is controlled, personal protection measures like masks, personal hygiene and social distancing must be continued, NIN has advised.



Tourists enjoy at the Golconda Fort after it was reopened after lockdown in Hyderabad on Thursday. — P. SURENDRA

## Cable bridge is fatal attraction: Officials

BALU PULIPAKA | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

The latest 'attraction' in the city, the cable-stayed bridge on Durgam Cheruvu in Madhapur, is expected to continue to draw large crowds despite warnings by the Telangana state health department to people to stay away from any place where people are expected to collect into big gatherings. The bridge has been heavily promoted by the government as a weekend destination, along with boating facilities at Durgam Cheruvu.

The Cyberabad police on Thursday held a meeting with all stake-holders including officials from the GHMC, and the Strategic Road Development Programme, among others. Chairing the meeting, V.C. Sajjanar, the Cyberabad Commissioner of Police, said the recent opening of the bridge was attracting huge crowds. The meeting focused on streamlining parking of vehicles of visitors to the bridge, and precautions to be taken for safety of visitors.

The bridge will be closed for normal traffic every Friday at 10 pm and will reopen at 6 am on Mondays leaving the structure for pedestrians only during the weekends.

It may be recalled that Telangana state director of health Dr G. Srinivas

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on Tuesday specifically held the crowds gathering on the bridge as a prime example of places to avoid in order to stay safe and not contract or spread Covid-19 in the community. Thousands of people had gathered at the bridge last Sunday to watch and hear the Indian Army Band and another private band perform in a programme that was organised by the state government.

Incidentally, Union Cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba, who on Thursday held a video conference with Chief Secretaries of all states on Covid-19 management and control, also called for educating people to stay away from any place that may witness a crowd gathering. During the meeting, Gauba urged chief secretaries to maintain continuous vigil due to the approaching festival and winter season as well as opening up of economic activities.

A news release issued by the TS government on the meeting said that Gauba "stressed the need to avoid gatherings."

## Dangerous road



Motorists negotiate the pothole on the road near Rail Nilayam bridge in Secunderabad on Thursday. The place which is always filled with rainwater is highly accident prone and in need of urgent repairs. — GANDHI

## TS asks Centre to clear IGST dues

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Finance Minister T. Harish Rao on Thursday asked the Group of Ministers (GoM) to suggest to the Centre that it pay the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) dues to the states immediately.

Participating in the GoM meeting presided by IGST GoM convenor and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister

Sushil Kumar Modi, through video-conference from BRKR Bhavan, Harish demanded release of ₹2,638 crore IGST dues to Telangana.

Pointing out that the total IGST dues to 16 States, including Telangana, from 2018 stand at ₹25,058 crore, he reminded that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has found fault with the Centre for depositing this amount in

the consolidated fund. He asked the GoM to ensure that this issue should be on the agenda of the GST Council meeting scheduled for October 5.

In his response, Modi said that the GoM will immediately forward its recommendations to the Centre. He brought to the notice of GoM that Telangana has to receive another ₹1,000 crore of IGST under the settlement based on annual returns.

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## Spell out your stand on farm bills, PCC tells KCR

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President N. Uttam Kumar Reddy demanded Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to convene a special session of Legislative Assembly to pass a unanimous resolution against the three new 'anti-farmers' laws introduced by the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre.

He asked the Chief Minister to pass new laws in the State Legislature under Article 254(2) of the Constitution to override the

Central laws.

Addressing a press conference through Zoom video-conference on Thursday, he announced that the Congress party would organise massive protests before the statues of Mahatma Gandhi or District Collectors across Telangana on Friday as part of nationwide agitation demanding withdrawal of the controversial agricultural laws.

He asked the party cadre to participate in large numbers to make a huge success of the programme.

He said that the Chief Minister's opposition to the

new laws was eyewash as he was still backing Prime Minister Narendra Modi like in the past.

He said "to prove his honesty and commitment towards the farmers of Telangana, Chandrashekar Rao should immediately convene a special session of Legislative Assembly."

Besides holding protests at all District Headquarters on Gandhi Jayanti, the TPCC president said that the party would also launch a signature campaign against the new laws and collect nearly two crore signatures from across the country. This would be sub-

mitted to President Ramnath Kovind by Congress president Sonia Gandhi on November 14.

He demanded that the CM give a clarification for the delay in waiving off crop loans and non-implementation of other promises made to farmers.

The senior Congress leader urged the party cadre to participate in the enrolment of voters for Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy-Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal Graduate constituencies of the Legislative Council.

Claiming that the Congress party was all set

to win the Dubbaka by-elections as there was resentment among people towards the TRS government, he said that the party would name its candidate latest by Saturday.

He alleged that the TRS government has money to pay contractors, but it is not having funds to help jobless youth, dalits, girijans, BCs, minorities and women.

All India Kisan & Mazdoor Congress Vice-President M. Kodanda Reddy alleged that the Centre has introduced new agricultural laws only to mortgage the interest of farmers into the hands of a few corporates.

## State records 2,214 new cases, 8 deaths

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Around 2,214 new positive cases and eight Covid-19 deaths were recorded in the state. While unlock 5 has been rolled out, caution amongst the people needs to be high as the virus spread continues, state officials.

Those who are suffering from co-morbid conditions continue to be at a high rate of 55 per cent succumbing to the dis-

ease. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation limits saw a slight increase with cases rising to 305.

The districts are also seeing steady increase in Karimnagar it was 106, Medchal Malkajgiri 153, Nalgonda 149, Rangareddy 191 and Warangal Urban 131 cases.

The overall tally of positive cases in Telangana stands at 1,93,600 cases and 1,135 deaths.

## 5% patients in India infected 80% people

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The concept of super-spreaders noted in Hong Kong and Europe has not been noted in India. Superspreaders are individuals in a public gathering infecting hundreds of people.

In India, five per cent have infected 80 per cent while 71 per cent infected have not transmitted the virus to anyone. It could be due to awareness, early quarantine, better

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hygiene practices or less shedding of the virus.

The data from two states has provided key insights into local epidemiology and transmission dynamics of SARS-Cov 2 which will help understand patterns and trends of the disease in the country.

## IMA objects to notification by NMCA on non-medicos

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Indian Medical Association (IMA) has strongly objected to the September 25 notification of National Medical Commission Act (NMCA) and resolved to resist such moves. The notification allows non-medical persons to practice medicine and they would be called as community health providers. This is being strongly objected to.

Blending of ayurveda, allopathy and homeopathy medicines will produce hybrid doctors and this will have a major impact on the health of the nation. The Association is upset

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legitimize their practice in primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitals. This will allow paramedics to become medics, which is unfathomable, they said.

This way, modern medicine as a science will become extinct in India by 2030, warned IMA. In a strongly worded note, they pointed out how case fatality rate at 1.7 per cent could be maintained during the pandemic as 96 percent of patients had preferred modern medicine.

Doctors and medical students are going to strongly resist this move and they are not going to barter the dignity and honor of modern science, the IMA warned.

## Dammalapati kin cheats AP High Court

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC  
VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 1

N. Sitaram Raju, the brother-in-law of former advocate general, Dammalapati Srinivas, misled the Andhra Pradesh High Court in a cheating case and obtained a stay on further investigation by police.

Documentary evidence available with *Deccan Chronicle* revealed that Raju's submission in the HC was full of discrepancies but will remain under carpet for the next three weeks when the court resumes hearing the case.

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Based on a complaint from a 73-year-old retired lecturer, K. Raja Rama Mohan Rao, the Mangalagiri police registered a case against Dammalapati, his wife, brother-in-law and others on charges of cheating and criminal conspiracy.

Justice M. Satyanarayana Murthy, in

his interim order, observed that the complainant paid ₹80 lakh for one flat and ₹73 lakh for another. The contention of the complainant, however, is totally different. According to him, the accused took the amount to register two flats and an open plot. While they registered the flat, that too an incomplete structure, they neither registered the remaining properties nor returned the

balance amount.

As per the interim order, Raju could register only one flat and returned ₹80 lakh as there is no availability of a second flat which would mean that the cost of the flat that was already registered was ₹73 lakh. But the record available with the joint sub-registrar's office in Mangalagiri, showed that the total sale consideration of the flat was only ₹19.5 lakh for flat no 1001 in B Block of Lake View apartments, Amaravati. (Document no 8420 dt 24.7.2019)

"This is a clear case of fraud and misleading of the court. Raju showed a lesser sale consideration of nearly ₹53 lakh appar-

ently to avoid paying income tax. But to obtain a stay order from the court, he sought to project that he registered one flat and returned the remaining amount," sources pointed out.

As per the registration document, the flat was shown as part of a residential complex that was completed. But a physical inspection of the site even today establishes that only a skeletal structure has been built. "This misrepresentation of fact attracts provisions of the real estate regulatory act," sources said.

While Raju was unavailable for comment, the complainant refused to comment as the case was pending in court.



## SHORT TAKES

## GOLDMAN SACHS' SECOND INDIA OFFICE IN HYD

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Hyderabad, which boasts of the presence of who's who of the global business world, will soon add another name to its list — global investment banking firm Goldman Sachs.

The global investment banking firm said on Thursday that the second office for Goldman Sachs Services in India would be set up in Hyderabad. Currently, Goldman Sachs Services has only one office in Bengaluru.

"The new Hyderabad office will complement the Bengaluru office footprint in terms of both the execution and support that it will provide to the firm's businesses globally," the company said in its statement.

The new office is expected to commence in the second half of 2021 with about 500 employees. "It will leverage the expertise of the existing leadership in the Bengaluru office while investing in a strong pool of competitive world-class local talent."

The new office is a part of the company's India location strategy to diversify its geographic presence and enhance talent reach, to support the growing global businesses and enhance long-term competitiveness. The Bengaluru Office, however, with over half of its 6,000 employees as engineers will continue to be a major location for Goldman Sachs in India. The company said key criteria for the new office location included the availability of commercial real estate and housing for employees, a diverse talent pool, quality infrastructure in the city, and support and commitment from the local government.

As part of this, representatives of Goldman Sachs have interacted with IT minister K.T. Rama Rao over a video conference and explained their plans to come to Hyderabad.

The minister responded positively and stated that the government will provide complete support to the firm in their future ventures.

● **AVAILABILITY OF commercial real estate, housing for staff were key criteria**

## CONGRESS ATTACKS ANI TV REPORTER

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

A local Congress party leader Feroz Khan and his followers on Thursday night attacked and beat up a reporter working for ANI and covering a protest here in the city by Congress against the rape of the Dalit girl in Harthas in Uttar Pradesh. The girl died on Tuesday.

Videos of the attack on the reporter by Congress workers showed them showering filthy abuse on the journalist Abdul Basheer and repeatedly hitting him.

The ANI news team, lodged a complaint with the Saifabad police about the incident and demanded that police take action on the attackers.

## ZOO CELEBRATES WILDLIFE WEEK WITH STUDENTS

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

As part of the 66th Wildlife Week celebrations, online educational programmes on wildlife and zoo management have been framed for school children at the Nehru Zoological Park.

In a live interactive session, on Thursday, which had 76 students drawn from 26 different schools, questions were answered by the curator and other zoo officials. The most commonly asked doubt was 'How is the zoo being managed during Covid-19 lockdown?'

N. Kshitija curator, NZP said that it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

He said the committed staff and support from senior officials and government ensured appropriate care of animals and their overcoming all difficulties with no revenue.

Another student wanted to know whether animals were released into the wild during the lockdown. Deputy curator, A Nagamani, said that zoo animals could not be released into the wild, as they were not acclimatized to such environments.

## Twitter platform for opinions, not responsible for hate posts

Microblogging site tells HC it has nothing to do with Islamophobia hastag

VUJINI  
VAMSHIDHARA | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

Refuting allegations made against it that it was spreading hatred against Islam by allowing Islamophobic hashtag trends in relation to Coronavirus and allowing posts saying that Muslims are Covid-19 spreaders, Twitter explained to the Telangana High Court that it bears no responsibility for such posts and hashtag trends and was not incorporated to do public duties.

Obliging the Telangana

High Court's directions to submit their contention on a petition urging necessary action against twitter for promoting hatred against Islam and Muslims, Micah L. Rubbo, senior counsel for twitter Inc, San Francisco, has filed an affidavit on behalf of twitter before the High Court.

"Twitter is not the author of tweets or hashtags at any issue, particularly the allegations made against it in this issue. We are providing services to users through the microblogging platform for self-expression or to commu-

nicate and stay connected through small messages, tweets and hashtags. Only the users of the platform are to be held responsible for tweets or hashtags. When the user agrees to the terms and conditions imposed by us, then, automatically, s/he assumes responsibility for the tweets and hashtags, not twitter, which only provides the services to share or post, we are only the service providers," Rubbo explained in the affidavit.

Further, twitter said that it is the only the intermediary, a display board, to

share views. The act of posting tweets, hashtags was under control of the authors and originators of the said tweets and it never reviews or edits them.

"The information technology act in India also states that the attribution of liability for any electronic record is on the 'originator' of any such electronic record and cannot be fastened onto an intermediary. Moreover, we cannot take action against such hashtags as it does not constitute publication," twitter explained. A division bench comprising chief

justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy had issued notices to twitter in a petition filed by advocate Khaja Aijazuddin seeking direction to initiate criminal proceedings against twitter and its users who posted hateful posts.

The petitioner had urged the court to take action against twitter and the users of that social network users for offensive hashtags like '#Islamiccoronavirusjihad,' '#Coronajihad,' '#Tablighijamat,' '#Nizamuddinidiots,' '#TablighiJamatVirus' and other Islamophobic posts.

## Congress wants Moinabad rape accused punished

BALU PULIPAKA | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

The Congress has once again demanded strict action against Bathuku Madhusudhan, the TRS party leader from Moinabad and the accused in the rape and subsequent death of a minor girl at his house on the night of September 24.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee and treasurer Gudur Narayana Reddy on Thursday said there are "allegations that the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti party leaders are trying to protect Madhusudhan and if

Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar was sincere, he should deal with the accused like in the Disha case." It may be recalled that the accused in the Disha rape case were killed in an encounter by the Cyberabad police.

The police first filed a case of suicide by the girl and then altered it to rate and murder following protests and demands from Congress leaders.

Narayana Reddy also said that the Aadhaar card of the victim was taken away by the police to hide her age and portray her not as a minor but as an adult.

## Fast food centre in Ramnagar attacked

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

A fast food centre at Ramnagar was vandalised by a group of persons, who soon after entering the premises started breaking the furniture and physically harming the owner and staff. Before leaving, they poured petrol and lit the centre. Even as the staff was controlling the fire, the men attacked with rods and sticks. The whole episode was captured in the CCTV footage.

According to Chikkadpally

SHO, Shiv Shankar Rao, around eight people were involved in the attack in which an employee was badly hurt as was Parvesh Reddy one of the partners of the food joint.

The incident happened on September 28 but the accused are absconding.

"We were able to identify one of the accused but he is claiming that he just came along with the gang. We are investigating the case"

The complaint has been lodged by Sadanand Reddy, the owner of the fast food centre.

## 59-YEAR-OLD AP FOREST OFFICER ENDS LIFE BY SUICIDE IN HYDERABAD

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

A senior forest officer of Andhra Pradesh ended his life by suicide at his residence in Nagole in the early hours of Thursday.

Dr V. Bhaskar Ramana Murthy, 59, a resident of Rajiv Gruha Kalpa at Nagole, jumped from the terrace of his apartments at around 1 am. The watchman and a few residents informed the police on seeing his body lying in a pool of blood.

Ramana Murthy was the principal chief conservative officer of Coastal Zone Management in Andhra Pradesh. He is from the 1987 batch of IFS and is survived by his wife and two daughters. One of them is married.

LB Nagar police station inspector V. Ashok Reddy said, "His wife said he had no family tensions, but for the last two days he appeared tensed."

The body was sent for the post-mortem to Osmania Hospital and later handed over to the family.



State Congress president and MP N. Uttam Kumar Reddy was arrested when he led a protest at Tank Bund on Thursday on the detention of Gandhis in UP.

— P. ANIL KUMAR

## Lathis can't stop us, says Priyanka Congress, BJP workers clash

From Page 1

"Many workers were injured. But our intention is clear. The sticks of an egotistical government cannot stop us. I wish these lathis were used by this police while standing in defence of Harthas' Dalit daughter," Priyanka Gandhi tweeted.

She alleged that an "arrogant power" is demonstrating its power "over the dead bodies of innocent girls" and it is indulging in injustice, instead of preventing it. "Our struggle for women will continue for a safe society and state, where they can live freely and progress," Ms Vadra tweeted.

AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala, the party's communications department chief, put out a video along with a tweet showing Rahul Gandhi allegedly being roughed up.

"Lala Lajpat Rai had said that every blow of a stick on my body would prove to be the last nail in the coffin of the

British Raj. The sticks on Rahulji and Priyankaji's convoy will also prove to be the last nail in the coffin of the Yogi government," Mr Surjewala said.

Former finance minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram said: "The UP police is a law unto itself. None of the laws of the country seem to apply to it."

"What is wrong if the leaders of a political party protest against a gruesome crime and wish to visit the victim's family," he tweeted.

The Congress was supported by NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who said that the arrest of the Gandhi siblings was wrong.

The Uttar Pradesh Congress has given a call for a statewide protest on Friday against the detention of Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi. All district and city unit presidents have been asked to hold immediate dharnas against the behaviour of the UP police which had detained the leaders.

From Page 1

Reddy alleged that the Uttar Pradesh police have crossed all the limits by manhandling and lathi charging Rahul Gandhi. He said "Khabardaar Yogi! You'll have to pay the price for this. People will teach you a strong lesson."

Soon after receiving the news of Uttar Pradesh police detaining Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi in Noida, Congress workers, along with Congress working president A. Revanth Reddy tried to barge into the state BJP office situated in Nampally.

When police prevented Reddy and the Congress workers from proceeding towards the BJP office, Reddy squatted on the road along with Congress workers and picked up an

argument with the police. Meanwhile, some Telangana youth Congress workers led by their president, Anil Kumar Yadav, tried to barge into the BJP office.

BJP workers prevented them from entering into the premises, which has led to a clash between workers of both parties.

BJP workers also squatted on the road and started sloganising against the Congress. The police stopped both groups from entering a fistfight and took Reddy and others into custody.

● **WHEN POLICE prevented Reddy and the Congress workers from proceeding towards the BJP office, Reddy squatted on the road along with Congress workers and picked up an argument with the police.**

## Bitcoin cheats arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 1

The CCS on Thursday registered a case of fraud against one Sirimalla Nagaraju and others who had created four websites RosneftHedgeFund.ru, rhfcoin.com, rhfgold.com, and eurescoin.com, for collecting money for online Bitcoin business.

## MISCREANTS ATTACK TRS LEADER, RYTHU BANDHU CONVENER

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC  
PEDDAPALLI, OCT. 1

Four unidentified persons attacked a TRS leader and the convener of the Rythu Bandhu Samiti, Nidanapuram Devaiah in Kalwa Srirampur mandal of Peddapalli district and threatened him with a gun.

According to the assistant sub-inspector, Venkateshwar of Kalwa Srirampur mandal, the four unidentified persons approa-

The police were acting on a complaint lodged by Bollarapu Rama Krishna and others. The accused was sentenced to judicial remand on Wednesday.

The accused had appointed various regional heads and agents in different states and induced victims to deposit huge amounts for a term of 18 weeks and promised that every week the returns would be sent to the

depositors online. They collected approximately ₹52 crore from about 1,200 depositors, of which 250 are from Telangana.

Upon interrogation, Nagaraju confessed that he was head of the Telangana region. He got nearly 500 members to join the scheme and collected crores of rupees as per company binary concept.

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## SHORT TAKES

## ANURAG APPEARS BEFORE COPS FOR QUESTIONING

Mumbai, Oct. 1: Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap arrived at the Versova police station here on Thursday after he was summoned by police in connection to a rape case filed against him by actress Payal Ghosh, an official said.

Kashyap along with his two associates reached the police station around 10 am, he said. The filmmaker was seen carrying some documents in his hand while arriving at the police station. His lawyer also reached the police station after some time, the official said.

The police on Wednesday issued summons to Kashyap in connection with the rape case against him. The Versova police registered an FIR against Kashyap on September 22 after the actress along with her lawyer Nitin Satpute approached the police, the official said.

In her police complaint, the actress alleged that Kashyap raped her in 2013. On Tuesday, Ghosh and Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment Ramdas Athawale met Maharashtra Governor B.S. Koshiyari to seek action against Kashyap.

On Monday, Ghosh in a joint media press conference with Athawale, president of the Republican Party of India (RPI-A), demanded that Kashyap be arrested. Athawale on Monday met Mumbai's joint commissioner of police (law and order) Vishwas Nangare Patil along with Ghosh, seeking action against the filmmaker.

The Union minister had also said his party will stage a protest if the police do not arrest Kashyap in a week. The Versova police last week registered the FIR against Kashyap under Indian Penal Code Sections 376 (1) (rape), 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 341 (wrongful restraint) and 342 (wrongful confinement).

## WIFE BEATING DGP ASKS IPS BODY TO PRESENT HIS CASE

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, OCT. 1

The DGP rank officer Purushottam Sharma, who has been placed under suspension after a video catching him assaulting his wife surfaced four days ago, has called upon the state wing IPS Officers' Association to 'take pains' to take up his matter with the state government.

In his letter, the top cop lamented that action was taken against him in the case despite the fact that no complaint was filed against him in this regard.

Besides, he has already replied to the notice served to him by the state government explaining his version of the story.

Videos showing some IAS and IPS officers taking bribes and in compromising positions with women had gone viral earlier, he said and added that no action was taken against any of them so far.

He dismissed his wife-beating episode as 'family dispute' and lamented that action taken against him in the matter was unfair since neither his wife nor his son, who made the video viral, has filed a complaint against him.

He pleaded innocence saying that he only acted in self-defence.

A video showing the IPS officer of 1986 batch thrashing his wife in his house has gone viral leading the state government to suspend him on charges of indulging in domestic violence.

He is seen pulling his wife's hair, pinning her on the floor and then beating her. They were captured by CCTV cameras installed in his official quarters.



AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra checks if her brother and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is okay after he slumped on being pushed by a cop on the way to Hathras, to meet the family members of the alleged gang-rape victim, at Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida on Thursday. — PTI

## Protests erupt across Haryana over UP rape

## Protesters demand capital punishment for culprits

Chandigarh, Oct. 1: Protest marches were taken out at many places in Haryana against the gangrape in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras, with some demonstrators demanding capital punishment for the culprits.

The protests were organised by various social outfits and Dalit organisations on Thursday at several places including Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Fatehabad and Rohtak.

At Bahadurgarh, the protesters burnt an effigy of the Uttar Pradesh government and raised slogans against the BJP led regime for its alleged failure to manage law and order.

Our demand is that the culprits should be hanged, said a protester in Yamunanagar's Radaur.

Haryana Congress president Kumari Selja hit out at the Uttar Pradesh government over the incident, asking why did they delay registering a case? "Is it a crime being a daughter of a poor Dalit, does

## Hathras woman not raped: Cops

Lucknow, Oct. 1: A senior Uttar Pradesh police officer said on Thursday that the forensic report has revealed that the 19-year-old Hathras woman who succumbed to her injuries at a Delhi hospital was not raped.

Citing a forensic science laboratory (FSL) report, ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said the cause of her death is an injury on the neck and trauma resulting due to it.

"The report of the FSL has come. It says clearly that samples did

not have sperm. It makes clear that there was no rape or gang rape," Kumar said. "Even the woman in her statement to police did not mention about rape but talked about 'marpeet' (beating) only," he said.

Last week, Hathras ASP Prakash Kumar had told mediapersons that initially the accused were booked for attempt to murder under Section 307 of the IPC. Later, on receiving more inputs, Section 376-D (gangrape) of the IPC was added to the FIR, he had said. — PTI

she not have a right to seek justice?," she said in a tweet.

Selja also asked, why did the victim's family not get the right to conduct her last rites?

A 19-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly raped by four upper-caste men in Hathras on September 14.

She was referred to the Safdarjung Hospital

in Delhi on Monday with spinal cord injuries, paralysis and cuts in her tongue. She died around 3 am on Tuesday.

Her death and subsequent cremation in the dead of the night in Hathras allegedly under police pressure on Tuesday triggered outrage across the country over the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh and over women safety in general.

The Chandigarh unit of the Congress took out a candle march here on Wednesday evening condemning the horrific incident.

The party's Chandigarh unit president Pradeep Chhabra while condemning the incident, alleged that criminals were having a free run in Uttar Pradesh under the BJP rule. "It is unfortunate that the BJP which talks about 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' has the worst track record of crimes against women in states ruled by it, he said. — PTI

## SC rejects plea for inquiry into govt's handling of Coronavirus

PARMOD KUMAR | DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 1

The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a PIL by some former bureaucrats seeking an independent probe into the mismanagement in the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, including delayed response, defiance of government's own order on social distancing during the 'Namaste Trump' event in Ahmedabad in March this year and declaration of lockdown without any planning and preparation.

Dismissing the PIL, justice L. Nageswara Rao, heading a bench also comprising Justice Ajay Rastogi, said, 'Latitude has to be given to the government (in the handling of Covid-19). This is a matter for

## INDIA RECORDS 1,181 FATALITIES DUE TO COVID-19 IN 24 HOURS

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 1

India's overall cases of Coronavirus reached 63.12 lakh on Thursday after 86,821 new infections were detected in the last 24 hours. The total deaths due to the virus reached 96,678 with 1,181 fresh fatalities. According to the Union health ministry,

public debate and not for the court to intervene.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, counsel for the petitioners, told the court that there was no 'planning and preparation' before the announcement of a 'unilateral' lockdown

so far, 52.73 lakh persons have recovered taking the country's Recovery Rate to 83.53 per cent.

Health ministry officials said India has sustained its trend of maintaining the active cases below the 10 lakh mark as for the 10th successive day, the active cases were less than 10 lakh.

resulting in two crore salaried people losing their jobs, guest workers walking hundreds of miles back to their homes, GDP shrinking by 24 per cent, impacting all sectors of the economy, particularly those in the small and medium segments.

## 200 SPECIAL TRAINS TO CLEAR FESTIVE RUSH

New Delhi, Oct. 1: The Railways is planning to introduce 200 special trains between October 15 and November 30 to cater to passengers travelling during the festive season, Railway Board Chairman and CEO V.K. Yadav said on Thursday.

The Railways has currently suspended all regular passenger trains indefinitely. Regular trains have remained suspended since March 22. It started operations of 15 pairs of premium Rajdhani special trains connecting Delhi with different parts of the country on May 12. — PTI

## ₹8,400 cr worth B777 aircraft for VVIP travel lands in India

New Delhi, Oct. 1: A custom-made B777 aircraft, which will be used to fly the President, Vice-president and Prime Minister, has arrived in Delhi from the US on Thursday, said government officials.

The plane was scheduled to be delivered by aircraft manufacturer Boeing to Air India in July but its delivery was delayed twice — once in July for a few weeks due to Covid-19 pandemic and then in August for a few weeks due to technical reasons — the officials noted.

Air India One, which is the call sign of the aircraft, landed at the Delhi airport from Texas at around 3 pm on Thursday, they stated. Senior officials of the national carrier had reached the US during the first half of August to receive the plane from

Boeing, the officials said.

Another custom-made B777 plane for the travel of VVIPs is likely to be received from Boeing during a later date, they noted. These two aircraft were part of Air India's commercial fleet for a few months in 2018 before they were sent back to Boeing for retrofitting them for VVIP travel. Officials said the total cost of purchase and retrofitting the two planes has been estimated to be around ₹8,400 crore. The B777 planes will have state-of-the-art missile defence systems called Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) and Self-Protection Suites (SPS).


In February, the US agreed to sell the two defence systems to India at a cost of USD 190 million. During the travel of the VVIPs, the two B777 aircraft will be operated by

pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and not of Air India, an official said.

Currently, the President, Vice-president and Prime Minister, fly on Air India's B747 planes, which have the call sign Air India One. Air India pilots fly these B747 aircraft for the dignitaries and the Air India Engineering Services Limited (AIESL) maintains them.

When these B747 aircraft are not flying the dignitaries, they are used by the Indian national carrier for commercial operations. The custom-made B777 planes will be used for travel of the dignitaries only. The Centre has already initiated the process of divestment of its stake in Air India, which has a debt of over ₹60,000 crore. However, the process has been postponed due to Covid-19. — PTI

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You will always remain in our hearts forever.  
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**SECOND ANNIVERSARY**



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Your memories remain in our hearts forever. We miss you.  
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**Chanda Balander & Sunitha**

**8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**


The name of the Lord is a fortified tower, the righteous run to it are safe.  
**Proverbs 18:10**



**K. JUDE BENHUR**  
S/o K. Christopher & Qamar Sultana  
DOB: 15-10-1989 DOD: 02-10-2012  
Inserted by: **Family Members**

(B/2021/D00664)

**18<sup>th</sup> PUNYATITHI**



**S. MAHAVEER PRASAD**  
PROPRIETOR  
PRASHANT THEATRE

Inserted by:  
Sons & Daughter-in-laws:  
**M. Pramod Kumar, Mridula M. Pradeep Kumar, Menka M. Praveen Kumar, Rajni M. Prashant Kumar, Poonam**  
Son-in-law:  
**Dr. Arun Jaiswal & Grand Children**

**OBITUARY**




**REVOORI ANANDA KRISHNA**  
(Jockey)

S/o Revoori Narasimulu  
DOB: 6.8.1941 DOD: 30.9.2020  
Inserted by: **REVOORI FAMILY**  
H.No. 8-2-16, Market Street, Sec 10, Hyderabad  
Phone: 9246504348

(S/2021/D00665)


**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

I have fought the good fight, I have completed the race, I have kept the faith.  
**II Tim 4:7**



**Smt. KATAM DAMAYANTHI JAMES**  
W/o Katam James George  
DOB: 01-01-1943  
Slept in the Lord 29-09-2020  
Memorial and Thanks Giving Worship Service on 3rd Oct. 2020, 10 a.m. at Life Gate Tabernacle Church, Saliguda.  
Inserted by: **Katam Peter and Family Members.**  
Ph: 9885440906, 9898926336

**3rd Death Anniversay**



**Justin**  
DOB: 6-4-1995 DOD: 2-10-2017


The pain of missing you is immeasurable.  
We miss you every moment in our life. You will always remain in our hearts.

Deeply loved and missed by Family members, near and dear ones

(S/2021/D00668)


**15th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever... PS 23:6



**Mrs. K. J. PURUSHOTHAM**  
Promoted to Glory On: 02-10-2005  
Your Memories are still fresh in our hearts  
Inserted by: **Children & Grand Children**  
kdavidbenjamin@gmail.com

**2nd ANNIVERSARY**




**S.N. KRISHNAMURTHY**  
DOB: 01.08.1928 DOD: 02.10.2018

Inserted by:  
**Kamala Krishnamurthy** - Wife  
**S.K. Rajesh Kumar** - Son  
**R. Sumithra** - Daughter-in-law  
**S.R. Tapan Krish** - Grand Son  
**S.R. Pooja** - Grand Daughter

(S/2021/D00669)

**101<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBERS**



**Late. C. Kundanlal Gambhir**  
On your 101st Birthday Anniversary you are missed even more.  
In Remembrance of a Great and Lovable Human Being. You will be Present in our Hearts Forever.

Inserted by: **Anil Kumar Gambhir (Son)**  
**Anito Gambhir (Daughter-in-Law)**  
**Prerna Gambhir and Gaurav Gambhir (Grand Children)**

## FARM | BILLS Sibal says BJP passed farm Bills while riding roughshod over Oppn

## BJP's alliance politics 'falling apart': Sibal

New Delhi, Oct. 1: Taking a dig at the BJP over its oldest ally Shiromani Akali Dal breaking ties with it on the farm bills issue, senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal on Thursday said the saffron party's alliance politics was "falling apart" over legislations and the ruling NDA has turned into a "non-democratic alliance".

Sibal, who was among

the 23 leaders who wrote to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi calling for organisational reforms, also slammed Union minister Nirmala Sitharaman for recently alluding to the letter writers and their alleged undermining of the party, saying, "The Congress still has space for people to express concerns, while the BJP has no such space".

Sibal alleged that the

BJP got the farm bills passed while riding 'roughshod over the Opposition and (its own) allies'. "Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), probably the oldest alliance partner of the BJP, has broken away sensing the disquiet in the farming community and now Dushyant Chautala is feeling the heat of continuing with the BJP-led government in Haryana,"

Sibal said. "Farmers are out on streets not only because of what the Congress is saying but because they feel strongly about the possibility of losing out on getting the MSP (minimum support price)," he said. Sibal said the BJP always tries to gain a foothold in states where its presence is limited and afterwards "dumps" its allies. "When they realise that

they have gained a foothold, they are brazen enough to tell their alliance partners that 'we don't need you now'. That is why the Shiv Sena broke away and that is why the SAD broke away," Sibal said. "Sukhbir Singh Badal said there is no consultation (in the NDA). So there is no NDA, there is only the BJP sitting over the NDA and lording over it," he alleged. — PTI



## SHORT TAKES

BURJ KHALIFA  
BUILDER PJSC TO  
BE LIQUIDATED

**Dubai, Oct. 1:** The Dubai-based construction company that helped build the world's tallest building and other engineering marvels in the United Arab Emirates announced Thursday it would enter liquidation, the final step in a long collapse from the country's economic crisis a decade ago hastened by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Arabtec Holding PJSC made the announcement after emails circulated on Wednesday among developers suggesting the firm's end had come. Despite trying to claw its way out of the chaos left by Dubai's 2009 financial crisis, the firm ended last year with hundreds of millions of dollars in debt and losses.

Arabtec chairman, Waleed al-Muhairi, said in a statement published by Abu Dhabi's state-linked newspaper The National that after years of setbacks, Arabtec's projects were severely hit by the economic fallout of the pandemic.

"Despite efforts to pursue legal and commercial entitlements and a restructuring of the company's finances and operations, the situation in which Arabtec finds itself today is untenable," he said.

UN FINDS GENDER  
EQUALITY STILL A  
FAR CRY IN WORLD

**United Nations, Oct. 1:** Twenty-five years ago, the world's nations came together to make sure that half of Earth's population gained the rights, power and status of the other half.

It hasn't happened yet. And it won't anytime soon. In today's more divided, conservative and still very male-dominated world, top UN officials say the hope of achieving equality for women remains a distant goal.

"Gender inequality is the overwhelming injustice of our age and the biggest human rights challenge we face," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has said. Last week, in his address at the virtual meeting of world leaders at the General Assembly, he said the Covid-19 pandemic has hit women and girls the hardest. "Unless we act now," he said, "gender equality could be set back by decades."

Ahead of Thursday's high-level meeting to commemorate the landmark 1995 UN women's conference in Beijing, the head of the UN agency charged with promoting gender equality lamented the "slow, terribly uneven" progress, "pushback" and even regression in reaching the goals in the 150-page platform adopted by the 189 nations that met in China's capital. While there has been progress since Beijing, UN Women's Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka told The Associated Press on Tuesday that gains have been modest.

UK's Brexit Bill  
under EU lens

## Govt had described UK Bill as 'safety net'

**Brussels, Oct. 1:** The European Union launched legal proceedings on Thursday in response to the British government's attempt to overturn parts of the Brexit withdrawal agreement.

The infringement procedure, which could come before European courts, has not yet derailed post-Brexit trade talks, but reflects the pessimistic mood in Brussels as time runs short for a deal.

"This morning, the Commission has decided to send a letter of formal notice to the UK Government. This is the first step in an infringement procedure," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen said.

"The letter invites the UK Government to send its observations

within a month," said von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, the EU executive.

On Tuesday, British lawmakers adopted a bill to regulate the UK's internal market from January 1, when Britain will complete its post-Brexit transition period and leave the EU single market and customs union.

The proposed law, by London's own admission, overwrites parts of the withdrawal treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed with EU leaders last year, resulting in a breach of international law.

Johnson's government has described this bill as a "safety net" in case post-Brexit

trade talks fail and the EU tries to impose a customs border between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But EU capitals — including Dublin — see these provisions as key to preventing a return of a hard border with Ireland and preserving the good relations underpinned by the Good Friday peace deal in Northern Ireland.

"As you know, we had invited our British friends to remove the problematic parts of their draft internal market bill by the end of September," von der Leyen said.

"This draft bill is by its very nature, a breach of the obligation of good faith laid down in the withdrawal agreement.

— AFP

Trump signs Bill averting  
US government shutdown

**Washington, Oct. 1:** President Donald Trump has signed a bill to fund the government through December 11, averting the possibility of a government shutdown when the new fiscal year starts on Thursday.

Trump signed the bill, which was approved by sweeping bipartisan agreement on Wednesday, into law early Thursday morning shortly after returning from campaigning in Minnesota.

The temporary extension will set the stage for a lame-duck session of Congress later this year, where the agenda will be largely determined by the outcome of the presidential election. The measure would keep the government running through December 11 and passed by a 84-10 vote. The House passed the bill last week.

The stopgap spending bill is required because the GOP-controlled Senate has not acted on any of the 12 annual spending bills that fund the 30 per cent of the government's budget that is passed by Congress each year.

If Democratic nominee Joe Biden wins the White House in November, it's likely that another stopgap measure would fund the

DON 'ENJOYS' DEBATE WITH BIDEN,  
IGNORES CRITICISM ON UGLY OUTCOME

**Washington, Oct. 1:** President Donald Trump says he "enjoyed" debating former Vice President Joe Biden, but he is falsely claiming that Biden is trying to get of the next two debates.

Trump spoke at a campaign rally in Duluth, Minnesota, on Wednesday. He gloated about the television ratings the debate generated and ignored how con-

tentious and unruly the debate quickly became, in large part thanks to his refusal to adhere to the moderator's requests and the debate's rule.

He made no mention of the Commission on Presidential Debates' promise earlier Wednesday to implement "additional structure ... to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues" going forward.

— AP

MAKING CHANGES IN PREZ DEBATE  
STRUCTURE, SAYS ORGANISING BODY

**Washington, Oct. 1:** Commission on Presidential Debate, the body responsible for organising the US presidential debate, has said that it is carefully considering additional structure to the format to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues.

During the first of the three presidential debates in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday night moderated by Fox News anchor Chris Wallace, 74-year-old US President Donald

Trump and his 77-year-old Democratic rival Joe Biden traded barbs about each other's families, making it one of the most chaotic White House debates in years.

"Last night's debate made clear that additional structure should be added to the format of the remaining debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues," the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) said in a statement.

— PTI

government into next year and that the next administration and

Congress would deal with the leftover business.

— AP

## Vatican releases budget data amid scandal

**Rome, Oct. 1:** The Vatican released a detailed budget, balance sheet and earning statement for the first time on Thursday as it sought to reassure Catholics that it's serious about cleaning up its financial act following a corruption scandal that has exposed shoddy fiscal management.

The data marked the first

time since 2016 that the Vatican has released any information about its finances, despite pledges by Pope Francis from the start of his pontificate in 2013 to be more transparent and accountable with the Holy See's money.

The data showed that the Vatican bureaucracy had narrowed its deficit to 11

million euros last year from 75 million euros in 2018, even taking into account a 25 million-euro drop in donations from dioceses and individuals alike.

But more than the earnings statement, the consolidated report provided the first-known publicly released information about the Vatican's net equity —

estimated at 1.4 billion euros (\$1.6 billion) for the Holy See Curia, or bureaucracy.

The Vatican's overall patrimony blooms to 4 billion euros (\$4.7 billion) when taking into account the cash-cow of the Vatican Museums, the Vatican bank and other sources of assets and funds.

— AP

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**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

**Open Tender Notice No.: - SPJ-ST-S-10-2020**

DRM (S&T)/Samastipur invites open e-tenders on behalf of president of India for following work.

(1) **Name of work with its location:** Signalling Work in connection with Different CTR/TTTR/TRR work in different sections of SPJ Division. (2) **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs. 3,24,68,371/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Four Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Only). (3) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 3,12,400/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Only). (4) **Date & Time for Submission of tender & opening of tender:** 16.10.2020 Up to 16:00 Hrs. 16.10.2020 at 16:30 Hrs (5) **Particulars of website where full details of tender may be seen :** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

For further details please visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Divisional Rail Manager (S&T), Samastipur  
PR/0701/SPJ/S & T/T/20-21/32

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice**

**E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR/CAO/CON/TS/2020-21/04**

**E-TENDER NO. 05/20/0266/TS (e-open)**

SEALED OPEN TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK.

**Name of work with it's location for OPEN TENDER NO. 05/20/0266/TS (e-open):** Manufacture & Supply of 610 mm Long Fish Plate for BG 60 Kg Rails to RDSO's Drg. No. T-1898 with alteration-4 and IRS specification T-1-2012 (Provisional) with corrigendum no. 1 of Sept. 2018 (Latest alteration to RDSO Drg No. T-1898 and latest corrigendum to IRS specification as applicable 10 days before the date of closing of e-tender will be applicable). **Approx. cost of the work for OPEN TENDER NO. 05/20/0266/TS (e-open):** Rs. 8,88,63,840.00, **Earnest money to be deposited for OPEN TENDER NO. 05/20/0266/TS (e-open):** Rs. 17,77,280.00, **Date and time of closing of e-tender:** At 15.00 hrs on 20.10.2020. **Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc.:** The complete details of tender document is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> **CAO/Con/South, E.C. Rly, MMX, Patna PR/0696/CONS/Engg./T/20-21/44**

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System				
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-				
S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	14200857D	DISSOLVED ACETYLENE GAS FOR INDUSTRIAL USE	84155 CUM	26.10.2020
02	07201487	AUXILIARY RESERVOIR 200 LITERS	892 NOS	26.10.2020
03	07203450	PRIMARY SPRING (OUTER) FOR GENERATOR CAR	260 NOS	28.10.2020
04	09202591	SECONDARY BRAKE BEAM ASSLY	356 NOS	28.10.2020
05	09202541	CROSS BAR	1827 NOS	28.10.2020
06	09202407	PULL ROD MAIN SLACK ADJUSTER SIDE FOR 'B' CAR	3776 NOS	28.10.2020
07	01191026	HELICAL SPRING (CENTRE LESS GROUNDED) AXLE BOX	400 NOS	29.10.2020
08	02201668	HIGH VOLTAGE FUSE, CURRENT RATING 125 AMP	72 NOS	30.10.2020
09	09202369	TWIST HEAD SHAFT FOR AUTOMATIC TIGHT LOCK	4374 NOS	30.10.2020
10	07201133	WEARING PIECE	5115 NOS	30.10.2020
11	09203262	DOOR HINGE FOOT	14884 NOS	31.10.2020
12	07201024	THERMOPLASTIC POLYESTER ELASTOMER	41773 NOS	02.11.2020
13	09203052	ALUMINIUM PAINT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES	44681 LTR	02.11.2020
14	07201580	BREAK HEAD ASSLY	6768 NOS	02.11.2020
15	07200029	SILENT BLOCK FOR ANCHOR LINK	6904 NOS	03.11.2020
16	07201057	MIRROR ASSEMBLY DRG NO:-ICF/STD-6-3-008	5360 NOS	16.11.2020
17	07200377	WATER TANK (2X685 LITERS) ASSEMBLY	69 NOS	16.11.2020
18	07200086	TWO PIECE GLASS SHUTTER COLOUR-SATIN BLUE	4564 NOS	16.11.2020
19	07201077	REAR COVER FOR AXLE BOX	6750 NOS	20.11.2020
20	02201807	BRUSHLESS DC RAILWAY CARRIAGE FAN	7689 NOS	09.12.2020

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for details.

2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No. : 27/2020-2021 Dated 01.10.2020 2125/20

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation				
EE, Division-29, Sec'bad, GHMC.				
e-Procurement Short Tender Notice				
NIT No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount/ECV in Lakhs	Start Date/Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	Name & Address of Officer Cell No.
NIT No. 28/EE-Div-29/SD/20/10/MC/2020-2021	1) CC Road Works work 2 Nos. 2) Grave Yard Works 2 No. 3) Retaining Wall work 1 Nos.	128.3	From 01.10.2020 @ 04.30 PM To 08.10.2020 @ 04.30 PM	Executive Engineer Div-29, GHMC, Sec'bad, Cell No. 9505507242

Further details can be seen at e-Procurement @ <https://www.tender.ezprocurement.gov.in>

PO No. 5581-PP/2/ADVT/1/2020-21

Department of Atomic Energy  
Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

## Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice

Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.: **DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11136** is extended upto **31/10/2020 up to 2:00 PM**.

Visit <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in> for details.

[DPS/HRPU/NFC/2021/46C2]

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare  
Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC),  
New Delhi - 110012.

## TENDER NOTICE

6/7(2)/PMFVB-CCE-Tender/2020-MNCFC

e-Tender invited from various agencies (government/private/autonomous) for hiring of services for **supervising and/or conducting Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) in Agriculture field**, for the Kharif 2020, under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Details are available on CPP Portal, [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) and [www.ncfc.gov.in](http://www.ncfc.gov.in).

Head of Office (MNCFC)

davp 01101/11/0011/2021

Ph: 011-25843224

Department of Atomic Energy  
Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

## e-TENDER NOTICE

Regional Director (P&S), HRPSU, Nuclear Fuel Complex, ECIL Post, Hyderabad 500062 invites online tenders as given below:

- (a) Tender Enquiry No. : **DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11181**  
(b) Description : **Fuel Element Degreasing Unit - Qty. 1 No.**, details as per tender specifications (c) Last date for submission of online pre-bid queries : **29/10/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (d) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online : **01/12/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (e) Tender Fee : **NIL** (f) EMD : **₹ 3,80,000/-**.
- (a) Tender Enquiry No. : **DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/MTL/7733/A**  
(b) Description : **Supply of MS, SS304, SS316 & SS304L Sheets/Plates** details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online : **26/10/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (d) Tender Fee : **NIL** (e) EMD : **₹ 96,440/-**.
- (a) Tender Enquiry No. : **DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/ECON/2487**  
(b) Description : **Supply of Passive Bollards**, details as per tender specifications (c) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online : **27/10/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (d) Tender Fee : **NIL** (e) EMD : **₹ 1,75,124/-**.
- (a) Tender Enquiry No. : **DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11179**  
(b) Description : **Automated Machining Center (AMC) with Auxiliaries- Qty. 1 No.**, details as per tender specifications (c) Last date for submission of online pre-bid queries : **26/10/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (d) Last Date for Submission of Bid Online : **26/11/2020 upto 2:00 PM** (e) Tender Fee : **NIL** (f) EMD : **₹ 10,00,000/-**.

Visit <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in> for details.

[DPS/HRPU/NFC/2021/54]

HK's leader hails  
'peace' under China

**Hong Kong, Oct. 1:** Hong Kong's leader on Thursday hailed her city's "return to peace" after China imposed a security law that helped suppress a pro-democracy movement, as just a handful of people defied a heavy police presence and protested during National Day celebrations.

The People's Republic of China celebrates its founding on October 1 with a holiday and carefully choreographed festivities. But in Hong Kong, it has become a day of grievance for those worried about authoritarian Beijing's intensifying crackdown against its opponents. Protest has been effectively outlawed for most of this year and Beijing also imposed a strict national security law on the semi-autonomous business hub in June.

Helicopters flying the Chinese and Hong Kong flags buzzed over the harbour on Thursday morning as Chief Executive Carrie Lam and senior mainland officials attended a ceremony ringed by police and security barriers.

## JAISHANKAR GREETES CHINESE PEOPLE

**New Delhi, Oct. 1:** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday greeted his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi as well as the government and the people of China on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the founding of the country.

"Extend my felicitations to State Councilor & FM Wang

MILLIONS ON THE  
MOVE AS CHINA EYES  
HOLIDAY BOUNCE

**Beijing, Oct. 1:** Hundreds of millions in China hustled to enjoy their first major national holiday since the country beat its Coronavirus outbreak, filling airports and train stations on Thursday.

The Golden Week holiday marks the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and sees an astonishing annual movement of people trying to get home or take holidays.

But this year has added significance, with the crowds filling the concourses pointing to a country rebounding from the outbreak and parading the freedom to travel as a contrast to the rolling lockdowns hitting much of the world.

— AFP

Yi and the Government and People of PRC on the 71st anniversary of the founding of People's Republic of China," Jaishankar tweeted. On October 1, 1949, Chairman Mao Zedong proclaimed founding of People's Republic of China after Communist forces won a 20-year civil war.

— PTI

**2 October**

Nation pays tributes to

**Mahatma Gandhi & Lal Bahadur Shastri**

on their birth anniversary

*Revered Babu's life reminds us to ensure that our every action should be such that it leads to the well-being of the poor and deprived. Likewise, Shastri Ji's life imparts to us the message of humility and simplicity.*

— Narendra Modi

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2 OCTOBER 2020

Babri verdict ignores breach of rule of law

The verdict of the CBI special court in Lucknow acquitting all the 32 accused in the conspiracy case that led to the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, has dealt a more grievous injury to the citizens' trust in the idea of rule of law than the razing of the very mosque.

The special judge has decided after assessing the evidence presented before him by the premier investigating agency, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), that the 16-century structure was brought down by a "group of hooligan *kar sevaks*" who "suddenly got agitated" and brought down the structure though the Justice Liberhan Commission had reported that they did the job with "pickaxes, hammers, iron rods and shovels". The special judge also found that the leaders, including former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani and former Union Minister M.M. Joshi, also leaders of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, shared no common intent with the vandals. The judge points to the innocence of the leaders saying Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Ashok Singhal tried to stop the *kar sevaks* from assaulting the place of worship as it housed the Ram idol. Justice Liberhan, however, notes that "they (the *kar sevaks*) first entered the sanctum sanctorum and carefully took the idols and cash box, etc to a safe place."

The judgment will now cause the patriarchs of the Hindutva movement who worked tirelessly and toured extensively towards instigating people into shouting "*mandir waheen banayenge* (will construct the temple on the spot where Babri Masjid once stood)" to walk free, but force those who watched the "egregious violation of the rule of law", as the highest court of the land called the criminal act, to look for reasons to believe that this nation remains a democracy bound by the rule of law. That some of the perpetrators had later taken credit for their role in the act makes their pain acute.

While the judiciary was a hapless onlooker when the Babri Masjid was bought down against an order of the Supreme Court to maintain the status quo, it was not so when the culprits were brought before it. It had the power to assess the chargesheet and see if it has verifiable proof in a case on which the highest court in the land had made a comment. That the court made no effort towards it adds to the disappointment.

It is now up the CBI to salvage its image as well as the people's trust in the institutions of democracy by going in appeal and argue its case. That the court has trashed the pieces of evidence such as photographs, videos and voice samples as inadmissible tells on the professionalism of the agency, an aspect its controllers in the government must look into.

When the dust dies down in Ayodhya and the haze disappears, the picture becomes clear: the majoritarian thought has seeped into all the arms of the government. And rule of law, the primary offer of democracy, has become the first casualty. Constitution alone cannot protect it; rather, it will be next in the line, unless its believers rose to defend it.

Disruptor in White House

The curious case of an anarchist sitting in the White House has become the biggest challenge to the American democratic election system that goes back to 1788. This is also a unique affront to the orderly manner of electing a US President once in four years, a tradition that has managed to overcome a civil war, two World Wars and myriad natural calamities. Sustaining freedom in the very country that has been a model to the rest of the free world in the post-modern era is under threat thanks to a truculent President who seems consumed by a morbid fear that he is not going to be re-elected.

Donald Trump's obstruction of the first 2020 presidential debate, which has been looked up to as a model platform for contestants to air their views on everything considered worthwhile under the sun, was clearly not "presidential". And that is a respectable description of the behaviour of an obstreperous businessman who seems to mock at every opportunity the very country that gave him a fair opportunity to go for the highest office. So frustrated was his opponent, the former Vice-President Joseph R. Biden, that the elder statesman lost his cool to say — "Why don't you shut up, man." The badgering by Mr Trump got worse to the extent Mr Biden freely used various other epithets to counter someone clearly out of line.

It was not only the traditional decorum of the debate that Mr Trump hit for six with his harrying tactics more in keeping with a boxing ring, his lies and the sneering derision he aimed at Mr Biden. Members of his own Republican Party members are now aiming to distance themselves from him because their President failed to rein in white supremacist groups. In casting doubts on postal ballots and other inflammatory pronouncements on the legitimacy of the election, Mr Trump may be opening it up to interference from outside elements, mainly from Russia. Right thinking people will agree that the only way out may be for the American people to vote overwhelmingly against a beneficiary of an honest democratic system.

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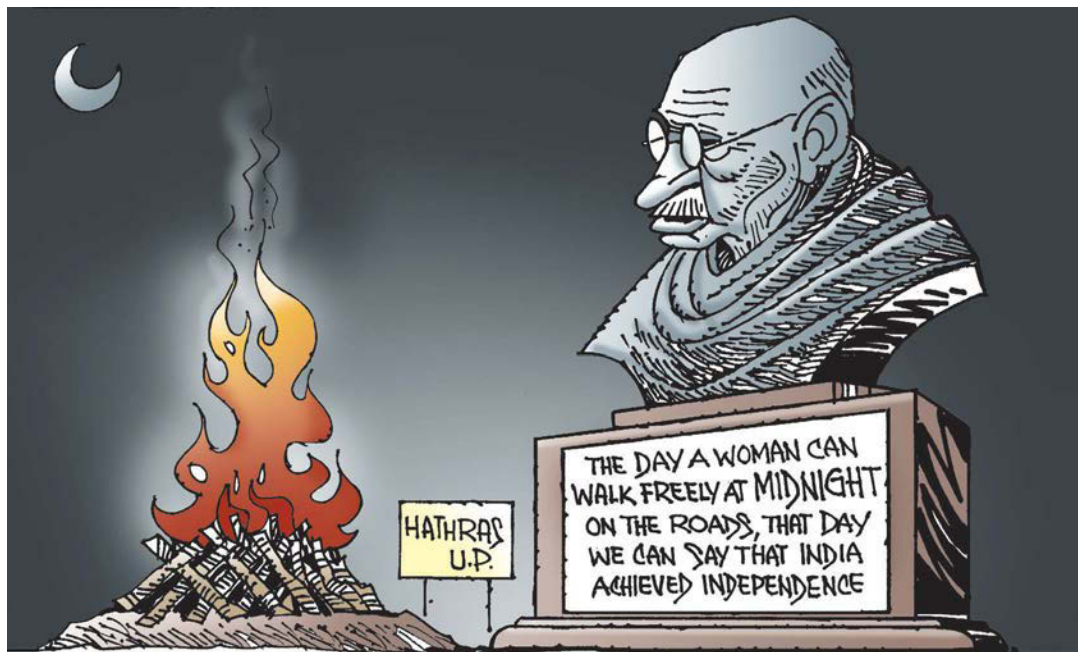
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JASWANT SINGH (1938-2020)

A gentleman politician and an astute strategist



Anand K. Sahay

Far & Near

Jaswant Singh, who passed away last Sunday after being in a coma for nearly six years, was an aristocrat by birth which gave him a broad conservative outlook of which gentlemanliness — in his day — was an essential part. By training he was a soldier, which was common enough in his native Rajasthan. But in his personal inclinations, he was a man of books, which is far from common in that state or anywhere else for someone of his background.

This unusual mix, which was on a straightforward view in his personality, set him apart from any politician of my acquaintance — and his tenure in Parliament as an MP and this writer's as a journalist ran almost in parallel.

Contemplating the life he lived after he is gone, it is hard to see him in any role other than that of a politician at an exalted level. This is because, at heart, he was a strategic ruminator who was happiest being in action at the junction of political grappling, and military and international affairs calculations.

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee saw this straight off. In his first, very brief 13-day term as leader of the government, Singh was named finance minister, surprising everyone since the former Army major had had little to do with economics or finance in his life.

But there could be no question about his integrity, a critical requirement for anyone in public office, especially for the holder of the finance portfolio at the highest level. The finance minister also needs to have a strategic view of the society and the politics of the

country. Jaswant Singh summoned this, unlike most politicians, though it was evident that handing over Dabhol to Enron, without doing due diligence, was a serious error. It raised the spectre of corruption, and this would be easy to believe if the minister in question weren't Jaswant Singh.

It is probable that the Vajpayee government saw the courting of Enron as a way of taking the first — seemingly harmless — steps toward courting America, with which India's ties had been without warmth practically from the start of the Indian republic. If so, it turned out to be poor judgment. But the late PM's judgment in subsequently making Singh his external affairs minister bore the country profit.

Jaswant Singh was new to diplomacy on the world stage but he proved more than equal to the task. He courted America but was not recklessly, or foolishly, right-wing in doing so, as a less sophisticated first-time external affairs minister from the right side of politics might have been.

Singh was never craven. He always appeared mindful of his own and his government's and his country's dignity, without being chauvinistically awkward or stiff-backed, as he went about choreographing the score for India-America relations in the post-Cold War setting.

This was evident in his numerous interactions over several years with Strobe Talbott, then US deputy secretary of state and President Bill Clinton's pointman for India. These two laid the scaffolding of India-US ties in a new era. Many

had feared the rise of a Hindu nativist boor in the foreign office and heaved a sigh of relief as Singh went about his business.

When Vajpayee went for the Pokhran-2 thermonuclear test in May 1998, codenamed "Smiling Buddha", the only political colleague who was in on the super-secret was Jaswant Singh, and not deputy PM L.K. Advani, Vajpayee's buddy in politics over the decades and a BJP leader of the first rank who could himself have been Prime Minister.

This spoke of Vajpayee's political trust in Jaswant Singh as much as his awareness of Singh's astuteness in matters of high politics, although the external affairs minister had not come through the RSS; indeed among many of whom he was sought to be reviled as a "CIA agent".

But perhaps there was more to Vajpayee's almost subliminal alignment with Jaswant Singh. One rose up the RSS stream, and in its political front the Bharatiya Jan Sangh (later BJP) on the strength of his many remarkable attributes as a person and as a politician. The other first veered toward the Swatantra Party — that attracted many former feudal elements who were not of a communal bent — and later moved toward the Jan Sangh as the Swatantra had no political future and would die.

Both Vajpayee and Singh had a larger vision of India than the RSS or Jan Sangh allowed, though for obvious reasons they could hardly repudiate the Hindu

right-wing in public. At the top tier of the Jan Sangh (and BJP), perhaps there was also Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, the former vice-president of India and a mass leader from Rajasthan who had once been the state chief minister.

This writer once had the rare privilege of being in a private conversation with them in which Singh and Shekhawat (Singh treated Shekhawat as his elder and accorded him enormous respect) lamented the lack of vision and openness in the foundational precepts and the actions of the organised Hindu right-wing.

There was a phase in the BJP when Mr Advani thought in a somewhat similar way without abandoning the core political moorings of Hindutva. This was a time when he sometimes spoke of his wish that the BJP could evolve into a party like Germany's Christian Democrats, but he never spelt this out for the public record, perhaps fearing that the RSS would fry him if he did. But Mr Advani did defend Jaswant Singh when the chips were down and the BJP was in the process of hounding the latter, eventually expelling him.

After Singh passed away, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did issue some lukewarm words in tribute, but the BJP largely ignored his contribution. Between the Jan Sangh's founding in 1951 and the start of Mr Modi's tenure as PM in 2014, there was an interregnum of about two decades in which the BJP had the potential to transform into a normal rightist party, and being spiritually in tune with the Constitution.

Jaswant Singh was a product of that milieu. But the thought of such change was probably just wishful thinking by a few at the top. The urge had no roots at the mass level in the RSS-BJP, which continues to see the vision of Golwalkar's India.

Both Singh and Shekhawat once lamented the lack of vision and openness in the foundational precepts and the actions of the organised Hindu right-wing

LETTERS

BLACK DAY

The CBI court's verdict is the worst example of degradation of the judiciary (Advani, Joshi, Uma acquitted, DC, Oct. 1). It has shocked millions of secular, peace loving people of India. The AIMPLB's statement to call September 30 a black day in Indian history is justified.

Zakaria Sultan  
Hyderabad

INHUMAN ACT

When a Pakistani militant like Ajmal Kasab could get a proper burial, why not the victim from Hathras who was cremated at night without consent from family members? In contrast, when 58 people were burnt in Sabarmati Express S6, the then CM of Gujarat Narendra Modi had no qualms in allowing the bodies of victims to be brought to Ahmedabad and the rest was history (*In Hathras, don't lose sight of justice goal, DC, Oct. 1*). We must hang our head in shame as it was only on September 27 that India celebrated Daughters Day.

N. Nagarajan  
Hyderabad

The deafening cries of the girl's parents can be heard throughout the country. While the Opposition is up against the ruler for lapses in maintaining law and order, the voices of democracy must not be silenced by certain fascist actions of the ruler.

Kallol Bhattacharya  
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN

DECCAN Chronicle

Nasser laid to rest as millions weep

CAIRO, October 1

Gamal Abdel Nasser, hero of the Arab world, was laid to rest wrapped in a simple white sheet today after a funeral which provided an emotional explosion for millions of adoring Egyptians.

Kings, Heads of States and Prime Minister from all over the world joined weeping and wailing crowds to bid a final farewell to the man who held Arab masses together for 18 years.

Extrovert and emotional, the Egyptians gave uninhibited vent to their grief over the death of Nasser whom they loved more than their kith and kin.

The solemn-faced UAR dignitaries — not striving to hold back their tears — lined up at the graveside as the body was lowered. People broke through police lines and rushed into the Mosque Garden on Gezira Island to see the final moments of Nasser's funeral.



M.J. Warsi

How Gandhiji used silence as a weapon to ensure peace

Martin Luther King Jr once said: "If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable. He lived, thought, acted, and inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony."

Mahatma Gandhi's life followed a path of profound dedication and achievement in correcting the plight of the common man that catapulted him onto the world stage, surrounded by both enmity and adulation. He attracted attention to the problem by sacrificing his own physical self. He had faith in religion and always used the art of his words to make an impact and be acknowledged by people. Gandhi, in his own unique way, depicted how messages could be communicated without the use of physical violence and lives could be remembered.

"Gandhi's reading of religious books started with *Bhagavad Gita*, which became an unfailing source of strength and solace for him and there is an interesting story related to how he was introduced to the

book," said Prof. Madhav Deshpande of the University of Michigan, USA, in a recently organised lecture series on Gandhi's thought and philosophy by Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Deshpande said that Gandhi found the core of non-violence in *Gita* and other religious books. Even his community prayers had recitation of verses of religious books of various faiths. Gandhi unflinchingly adhered to these philosophies and inspired generations across the world. His thoughts and ideas were not only central to the Indian freedom movement but became the bedrock of civil rights movements waged against oppressive regimes in various nations.

Gandhi's movement of peace is recognised worldwide. It can be argued that treaties of peace arise only after war and that non-violent methods are useless. Through a hunger strike, a famous speech, and establishing of an international coordination, he, however, left an extraordinary mark on society. In a world of constant crime and fear of war,

Gandhi shows that there are several ways to express the desire and determination for peace.

Gandhi's ideas influence both, those who admire him and those who do not. Yet his opponents, too, depend on fasts, marches and satyagraha. Prof Faisal Devji, an eminent historian of the University of Oxford, while delivering the lecture on "Thought and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi" at AMU, commemorating his 150th birth anniversary, said that "through a meaningful silence, Gandhi could touch the forms of speech, thought, feeling and awareness that were often drowned out through other forms of speech". He added, "Gandhi became uncompromising in keeping his weekly day of silence. The entire world became aware that it was on Monday. The peace gained from the silence-day used to comfort him a lot and he used to finish the week's pending work on that day." "Gandhi was critical of the legal profession, especially in a colonial society, because he saw it as legitimising and easing the way for

brute force. Lawyers, he thought, made their clients depend upon an illegitimate state by making it a neutral third party, it's very foreignness allowing it to decide disputes among Indians," said Prof. Devji.

AMU vice-chancellor Prof. Tariq Mansoor said, "Mahatma Gandhi never wanted to become the head of the state and as a devout Hindu, he wanted people of all religions to live in harmony and this makes him one of the greatest leaders to have ever lived." Gandhi spoke less and acted more, said Prof. Mansoor, further quoting Prophet Muhammad and some distinguished philosophers on the importance of good speech and maintaining silence. The non-cooperation movement saw the combined efforts of Hindus and Muslims. Prof. Mansoor added that people around the world associate India with Gandhi.

Gandhi left a mark on society by changing minds rather than instilling fear. His non-violent approach to peace, though not instantaneous, is effective in bringing the world closer

to a cooperative and friendly society. Barack Obama, former President of the United States, once said: "It was Gandhi's understanding of India's stories and traditions and his attention to the marginalised voices in Africa that helped him gather a movement that drove out the world's most successful empire."

Gandhi is widely recognised as one of the 20th century's greatest leaders whose civil disobedience movement impacted millions of people worldwide. He has been credited by many world leaders as being a source of their inspiration. He espoused human rights, worked for Hindu-Muslim unity, and launched a campaign to eliminate untouchability. He was harassed and imprisoned, but his struggle gained momentum and helped India gain Independence. Surely, the ideology of Gandhi will influence and inspire minds for generations to come.

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quick BITES

INDICATORS		%
aSensex	38,697.05	1.65
Nifty 50	11,416.95	1.51
S&P 500*	3,379.41	0.49
Dollar (₹)	73.15	0.83
Pound Sterling (₹)	94.15	0.50
Euro (₹)	85.81	0.79
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	51,389.37	0.07
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	40.04	-2.26
IN 10-Yr bond yield	5.996	-0.019
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.717	0.040

Apurva Chandra takes over as labour secretary

Senior IAS officer Apurva Chandra assumed charge as labour secretary. Chandra, who holds a master's degree in engineering, belongs to the 1988 batch of the Maharashtra Cadre. Prior to this, he was special director general, defence acquisition, Ministry of Defence, where he played a key role in contributing towards AtmaNirbhar Bharat. He had spent over seven years in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

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■ Rise in factory activity, GST mopup, electricity & petrol consumption Sept. sees surprise upswing

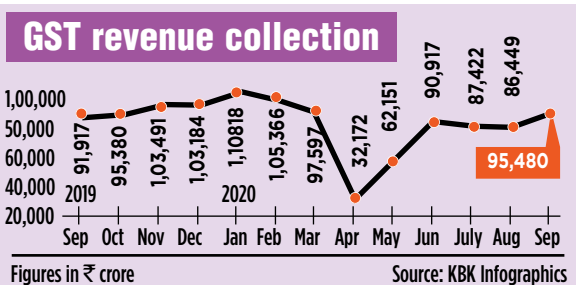
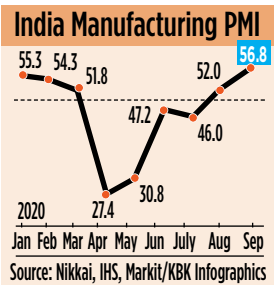
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September has seen some evident signs of recovery. Factory activity expanded at its fastest pace in over eight years last month. GST collections in September also recorded a positive growth for the time in this fiscal. Similarly, power generation and consumption as well as petrol sales returned to pre-Covid levels. However, diesel consumption is still lagging.

The Nikkei Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, or PMI, compiled by IHS Markit, jumped to 56.8 in September from 52.0 in August, above the 50-level separating growth from contraction for a second straight month. "It was the highest reading since January 2012 and the increase was sharp and the third-quickest in the history of the survey. Similarly, there were back-to-back increases in new business inflows as well," IHS Markit said.

Commenting on the findings, Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at IHS Markit, said, "Indian manufacturing industry continued to move in the right direction, with PMI data for September highlighting many positives. Due to loosened Covid19 restrictions, factories went full steam ahead for production, supported by a surge in new work."

The gross GST revenue collected in September stood at Rs 95,480 crore against Rs 91,916 crore in the same month last year, a growth of 3.87 per cent.



RAILWAY FREIGHT REVENUE JUMPS

New Delhi, Oct. 1: Indian Railways said on Thursday it has made a "remarkable turnaround" of 13.54 per cent growth in its freight revenue earnings in September compared to the same month last year despite Covid-related challenges. It said freight loading increased to 102.12 million tonnes in September this year from 88.53 mt in the same month last year, a rise of 15.35 per cent.

Resultantly, the Railways earned Rs 9,896.86 crore in September this year, an increase of Rs 1,180.57 crore compared to year-ago earnings. The increase in freight revenue is 13.54 per cent, it said. "In a remarkable turnaround, Indian Railways has earned more revenue in the month of September as compared to last year," it said in a statement.

— PTI

GST collection also rose sequentially from Rs 86,449 crore in August, up 10.4 per cent.

While the sequential growth clearly shows a recovery from the lows seen post the pandemic, the year-on-year growth was supported by a low base of the year-ago month. In September 2019, collections were lower at Rs 91,916 crore against Rs 98,202 crore in August 2019.

Of the gross collections, CGST stood at Rs 17,741 crore, SGST Rs 23,131 crore, IGST Rs 47,484 crore and cess Rs 7,124 crore. There has been sequential growth in all the taxes, except cess. Among the larger states,

Maharashtra and UP recorded flat growth, while Karnataka collections declined by 5 per cent. Tamil Nadu saw an impressive growth of 15 per cent and Gujarat, 6 per cent.

"With a significant part of the economy resuming operations and international trade as well resuming pace, the collections have shown decent growth. The increased revenues indicate reinstatement of normalcy in business operations and provide a general optimistic outlook," said Abhishek Jain, tax partner, EY.

Power consumption reported a growth of 5.6 per cent in September, the first growth since March.

With the manufacturing PMI growing, power consumption by industrial units picked up. At 113.54 billion units (BU) the consumption showed year-on-year growth over 107.51 BU. Power consumption had declined 8.7 per cent in March, 23.2 per cent in April, 14.9 per cent in May, 10.9 per cent in June, 3.7 per cent in July and 1.7 per cent in August.

Similarly, power generation also rose for the first time in seven months. According to an analysis by Reuters, daily load despatch data from grid operator Posoco showed that power generation rose 4.9 per cent in September after a long gap since February.

Indicating increased travel on the back of low levels of restrictions, petrol sales rose 2 per cent to 2.2 million tonnes in September against 2.16 million tonnes in the same month last year and 15.7 per cent from 1.9 million tonnes in August this year.

In the case of diesel, while there was a sequential recovery, year-on-year sales were down. Demand for diesel fell to 4.84 million tonnes in September against 5.2 mt year-on-year. However, September sales were better than 3.97 mt in August this year.

Auto sales in fast gear

MICHAEL GONSALVES PUNE, OCT. 1



Automobile wholesales in Asia's third biggest economy continued to rise in September as companies pushed up stocks at dealerships anticipating higher demand ahead of the festive season and on low base.

Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest car maker, on Thursday posted sales growth of 34 per cent to 147,912 cars, up from 110,454 units it sold in the same month last year.

Rival Hyundai Motor, India's second largest car maker, sold 50,313 units last month, up from 40,705 units sold last year, a growth of 23.6 per cent and 45,809 units sold in August 2020.

"In the changing business environment, the green shoots are clearly visible with sales improving on a month-on-month as well as year-on-year basis," Tarun Garg, director, sales, marketing and service at Hyundai Motor India, said.

In the SUV segment, new entrant Kia Sonet sold a record 9,266 units within 12 days of its launch on September 18. Kia Sonet has emerged as number one in the compact SUV segment, selling more units than entrenched rivals. Speaking to Financial Chronicle,

Manohar Bhatt, head-sales and marketing at Kia Motors India, described Kia Sonet as "a game-changer" brand. Kia Seltos sold 9,079 units in September.

Sales at Tata Motors, India's biggest automaker by revenue, jumped 162 per cent at 21,199 units last month, up from 8,097 units it sold last year.

"PV industry witnessed recovery in Q2FY21, supported by festive sales in some regions and continued benefit from pent-up demand across the country," Shailesh Chandra, president-passenger vehicles at Tata Motors, said.

Mahindra and Mahindra too registered a 4 per cent growth in passenger vehicles at 14,857 units.

Sales at Honda Cars also jumped 10 per cent at 10,199 units.

Skoda also retailed 1,328 units last month, registering 7 per cent growth.

However, MG and Toyota registered 2.7 per cent and 20.45 per cent year-on-year drop, respectively.

Abu Dhabi's Mubadala picks 1.4% in Reliance Retail

New Delhi, Oct. 1: Abu Dhabi-based sovereign wealth fund Mubadala Investment Co. will invest Rs 6,247.5 crore to buy a 1.4 per cent stake in Reliance Industries Ltd's retail arm—the Mukesh Ambani-led firm's third such deal in less than two days.

Mubadala will be the fourth investor in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL). Mubadala's Rs 6,247.5 crore investment "values Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value of Rs 4.285 lakh crore," the Indian firm said in a statement.

"Mubadala's investment will translate into a 1.40 per cent equity stake in RRVL on a fully diluted basis," it added.

On Wednesday, global private equity firm General Atlantic picked up a 0.84 per cent stake in the company for Rs 3,675 crore. Also, US PE investor Silver Lake made a second investment of Rs 1,875 crore, taking its total fund infusion in Reliance Retail to Rs 9,375 crore for a 2.13 per cent stake.

KKR had previously taken a 1.28 per cent stake in the firm for Rs 5,550 crore.

Reliance has since September raised Rs 24,847.5 crore by selling 5.65 per cent in its retail arm. Reliance Retail Ltd, a RRVL subsidiary, operates India's largest, retail business spanning supermarkets, electronics chain, wholesale business, fashion outlets and online grocery store JioMart. — PTI

GAMES

IPL PREVIEW

Chennai, SRH eye fresh beginnings

Dubai: Ambati Rayudu's much-awaited comeback will be a shot in the arm for an under-pressure Chennai Super Kings when they take on Sunrisers Hyderabad, who have shown resilience after early setbacks, in the IPL here on Friday.

Rayudu, hero of CSK's opening IPL victory against Mumbai Indians, missed out due to mild hamstring injury and Bravo has been also carrying a niggle of similar nature. "Both Rayudu and Bravo are available for selection," CSK CEO KS Viswanathan said.

CSK and SRH have had scratchy starts this year, losing two of their first three games, primarily due to lack of balance in the middle-order. Rayudu's presence could well mean that he will replace an out-of-form Murali Vijay at the top alongside Shane Watson.

For Hyderabad, the presence of Kane Williamson made a fragile middle-order, full of Indian rookies, look more solid. Both Jonny Bairstow and David Warner also got their share of runs. For SRH to succeed, they need to find that one dependable Indian big-hitter in the middle order in case their top three — Bairstow, Warner and Williamson fail in unison. — PTI

Live on TV

<b>CRICKET</b> IPL: Chennai Super Kings vs Sunrisers Hyderabad from 7.30 pm on Star Sports 1
<b>Australia Women vs New Zealand Women:</b> First ODI from 5.40 am (Saturday) on Sony Six, HD
<b>TENNIS</b> French Open: Matches from 2.30 pm on Star Sports, Select 2
<b>FOOTBALL</b> Italian League: Fiorentina vs Sampdoria from 12.15 am (Saturday) on Sony Ten 2
<b>WWE SMACKDOWN</b> Bouts from 5.30 am (Saturday) on Sony Ten 1, HD
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HITMAN STRIKES

Quick guns Rohit, Pollard take Mumbai past Punjab

Abu Dhabi, Oct. 1: Rohit Sharma's elegance mingled with the belligerence of his two six-hitting lieutenants as Mumbai Indians humbled Kings XI Punjab by 48 runs in an IPL match here on Thursday.

Invited to bat, the classy Rohit laid the foundation with a 45-ball 70, lacing his innings with eight fours and three sixes.

Then, the duo of Kieron Pollard and Hardik Pandya smashed fours and sixes at will, scoring 67 runs in 23 balls to lift MI to 191 for 4 from 83 for 3 in the 14th over.

Chasing a stiff target of 192, Kings XI Punjab were stopped at 143 for 8, with Nicholas Pooran making 44 off 27 balls.

Earlier, Pollard walked out unbeaten on a 20-ball 47, while Hardik remained not out on 30 off 11 balls, the two hitting six sixes and as many fours between them.

MI got 25 runs in the final over with Pollard sending Krishnappa Gowtham's last three balls into the stands of the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, scored 19 off the penultimate over and 18 in the 18th.

A total of 104 runs came in the last 36 balls despite one excellent over in between by Mohammed Shami. MI were 87 for 3 at the end of the 14th over but upped the ante with Pollard and Rohit hitting a six each off leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi to collect 15 runs from the 15th over.

— PTI



Rohit Sharma of Mumbai Indians plays a shot during the IPL match against Kings XI Punjab at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Thursday. — BCCI

ROBIN USES SALIVA TO SHINE BALL

Dubai, Oct. 1: In a violation of the ICC's Covid-19 protocol, India and Rajasthan Royals batsman Robin Uthappa was seen applying saliva on the ball while fielding against KKR in an IPL match here.

The incident happened right after Uthappa dropped a Sunil Narine skier in the fifth ball of the third over here on Wednesday. He was seen applying saliva after collecting the ball at the mid-on region. The IPL has not issued any statement on the incident so far.

"If a player does apply saliva to the ball, the umpires will manage the situation with some leniency during an initial period of adjustment, but subsequent instances will result in the team receiving a warning," it had stated in its Standard Operating Procedure for the game.

"A team can be issued up to two warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva will result in a 5-run penalty to the batting side. Whenever saliva is applied to the ball, the umpires will clean the ball before play recommenced," the ICC notification read. — PTI

SCORECARD

**Mumbai Indians:** Quinton de Kock b Cottrell 0, Rohit Sharma c Neesham b Shami 70, Suryakumar Yadav run out 10, Ishan Kishan c Nair b K. Gowtham 28, Kieron Pollard (not out) 47, Hardik Pandya (not out) 30; **Extras:** (LB-1, W-5) 6; **Total:** (for 4 wickets, in 20 overs) 191. **FoW:** 0-1, 21-2, 83-3, 124-4. **Bowling:** Sheldon Cottrell 4-1-20-1, Shami 4-0-36-1, Ravi Bishnoi 4-0-37-0, Gowtham 4-0-45-1, James Neesham 4-0-52-0. **Kings XI Punjab:** K. L. Rahul b Rahul Chahar 17, Mayank Agarwal b Bumrah 25, Karun Nayar b Hardik Pandya 0, Nicholas Pooran c

de Kock b Pattinson 44, Glen Maxwell c Trent Boult b Rahul Chahar 11, James Neesham c S. Yadav b Bumrah 7, Sarfaraz Khan lbw b Pattinson 7, K. Gowtham (not out) 22, Ravi Bishnoi c S. Yadav b Boult 1, Mohammed Shami (not out) 2. **Extras:** (LB-2, W-5) 7; **Total:** (for 8 wickets, in 20 overs) 143. **FoW:** 1-38, 2-39, 3-60, 4-101, 5-107, 6-112, 7-121, 8-124. **Bowling:** Trent Boult 4-0-42-1, James Pattinson 4-0-28-2, Hardik Pandya 4-0-27-1, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-18-2, Rahul Chahar 4-0-26-2.

IPL POINTS TABLE

Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
Mumbai Indians	4	2	2	0	4	+1.094
Delhi Capitals	3	2	1	0	4	+0.483
Kolkata Knight Riders	3	2	1	0	4	+0.117
Rajasthan Royals	3	2	1	0	4	-0.219
Royal Challengers Bangalore	3	2	1	0	4	-1.450
Kings XI Punjab	4	1	3	0	2	+0.521
Sunrisers Hyderabad	3	1	2	0	2	-0.228
Chennai Super Kings	3	1	2	0	2	-0.840

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

Ostapenko sends Pliskova packing

Paris, Oct. 1: Former champion Jelena Ostapenko swept second seed Karolina Pliskova out of Roland Garros on Thursday as world number one Novak Djokovic took another confident stride closer to an 18th Grand Slam title with his 70th win at the French Open on Thursday.

Djokovic completed a 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 demolition of Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis.

In a women's tournament reeling from the injury-enforced withdrawal of Serena Williams, and the absence of World No.1 and defending champion Ashleigh Barty as well as US Open winner Naomi Osaka, Latvia's Ostapenko pressed her case for a second Paris title after her shock 2017 breakthrough.

The World No.43 fired 27 winners to just nine for Pliskova in a 6-4, 6-2 victory which gave her a third round match against either Sloane Stephens, the 2017 US Open winner and runner-up in Paris in 2018, or Spain's Paula Badosa.

Pliskova, 28, made the semifinals in 2017 but has now failed to get beyond the third round in her eight other appearances at the French Open. The

defeat completed a miserable year at the Slams for Czech star Pliskova who only made the third round at the Australian Open and second at the US Open.

However, she arrived in Paris having retired from the Italian Open final against Simona Halep with a thigh injury.

Ostapenko was joined in the last 32 Petra Kvitova who got better of Italy's Jasmine Paolini with a 6-3, 6-3 scoreline to register her 25th French Open win.

DIVIJ-SOON BOW OUT OF FRENCH OPEN

India's Divij Sharan and his South Korean partner Kwon Soon-woo were ousted from the French Open following a hard-fought opening-round loss in the men's doubles event here.

The unseeded Sharan and Kwon Soon-woo lost 2-6, 6-4, 4-6 to the 16th seeded Croatian-American pair of Franko Skugor and Austin Krajicek on Wednesday.

Veteran Rohan Bopanna is the only Indian left in French Open now and he begins his men's doubles campaign later on Thursday with Canadian partner Denis Shapovalov.

They face the pair of Jack Sock and Vasek Pospisil. — Agencies

SEBASTIAN SHOCKS ISNER, CONTINUES KORDA LEGACY

Paris, Oct. 1: When Sebastian Korda reached the Roland Garros last 32 on Wednesday, the first calls of congratulation came from four people who all know about winning.

On the line were father Petr, a former world number two who won the Australian Open in 1998 and was a runner-up in Paris six years earlier. His mother Regina Rajchrtova, a former top 30 WTA player, also took the phone from their home in Florida. Then there were his golf pro sisters Nelly and Jessica, respectively the World No.2 and 22 on the LPGA rankings.

"They watched the whole match. My sisters, as well. "Everybody is pretty hyped up right now," said the 6-feet-5-inch 20-year-old Korda after knocking out 21st-seeded compatriot John Isner 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Until this week, Korda had never won a main draw match at the Slams but after coming through qualifying he went on to knock out Italian veteran Andrea Seppi in his opener in Paris. "My dad is a really big help, he oversees everything. He doesn't really travel with me that much, but we're always in contact and whenever I'm home we're always on the court together," Korda, who took up tennis at the age of eight having watched his parents play the game, said. — AFP



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